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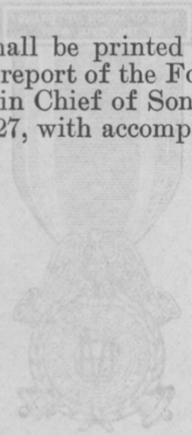
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[House Resolution 58]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
February 10, 1928.

Resolved, That there shall be printed as a House document the proceedings of the annual report of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 1927, with accompanying illustrations.

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COMMANDERY IN CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	City and State
First	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Second	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus, Ohio.
Third	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia, Pa.
Fourth	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Fifth	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo, N. Y.
Sixth	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines, Iowa.
Seventh	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling, W. Va.
Eighth	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson, N. J.
Ninth	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph, Mo.
Tenth	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis, Minn.
Eleventh	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena, Mont.
Twelfth	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Thirteenth	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport, Iowa.
Fourteenth	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville, Tenn.
Fifteenth	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville, Ky.
Sixteenth	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis, Ind.
Seventeenth	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha, Nebr.
Eighteenth	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit, Mich.
Nineteenth	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse, N. Y.
Twentieth	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence, R. I.
Twenty-first	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington, D. C.
Twenty-second	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City, N. J.
Twenty-third	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston, Mass.
Twenty-fourth	1905	Sept. 18-20	Gettysburg, Pa.
Twenty-fifth	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria, Ill.
Twenty-sixth	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton, Ohio.
Twenty-seventh	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Twenty-eighth	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington, D. C.
Twenty-ninth	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City, N. J.
Thirtieth	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester, N. Y.
Thirty-first	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis, Mo.
Thirty-second	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thirty-third	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit, Mich.
Thirty-fourth	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington, D. C.
Thirty-fifth	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City, Mo.
Thirty-sixth	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston, Mass.
Thirty-seventh	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Thirty-eighth	1919	Sept. 9-11	Columbus, Ohio.
Thirty-ninth	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis, Ind.
Fortieth	1921	Sept. 27-29	Do.
Forty-first	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines, Iowa.
Forty-second	1923	Sept. 4-5-6	Milwaukee, Wis.
Forty-third	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston, Mass.
Forty-fourth	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Forty-fifth	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines, Iowa.
Forty-sixth	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids, Mich.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Elected	Name	Division	Address	Deceased
1881	Harry T. Rowley ¹	Pennsylvania		
1882	do. ¹	do		
1883	Frank P. Merrill ¹	Maine		July 8, 1909
1884	Harry W. Arnold ¹	Pennsylvania		
1885	Walter S. Payne ¹	Ohio		Oct. 19, 1901
1886	do. ¹	do		Do.
1887	George B. Abbott ¹	Illinois		June 14, 1917
1888	do. ¹	do		Do.
1889	Charles F. Griffin ¹	Indiana		Dec. 21, 1902
1890	Leland J. Webb ¹	Kansas		Feb. 23, 1893
1891	Bartow S. Weeks ¹	New York		Feb. 3, 1922
1892	Marvin E. Hall ²	Michigan	Hillsdale, Mich.	
1893	Joseph B. Maccabe	Massachusetts	32 Central Square, East Boston, Mass.	
1894	William E. Bundy ¹	Ohio		Aug. 16, 1903
1895	William H. Russell ¹	Kansas	La Crosse, Kans.	

¹ Deceased.

² Not a member.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.—Continued

Elected	Name	Division	Address	Deceased
1896	James Lewis Rake ¹	Pennsylvania		Jan. 19, 1920
1897	Charles K. Darling ¹	Massachusetts		Dec. 28, 1926
1898	Frank L. Shepard ¹	Illinois		Dec. 15, 1921
1899	A. W. Jones ¹	Ohio		Oct. 6, 1918
1900	Edgar W. Alexander ¹	Pennsylvania		Nov. 24, 1912
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	Clermont, Fla.	
1902	Frank Martin ¹	Indiana		Feb. 7, 1912
1903	Arthur B. Spink ¹	Rhode Island		Nov. 3, 1915
1904	William G. Dustin ¹	Illinois		Feb. 14, 1918
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart Street NW., Washington, D. C.	
1906	Edwin M. Amies ¹	Pennsylvania		Nov. 26, 1920
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.	
1908	Edgar Allan, jr.	Maryland	Richmond, Va.	
1909	George W. Pollitt ¹	New Jersey		Mar. 20, 1921
1910	Fred. E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.	
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 Peoples' State Bank Building, Indianapolis, Ind.	
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	Sage-Allen Building, Hartford, Conn.	
1913	John E. Sautter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Avenue, Wilkinsburg, Pa.	
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South Fourth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.	
1915	A. E. B. Stephens ¹	Ohio		Feb. 12, 1927
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	108 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.	
1917	Fred. T. F. Johnson	Maryland	McGill Building, Washington, D. C.	
1918	Francis Callahan ¹	Pennsylvania		Sept. 11, 1925
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.	
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	5715 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif.	
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois	Jefferson Building, Peoria, Ill.	
1922	Frank Shellhouse	Indiana	Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.	
1923	Samuel S. Horn	Pennsylvania	P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.	
1924	William M. Coffin	Ohio	3755 Hyde Park Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.	
1925	Edwin C. Ireland	Maryland	518 North Arlington Avenue, Baltimore, Md.	
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.	

