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FIFTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMEN

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

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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. the Federated Patriotic Societies Dedication of memorial mementoes at historic spots in and surrounding Madison were features with a good attendance from all of the opening days, the affiliated groups (called the Grand Army Family) being sponsors mittee meetings of all groups. of these memorials.

The meeting and banquet of was held Sunday afternoon and evening at the Lorraine Hotel, organizations. On Monday was held the usual Council and Com-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 optimistics picture for the future if we will all accept responsibility and co-operate to fullest extent with officials elected (Continued on p. 4)

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5

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COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF. SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Office of the Commander-in-Chief 995 James Street, SYRACUSE, N. Y.

October 1, 1937.

THE PIPTY-SIXTH ENCAMPMENT, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEP

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

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 Commanders-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 Marsdon 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 OPPICERS—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 514 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

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. Ander-

son, Sr., 40 Robin Street, West Roxbury, Mass. Committee on Revision of Constitution and Regulationshaving 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 | work. Togther-all of us-none omitted-we can make this a 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 handanticipating 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

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 Councilin-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 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, DEOPPED-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

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-Pennsylvania...

Disbanded Camp No. 134, New Castle, with...... 5 members

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

National Secretary.

Tablet Presented by Sons of sloping lawn a quarter of a mile in length, ans of the Civil War, who said in present-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 in-

"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.

the statue surrounded by flowers, and looks ing the Tablet: through a vista of great elm trees on either side down a broad avenue directly toward War was established fifty-six years ago, hav-

attentively to the conecrt and exercises, great men who, during the four bitter years which were broadcasted over three radio of 1861-65, gave themselves in order that stations.

Band, following their hour's concert, play- forever be preserved inviolate. Second-to ing the well known march "Stars and see to it that the results secured by the sac-Stripes Forever," and were opened by the rifices of these men should never be lost." National Patriotic Instructor of the Sons of He said that his Organization "on each Union Veterans, Dr. Ralph R. Barrett of successive Memorial Day since, had placed Huntington Park, California. In his address a flag and flowers on the graves of each explanatory of the occasion, Dr. Barrett Civil War Veteran wherever such grave said: "What the Country needs is only 100 could be located, until now we are caring per cent Americanism" after challenging the for over a million of these hallowed graves importation of Naziism and Communism in in this and in other lands." to this Country. He spoke of people march- In presenting the Tablet to the Univering recently-"Nazi-Americans, I believe sity, addressing its President, he said: they call themselves, carrying a Nazi flag with an American flag, like you carry a hoe it is customary for us to leave in the City Prior to the ceremony, The United States or a shovel." Against such un-American we visit, some tangible evidence of our ap-Marine Band—100 pieces—gave an hour's ideas he stated the Sons of Civil War Veter- preciation for courtesies shown and as to concert in front of Bascom Hall, where the ans were determined to stand fast and urged its citizens of their sympathy to our cause. tablet was placed, facing the statue of Abra- his hearers to join with them. His address This tablet has on it the immortal words

"The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil the great domed State Capitol a mile away, ing two great purposes in mind. One-to An audience of several thousand listened keep green the memory and deeds of those this Nation under God, might live as a Unit-The ceremonies began with the Marine ed States, and that its Constitution might

"Each year at our annual Encampment, was received with spontaneous applause. of that great American, Abraham Lincoln, The setting was a beautiful and unusual He introduced Wm. Allan Dyer, Com- which he spoke at Gettysburg, seventy-four one. The speakers and the band faced a mander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veter- years ago. (Continued on Page 4)

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Tablet Presented

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"May this bit of bronze which we leave for the current year. with you serve as a guide to right thinking and right citizenship to all the young men and women who shall come under the instruction of your great University.

"And may it be a reminder to you, Presithe hurly-burly of this careless modern day, vices. something is still preserved of the 'delicaedged as it bas been so cordially given."

President Dykstra in his gracious acceptance of the Tablet started out with Lincoln's words: "Four score years ago, lack- plishments limited. With it, any object with- year, ing six, Abraham Lincoln made crystal clear

on another battle front! Shall those who officers, however able and earnest could hope work with hand and brain and have no to succeed. ioined in civil war and thus marshall organized force for the solution?

"If this be the answer, then the sacrifices ties and responsibilities." of '61 will have to be repeated and the desowide-spread and more tragic in its significance than was the aftermath of '65.

"Lincoln declared that we cannot remain by which the truth alone can be found."

is being written in blood in Europe. Demo-ence rising and standing at salute. cratic and representative government for The ceremony was closed with one of the which Lincoln labored and died, is as worth most dramatic happenings of the day. saving today as it was four score years ago."

Fifty-sixth Annual Encampment

(Continued from Page 1)

each year. The report was received with prolonged applause. It was ordered turned promised last September?" wer to Committee on Officers' Reports, as well as the other Officers' Reports, without reading, in printed form, which were then distributed. Extracts from these printed reports follow. They contain much of interest to all and should be read by every brother.

REPORT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Another year-eleven months to be precise nnual Encampment, to take account of stock, o consider the happenings of the year just passed, and to counsel and plan together for the future of our Institution.

In accordance with custom, I herewith submit my report as your Commander-in-Chief

When you elected me and your other Officers last September, I called your attentionas it properly should be called-to this Order of ours as a going business enterprise, in which we had invested not only our money, dent Dykstra, and your associates, that in but had also enlisted ourselves and our ser-

I stated at that time that no one man or cies of life' and that that courtesy which group of men could make this Order what it your great University, through its officials, should be. The possibilities in the way of has shown to our great Organization is as happily received and as gratefully acknowlated and earlier in an entire interest of the active effort of every individual so, now, it is time not only for taking instance of the active effort of every individual so, now, it is time not only for taking instance of the active effort of every individual so, now, it is time not only for taking instance of the active effort of every individual so, now, it is time not only for taking instance of the active effort of every individual so, now, it is time not only for taking instance. member of our Order. Without that full cooperation on the part of every member, its possibilities are circumscribed and its accomin our desire is possible!

Consequently at last year's Encampment the fundamental crisis of the time"—and asked every delegate and member present, to went on to explain how political disintegra- pledge toward the upbuilding of the Order his tion was averted and the Union was saved, hearty and unreserved individual effort, with-

tools but their talents determine the future Chief and your Officers give you an account Today not only must your Commander-inof America as against those who own the of their stewardship, but so, likewise, must

acceptance of mutual obligations, opportuni-

He saluted the Sons and the Veterans lation following such warfare will be more and once more pledged the University to the that we have to face. "seek solutions of our common problems through that careful sifting and winnowing

half slave and half free, I say to you today At the completion of President Dykstra's that we cannot have the dictatorship either remarkable address, the United States Maof labor or of capital and maintain the na- rine Band, as a compliment to him and the selves to the upholding and sustaining of our tion which the dead at Gettysburg died to University he represents, played "On Wisconsin." Following this as the Tablet was "Let us pause for this moment to read the unveiled the Band played the "Star Spanlesson of our own history and the story that gled Banner"-all speakers and large audi-

Playing a chord-the whole Band partici-"We have a common heritage," he said, pating - two of its Cornetists sounded "All should participate in the blessings "Taps'.' At its finish, off in the distance from which our great resources and our geo- four or five different points on the Campus, graphic situation make possible. It is for us it was echoed by others until the whole who stand in the shadow of this great utter- Campus rang with the echoes and the reance-now immortalized for us in bronze- echoes. It was a most affecting moment and and under the spell of Lincoln's great hu- as Professor Dyorak of the University well manity, highly to resolve that the American expressed it afterwards: "It was the most nation shall go forward to peace and plenty, beautiful ceremony I ever heard, and the without resort to the ultimatum of indus- outstanding event of the week. The fine

not vocally here, at least to his own conscience-is: "Have I given that last meed of effort that I should have given, to the Sons of Union Veterans of which I am a member, and to my Department and Camp, that I

"If not, what am I going to do about it this year, in order to make up for the lack of effort that I promised?"

Membership in any organization implies responsibility, just as it does in a family or in business concern. If I want my business to succeed or my family to prosper, I have to work devotedly, constantly-with that hope and intent always in mind-and with all the -has rolled around, and we meet here in our mental and physical resources at my com-

So it is with this Organization. If I truly want it to succeed. If I honestly want it to grow, if I earnestly desire it to reach its full usefulness, I have to put my shoulder to the wheel-in the same unreserved way. Have I? That is the question each one of us should answer. If not, will I, this coming year? And we can analyze our efforts, appraise our work -good or poor-note wherein we falled, and do a better and more successful job next year which we were all shareholders; one into because of such analysis of our own shortcomings as well as of our attainments.

At the end of the year, we have to make our accounting-to ourselves at least-for our successes or failures-at any rate for our offort And let us be reasonably charitable to our leaders-as we receive their accounting-

ventory of our resources and our efforts, but to determine what we, each of us, individually should and will do for and in the coming

Our Organization means much; it has too much work to do now and in the future, not to meet its full duty. At any rate, it must not take a back step!

Yet for the last 15 or 18 years that supreme "Today," he said, "we face a great issue out which no Commander-in-Chief or group of effort which we make for our individual business and our familles has been altogether too lacking, and our membership has dwindled instead of growing. During that period we have lost approximately 33,000 members-more, to tell the story as it is-than we now have. instruments of production and control the every single member of our Organization. And That is an average of from 1500 to 2000 per processes of industry? Shall the issue be the question each one of us must answer, if year. I beg you to fully understand that I am not speaking of this in any pessimistic way. Rather, I am stating facts-which you all know. But, in order to correct any situation which needs correcting, it is ever well to know what are the facts, and what the situa-

So, at the outset, last September, I proposed to you two major aims for this year. First and foremost-an increased membership, and through it a possibility of increased resources and larger accomplishments now and In the future; and second, to dedicate our-American Constitution.

To this, you unanimously agreed, and to it. by your votes, you added a third objective, o-wit: the establishment of a national highway through the United States to be known as the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway"-as our memorial to the Grand Army, and our tribute as loyal sons to our fathers.

The first two of these aims have been successfully atlained, and the third is in a fair way to be, and we come as an Organization with a record of a year of accomplishment, which, while in some respects is not so great as it might have been-and will be next year -and the next-and the years to come, nevertheless is one of which no member of our Organization need be ashamed, but rather is one in which he may take justifiable pride.

have participated, it fairly belongs to all.

trial warfare, but by the recognition and thing about it was that it was spontaneous." "The Captain of the ship cannot claim that

it is he who drives the mighty steamship over and the majority of whom, indeed all, except concerned, whether we have a special camthe tumbling billows of the trackless deep," the "318" who were at Washington, knew paign or not, constant recruiting must take to quote from one of our ablest and most nothing of it, and could not be made acquainthelm, and by his persistency of action and delegates; then through the next issue of The stood and gotten into our consciousness. the sincerity of purpose with which he may Banner, which would not be out until Dec. 1st, impress his crew, keep the ship steadily forging ahead!

October, 1937

So to the rank and file of our Order, to the Camp and Department Officers, to all of our National Officers, to our 'Past Commanders-inmost of all to those loval "318" of our "Fly ing Squadron," who set the pace and never flagged, never faltered this whole year, belongs the credit for this year's Campaign; and we should be ungrateful if ave did not so acknowledge this inestimably good and valuable service to this beloved Order of ours.

And I think I am not overstating the situation when I say that in accomplishing this year's work-which has been one in which the smallest Camp and the least of us could take part-we have all been drawn closer together, and our Order is a better and stronger one to day than it was last year at this time

We hesitate to give figures until they are officially checked, but from those at handsubject to correction-the results of the year compared with last year are as follows: 1935 - 1936

Period from Sent 20, 1935 to June 30, 1936;

1936 - 1937 Period from Sept. 30, 1936, to June 30, 1937: Loss Oct. 1, 1936, to Dec. 31, 1936..... 223 Gain Jan. 1, 1937, to Mar. 31, 1937. 75 Gain Apr. 1, 1937, to June 30, 1937.160 235

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Net Betterment, 9 months ending June 30, 1937

Gain for Period

Net Loss Quarter ending Sopt. 30, 1936.. 678 the corner." The figures for Quarter ending Sept. 30,

Quarter. We think we can assure you of this with confidence, but in any event the loss (1973) of last year will be wiped out and a good gain

for the year shown. This however does not tell the complete story, for it was done at a saving of expense and with a gain in resources.

Balance in Treasury Aug. 20, 1937...\$4167.32 Balance in Treasury Sept. 24, 1936... 1211.78

Favorable Difference\$2955.65 This was the promise made in Washington that if we could not leave the Order in better financial condition than it was, we should con sider the year's administration a failure. May we not congratulate the members of the Organization who have so earnestly striven during the year, upon this accomplishment?

However, let us explore a little this Campaign, not yet finished-really hardly yet un-

I wonder if those not accustomed to organizing a Campaign-especially a Nation-wide one-realize what work is involved in it?

Last October we inaugurated ours-this one. We started from scratch. We were without standingly followed up. the usual weapons required. We had no planned organization to conduct it. We hadn't a scrap of literature for publicity. We had no advertising and no means of getting it, to pubspread the gospel.

We had to deal with 24,000 men, scattered tinct Department. from Maine to California, from Minnesota to So far as the obtaining of individual mem- four pages. Better, if we could receive it Florida-most of whom we would never see- bers for our Camps, or members-at-large is monthly, from at least October to August.

and lastly by such direct contacts with groups as our Commander-in-Chief and National, Regional, and Department Officers could make.

For our primary results, we had first of all, allied with us. Each National President was to rely upon the carrying of the message by personally solicited and their active assistance Chief who have loyally aided and advised, but the Washington delegates to their various Departments and Camps-and upon the enthusiasm with which they did if.

Each received promptly a letter from headsince we could get no other publicity but this Loss April 1, 1936, to June 30, 1936.... 160 have suffered since Oct. 1st last. It was pression of them that we can give. highly encouraging.

in fifteen or eighteen years-and that gain Organization has given us most practical help, has been repeated in the Quarter ending June 30th last. The net gain for the two periods was 235.

months (July and August) are showing. We serves a good hand. cannot. We hope they will show another gain, ...1307 and if that occurs. I believe we can with some Net Loss Sept. 30, 1935, to Sept. 30, 1936, 1973 confidence say that we have definitely "turned in a certain city who wish to establish a

1937 (this year), of course are not in yet, but the September Quarter, it will transfer the and are willing to do more. Our relations with every indication points to another gain this whole year's figures from red to black. We Mrs. Ida Heacock Baker, National President of two new Camps established this month, cordial. where we least expected it, and from a number of Departments where we have not looked with too much confidence for gains there are reports of such.

Always after a Campaign, there is still if no further effort is made. Our Campaign now, underway-in process of organizing-at the Daughters there. Thus, we have attained a fourth objective. least twenty-one or twenty-two new Camps, and seven or eight which were dropped are in process of re-instatement. While all of these

in the Departments of Nebraska, Kansas, Washington and Oregon, not to mention others, by reason of aid already given we may confidently expect good gains in the coming months, if the plans mapped out are under-

In view of the generally prosperous conditions in Oklahoma, there are possibilities of

place in order to overtake losses occasioned loved public citizens. He can only lay the ed with it except through one of three ways: by deaths or those from unavoidably dropped course, guide with a firm and steady hand the first, through the personal efforts of the 318 members. That should be thoroughly under-

Allied Organizations

At the outset-in the prosecution and conduct of the Campaign-we sought to enlist the active help of the women's organizations willingly pledged. A pledge is one thingperformance is another. This year we have had both, plus,

Our Auxiliary-first of all-has worked as quarters urging upon them prompt action, and hard, I honestly believe, for the success of our Campaign, as it has for its own Orzanizauntil the Issue of The Banner early in De-Ition. Their members have aided us not once. comber, we could hardly expect to hope for a but many times, in the instituting of new reduction of the usual loss for the Quarter Camps and the keeping of others alive and ending Dec. 31st. We were happily encour- active. Their work has been absolutely outaged when the returns came in. The loss for standing. Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, their tactful, the comparable Quarter, that ending Dec. 31, determined and active National President, has 1935, had been 772. The record for the Quar- been literally untiring in her zeal for the Sons. ter ending Dec. 31, 1936, on the face of it, and we owe her much. I have traveled with showed a loss of 349; but from this, to get her many miles. Her cheerfulness is contagithe actual record of the Quarter, should be ous. In her visits to the West Coast Departdeducted a loss taken in the Kansas Depart- ments and wherever she went, she made a ment which occurred prior to June 30 and deep impression, and so many thanks are due Sept. 20, 1936, which we knew nothing about, her by us all, that it is hard to know where since no reports had been received from the to begin and where to leave off. When she Kansas Department since June 30, 1936. So our comes into our Encampment, she should re-Loss Oct. 1, 1935, to Dec. 31, 1935.... 772 net loss for this Quarter was 23, and that ceive an ovation from us, for she well de-Loss Jan. 1, 1936, to March 31, 1936..., 363 much reduced loss is the only net loss we serves all the thanks, and the heartlest ex-

Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, National President The Quarter ending March 31, 1937, showed of the Ladies of the G. A. R., is another to net gain—the first in any Quarter, we think, whom our special thanks should be given. Her and wherever she has been, no commendation of the Sons was too much for her to give. We shall owe the establishment of more than one We wish we could tell you what these two new Camp to her Organization. She too de-

The Woman's Relief Corps gave us in one instance the names of twenty-two grandsons Camp of the Sons, and members of this fine Already out of the red, if the gain comes in Order have given us valuable lists of eligibles are confident it will, for already we have word of the Woman's Relief Corps, have been most

Mrs. Adelle Coman Murphy, National President of the Daughters, a personal friend of your Commander-in-Chief of long standing. always interested in the Sons, has been highly co-operative. The three Tents of the Daughsome momentum left and belated returns even ters in Portland, Ore., because of her urging, are co-operating with us to resuscitate the must not stop! I am sure you are determined Camp there, and a new Camp in Detroit, Mich., t shall not. I may say to you that we have is in process of forming, through the aid of

All through the year, it has been the exressed aim of the various National Officers above mentioned to accentuate and build up may not materialize, if the efforts and plans a feeling of friendliness and cordial co-operaare continued along the lines laid down, cer-tion, and the effects of this intimately friendtainly all should. We may not expect this re- ly spirit will be felt for many years to come. sult too quickly. It takes patience, time, and It is appreciated by our Order as I know the visit after visit, to do things like this, but the same attitude on our part is, by each of the foundation has been laid, and the results will others. Not a note of friction has arisen. It has been a joy to be associated with such able and lovely women, and their Organizations have just reason to be proud of each one.

The Banner

The Banner is our official Organ. Because of conditions-and much to every one's regret -it has been issued only every other month, this year.

It is our only means of contact with our a number of new Camps there-other than general membership. Its columns-with so those referred to above-and a strong likeli- few issues-cannot possibly carry all the items licize our purpose-no organized group to hood that in the not too far distant future, of interest our membership ought to receive. Oklahoma may be made a separate and dis- If it is to be continued as a semi-monthly publication, it should be enlarged by at least

cord and analyze those that are sent to him specied publicist.

You will note that only about 50% of the The Grand Army of the Republic Highway but instances. They could be duplicated 200 contemplated to the West coast. plete would be propaganda for our Organiza- officially so naming Route 6. well be omitted and the cost of securing and ed legislation in their respective States. printing it be saved and put to other uses,

figures as correct - the inference might be to the border of the State of Iowa. better not be made at all. I recommend that pride as its proponent. practical use can be made of them-and if amplification of the plan by the placing of you call us "sons," none can be, that they then be simplified or special memorial tablets all along the line abandoned entirely.

The American Constitution and the Sesqui-Centennial of Its Birth

we were pledged by action of the Command- who travel over the Highway a living story incident, ery-in-Chief, was the upholding and sustain- of the heroism of the Civil War Veterans, We ing 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 been dormant in several Departments is takserious threat to that vital principle. Our Or- ing on new life and attracting renewed interganization acted with other Patriotic bodies est. As a means of interesting young men in is entitled to have an Organization so set up in this matter, through our Legislative Com- our Order, it is believed by many to be one of that he can work a full year, or at least the mittee under the able Chairmanship of Broth- the best. Connecticut this year re-instituted major part of it, with one and the same group

act as they saw wise—but to act—so that a the idea and is actively at work renewing in-

"We have escaped the threat that the Su- for serious consideration. preme Court may be made subservient"-"That the Supreme Court shall not be tampered with is now an American tradition any Organization like ours, requires no amstronger than the one against a third term plification. All Organizations seek to do it— tion and not delay such consideration. for Presidents-as strong as the tradition some in one way, some in another. The estabwhich compels every member of the Electoral lishment of Junior Camps with membership term of office of the Commander-in-Chief and College to cast his vote for that Presidential between the ages of say 10 to 16 is not a new

He knows as well as you and I do, how inade- in its field." These are not my words, though partments. quate it is. But you and I will understand I am personally heartily in accord with them. that he cannot make figures—he can only re- Thoy are the words of a prominent and re-

this Order with upholding and sustaining.