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	Alfred Cope ^{1 3}	Pennsylvania		
1882	do. ^{1 3}	do.		
1883	Edwin Earp ³	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.	
1884	do. ³	do.	do.	
1884	Louis M. Wagner ³	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	
1885	do. ³	do.	do.	
1886	do. ³	do.	do.	

THE POST SYSTEM

1889-90	George W. Marks ³	New York	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1890	George T. Brown ^{1 3}	do.		

HONOR CONFERRED BY COMMANDERY IN CHIEF

1883	A. P. Davis ¹	Pennsylvania		May 1, 1899
1899	R. M. J. Reed ¹	do.		June 10, 1922

¹ Deceased.³ Conferred by commandery in chief.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

Frank H. Challis	296 Manchester Street, Manchester, N. H.
E. Howard Gilkey	Columbus, Ohio

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

O. B. Brown	Dayton, Ohio
Charles A. Bookwalter	Indianapolis, Ind.



WALTER C. MABIE
Commander in Chief, 1927-1928



DR. ERNEST W. HOMAN
Commander in Chief, 1926-1927

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Grand Rapids, Mich., September 13 to 15, 1927

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

(September 13, 1927)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I appoint Brother Richmond, of Rhode Island, as guide; Delegate Whitehead, of Pennsylvania, as color bearer; and Delegate Z. E. Williams, of New York, as guard.

(Whereupon the forty-sixth encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form by the commander in chief.)

(The roll was called, and the following officers were present: Dr. E. W. Homan, commander in chief, West Lynn, Mass.; D. B. Bowley, sr., vice commander in chief, San Francisco, Calif.; H. M. Pratt, jr., vice commander in chief, Fort Dodge, Iowa; William Schneider, Frank C. Huston, Frank P. Corrick, members of the council in chief; Horace H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, Reading, Pa.; Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, national chaplain, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Edward K. Gould, national patriotic instructor, Rockland, Me. (absent).)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The following credentials committee is appointed: H. H. Hammer, national secretary, Pennsylvania; Julius Isaacs, division secretary, New York; William T. Jenkins, past division commander, Illinois; George F. Cogshall, past division commander, Michigan; C. F. Schultz, division commander, Minnesota.

(National Secretary Hammer, for the committee on credentials, made a preliminary report and read the names of those from various divisions whose credentials had been turned in and moved that the roll call of the encampment be accepted and the names noted be accredited as delegates. Agreed to unanimously.)

(The following is the encampment roll, covering all sessions, those present being denoted with an (*) asterisk:)

COMMANDERY IN CHIEF OFFICERS

[Asterisk (*) indicates those present]

- *Commander in Chief Ernest W. Homan, 191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
- *Senior Vice Commander in Chief D. B. Bowley, 2550 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.
- *Junior Vice Commander in Chief H. M. Pratt, Fort Dodge, Iowa.
- *Council in Chief William Schneider, 3526 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.
- *Council in Chief Frank C. Huston, 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
- *Council in Chief Frank P. Corrick, P. O. box 691, Lincoln, Nebr.

- National Patriotic Instructor Edward K. Gould, 375 Main Street, Rockland, Me.
 *National Chaplain Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, 209 Ninth Street, room 801, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 *National Secretary-Treasurer H. H. Hammer, Colonial Trust Building, Reading, Pa.
 *National Counselor George A. Eberly, Supreme Court, Lincoln, Nebr.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

- Joseph B. Maccabe, 32 Central Square, East Boston, Mass.
 William H. Russell, La Cross, Kans.
 *Edward R. Campbell, Clermont, Fla.
 Harley V. Speelman, 1652 Hobart Street NW., Washington, D. C.
 *Ralph Sheldon, Lyons, N. Y.
 Edgar Allan, jr., 108 South Seventh Street, Richmond, Va.
 Fred E. Bolton, City Hall, Boston, Mass.
 *Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples' State Bank Building, Indianapolis, Ind.
 *Ralph M. Grant, Sage-Allen Building, Hartford, Conn.
 *John E. Sautter, 405 Hampton Avenue, Wilkensburg, Pa.
 Charles F. Sherman, 46 South Fourth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.
 *Wm. T. Church, 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.
 Fred T. F. Johnson, McGill Building, Washington, D. C.
 Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield, Mass.
 Pelham A. Barrows, 1540 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Clifford Ireland, Jefferson Building, Peoria, Ill.
 Frank Shellhouse, Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Samuel S. Horn, P. O. Box 51, Easton, Pa.
 *Wm. M. Coffin, 3755 Hyde Park Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 *Edwin C. Ireland, 518 North Arlington Avenue, Baltimore, Md.

SONS OF VETERANS

- Edwin Earp, Lynn, Mass.
 Louis M. Wagner, 422 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS

- Frank H. Challis, 296 Manchester Street, Manchester, N. H.
 E. Howard Gilkey, 240 High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBER

- O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio.

DIVISIONS

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE

- *Commander Joseph B. Williams, 600 Kinyon Street, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Past commanders: M. D. Friedman, 1237 South Twenty-first Street, Birmingham, Ala.; R. W. Biese, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wm. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.; Valentine Gilb, jr., Box 146, Birmingham, Ala.; Edgar R. Carter, Cincinnati, Ohio; Leon W. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; Orville H. Hall, Atlanta, Ga.; Ivan A. Miller, Ensley, Ala.; John F. Ehrhart, 1729 Second Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.; Joseph H. Larimore, Athens, Ala.; W. A. J. Moore, Malone, Fla.; A. Ellwyn Ballard, Birmingham, Ala.; *Henry M. Austin, Tampa, Fla.; Horace E. Shaw, Birmingham, Ala.; Sylvester A. Arrico, Los Angeles, Calif.; John Tinker, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Clark E. Bradford, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Frank M. Lane, 91 Illinois Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles L. Stapleton, 714 North Twenty-second Street, Birmingham, Ala.; Frederick M. Norcross, 1020 Overton Park Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.; Victor P. Philippi, 12 North Idlewild Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.; George P. Schlocker, 726 Looney Street, Memphis, Tenn.; *James E. Henderson, 686 Keel Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.; Robert F. Ashworth, Birmingham, Ala.; Harry Spears, 621 Bank of Commerce and Trust Building, Memphis, Tenn.; Robert T. Young, 2810 Eighth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Delegate: *William R. Smith, 113 West Patterson Street, Lakeland, Fla.

Alternate: *B. B. Bierbaum, St. Petersburg, Fla.

CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC

*Commander Al. E. Deems, 4400 Turquoise Street, Los Angeles.

Past Commanders: Louis P. de P. Callahan, 414 Firmin Street, Los Angeles; Edward C. Robinson, Courthouse, Oakland; E. W. Conant, San Jose; Fred V. Wood, 1140 Oakland Avenue, Oakland; Charles C. Houck, Courthouse, Santa Cruz; Charles L. Pierce, 940 Poplar Street, Oakland; Harry T. Moore, room 827, Mills Building, San Francisco; A. G. Bennett, 245 North Twelfth Street, San Jose; John A. Medlar, 1014 South Hill Street, Los Angeles; Frank B. Wilson, 995 Market Street, San Francisco; Theodore V. Brown, jr., apartment 9, 1302 Taylor Street, San Francisco; John F. Mullin, 316 Clay Street, Los Angeles; H. A. Longfellow, 1611 Ninety-second Avenue, Oakland; C. S. Scott, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco; D. Brandley Plymire, 804 DeYoung Building, San Francisco; George O. Lockwood, 1327 Campbell Street, Glendale; J. W. Cook, 164 South Tenth Street, San Jose; Joseph V. Griffin, 260 Cypress Avenue, Burbank; George B. Whited, 1241 East Eighth Street, Long Beach; C. Walter Tozer, 22 Montgomery Street, San Francisco; A. J. Cloud, 2775 Union Street, San Francisco; Francis C. Hawthorne, 1227 West Forty-ninth Street, Los Angeles; H. A. Thayer, 21 West Gutierrez Street, Santa Barbara; J. E. Fox, 582 Fourteenth Street, Oakland; S. L. Carpenter, 1328 East Fourth Street, Santa Ana; C. O. Boynton, 2302 East Seventh Street, Long Beach; Delavan B. Bowley, 2550 Pine Street, San Francisco; *E. J. Parker, R. D. No. 1, Santa Ana.

Delegates: Walter E. Sears, 116 Temple Street, Los Angeles; Fred E. Carr, Hercules; E. J. Wilson, 926½ Valencia Street, Los Angeles.

Alternates: *Henry D. Myers, Los Angeles; *John Stewart, Los Angeles; *W. S. Hutchison, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT

*Commander Harry S. Rice, 16 Division Street, Danbury.

Past commanders: W. N. Barber, Meriden; B. R. Singleton, Waterbury; Geo. E. Cox, 94 Seymour Street, Hartford; L. S. Chapman, Derby; E. Croft, Waterbury; M. D. Rudd, Lakeville; A. C. Baldwin, 272 Main Street, Derby; Charles W. Roberts, 148 Vine Street, Hartford; *Ralph M. Grant, 730 Main Street, Hartford (Conn.), Trust Building, Hartford; Alvin O. Fairbanks, Norwich; F. H. McGar, 28 Maple Street, Meriden; Harry C. Cooley, 1403 Packard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.; Allen T. Pratt, 106 Ann Street, Hartford; William H. Hart, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport; Robert T. Alcorn, 1051 Windsor Avenue, Hartford; Robert J. Woodruff, Box 364, New Haven; Henry E. Gage, 199 Cheshire Street, Hartford; William F. Alcorn, 185 Church Street, New Haven; Walter H. DeForest, New Haven Avenue, Derby; Charles N. Stephens, 121 Blakeman Place, Stratford; Norman S. Buckingham, 98 West River Street, Milford; *John S. Gallagher, Box 391, Waterbury; Henry W. Storrs, 1701 Boulevard, West Hartford; *Howard S. Wadsworth, 295 Camp Street, Meriden.

Delegates: Frank S. Young, 46 Congress Street, Hartford; *Wilbur F. Smith, 60 Cottage Street, Meriden; *Charles R. Hale, 33 Capitol Avenue, Hartford; *E. M. Scott, 31 Bell Street, Stamford; *Allen F. Spink, 210 State Street, Meriden; Arthur S. Rathburn, 64 West Main Street, Mystic.

Alternates: *John R. Kemmer, 185 Blue Hills Avenue, Hastings; *Homer F. Northrop, 224 East Main Street, Waterbury.

ILLINOIS

*Commander Alfred A. Boyer, Dwight.