Camps have reported. I know of one city in | Last September, by your votes, you decided It is as inevitable as life itself, that that school children the week before Memorial This highway, starting at Provincetown, on spared our ranks this year. Day, in such a way as to draw the highest the tip of Cape Cod in Massachusetts, extends Our departed brothers will be reverently instance of nearly 2000 graves decorated with Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, to this Encampment. flags and flowers-not reported-and these are Greeley, Colorado, from whence routes are Our sincerest sympathies are extended to

little considered? The Report, if it were com- he enacted by the various State Legislatures

tion, of the very best kind. It could be used A national Committee representing the Com- decisions as we were called to make were with prospects to show them what we are do- mandery-in-Chief was set up, of which Broth- made in the spirit of fraternal fairness, with ing, and the sad part of it is that we are do- er William L. Anderson, Sr., was named Chair- impartiality and consideration, and we hope ing as fine a bit of work in patriotic endeavor man. The members of this Committee were and believe were received in the same spirit. as the most critical among us or any outsider largely suggested by Brother Anderson. An could wish. The Report as it is is only a half acting State Chairman was named for each report. If it cannot be made correct, so as State, and local State Committees were se-

is not good publicity for the Order and if the ers, and will be a perpetual memorial to the us. Reports cannot be correctly made, they had Grand Army, in which we as Sons may take

> commemorating appropriate events, such as call attention to the report of the Committee which is printed in this same pamphlet.

The Sons of Veterans Reserve

er Michael G. Heintz, of Ohio, with meticulous it, with fine results, and the members of the of officers, and without major changes. It is Connecticut Reserve were a finely equipped so plainly for the benefit of all and for the All Departments and Camps were urged to and soldierly group. New York has taken up success of the whole Order as to warrant a full and complete expression of opinion might terest in the Reserve. It is a good thing to some sort in this respect. I recognize the diffi-

Junior Camps

And I recommend that if possible, it be issued his State-although there is no law that pre- Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Kirchgassner monthly this year, emitting, if we have to do vents him from voting for his personal choice." at St. Paul in his report as the Senior Vice so, only the months of July and September, "It is not merely that the Court has been Commander-in-Chief. With his suggestion then and possibly one of the winter months. Bet- saved. Congress has been saved too. We now made we are in hearty accord, and recomter still, if so receiving it, it could be printed have an independent Court, functioning as the mend that legislation be offered and enacted on botter stock, and carry illustrations of consciences of a majority of the Justices de- at this Encampment establishing Junior termine. And we have an independent Con- Camps under proper supervision, and that a Patriotic Instructor's and Chaplain's Reports gress operating as its majority determines, Committee of at least five, be appointed to I hope every one will read the lively report without dictation. We have today, in short, formulate plans and be given power to order of our National Patriotic Instructor, Dr. Ralph the government that the founders establish- their establishment under the direction of the R. Barrett. He has made it speak this year, ed, a government of three branches, each free officials of the Commandery-in-Chief and De-

Committee on Grave Marking

This part of our work takes on increased importance as the years roll on, with more -and what he has are woefully inadequate. They, as well as any others, indicate that and more graves to be cared for. We are to and incomplete so far as reflecting the active our now unchanged Constitution is the Con- be congratulated that this work is, so far as itles of the members of the Order and the stitution which by your votes, you charged the Commandery-in-Chief is concorned, in such competent hands.

Necrology

which a group of between 30 and 40 prom- to foster the plan of naming U. S. Route 6 as which we call death must come to us all, each inent and able citizens spoke to over 30,000 the "Grand Army of the Republic Highway." in his turn, and the "grim reaper" has not

praise and appreciation of the Superintendent through the States of Massachusetts, Rhode honored in our annual Memorial Service. Their of Schools, and that is not reported. Another Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, records will also appear in the proceedings of

the loved ones of all our Brothers who this times. Of what worth is such a report, so At the outset, legislation was required to year have passed on to the Great Beyond.

Calls for Decisions

There were few such calls this year. Such

The Grand Army of the Republic

You have been to us an inspiration this whole year as you always are. To any son, to be used, the effort in compiling it might lected which had charge of securing the need- the father stands out as his shining example. He emulates him, he strives to make his rec-Largely through the energy and enthusiasm ord one which shall equal his father's-excel The same is true of the Chaplain's report, of this Committee's National Chairman, leg- it if possible-and he honors and cherishes If it is not complete it is useless. If you islation has now been enacted in every State his memory. So, in our respect for you, and were to look at last year's report under the east of the Mississippi River, and Route 6 is in our wish to always cherish your ideals and head of "members in good standing"-of al- officially now known as the "Grand Army of remember your deeds, you will not consider it most any Department-and were to take the the Republic Highway" from Massachusetts amiss, if there seems to be always before us as we meet you-in our mind's eye-that perdrawn that about half of our members were. The Highway will be marked throughout sonal father who in our early youth led us by in arrears—which is not true. Certainly, that its length with special G. A. R. highway mark- the hand, and whose hand we held as he left

We again pledge to you individually and as an Organization which has fostered ours these this matter be made a study of by a hard. This was the original scope and purpose of long years, never to forget. We are proud headed committee to see what can be done to this our third aim of the current year. But you permit us to call you "comrades." We are get accurate reports and, if secured, what we can look ahead to further extension and glad of our heritage, and we are happy when

Change in Officers-Terms of Office

We believe it would be for the best interthe raising of local Companies or Regiments, ests of the Order and be productive of better historical spots or episodes having relation to results, if the terms of office of the National One of the major aims this year, to which the period of 1861-to-65, thus giving to all and Department Officers were more nearly co-

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, This part of our Organization which has just as they have gotten to working well together.

do and is recommended to each Department culties, both those which arise from custom and from the periods of the year for holding Encampments-and have no pride of plan or The need to attract younger members into opinion, but do feel that we should give study

College to cast his vote for that Presidential petween the ages of the people of idea. Such a plan was recommended by Past dent with our fiscal year—or the year, for the

conduct of which and its success or failure- his delightfully cheerful, courteous and ever he could control the decisions of the United year made to begin and end with the Soptem- source of inspiration to me, as he is to every now.

October, 1937

As it is now, we elect our National Officers National Officers hereafter elected take office of his administration without such a willing rial Day address at Flint, Mich., this year, on October first each year-i. e., at the begin- and constant help. Whatever has been accomvear's record

July-and the Quarter ending Sept. 30th be- Commander-in-Chief. comes 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 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 ington, D. C., the Michigan Department felt should be those only of the period during honored that the Commandery-in-Chief, had Fouch, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. which they serve. This we believe should be in fairness done, and we recommend that it had conferred this high office upon me. I ac- REFORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERreceive your earnest consideration at this En- cepted the same with the idea that possibly I campment.

Changes in Departments

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.

There are:

Florida, Ala. & Tenn., 4 Camps 27 members Colorado & Wyoming, 9 Camps 204 members Nebraska (incomplete) 6 Camps 109 members Minnesota10 Camps 206 members Oregon 8 Camps 154 mombers Washington 5 Camps 166 members

We recommend that the Florida-Alabama Department be made either a Provisional De- ington Encampment. I have not the record of activities therefore have been exerted along partment, with representation in the Maryindependent Department; that Tennessee be last member last week and I have the promise attached to Missouri, and Kentucky to Indiana, of another one this week. 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 nut 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.

In Conclusion

There is much more that could be said to to the various Departments this year and to the social occasions to which your Command- the June Encampment of the state of Illinois. campment to be held in Madison, Wis. er-in-Chief has been bidden by our Departments, Camps and individuals, and by our Auxiliary and the women's allied organizations. All these happy events have left an imprint of joy and remembrance and of cordial hospitality, which will never fade.

I would like to take some time in commending the outstanding work of a number of our and all allied organizations that met there, in-Chief had some definite and concrete duties exceptionally active and well officered Depart- and in my talks holding before each of said to perform in addition to those now expected ments and Camps. Please take it as saidevery 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 ment, the fair and able decisions of the Mem- the other National Officers, during the term are members of as honorable an Order as the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

they are responsible. Perhaps this could be optimistic personality, has been generously States Supreme Court. I also taiked at their done by having our official records for the charitable to my short-comings, and a constant Campfire and their Banquet. ber Quarter instead of the June Quarter as one of us, the whole year through. We all year to attend many other patriotic meetings love him.

And that goes to all our Department Offiin September (sometimes in August) and they cers for their ungrudging support. No Com- endeavored in every way to aid you and your take office immediately. We suggest that the mander-in-Chief can hope to make a success ning of the Quarter immediately following plished this year has been by and through their election—and that no part of any previ- that support, and credit goes and is cheerful- what they not only stood for, but what they ous Quarter shall be reckoned as part of their ly acknowledged by your Commander-in-Chief, to all who have so gallantly striven .- Re- been I have outlined your program fully and Our records are now made up from July to spectfully, in F. C. & L., Wm. Allan Dyer,

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEP.