Past Commanders: C. G. Marsh, Weedsport, N. Y.; *William T. Church, 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago; *William C. Schneider, Courthouse, Kankakee; William E. Hull, 465 Moss Avenue, Peoria; James E. Seabert, Dwight; C. D. Thomas, 7 Main Street, Champaign; G. W. G. Estover, La Crosse, Wis.; Bruce H. Garrett, 2208 Oxford Street, Rockford; Will C. Creighton, 310 West White Street, Champaign; A. W. Stillians, 819 East Fiftieth Street, Chicago; Richard F. Locke, Glen Ellyn; W. T. Rawleigh, Freeport; *Henry C. Cull, 6739 Rhodes Avenue, Chicago; George B. Holmes, 441 West One hundred and second Place, Chicago, A. D. Rhinesmith, 707 Jefferson Street, Tampa, Fla.; William L. Barnum, jr., Bank of Italy, American Avenue, Long Beach, Calif.; Clifford C. Ireland, Jefferson Building, Peoria; J. Colby Beekman, Petersburg; Royal N. Allen, 18 South Dearborn Street, Chicago; Samuel W. King, 303 Cutting Build-

ing, Joliet; B. F. McClelland, 508 Meade Building, Chicago; U. S. Villars, Park City, Utah; Carl S. Spalding, 623 Grove Street, Rockford; *Fred J. Phillips, 105 South La Salle Street, Chicago; *Will F. Jenkins, 1977 West One hundred and eleventh Street, Chicago; *A. S. Holbrook, Dwight; *Joseph M. James, 1409 West Seventy-first Place, Chicago; *E. F. Buck, 1220 Jefferson Building, Peoria; Harry M. Coen, 3720 North Racine Avenue, Chicago.

Delegates: *Walter Galbraith, 1645 Sixth Avenue, Rockford, Charles Moses, 5426 Harper Avenue, Chicago, A. M. Reininger, 915 North Broad Street, Galesburg; *George R. Thompson, P. O. Box 255, Elgin; *Philip Kuhne, Chicago, *Bert C. Todd, Aurora.

INDIANA

*Commander Roy L. Babylon, 26 Southwest First Street, Richmond.

Past commanders: Otis E. Gulley, Danville; *Newton J. McGuire, 1001 Peoples' State Bank Building, Indianapolis; R. S. Thompson, Rising Sun; H. O. P. Cline, Marion; Geo. W. Kreitenstein, 30 North Fourth Street, Terre Haute; Geo. F. Ogden, Peru; E. E. Friedline, Jonesboro; L. A. Handley, Richmond; T. W. Blair, 626 East Wayne Street, Fort Wayne; William F. Gottschalk, Eleven and one-half and College Streets, Terre Haute; Frank E. Watson, Tipton; John D. Miller, Winchester; Joseph Segó, 679 Webster Avenue, Hammond; T. Warren Allen, 3834 Cornelius Avenue, Indianapolis; W. F. Geller, 501 West Rudisill Boulevard, Fort Wayne; William H. Hansche, 435 South Twelfth Street, Richmond; *Frank Shellhouse, Spink-Arms Hotel, Indianapolis; *A. W. McDaniel, 355 Lincoln Way, Valparaiso; A. L. McConkey, 707 West Seventh Street, Bloomington; George Matthews, 524 Southwest A Street, Richmond; E. S. Shumaker, 1201 Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis; Thomas W. Lindsey, 605 Furniture Building, Evansville; Newton C. Goodman, Bloomington; Benjamin E. Stahl, Terre Haute; *Frank C. Huston, 10 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis; *A. W. Wallace, 765 Van Buren Street, Gary.

Delegates: George W. McKenney, R. R. No. 13, Shelbyville; *George Hawkins, care of Colonade Hotel, 843 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis; W. A. Thomas, 808 Greenlawn Avenue, Fort Wayne; Charles S. Scull, 717 East State Street, Princeton.

Alternates: C. E. Barrett, 205 Franklin Avenue, Valparaiso; Harry N. Hopkins, 6937 Stewart Avenue, Chicago, Ill.; James H. Arnold, 416 Washington Street, Columbus; Earl W. Wise, care of Lock Box, Connersville; *Charles H. Beeson, Winchester; *W. O. Medlon, Bloomington; *E. Don Keupper, Fort Wayne.

IOWA

*Commander Asa Leroy Briar, Box 466, Mason City.

Past commanders: Lewis A. Dille, Davenport; L. J. Yaggy, Davenport; J. H. Fenton, Cedar Rapids; W. L. Kerr, Fort Dodge; A. D. Bunger, Des Moines; C. A. Bryson, Iowa Falls; Don D. Donnan, Independence; H. L. Crowell, Waterloo; Frank Baldwin, Adel; C. E. Hinchliffe, Iowa City; *H. M. Pratt, Fort Dodge; R. I. Snodgrass, Waterloo.

Delegates: W. H. Ebersole, Des Moines; *W. Z. Long, Spencer; J. W. Hunter, Newton.

Alternates: D. N. Eberhart, Mason City; G. A. Clark, Waterloo; L. W. Adkins, Montezuma; *E. A. Spader, Des Moines; *F. M. Stull, Waterloo.

KANSAS

*Commander E. B. Colburn, Manhattan.

Past commanders: C. S. Nation, Chanute; William H. Russell, La Crosse; W. P. Feder, 917 Riverside, Wichita; W. P. Wilcox, Topeka; R. L. Rickard, Valley Center; Charles B. Martin, Parsons; M. Jay Sweet, Wichita; A. G. Alrich, Lawrence; W. E. Connelly, Topeka; Fred A. Kesler, Ellsworth; Ezra Beard, Wichita; L. B. Price, Wichita; Frank U. Russell, Hutchinson; H. Mead Lewis, Wichita; Ed L. Moon, Topeka; Clay H. Newton, 1614 Appleton Avenue, Parsons; Leverett E. Pitts, Emporia; F. A. Hobbie, Dodge City; L. L. Merrifield, Abilene; C. E. Jenkins, Winfield.

Delegate Fred Hess, Topeka.

Alternate: *Samuel White, 1539 South Emporia Avenue, Wichita.

MAINE

*Commander J. Manley Patterson, Hallowell.

Past commanders: Edward K. Gould, 375 Main Street, Rockland; Waldo H. Perry, 191 Clark Street, Portland; Andrew C. Cloudman, Cumberland Mills; Robert L. Whitcomb, 271 Middle Street, Portland; Edward C. Moran, Rockland; Henry C. Chatto, Rockland; Llewellyn L. Cooper, Augusta; Arthur M. Soule, Harrisville, R. I.; George E. Leighton, 355 Curtis Street, West Somerville, Mass.; Elmore N. Coursion, Brunswick; Frank L. Beals, 38 Dennison Street, Auburn; J. Warren Phinney, Cumberland Mills; Arthur L. Orne, Rockland; John Shaw, Bath; Clarence H. Cram, Augusta; George H. Bangs, University of Maine, Orono; William H. Cressey, Cumberland Mills; Lloyd L. Hooker, Bath; William O. Cobb, Gardiner; Olin P. Ayer, 415 Court Street, Auburn; John C. Howes, Augusta; Allen L. Curtis, Belfast; Ralph H. Burbank, 152 Alfred Street, Biddeford; William E. Southard, Bangor; Robert A. Coney, Augusta; Frank C. Ayer, 97 Goff Street, Auburn; Buel L. Merrill, Gardiner; William W. Jewett, 226 Federal Street, Portland; George N. Pond, 199 Forest Avenue, Bangor; Albert B. De Haven, 35 Berwick Street, Sanford; Leland H. White, 61 Somerset Street, Pittsfield.

Delegates: *John A. Flye, Westbrook; *George W. Fuller, Brunswick; *Russell M. Hosmer, Brunswick; Percy E. Pendleton, Brunswick.

Alternates: *Charles Durgan, 44 Free Street, Portland; *Albert R. Hill, Brownfield.

MARYLAND

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Division	Membersh hip	Dele- gates	Division	Membersh hip	Dele- gates
Alabama and Tennessee.....	338	2	Nebraska.....	406	
California and Pacific.....	1, 127	3	New Hampshire.....	1, 143	3
Connecticut.....	2, 446	6	New Jersey.....	1, 636	4
Illinois.....	1, 560	4	New York.....	4, 628	10
Indiana.....	1, 654	4	Ohio.....	4, 347	2
Iowa.....	391	3	Oregon.....	284	2
Kansas.....	686	2	Pennsylvania.....	11, 757	25
Maine.....	2, 078	5	Rhode Island.....	604	2
Maryland.....	646	2	Vermont.....	1, 204	3
Massachusetts.....	8, 688	18	Washington.....	460	2
Michigan.....	786	3	Wisconsin.....	1, 093	3
Minnesota.....	433	2			
Missouri.....	566	2	Total.....	49, 461	122

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Committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps: William Coffin, past commander in chief, Ohio; C. B. Zeek, past division commander, Oregon; M. D. Friedman, division secretary, Alabama and Tennessee; F. H. Finch, division commander, Michigan.

Committee on greetings to ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic: Ralph Sheldon, past commander in chief, New York; Alvin Wallace, past division commander, Indiana; Samuel Sutton, division commander, New Jersey; G. H. Merkle, division patriotic instructor, Michigan.

Committee on greetings to the Daughters of Union Veterans: Harry F. Weiler, past division commander, Massachusetts; Glen T. Wigent, past division commander, Michigan; Harry M. Coen, past division commander, Illinois; Frank Kirchgassner, past division commander, Massachusetts.

Committee on greetings to the Army Nurses: J. B. Hershey, past division commander, Pennsylvania; James B. Goldthrite, division commander, New York; Druid H. Evans, division commander, Maryland; M. K. Brown, division secretary, Michigan.

Committee on greetings to the Auxiliary: H. H. Hammer, national secretary, Pennsylvania; Newton J. McGuire, past commander in chief, Indiana; Harry Rice, division commander, Connecticut; George F. Cogshall, past division commander, Michigan.

We will adjourn this afternoon and escort our committee to our Auxiliary encampment and see that they do their duty correctly.

The next order of business is the reports of officers.

Past Commander in Chief SHELDON. I move you that the report of the commander in chief be read; all others to be referred to the committee on officers reports, without reading.

Delegate Cook (Ohio). I second the motion.

(Agreed to.)

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief D. B. Bowley assumed the chair and Commander in Chief Homan read his report.)

REPORT OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

WEST LYNN, MASS., August 20, 1927.

To the Officers and Members' of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

BROTHERS: How swiftly the days pass. One year ago in Des Moines by your unanimous vote you placed me at the head of our order. To-day the year has gone and I, following the example of 45 other commanders in chief, come to you to give a report of my year of service.

How fortunate that the Supreme Commander keeps the future hidden from us. Had I been able to see what the year had in store, I should never have had the courage to take on the responsibility of this office. It was shortly after my return from the encampment that a beloved member of my household was stricken with a malignant disease and has been a constant sufferer ever since. This is not an apology, my brothers, but a word of explanation to those who have not known before just how difficult it has been at times to respond to all the calls made. I want at this time to state that it is through the helpful cooperation and sacrifices of my father, mother, and son that I have been permitted to accomplish as much as I have.