I have the pleasure and honor of submitting its results, nor receive any credit for, if the through you to our Brothers and members of to have been on your official list as your Senthe Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the for Vice, and I have enjoyed preaching our Civil War some of the duties I have carried out

When I was elected to this office at Washagain appreciated the fact that my Brothers could add to the future accomplishments of the ed, and have done everything I could so far Camp and myself for the honor conferred in first six months of this year, 1937, my aged at the Fifty-fifth Annual Encampment held in hampered me considerably, but, I am glad to 1936. say, she is again in good health,

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 Meetyou, brothers, and with profit discussed, on ing held in Michigan this year, as I have for several more prospects, whom I expect to this reunion occasion. Much that is cheerful many years last past. I also attended the and encouraging. I make no mention of the Mid-winter Encampment of the Department many delightful visits which have been made of Indiana, the Mid-winter Encampment of and which I trust will receive their charters the Department of Illinois, and met you at prior to the opening of the 56th National En-

At your request I attended the Annual Encampment of the Department of Minnesota, held at St. Paul. While there I attended the to no amplification of the duties of the office, sessions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the other than those set out in the Constitution, Civil War, and with the several Greetings Rules and Regulations of the Order. Committees visited the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Minnesota, cupying the office of Junior Vice Commander-Organizations the ideals of the Declaration of of him, something of a tangible nature would Independence and the Constitution of the be accomplished. United States, the building of the several I desire to express the pleasure it has been structures that now constitute our Govern- to serve with you, Commander-in-Chief, and bers of the United States Supreme Court, and of my office now fast coming to a close. My all the other Federal Courts, as well as the contacts with you have been most inspiring I must not close this report without thank- Courts of the different states. I pointed out and enthusing, thereby creating a deeper aping the National Officers all-and especially the dangers of removing any part of the preciation of our memory serving order, and our National Secretary-Treasurer, Brother foundation of this Government, and how it a deep seated desire to better serve it than Horace Hammer, for the help so cordially could enslave the people of this great govern- ever before. - Howard Michael, Junior Vice given the whole year through. Horace, with ment by one man being in a position where Commander-in-Chief.

It has been my privilege during the last and banquets, where I have on every occasion preached the doctrines of our cause, and also administration. I also delivered the Memowhere I had an excellent chance to give the history of the Soldiers of the Civil War and fought for and accomplished. Wherever I have endeavored in every way to aid you in your Administration.

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 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.

IN-CHIEP.

I desire to express the appreciation of the Order in which we are all so deeply interest- Department of which I am a member, my as the opportunity has given me. During the electing me Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Mother has been down very sick, which has the City of Washington, D. C., Sept. 22 to 24,

The duties of the office in question, are I came home from Washington and at once those, as have been from time to time, asset out to do all I could for your Administra- signed by the Commander-in-Chief, and in the tion, and have secured the new members that absence of such special assignments, the Junset out to get and some re-instatements. Up for Vice Commander-in-Chief confines his efto the present date my local Camp has not forts to his own Department, which has besuspended a single member since the Wash- come a customary feature for a long time. My the Michigan Department before me, but I such lines as I felt would redound to the best land Department until such time as it may know very few have been suspended in the interest of all concerned. Necessarily, this again qualify under our requirements as an other Camps of this Department. I got my entailed the acceptance of various invitations to attend in an official capacity functions of various Departments, individual Camps and Auxiliaries. I had a most enjoyable visit to all of them, and endeavored to arouse greater interest in the work of the Order to the end that our Commander-In-Chief's desires could be realized.

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 shortly secure as members; further I have two new Camps in process of organization

In concluding this report which may appear somewhat rambling, nevertheless, such is due

I am of the opinion that if the person oc-



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

We are to work again under and with the for their upbuilding. official who inspired the greatest activity last year evidenced in many years, and who was partments under the required quota is, that given a second term as Commander-in-Chief to carry us on toward the position we should bers compared to others they secure and have rightfully occupy as sons of the valiant "Boys cach year the same reward, viz: a Past De in Blue." If it is the real desire of the membership at large to see our Order serving to mandery-in-Chief. It does not seem consistthe 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.

BEPORT 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 Requisitions quotations. We were able to pro-

expected to be larger than last term, they cure them within fixed amount to dispose of were more substantially so than looked for; but with reduced profit for Departments and from supplies \$175.00 more; approximately in Camps. the total \$1,000.00 over last term. Expendiless, practically all accounts paid.

basis. We have once more a Permanent and last Encampment to issue supplies as quoted Organization (and Historical Marker) Funds. on Requisition Forms. These are constantly increasing with no special or individual contributions—the entire cient stock or quantity of supplies. They can-thirteen (13).

for increasing the membership was conducted This causes complaint from Camps, delay in It would be a welcome change and one by you. It created a new impetus, aroused receiving their supplies and wholly dependent greatly desired if the C. & R., and Rituals

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 numer of Camps (ten-10) and Members (two hundred fifty-250) required and fixed by the Constitution (not the Regulations), to mainain and constitute a Department. Some have had this status for several years.

The Department of Alabama & Tennessee could not hold its Annual Encampment this ear. 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 Departnent. Material and environment deter and revent.

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 Deartment disbanded; its effects, records, books unds in the treasury, supplies, be forwarded o the Headquarters of the Department of Jaryland; that the Camps and Members in he Department of Alabama & Tennessee, be ransferred to and be under the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Maryland: vith the States now attached to and in the Department of Alabama & Tennessee, to contitute 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

ent. 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, \$693.79.

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

Conditions may require increase in supplies, tures compared with last term are \$300.00 due to cost of material and production, and other elements. Until obliged to advance prices Our financial condition is on a substantial we will continue under the authority of the

membership being represented in their growth not fill Requisitions to and for their Camps until the supplies so ordered are received A very active and record breaking campaign from the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. Rituals were exhausted.



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 ciliciently the office of Na. tional 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 encumbency 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 eredit

National President Brady claims eligibility o 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, af-Allating 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 lead-

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 secome 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 Too many Departments do not carry suffi- C. & R., nineteen (19) and also in the Ritual, f "stickers" or inserts-amendments to the

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

a new interest and inspired personal effort upon the promptness of Commandery-in-Chief could be supplied with all amendments and Headquarters. Department Officers know their changes printed therein and no inserts or

stickers needed. This it is hoped we will be bued into them; you created for this purpose and churches, which is one of the worth while able to comply with at an early date.

uals sold 141, on hand 532.

October, 1937

Fifty Years Membership Badges

Ninety-two (92) Members continuously Fifthis Badge proved interesting ceremonies American Order, where such were held incident to the honor of being entitled to this Badge.

New Camps

New Camps were organized and Chartered

	No.	No.	No.	No.
Ą	appli-	Appli-	Camps	Charte
Dept.: ce	itlons	canis	Organized	Mems
Illinois	1	57	1	58
lowa	1	16	1	19
Nebraska	1	17	1	17
New York	1	42	1	40
Ohio	1	4.5	1	45
Pennsylvania	1	28	1	42
Wisconsin	1	15	1	15
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Total	7	221	7	236
Offic	dal Or	gan—Th	e Banner	

and file, is efficient and valuable in its co- lows: operation and assistance is rendered in various channels. Past Commander-in-Chief Hol- You of Dixie Land are to be congratulated other organizations. The reference to the Boy brook. Editor, and his competent staff are that all Camps reported. Your Memorial Day Scout Troop with all its leaders members of helpful on all occasions and are of great bene- parade needs special mention and pupils re- the Sons is fine work with the opportunity for fit in many instances

Affiliated Orders

In our tles and contacts outstanding is the Grand Army of the Republic. Our service to brothers in the Southland. it is our lesson learned years ago and practiced to adhere to it. Departments, Camps, honor and assistance to it.

ans of the Civil War has a record for service Camp report to show our gratitude, at least, there are so many things that could be reand favors to us. This was emphasized by for the appointment of so important an office National President Mrs. Ida L. Lewis, who let as the National Patriotic Instructor to our that you feel our cause of the Sons of Union no opportunity pass to accomplish some re- State. Come out and see us sometime. We Veterans is gaining in your Department. The sult for us, for which we are obligated to her, are grateful for the large number of Grand program on a battle field must have been in-

Woman's Relief Corps, The Ladies of the Colorado & Wyoming: G. F. Hanes. Glad eral" is really good. and helpful in many ways in our mutual in- Blanks are not comprehensive enough. terests.

Sons of Veterans Reserve

Recommendation: Relterating the feature of this branch of the Order, an asset in at- Illinois: F. M. Trumbull. I like your note I take it on Grand Army graves. year is renewed, viz:

proval by this Encampment, of an Appropria- public may realize our part in it all. tion to the Reserve to compensate those memin parade of the Grand Army of the Republic. will produce much permanent good.

They fulfill for us the honor and distinction Officers and Members are greatly pleased at their response, service and appearance-in the of the Republic.

You conducted a vigorous, outstanding camsonal contact, aroused a new determination the report blank. and interest in the membership to co-operate Maine: F. R. Berry. There is special activ- sures success along all lines and far reaching

an inspiration throughout the Order. Expres- things to do in increasing interest in real pa-During this term 368 copies of the C. & R. sions of confidence for its future, and comwere disposed of, leaving on hand 3750. Rit- mendation for your interest, service and leadership came from every section. A similar policy, with service such as yours, in the years general welfare work in all communities with to come will be the record that your Adminty Years received the Badge for that record istration will have been the turning point for better understanding of the Constitution pointof membership the past year. Presentation of a strengthened, growing, influential patriotic ing to securities on all lines of Governmental

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 er future.

To the other National Officers and Members of the Staff, appreciation of their courtesies flag brought good results in the placing of allis expressed with my compliments and regard.-H. H. Hammer, Nat. Sec.-Treas.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

report based upon the material forwarded to cation of U. S. Route No. 6 as Grand Army me by the Department Patriotic Instructors of the Republic Highway with W. L. Anderof your Commandery-in-Chief. The consoli-Our medium of contacting the Officers, rank dated report with my impressions are as fol- Michigan: U. W. Mackey. The number of

> that even under some existing difficulties our responsibilities are still appreciated by you Your idea of co-operating with other organi-

Camps reporting good attendance to Sunday good. Your report of four discourtesies, minor Members universally follow out faithfully all services prior to Memorial Day. Camps re- and quickly corrected, shows your members porting indicate renewed activities along all are on guard and reporting well. The Auxillary to the Sons of Union Veter-lines only we wish we could have had a 100% The Daughters of Union Veterans, The Army men still with us to cheer us on.

Grand Army of the Republic were cordial you are carrying on so nicely. Congratulate and rendered their part on our behalf. We owe you upon the fact of your special patriotic the Sons took charge of Memorial Day prothem grateful co-operation and our apprecia- efforts Patriotic Instructor indicated by the grams at the request of the Grand Army. The tion for service. The Officers of these Orders spending of a special amount of money for thirty-three piece band that takes part in all were always interested in and for our benefit, the same. Their reports indicate that our patriotic meetings in Lincoln is worthy of

Connecticut: C. E. Swift. I note your emphasis upon Memorial Day and its meaning to is to be congratulated. You have 100% Camps a better understanding by all the people.

traction and benefit to us at our public affairs of interest in community programs and gathand Encampments, the recommendation of last erings, Sons assisting Grand Army members Provision by the Council-in-Chief for ap- etc.; the thing to do I am sure, so that the

Indiana: A. W. McDaniel (acting). Your bers who attend Commandery-in-Chief En- co-operation is commendable. The number of campments and comprise the Official Escort visits to churches and schools is splendid and being checked up in the newspaper is a good

Iowa: E. R. Kildow. Your frankness in reconferred upon the Order to constitute that port noted and I realize you feel, as others, Patriotic Instructors be given the form 50 Official Escort of "One Hundred Uniformed that the Report Blanks do not quite fill the blanks and that he send them to the Camp Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of bill, and that vigorous instructions in our Patriotic Instructors. the Civil War." The Reserve meets that re- schools and churches along the lines of real quirement. The Grand Army of the Republic patriotism in our Country is needed. Thanks, the Girl and Boy Scout work is a worthy one

pattern of the uniforms they were in 1861-'65. courtesy to the flag (used as drapes). The Societies and activities. They meet our obligation to the Grand Army 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 tesies to the flag where Communists did not commendable. Your personal visits to all uncover and salute the flag as it passed. Also paign to increase the membership. It is many schools with 226 rooms visited is fine. What a flag was not removed from the city fire years since such persistent efforts were made you say as to Camp Patriotic Instructors be- house for 24 hours. To the large number of as you introduced. Your labors to that end ing appointed is true and thus it is no wonder Brothers speaking for Memorial Day and the were indefatigable. Your perseverance, per- that they do not understand how to fill out fact that you have a wonderful Commander-

and produce what you enthusiastically im- ity noted in the presentation of flags to school influence to us all.

triotism and the meaning of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Maryland: J. T. Bond. Your concern for the special programs on Civil War history and 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,

Massachusetts: P. B. Chandler. You can realize now that the one discourtesy to the new flags on fire engine houses. It is also cvident 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 I have the honor to submit the following and attractiveness are well founded. The dedison, Sr., as chairman, is most commendable.

flags presented is fine. Seven hundred and Alabama & Tennessee: Sigward Severtsen, eight to schools, two to churches, seven to citing Lincoln's Gettysburg Address indicates lasting Impressions in lessons of Patriotism.

Minnesota: M. G. Randolph per D. B. Mead. zations in visiting all schools before Memo-California & Pacific: J. W. Lindner. All rial Day should be productive of permanent

> Missouri: E. N. Blumer. Glad you feel that ported, showing your concern in it all and spiring I am sure. Your report under "Gen-

> Nebraska: Arthur Mathewson. I note that note. Also Brother Kelly who had complete charge this year of the placing of 1200 flags reporting. There are 1800 flags in Nebraska.

New Hampshire: C. E. Rockwood. It was good work to call their attention to the fact in their special services, meetings, funerals, 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 idea. He feels that patriotism should be taught and not legislated and that the Department

New Jersey: E. F. Patten. Your interest in Kansas: C. B. Martin, Your comments are and surely helps the Sons to be better known. appreclated, especially as to one case of dis- There is a fine co-operation in all Patriotic

New York: A. V. Stone. It is reported that no action was taken in two cases of discourin-Chief, Wm. Allan Dyer, in your State as-

meighbor where it was my privilege to be a member in Ohio, I congratulate you upon your one work. One discourtesy to the flag report- bers attended Memorial Day services everyed when a Congressman had a flag draped on where and the part you have taken, whether jects:—that the graves of their ancestors reach but was immediately changed. The flag large or small, has shown your spirit of lovpresentations were fine, especially to the Pub-He Library.

untaught and untrained as to its significance.

by the Daughters for a lesson in Patriotism, Commander-in-Chief Ruhe as your speaker Order. partment Commander of Pennsylvania.

by the Civil War Veterans has been thought- been fully sustained. To all Patriotic In- work should be continued the coming year, fully considered in all patriotic meetings.

Vermont: G. A. DeWitt. About the same you for the co-operation. 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 pro- War .- Ralph R. Barrett, M. D., Nat. Pat. Inst. grams well attended and thoughtfully planned.

Wisconsin: E. A. Knestner. 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 Grandsires 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 Patriolic 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

we were asking and expecting some impossible thing or one that had no importance? I Order during the past year. 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 our beloved Order, Sons of Union Veterans of

the Civil War.

courtesies to the flag, ten. There were not so erans of all wars. This work of marking many after all during these hectic days we graves has received many favorable comments. Encampment and although it was received have gone through and still are in them. All Metropolitan newspapers hearing of it sent with enthusiasm many wondered whether our were minor ones and quickly corrected except men here for a story or article on it which perhaps in one instance which still shows it they published, other newspapers and magais a good plan to study the flag, its codes and zines throughout the country reprinted the usages. I was glad to note that some con- articles. It attracted the attention of the Na- local Governments busy with many problems. ducted meetings devoted to the flag and I tional Broadcasting Company who thought so think it would be a good plan to have public well of it that they offered us a coast to coast with plans to interest the State Legislature. meetings on this subject. A goodly number set up over the Blue net work for the story Rhode Island heard of the project and with of Flags have been presented during the year. of the work. There can be no question as to hard work and many problems to overcome There are some states according to the re- the value of this work in attracting the at- was finally victorious in being the first State port that do not require the Flag in school tention of the public to this feature of our to name the portion of U. S. Route 6 passing

varied and evidences good results. Large numing loyalty and remembrance of your Father's

part in the making of a great Country. I believe that I agree with some of our De-Pennsylvania: A. R. DeLancey. A High Camp Patriotic Instructors, laying stress up-School student recused to salute the flag and on the general idea of the report and the newas expelled Being brought before the Tent cessity of his gathering the material for such Indiana Dept. report founded upon certain facts and happenings in our Camps during his year. Thus we

And in conclusion, I appreciate and thank structors, both Camp and Department, thank

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

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 astrictic Order.

One important question you referred to me for my opinion, and I was able to concur in our ruling, that one black ball cast in a Camp election will not debar a candidate from membership who was vouched 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 an essential part in your obligation and that of locating, identifying and marking Veterans' graves in the several Departments of our

There has been a continuance of the work n all Departments and it is a pleasure to report the States of North Dakota and West Virginia have become interested. The State GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC HIGHof North Dakota will do the work under the direction of Major Heber L. Edwards, the Adjutant-General, of North Dakota, while in W. P. A. project. It is called "A Historical lishments of our Organization this year. Study of War Veterans who are buried in All Camps noted carefully that point of dis- West Virginia." The survey includes the vetthey published, other newspapers and maga- in these years of much competition when othrooms or the pledge of allegiance in the Order, Your Committee believes that if prop- through its State in memory of the Grand same. Brothers, you might be able to get erly brought to the attention of eligibles it Army of the Republic.

Ohio: D. M. Walter. My old friend and some action along these lines as to legislation, will be the means of bringing many men of The patriotic programs have been many and standing into our Order. While such men may not attend meetings, they will be glad to contribute to an order having among other ob-

pointment by you as additional members of this Committee, Brothers Colonel Henry Stewclosed or are closing, Memorial Day programs partment Patriotic Instructors that the Forms art of Gettysburg, Pa., as Chairman for the in the schools are almost impossible. Thus for our reports should be placed in the hands Pennsylvania Department; Walter S. Bellby, there is a fear that the young people will go of the Department Patriotic Instructors di- of Rochester, N. Y., as Chairman, and George rect and he to make early contact with the A. Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y., as Vice Chairman, for the New York Dept., and Will H. Ball, Indianapolis, Ind., as Chairman of the

In closing the Committee on Grave Marking wishes to take this opportunity of expressing and was restored as a student. Always see should have a more comprehensive and active to all fellow co-workers in the various Dethat the Grand Army members get to and report which would be not only inspiring but partments the sincerc appreciation of the time from programs. Much activity reported on constructive. It can be done if we mean it and labor you have given to make the grave Memorial Day. You are fortunate to have and live it, our obligation for the good of the marking the success it has been. Our reward is the satisfaction of knowing we have done something worth while for our father, and his of Comrade Little, Adjutant General and De- you, Sir, for this appointment for it has given comrades, and for our Order, and to Com. me many opportunities to represent and speak Dyer our thanks for his cordial co-operation, Rhode Island: J. F. Sheern. A direct inter- in behalf of our principles and objects and and the support he has given us during the est in and a knowledge of the service rendered only hope that the trust you placed in me has past year. Your Committee believes that the

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

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMUTTEE

Your Committee on Legislation was invited o attend the hearing before the Senate Judiclary 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 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. De-Groot for his valuable assistance.

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

WAY COMMITTEE

The establishment of the Grand Army of the Republic Highway (U. S. Route 6) is a the reward for your interest and concern for West Virginia the work is by County under a fascinating story and is one of the accomp-

Its possibility started in the dream of a young grandson, William L. Anderson, Jr., who proposed the project to the Massachusetts Organization had the influence to put it over er Organizations larger in number kept the

A Massachusetts State Committee proceeded

The plan found favor at the National En- Inst. Barrett extended greetings from Past ceived, had expressed our good wishes to campment 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 by Past Com.-in-Chief Sautter. Organization gave impetus to the movement nationally.

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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, W. F. Hathaway, Iowa.

Vernon C. Chency, 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 Com. Quinn, Mass. 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 Mass.; Dept. Com. Glass, Cal.; Dept. Com. this Highway to the Pacific Coast under the Post, Pa. 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 ment Auxiliary came in and extended a the Committee. The National Chairman forwarded to the Chairman in each Department ings and best wishes for an inspiring Enof 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 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 dedisacrifices made by the Grand Army in '61 and Chief. Past Dept. Pres. Hazel Hartman, N. '65. In many instances this has rekindled the Y., presented a gift from New York girls. family spark "Honor Thy Father" and has Past Nat. Pres. Lang brought greetings from 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-Treas by Past Com.-in-Chief Sheldon. urer's books and financial balance as shown by affidavit from bank officials.

tributed to various Committees. Nat. Pat. iliary, reported that they were royally re- tee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. was an-

Com.-in-Chief Barrows of California.

the greetings of the city, being responded to wishes of these two organizations.