And what has been accomplished? Not an increase in membership; not a decrease in our losses; not a greatly improved financial condition. What then? An earnest effort to more closely analyze the present needs of our order; an attempt to more closely identify ourselves with our parent body—the Grand Army of the Republic; an attempt to conduct an economical administration to set our order right again financially; an effort to make the public at large, as well as some of our own members, see that our organization is imperishable and will not die out when the Grand Army of the Republic is no more; and, finally, a firm belief that we must discover some big objective that shall carry with it a public appeal in order to arouse an interest in our order and enthuse our membership.

My ideas regarding the conditions of our order and my recommendations follow:

ORGANIZATION

Probably the most important single item I have to discuss with you in this report is the state of our order. Where do we stand? What has happened? What will be the result? One question tumbling over the other. Where do we stand? They say that figures do not lie. Well, then, here are the figures:

	Camps	Members
June 30, 1926.....	1, 006	52, 222
Gained.....	17	2, 283
By transfer.....		711
By reinstatement.....		250
Total.....	1, 023	55, 466
Disbanded.....	19	242
By death.....		537
By discharge.....		249
By transfer.....		719
Dropped.....	30	4, 271
Dishonorably discharged.....		1
Loss.....	49	6, 019

That's where we stand to-day, my brothers. A net loss of 32 camps and 2,775 members. What has happened? Simply this: We, together with all the other fraternal orders, are the victims of the times in which we are living. All the large fraternal organizations are making desperate efforts to hold their membership, and some are even struggling for their very existence.

Then, we are the victims of conditions within our own order that are not healthy. The mere fact that we sit calmly by and look on while 30 camps and 4,271 men are being dropped from our organizations shows an appalling lack of interest in the welfare of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Again, we find that public opinion, the press, and even some of our own members are convinced that in a few years we will cease to exist, and as a result they leave us entirely out of the picture of the future. Public opinion thinks in terms of veterans, and can only see one successor to the Grand Army of the Republic, that the World War veteran. The press is apparently in a similar frame of mind, and it is difficult, indeed, to get proper mention of our order unless special effort is made by some one to see that it is done. Many of our own members, influenced by this attitude on the part of the public and the press, accept this condition as inevitable and throw up their hands, apparently willing to let the order sink.

In other words, my brothers, we are going through a period of depression; we are being affected by dry rot from within. We are caught in the doldrums, aimlessly going round and round instead of getting our eye on some objective and bravely starting for the goal.

We have tried to buy men into the order; we have tried to coax them in. We have tried to solve the problem of dropped members—how to keep men interested by a thousand and one ideas and schemes. But still we take 2,283 new members in the front door and lose 4,271 out the back door. Oh, the pity of it when the world at large is looking at us to see if we can become the successors of the Grand Army of the Republic. The pity of it when the Grand Army are asking us to sit with them, to work with them, to even take their places.

As we study history we find that of the last 12 years 6 have shown a gain, and 6 a loss. The years 1918-1920 showed a loss of 6,939, while 1925-1927 show a loss of 5,500. This indicates that even as the tide ebbs and flows every 24 hours so our organization has its high spots and its low. Now, then, what will the results be; what is going to happen in the future?

I am not a pessimist in regard to our order. In fact, as I look into the future I become optimistic. I am more and more convinced that there is some remodeling to do. I believe we must eventually get to the point of charging a sufficient initiation which, when invested, will yield enough interest to take care of the per capita tax and the overhead for a year, and that once a member always a member.

I believe that in the future camps will more and more adopt the policy of fewer meetings, but better meetings. I would rather have a camp meet 4 times a year, and have the meetings full of interest and enthusiasm, than to have them meet 52 times conducted as the average camp is conducted.

I am optimistic for our order because I believe that its founders, the men who have worked and sacrificed for it, men known and loved by us all—Abbott, Bundy, Rake, Darling, Shepard, Dustin, and Stephens—can not have

labored in vain; that out of this experimental stage our organization shall emerge triumphant as one of the great patriotic orders of the future.

And, finally, I am optimistic as to the future of our order because I believe there are enough men in our land to-day, who have within them the blood of a Union soldier of the Civil War, who will eventually rally to the standard of our splendid organization; who will rise up in their might and will declare to the world that the principles and objects of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the memory of that wonderful army—the boys in blue—shall never, never die.

FINANCES

How much money has he and is his credit good, are the first questions asked when approaching a stranger with a business deal. The financial standing and credit of an organization is just as important as that of an individual.

Let me say here that one of the most unfortunate things we ever did was to unlock our permanent fund and fritter it away to various committees and funds until, at the beginning of my administration, it had dwindled from \$7,000 to a single bond of \$2,000. And this was voted from the permanent fund to the general fund that the order might remain solvent.

I am not going to quote figures, as the reports of the national secretary and treasurer give the details. I simply want to call to your attention the fact that the council in chief in their budget estimated receipts as \$24,467.22; while our actual receipts—not counting the bond—were \$21,182.72, or \$3,284.47 less than estimated. I want to call your attention also to the fact that starting with a deficit of \$871.34 we have, by careful management, been able to pay all bills, and show a balance of \$481.43, exclusive of the sale of the bond.

But, my brothers, this is "running too close to the wind," as the saying goes. The order is judged by what we do and how we do it. Your commander in chief should not feel obliged to decline to accompany the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic on a trip to the coast because the organization can not afford it. Neither should your national officers have to weigh a new project in terms of dollars and cents. There should be a surplus for us to come and go on. You will all agree that the future respect of the Sons of Veterans depends very largely upon its financial condition.