Committees Appointed ment Committees as follows:

Com. Dunlavy, Mo.; Dept. Com. Webster, Me. Resolutions: Past Com-in-Chief Grant,

Wise, Ill.; Dept. Com. Schultz, Ohio; Dept. Ruch as chairman of committee to Daugh-Com. Sweet, Mass. Ritual: Past Com. in-Chief Shellhouse,

Ind.; Dept. Com. Brockway, N. Y.; Dept. had been asked to take back generous good 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. seen crept slowly around Capitol square

ner, Mass.; Dept. Com. Dunlavy, Mo.; Past vering line of 122 blue-clad warriors. Dept. Com. Forbes, Wash.

L. of G. A. R.: Past Com.-in-Chief Homan,

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

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

Committee stated that 190 had been enrolled. January, Kan., and Mrs. Mary Lehman, Wis., D. C., there were only 154 in the blue line, were escorted in and extended greetings. but Commander Ruhe vetoed a suggestion Response was by Dept. Com. Schultz, Ohio. that all army and militia detachments, pa-

A committee from the Wisconsin Departcampment. Sr. Vice Com.-in-Chief Fouch responded.

A greetings committee from the Auxiliary, headed by Nat. Pres. Lewis, and composed legislative enactment and the adoption of a 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. cations have been thrilled and impressed with Mayme Dwyer presented the greetings of the noble purposes of our Organization and the Auxiliary body and presented an auto all is that today a united American people have had their attention called again to the radio as their gift to the Commander-inthe Past Nat. Presidents, and Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Stapleton, Mrs. Macv. Mrs. Haves all spoke of their pleasure in saying a word to their brother New Yorker. Response was

Past Coms.-in-Chief Kirchgassner as chairman of greetings committee to W. R. C., and Communications were called for to be dis- Sheldon as chairman of committee to Aux-

both these organizations, and were asked to Mayor Law was escorted in and extended accept and carry back both the love and good

A committee from the Daughters consisting of Past Nat. Pres. Hazel Riley of Ill.; Com.-in-Chief Dyer announced Encamp- Dept. Pres. Ila Warner of Mo.; Sister Wilson of Me, and Sylvia McLaughlin of Wash-Officers' Reports: Past Com.-in-Chief Ho- ington, D. C., were escorted in and extended man, Mass.; Del. J. E. Gallagher, Ill.; Dept. greetings. All spoke. Past Dept. Com. Heintz responded.

Past Coms.-in-Chief Homan as chairman Conn.; Pat. Inst. Barrett, Cal.; Dept. Com. of greetings committee to L. of G. A. R., and ters, reported that they had fulfilled their commission, were graciously received, and 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 this morning (Sept. 8) as the Grand Army W. R. C.: Past Com.-in-Chief Kirchgass- of the Republic marched again-a thin wa-

An estimated 35,000 Madisonians and visitors saw a sight which will tingle in their hearts for many a day. The two and onehalf 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 Daughters: Past Com.-in-Chief Ruch, Pa.; trod or rode over less than a mile route of asphalt.

Whitened heads shook on bowed shoulders, canes and a crutch tapped steadied 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 A supplementary report of the Credential army which once numbered 2,778,304.

In keeping with tradition, the Grand Army A committee from the W. R. C., consist of the Republic marched alone, interspersed ng of Mrs. Ruth Hansen, Ohio; Mrs. Anna with drum corps. Last year at Washington, triotic 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 can offer you its affectionate devotion. A united America salutes vou!"

> 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 commit-

nounced. This committee was comprised | There were numerous suggestions as to spoke, Past Com.-in-Chief Sheldon respond-

Gowan, of the Wis. Auxiliary, came in to to Encampment as to recommendations. tion 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 CONSTITU-TION 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 fol-

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. He could, after the lanse of specified time, only return to the order under this should continue and report adversely.

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 C. & R.) could easily be met, and the com- groups sending representatives. plained of condition avoided by the Department officer seeing his Camp was in good countersign, and its consequent giving to all its members in good standing. In view of this thought, we do not recommend further action.

From the Department of New Hampshire, of a bar to the present membership badgein 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 wistiom 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 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

of Past Nat. Pres. Lillian Clark Cary and receiving publicity through radio and the through the United States, to be known as the Past Nat. Pres. Sarah J. Ehrmann. Each press, covering the keeping up of battle Grand Army of the Republic Highway, the fields, essays upon topics of Civil War by school children, etc. A committee was ap-Mrs. Lester, Dept. Pres., and Mrs. Mc-pointed to go over matter and report later

make announcements regarding Stunt Night (The committee reported Thursday mornand the Wisconsin dinner. Pennsylvania De ling, but we were unable to get this report. American Constitution, and the Sesqui-Cenpartment holding their dinner in conjunc- 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 Or-

der of Business there he added these words: "Should four or more black balls be cast. the Candidate will be declared rejected."-Brockway, N. Y.; Clinton J. Smith, Vt ; Kearney Forbes, Wash (Ritual Committee)

The Committee were in receipt of a few ore changes some of which will undoubtedis printed. Until that time the Committee recommended non-concurrence on all requestreport was adopted.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

the procedure provided, as one who had not rade and Sr. Vice Dept. Com. Jeffers from previously enjoyed membership. We believe 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. prompts this suggestion (we do not feel it in the afternoon Nat. Chaplain Dickenson was intended to be covered by a change in our held funeral services, the various affiliated shows the usual careful consideration of de-

A committee from the G. A. R. was announced, consisting of Dept. Com. Joseph standing for the receipt of the password and 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 Veterproviding for a special badge-by the addition an body, being applauded loudly. Past Comin-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 Docor as he takes the pulse and temperature of walt the report of our Commander-in-Chief and his Officers, to find if possible the real condition of our Order and what its future nay 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 of conditions of our Order, the report reflects gret that there are not more Brothers inhis enthusiasm and his ability as an organi-spired to do this kind of work in their comzer. The report indicates that the two ob-Committee. We offer the further thought in jectives-increased membership and a better view of this, that the Committee cease to be 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 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 tennial 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

Junior Camps is a subject that should coneern 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 anproach this matter.

Your Committee heartily concur with the Commander-in-Chief in his recommendation Frank Shellhouse, Ind., Chairman; Hermon L. regarding terms of officers and suggest that the present or incoming Commander-in-Chief instruct the National Counselor to prepare necessary changes in Ey-Laws to carry out the provision of this recommendation so that ly be made when a new edition of the Ritual they may be acted upon by this or the next Annual Engainpment.

The Senior and Junior Vice Commander-ined changes before them. This and the above 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 Com-The opening of this session was delayed mander be given definite Departments to care somewhat on account of the death of Com- 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 tail, 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 f Chaplain, Patriotic Instructor, etc., we concur in Secretary's recommendation.

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

We, together with the entire Commanderyappreciate the continued lovalty of National Secretary Hammer and hope that he may coninue to submit reports of this kind for many vears to come.

Dr. Barrett, the National Patriotic Instructor, is to be congratulated upon his report and his patient, so those interested in our Order It shows a careful and paintaking 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 wondervision, who seeks by business-like methods to ful work and it is really a labor of love in achieve his goal. We compliment Commander- compiling records of the Veterans and recordin-Chief Dyer on his comprchensive statement ing same for future generations. We only remunities.

> 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. Hoan, 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:

October, 1937

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESO-LUTIONS.

1. The Department of Minnesota presents a request for our endorsement of the proposed project to erect at the National Cemelery 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 Ohlo 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 Miltary 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 oninion 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).

A resolution comes from Gen. John A McClernand 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 he 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 and \$1,300.49 in the savings account. the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, now being held in this beauitful city of Madison, have been greeted with hospitality seldom equalled 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 Encamp-

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 Auxillary; to the newspapers and press of the City of Madison; to the Madison Concert Orchestra for its excellent contribution to our

campment ever to be remembered; to all we extend our thanks.

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 he taken netitioning Board of Film Commissioners to refuse license to make film from Office Expenses: the book, "Gone With the Wind," and gave Wrapping Paper and Twine several reasons therefor. The Committee re- Postage ported that they were in full accord with Express the sentiments expressed by Bro. Hiland, but Telegrams felt that our objection would result in in- Stationery-National Officers creased advertising and publicity, and recom- Rent mended 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

there emanates from time to time, actions or statements which do not comport with actual facts of history:

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 intrue 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 posed deletion of the song in question, and the amount of money needed for the purpose; any and all committees before whom any such this be left with the incoming Council with question of deletion may be presented, to power to allocate funds for this purpose, but carefully consider the subject matter of the not to exceed \$200.00. 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 suffi- gotiate a new contract with The Banner; that cient answer to all misrepresentations of facts they be authorized to increase the amount to in this particular regard. (Adopted).

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.

Proposed Budget for 1937-1938 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 \$ 8,000.00

Membership rees, 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			
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Total\$	10,775.00			
Estimated Expenditures:				
General Expenses—				
Organization under direction of Com-				

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mander-in-Chief\$	500.00
To National Patriotic Instructor for	
Historical Marker	200.00
Supplies	1,000.00
	2,520.00

Salarles 2,200.00 Bonds of National Officers..... 150.00 Respectfully submitted - Ralph M. Grant, Miscellaneous, including badge for Commander-in-Chief 150.00 Officers, except Commander-in-Chief Committee for Marking Graves..... 55.00

> Total\$ 8,187.50 120.00 10.00 100.00 420.00 Miscellaneous ... 50.00 \$ 721.00 Commander-in-Chief's Expenses 1,000.00

Recapitulation Since it appears, from some definite sources, Total Receipts\$10,775.00 Estimated Disbursements 9,908.50

And since efforts are now being made to 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

as being unalterably opposed to such pro- next Encampment will necessarily determine respectfully request any and all members of therefore your Council would recommend that

The contract for The Banner having expired, we suggest that the Encampment authorize the incoming Council-in-Chief to nehe naid to The Banner at a rate of 1%c per copy per issue; and that payment by The Past Dept. Com. Moran, chairman of the Banner for returned post cards as to improper address, be chargeable to the Commanderyin-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 We also submit a statement from the Read- known and received at every National Ening Trust Co., showing the balance on hand campment for many years, came in and en-Sept. 1, 1937, to the credit of the National tertained with several selections. Their Organization, is \$2,913.40 in checking account, songs and lovely voices are always enjoyed.