I, therefore, recommend that we adopt a policy in the immediate future to reestablish our permanent fund.

THE BANNER

The contract for The Banner expires with the December number. It will devolve upon this encampment to decide the future policy in regard to an official organ.

Brother Allan S. Holbrook, the editor, is a most loyal member of our order, and we are indebted to him for many acts of courtesy. He has tried hard and conscientiously to benefit the Sons of Union Veterans through the columns of The Banner, and is anxious and willing to cooperate in any way the encampment may suggest.

There is much to be said for and against The Banner:

1. It is the means of communication between the commander in chief, other national officers, and every member.

2. It is an asset for an order like ours to have such a paper.

3. It is a source of education and inspiration to those who read it.

But—

It is read by only a small per cent of the membership.

It seems impossible to keep the lists correct.

It is too expensive a proposition as it now stands; we can not pay more than half of our entire income to any paper and expect to succeed.

I have had visions of a magazine in which the Grand Army and all allied patriotic orders would unite. Brother W. W. Robinson, of Batavia, N. Y., first called my attention to the possibilities of such a magazine. Such a magazine would contain the following departments:

1. Grand Army of the Republic.

2. Woman's Relief Corps.

3. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

4. Army nurses of the Civil War.

5. Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

6. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

7. Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

These seven major departments could be subdivided as follows:

1. Officers and addresses, national and State.
2. Names and location of post, corps, tent, camp, etc.
3. General orders, bulletins, announcements, etc.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Activities of national and State departments.
6. Suggestions for the betterment and good of the order.
7. Activities of worth-while nature, care of soldiers' graves, monuments erected, flags presented, etc.
8. Historical and biographical items, stories, etc.
9. Contests in different orders for membership, etc.

So impressed was I with this idea and its possibilities that I have called a meeting here at Grand Rapids, of representatives of the various societies, in order that they might talk this matter over together. The result will be communicated to the encampment later in the session. It seems now that difficulties and unforeseen circumstances will prevent any definite action on this proposition this year.

If we are to continue The Banner it must be at a reduced cost. Various suggestions have been made, such as to make the paper smaller, publish fewer editions, unite with the Auxiliary and get a larger circulation, etc. Past Commander in Chief John Sautter has made a suggestion that is feasible and would save money at once; that is, send but one paper to each address. In other words, instead of sending three papers, one each to my father, my son, and myself, send but one paper. This would bring a reduction in cost. In my opinion we can not afford to spend more than \$8,000 on a paper.

I, therefore, recommend that the council in chief immediately take up the matter of an official organ for our order and report as early as possible to this encampment.

VISITATIONS

The opportunity to visit the different divisions, to meet with the brothers and to talk and speak to them, to visit the Grand Army of the Republic and allied orders, as the national head of our organization is a wonderful privilege. It is greatly to be regretted that so many of the divisions meet in June at the same time and so far apart that it is impossible to get from one to the other.

I was able to visit 15 of the 24 divisions, as follows: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Not all of these visits were to encampments, however. I was able to visit five encampments in a two weeks' trip by very careful planning of time. On another occasion I was away from home seven days, and spent each night on a sleeper. I have spoken 155 times, to an estimated audience of 30,000, and traveled about 18,000 miles. I have written 1,800 letters, and have given the whole or a part of 150 days in the service of the order.

I have carried the message of sacrifice, service, and sentiment not only to our own encampments and allied orders, but to Kiwanis and Lions Clubs, churches, and other organizations.

NECROLOGY

While we who are permitted to assemble once again in our annual encampment may rejoice at the goodness of the All-wise Providence that has spared our lives, we are reminded of the uncertainty of life when we realize that the hand of the invisible reaper has reached down into our midst and plucked from our fraternity six of our beloved and prominent brothers, who were members of this encampment. As we look about us each year and see the vacant chairs and miss the smiling faces and the warm hand clasp of our departed brothers, we realize more keenly our loss and that they have taken the long journey to that bourne from which no traveler has ever returned. I am convinced that their message to us to-day would be so to live that when the final summons comes we may join in that wonderful reunion with our brothers and the Supreme Commander in the grand encampment above.

Fitting memorial services will be held for these brothers at the proper time in our encampment.

October 6, 1926. O. N. Middleton, division commander of Pennsylvania. The suddenness of Brother Middleton's death appalled us, as it was only a few

short days before that we clasped hands as we said good-bye. His death was a distinct shock to all.

December 28, 1926. Charles K. Darling, past commander in chief of Massachusetts. While Brother Darling had been ill for several years, we were hardly prepared for his death. His life reads like a book of adventure. General Darling was a soldier and was serving the colors when his encampment was held. His life speaks of loyalty.

February 12, 1927. A. E. B. Stephens, past commander in chief of Ohio. "Buzz" Stephens, as he was called by all who knew him well, rose to prominence not alone in order, but in the Nation. The warmth of his hand clasp and his genial smile will always make "Buzz" be remembered as the true exponent of friendship. In 1916, at Kansas City, his closing words to us were: "I want to say that I expect to be with you for 30 years more. I expect to be in the harness right along and you will find me at each recurring encampment, attending to such duties as may be assigned to me."

Sail on, nor fear to breast the sea!
Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee,
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears,
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee—are all with thee!

February 1, 1927. Frank J. Clinton, past division commander of Rhode Island. Those who have visited Rhode Island and knew Brother Clinton will realize that he was a son of the old school who knew how to dispense true New England hospitality.