THURSDAY APTERNOON 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

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 car-

Glass of California nominated Pat. Inst. Barrett, and their being no further nominations, after proper motion being made and carried, he was declared elected.

For Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief Dept. Com. Haag nominated Past Dept. Com. Graves of the Wisconsin Department. Only one nomination forthcoming, he was declared elected upon vote of Encampment.

John A. Reeger of New Jersey, A. W. Mc-Daniel of Indiana and Robt. T. Alcorn of Connecticut were elected members of the Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief-elect Dyer appointed Past Com.-in-Chief Sheldon as installing officer and announced as appointees the following

Chaplain, Rev. Wm. V. Dickenson, N. Y. Patriotic Instructor, Dept. Com. John M. Dunlavy, Mo.

Counselor, H. S. Howard, Vt.

These officers, with the exception of Counselor, were then duly installed.

before all people and particularly the youth of the land today, who in many cases had not received the close touch and the inspiration of close association of the Veterans of that war.

After a few words of appreciation by the elected officers and pledges of sincere cooperation on their part for the program that may be outlined the coming year, the Des Moines, Iowa, in conjunction with the G. A. R. and affiliated bodies.

INDIANA

O. F. Coryell, Correspondent, 117 N. W. 3rd St., Richmond.

Camp 28, Richmond.

William P. Benton Camp was sponsor for a meeting held in commemoration of the signing of the United States Constitution as our part of the National program. This meeting was held in the G. A. R. Post Rooms on Monday night, Sept. 20.

The Camp invited the other allied orders of the G. A. R. to participate in the preparation and presenting of the program. All responded in a fine spirit of co-operation and a splendid program was presented.

NEW YORK

Nell Dow Cranmer, Dept. Press Correspondent. 204 Robinson Bldg., Elmira, N. Y.

Camp 79, Brooklyn.

Our Fathers fought to save America for herself, and now we are called upon to again fight to save American jobs for American men. The Secretary of this Camp is sending out appeals to all Americans that he can reach, to make jobs for Americans, by buying American. Ninety per cent of all purchases made can be had in American goods, and if carried out by the members and their families, will greatly aid in providing good paying work for the deserving, who are workless.

Reserve Reorganized.

At a meeting at Camp Wright near Louman

for Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief. Dept. Com. Camp. 77, Elmira, was elected Chief-of-Staff, with rank of Lieut. Col. Zoe Williams of Camp 66, Syracuse, was chosen Major, Local arrangements of the Camp were in charge of P. C. R. M. Burnham, of Elmira.

MINNESOTA

Dewey B. Mend, Dept. Press Correspondent, 3221 Hst Ave. South, Minneapolls, Minn.

With the re-election of Com.-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer at the National Encampment at ladison in September it is the duty of every rades." member and every officer to get behind him and work for the advancement of our noble Order, Minnesota congratulates C.-in-C. Dyer and will work to support him at all times.

It is most imperative that we as Sons of Union Veterans be ever on the alert when uestions concerning the fundamentals of our government are at stake. Our Constitution and Regulations state in Article 2 among the power and influence all movements, tendencies sachusetts, told of the success that Depart the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform ment had had in their radio broadcasts, and to this standard." We must assert ourselves urged that all Departments take up this as an organization and by so doing justify means of telling the Civil War story, in our existence. When we show the caliber of order to get a truthful and correct version our Americanism, we will not lack for memis action that counts, not precept.

Camp 8, Minneapolis.

nniversary of the formation of the Constitu- Commander. ion of the United States was sponsored by C-Minneapolls Camp No. 8 on Tuesday, Sept. 14, with Minneapolis Chapter No. 1, Sons of the American Revolution co-operating. Herbert T. Park, S. A. R., was the principal speaker and Encampment adjourned, to meet in 1938 in talked on the subject "The Method of Forming Our Government." Leavitt R. Barker, President of Minneapolis Chapter, S. A. R. had a part in the program. Several delightful musical numbers were very much enjoyed.

CONNECTICUT

A. Raymond Root, Publicity Director. 377 Hillside Ave., Hartford.

Camp 6, Hartford.

Camp 6 first meeting for the ensuing year was held Sent, 3 with a large attendance, Several new members were taken into the Camp at this meeting. We intend to keep up the good work and build up old Camp 6 so that it will be known throughout the nation.

On Sept. 17 another fine meeting was held with one reinstatement added to the Camp. Brother Alcorn told of his trip to the En campment at Madison, Wis.

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Camp 17, New Haven.

Admiral Foote Camp held a fine August neeting in the Armory. Com. Hope and P. C. Harry Good were both reported off the sick lst. Donations were voted to Sons Day at Noroton and to the Register Fresh Air Fund,

Plans were made for the Fall Activities of the Camp. The attendance for an August meeting was the largest in several years and Also the Camp sponsored one of the best winthe brothers voted it a fine meeting .- Wm. J Thomas, Cor.

MASSACHUSETTS

Wilfred H. Libbey, Publicity Secretary, Cedar Farm R. F. D., Westboro, Mass.

Air Program Time Change.

Our "True Blue Stories" dramatizations will lug. 21 the N. Y. Dept. Reserve was reorgan- be heard, starting October 10, Sundays at 3:30 H. S. S.

The roll was again called for nominations ized. By-laws were adopted. Leslie Moore of p. m.; WHDH wave is 830 kilocycles. - H. Harding Hale, Chairman, Radio Committee.

"Old Post One"

Com. George R. Wixon, of William Logan Rodman Post 1, G. A. R., New Bedford, passed to his last Encampment on the morning of Sept. 1, 1937. His passing writes "Finis" to the last chanter of the history of Post 1. Dept. of Mass., the oldest Post in the Coun-The Post was chartered Oct. 4, 1866. On July 4, 1866, the members of the Post turned out to decorate the Soldiers Monument at the Common, in memory of their "Departed Com-

MISSOURI

Theodore H. Mohr, Sec.-Treas., 3907 Ashland Ave., St. Louis.

Missouri's Dept. Commander, John M. Dunavy, gave William Warner Camp 36 and its Auxiliary a most interesting evening Aug. 21, bjects, we should "oppose to the limit of our with his talk about the Vicksburg, Miss., meeting. He represented Commander-in-Chief Dyer and efforts that make for the destruction or and must have shown the Eastern members impairment of our constitutional Union. To of our Society what an "Honest to God" Westdemand of all citizens undivided loyalty and ern man can do when fully aroused by a Past Dept. Com. H. Harding Hale, of Masmony Spirit" that existed at the meeting.

Dinner and an informal meeting of the Camp and Auxiliary at Hotel Lucerne, Kansas City, was enjoyed by everyone present. The Dept. Commander was introduced by Warner bers; they will come to us. In these times it Camp Com. Herman C. Balsiger in a pleasing manner. All felt that Brother Dunlayy and his interesting talk had done our Camp much good. The Auxiliary was delighted that Mrs. A program in commemoration of the 150th Dunlavy had accompanied the Department

MAINE

Frank H. Berry, Press Correspondent, 158 Pearl St., Portland, Me. Inspections.

The annual inspections are now being carried out under the direction of Dept. Inspector George C. Melzard. Brother Melzard is very anxious and interested in having every Camp inspected this fall and he will appreciate the co-operation of the various Camps.

WISCONSIN

Victor Hoberg, Correspondent, 1521 N. 11th Street, Shebovgan, Wis.

Members of Harnden Camp did their full duty during Encampment. First of all in the name of the Camp a large bouquet, bedecked with long red, white and blue ribbons, was presented to Com .- in-Chief Dyer and through im to the entire Encampment. Then, at the muster the Camp was represented on the team.

This Camp was delegated to put on a scene showing the leave-taking of Hon. Oley Olson, Past Com.-in-Chief, G. A. R., at Camp Randall, rom his father, of the 8th (Eagle Regt.) Oct. 12, 1861. A special train was provided, proprly decorated, fife and drum corps, ladies in livil War garb, a stuffed bald-headed eagle. All made the affair most realistic.

The rites of the Sons of Union Veterans were performed over the remains of a Veteran from far off Oregon, who died in Madison. dow displays at a local store. C. L. (Dad) Miller, Chairman of the Transportation Com., Justice George B. Nelson, who presided at the general meeting on Sunday evening, Justice M. B. Rosenberry, principal speaker at the Camp Fire on Wednesday evening are members of the Camp. Col. J. W. Jackson, Executive Director of the Madison-Wisconsin-Foundation, really acting chairman of the Encampment Committee, is eligible to our order. -

AUXILIARY to SONS of UNION VETERANS of the CIVIL WAR

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

October, 1937

to the Sons of Union Veterans was held in the morial Union and was a delicious repast. Fa- husband of our Nat. Pres. A basket of lovely beautiful city of Madison, Wis., the week of vors were crepe paper "Co-eds" in red, white flowers was presented Pres. Lewis as a gift Sept. 5, 1937. In celebration of the convention the city was beautifully decorated in flags, under whose colors the valiant boys in blue fought for the prescription of our union seventy-five years ago a small remnant of whom were present in Madison in annual conclave. accompanied by the allied patriotic organizations, meeting for their yearly conference.

The meeting place and quarters for Aux. members were unloue this year in that the great University of Wisconsin, situated near the banks of beautiful Lake Mendota, offered its hospitality. All sessions of the convention Dwyer, N. Y.; Minnio E. Groth, Wis.; Emma were held in the great hall in Memorial Union S. Finch, Ind.; Mamie M. Deems, Calif.; Marand officers and delegates and non-voting garet L. Waters, Mass.; Ida B. Lange, N. Y.; members were lodged in the various halls Willma L. Combs, Iowa: Margaret F. Anderand homes in that district.

The Encamp, opened Tuesday morning at 10 B. Owen, N. J. o'clock with the ceremony of the presentation of our gracious and levely Nat. Pres., Ida M. Lewis. Pres. Lewis was escorted into the hall Pres. Lewis and presented with a gift. by the well known and colorful drill team from her own Auxillary in Milwaukee, who were in uniform and carried flags, and by the national officers-members of her staff. Each officer carried a lovely yellow rose, attached to yellow ribbon, the flowers being held in such a way as to form an archway through which Pres. Lewis passed, escorted by her Nat. Chief-of-Staff, Mary Stapleton, of New York. Arriving at the altar Sister Lewis was sonal gift. introduced and presented with the roses as each officer advanced. Past Dept. Pres. Hazel Toner, of Ind., sang beautifully an adaptation of "Brahm's Lullaby," the words however applying to Nat. Pres. Lewis and her year of achievement and accomplishment,

Arriving at her station, Pres. Lewis extended a cordial and hearty welcome to all Sisters present, and made her appointments. Moore, Wis.; Color Guard No. 1, Edith Niles, Ohio; No. 2, Nellie McMillen, Minn. Pages, Mich. Escorts for visiting committees: Charlotte Turner, Cal.; Mae Bassett, Conn.; Frances Drews, Wis.; Ada Newgaard, Ore.

Dept. Pres. Hazel Lester, of Wis., extended a cordial welcome to her home state, and Sister Hood, of the Madison Aux., extended a welcome to Madison with the hope that all would enjoy their brief stay in the capital city.

Nat. Pres. Lewis then read her report, the crowning glory of a wonderful year of service and sacrifice to our order. Much had been accomplished during the year, new Auxiliaries gained and our order advanced to a higher niche in patriotic annals of our country. Sister Lewis, during her year as Nat. Pres., traveled from coast to coast in order that she might meet the members of our various Departprogress. That she was successful, her fine report showed conclusively, and was received with cheers and applause and a rising vote of largest amount of money to the Nat. Pat. thanks was extended her. Her report as well as those of the other officers were printed in sented \$5 to the Dept. expending the largest pamphlet form and later passed to all delegates so that at leisure they could be read and digested and a better insight gained of for flags and other purposes during her year, what had been accomplished during the year

Carr, of Pa., who in well chosen words re- ganization extended. counted the appreciation of the entire organization of Sister Lewis' year of service.

and blue, in cap, gown and diploma.

At the Tuesday afternoon session appointment of greetings committees to the allied orders were made by Nat. Pres. Lewis. following which the National Officers were presented to the convention and each given a dainty and beautiful compact by Pres. Lewis. The following Past Nat. Presidents were presented to the convention and were also given a remembrance of a lovely compact: Katle Carr, Pa.; Molly Hammer, N. J.; Edna Bergwitz, Ohio; Mae E. Clothier, Ill.; Mayme E. son, Mass.; Gertrude M. Sautter, Pa.: Stella

There were 21 Dept. Presidents present and these too were presented to the convention by

A visit from Com.-in-Chief Wm. Allan Dyer of the S. U. V. was greatly enjoyed and much appreciated. He paid Nat. Pres. Lewis a fine tribute and said her work during the year had been outstanding. He also paid a fine tribute to the Auxiliary and said the organization had been a great help to the Sons. He presented Nat. Pres. Lewis with a fine gavel as a per-

A visit from the Greetings Committee from the Sons of U. V., was a happy event of the session, the following brothers comprising the committee: P. C.-in-C. Ralph Sheldon, N. Y.; P. C.-in-C. Frank Shellhouse, of Ind.: Ben Haag, Dept. Com. of Wis., S. U. V. All made alks and spoke of the close bond that exists between the Sons and their Auxiliary. As they entered and later left the room, the Aux-Illary sang "Let Us Call You Sweetheart, Sons Guide, Maude Shroyer, Pa.; Asst. Guide, Ella of Boys in Blue." Nat. Treas. Lillian Ball gave a beautiful response

Sister O'Shea, of Mo., and Sister Barry, of the Greeting Committee's visit to the W.R.C. and Nat. Pat. Inst. Mahala Buckley on visit to the L. of G. A. R.; both reported the committees had been cordially received and good wishes for a splendid convention sent back to us.

A Greetings Committee from the W. R. C., with our own P. N. P. Mamie Deems, Past Dept. Pres. of the Calif. W. R. C., paid us a much appreciated visit and was responded to by P. N. P. Minnie Groth.

Pat. Inst. Mahala Buckley read a supplemental report. The office of Patriotic Instructor is one of the most important in our order and Sr. Buckley turned in a fine report, In spite of illness during her term of office she collected \$196 from Departments and \$5 in personal donations; at the national convenments, offer encouragement and promote in- tion she received \$50 from Departments and terest in both the Aux, and Sons of Veterans \$19 in personal contributions, making a grand in order that both orders might advance and lotal of \$246 from Departments and \$24 from personal donations, a total of \$270. She personally presented \$5 to the Dept. donating the Fund, New Jersey ing same; she also preamount for patriotic work. Pa. Dept. won this award, Sr. Buckley also expended money

the total being \$61. The beautiful diamond ring, the customary | P. N. P. Willma Combs reported the Greetgift to the presiding National President, was ings Committee to the Daughters of Veterans being absent. P. N. P. Emma Finch, chairpresented to Pres. Lewis by P. N. P. Katie had been welcomed and greetings to our or-

members might attend the Courtesy Luncheon N. P. Stella Owen to the latter. Greetings also recommended that the use of the radio

as guests of the Wisconsin Auxiliary. The from the Wisconsin Sons of U. V. brought to The 51st National Encampment of the Aux. luncheon was served in the cafeteria in Me- us a member of the committee, Roy Lewis, from the committee, and Bro. Lewis presented her with a gift. Nat. Sec. Margaret Brady responded.

The afternoon session ended with the Courtesy Hour, in charge of Nat. Chief-of-Staff Mary Stapleton. During this hour Nat. Pres. Lewis was showered with many gifts from Depts and with personal gifts as tokens of appreciation of her splendid year of service.

Meeting recessed until nine o'clock Wednesday morning.

In order to expedite the business of the convention a short session was held from 9 until 10 a. m., when the convention adjourned for the Grand Army parade. During the session Special Aide Emma Bolt presented Pres. Lewis with a gift in behalf of the National Officers, some of the Past Nationals and Past Department Presidents.

Sr. Mary Holland, Wis., reported the committee on greetings to the Army Nurses had found one member present and had presented her with a \$25 check from our Aux. She was Mrs. Alice Risley, one of the very few Army Nurses left who served in the Civil War.

It was moved by P. N. P. Stella Owen, seconded by P. N. P. Margaret Anderson, that the election of officers be the first matter of bustness Thursday morning, and that this procedure be followed at all National Encampments of the Aux, hereafter. Motion unanimously carried.

Nat Sec Margaret C Brady read many letters and telegrams of greetings from absent Sisters during the convention which will be incorporated in the printed Journal of Proceedings.

Recess taken until Wednesday afternoon. At the Wednesday afternoon session "Stella's Stars," a society formed of those who

served as Dept, Presidents when Sr. Stella Owen was Nat. Pres., reported that \$15 had been raised by them; \$5 had been used as expenses and they stated that they had voted \$5 to be given the Nat. Patriotic Fund and \$5 to the Nat. Chief-of-Staff Fund. The report was received with cheers.

P. N. P. Stella Owen, chairman of the Nat. Council, reported the committee had found the books and records of the Nat Sec and Nat. Treas, in excellent condition and all funds correct. The order was indeed fortunate to have such competent women as Nat. Sec. Brady and Nat. Treas. Ball in those offices the past several years. Their exceptional efficlency has helped the order to progress in a material way.

The S. of V. Drum Corps from Rockford, III., visited the convention and played selections which were greatly enjoyed. Jas. Odell. chief drummer of the corps, gave a few words of greatings.

Nat. Convention Stenographer Emma Finch. who has filled the office most acceptably for a number of years, presented her letter of resignation, due to ill health. Same was accepted with a vote of thanks for her years of fine service and the hope that her health would be restored to her. Sr. Ceclia Dechent, of Wis., was appointed convention stenographer and filled the office most admirably.

Reports of various committees were heard; Nat. Sec. Brady read the report of the Legislative Com., the chairman, Helen Downing, man of the Publicity Com., recommended that each Aux, give some program in honor of the Visits from the Wisconsin W. R. C. and Sesquicentennial, and that trees be planted as from the L. of G. A. R. were paid us, P. N. P. a further means of bringing our organization Recess was then taken so that all voting Emma Finch responding to the former and P. to the attention of the public. The committee

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 rend 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 Minnle 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 Ropublic Highway so that this highway will be properly known and marked from coast to 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. The committee extended warm greetings and P. N. P. Molly Hammer responded.

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

idection of officers was held with the following result:

Nat. Pres., Margaret C. Brady, N. Y.; Sr. V., Hazel V. Toner, Ind.; Jr. V. P., Clara M. Gallagher, Pa.; Council: Ida L. Lewis, Wis.; Minnie G. Snyder Hatch, Ia.; Ruth Shoema-ker, Mich. Sec., Maude B. Warren, Mass.; Trens., 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) 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 Aide, Philippine A. Raab, N. J.; Counseler, Wm. L. Anderson, Mass.

The report of the Committee on Officers 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 oc-Com. Dyer made a splendid talk and casion. 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, \$895.55. This was a splendid re-port 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

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A beautiful marble Memorial Bonch, 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 naid 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. 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 The reception honoring our Nat. occasions. Pres. Lewis and Com.-in-Chief Dyer of the 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 entertain-

The re-election of Lillian S. Ball, of Ind., as Nat. Treas, was ununimous 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 The report of the Committee on Officers' York Dept. Aux. to S. U. V., was held in Al-Reports was given Thursday afternoon by P. bany, 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 mammouth horseshoe of American Beauty rose buds; a solo "For You" followed. All Past Dept. Presidents left the room, and returned, each carry ing a large red rose, presented same to Dept. Pres., forming a beautiful bouquet. Dept. 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

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; Leila M. Kroepke, N. Y. City; Sec., Minnle 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. B. Stephan, of Buffalo, and others, including delegations from Ithaca, Rochester and Batavla, 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 A large number of guests were last June. 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. V., was given Sat. eve., Sept. 25, beginning with a 6:30 dinner given by Aux. 45. An entertainment by local talent followed. 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; 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 letters of congratulations received since then. I will try hard to deserve the confidence re-Nettie Hayes, Past Nat. Pres. Mayme E. posed in me which was so lovingly expressed Dwyer, Past Nat. Pres. Margaret Anderson. at Madison.—Jean M. Thole, Nat. Press Cor.