May 2, 1927. Francis E. Cross, past division commander and secretary and treasurer of Maryland division. Brother Cross not only served as division commander but for 15 years was secretary of the division. Those who knew him can think of no more fitting eulogy than the words of that old parable, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

July 12, 1927. Robert Ward, past division commander of Rhode Island. Again Rhode Island is called upon to drape the charter, mourning the loss of a past division commander. Brother Ward was keenly interested in our order. Only a few months ago he wrote me of his interest and his efforts to keep Memorial Day this year. His loss will be keenly felt by a large circle of friends.

If we never cease to love those whom we lose,
We will never lose those whom we love.

PENSION LEGISLATION

If there was any occasion during the year when our order actually tried to accomplish something worth while and be of assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic, it was in the matter of pension legislation.

We are extremely fortunate to have in Washington, right where they can keep their fingers on the pulse of public affairs, two past commanders in chief, Brothers Harley V. Speelman and F. T. F. Johnson, who rendered yeoman's service on this committee.

I want to specially commend the New York division for their splendid work on getting out their petition and sending in thousands of signatures. While we were not successful, owing to the filibuster and politics, the Grand Army are not discouraged and, I am told, will try again. If they do, we want to rally to their support with not only our own membership of 50,000, but the fighting strength of the Federated Patriotic Societies, with its combined membership of over 400,000.

In view of the importance of this work I recommend that the incoming commander in chief continue the policy of appointing a legislative committee.

INITIATION FEE

There has been much discussion of this piece of legislation. Some feel that it is an injustice, some that prospective members can not be interested, and some even go so far as to say they will not try to get any members so long as this regulation remains. Others say it is a step in the right direction and will eventually bring about a better condition of the order.

I do not believe it has been in effect long enough to have had a fair trial, and believing that there will be a concerted effort made at this encampment to change this regulation.

I recommend that Article VI "Finance," sections 1 and 3, remain as at present and be given another year's trial before any change is attempted.

HARDING MEMORIAL FUND

In view of the fact that there have been no contributions to this fund during the past year and there is no probability of any more additions,

I recommend that this committee be discharged with the thanks of this convention.

MARKING SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Several years ago a brother in Connecticut had a vision. In that vision he saw a marker at every soldier's grave. How true Brother Charles Hale has been to that dream is evidenced by the time and effort he has put into his work on this committee. This dream is now a reality in the State of Connecticut. The results of his years of painstaking service are shown in his carefully prepared report.

At the present time this work is the most practical of any we are engaged in, and carries with it an appeal to the public. In order that we may more effectively carry on this important work and do it in a uniform way,

I recommend that the committee on marking soldiers' graves be continued.

I further recommend that division commanders be requested to appoint a committee in each division to cooperate with this committee.

DIVISION TO DEPARTMENT

In view of the fact that all the patriotic orders use the word department to designate the State organizations and that ours is often referred to in that way, for the sake of uniformity,

I recommend that wherever the word division appears in ritual and constitution and by-laws it be changed to department.

BADGES AND MOTTO

While this is an unimportant matter, it has been brought to our attention several times and always been defeated, I believe. I refer to the Latin inscription on our badges "Fili veteranorum" and our motto, also in Latin, "Gratia Dei servatus."

In the first place, Sons of Veterans is no longer our name, therefore filii veteranorum is not the correct title to have on our badges.

In the second place, I have grown weary and often been ashamed at the way officers have mispronounced the Latin motto, so that I think it time to change to good old English that can be read and pronounced by all.

I therefore recommend that when the present supply of badges is exhausted we have made a new design with the correct title, "Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War" upon it and that our motto "Gratia Dei servatus" be changed in our rituals and on the badges to read "Preserved by the grace of God," and that a committee of three be appointed, of which National Secretary Hammer shall be one, to bring about this change.

RECOGNITION

I desire to commend and give recognition to all brothers who have brought in one or more members this year. In many instances it has taken more than the usual amount of effort to secure new members. Brothers Frederick Haynes, Taunton, Mass.; James Holland, Palmerton, Pa.; W. R. Smith, Lakeland, Fla.; and C. E. Rice, Brattleboro, Vt., are especially commended for securing 10 or more new members.

OBJECTIVE

I have long felt that what our order needed was some big objective to work toward. Only once do I recall of our order putting over something big that

had a wide public appeal; that was the ambulance fund. This objective carried with it such an appeal that the enthusiasm was intense.

Various things have been suggested and some even tried, but they failed. I have not been able to discover the key to this situation, but would like to recommend that a committee of two be appointed at this encampment to try to discover and name some objective for us to work toward.

BLANKS

There seems to be a widespread demand for a revision of blanks. National, division, and camp officers all unite in asking for a revision of all forms and blanks.

I therefore recommend that a committee of three be appointed of which National Secretary Hammer shall be one, to revise all forms and blanks.

SPECIAL DAYS

The interest shown in the observance of the special days in the calendar of our order is most gratifying. Veterans' night, Lincoln's Birthday, or Defenders' Day, General Grant's Birthday, Memorial Day, Flag Day, and other patriotic holidays are observed by unusually fine programs throughout the order.

I believe the organization is to be commended for this splendid patriotic service.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Every year they're marching slower,
 Every year they're stooping lower,
 Every year the lilting music
 Stirs the hearts of other men.
 Every year the flags above them
 Seem to bend and bless and love them,
 As if grieving for the future,
 When they'll never march again.

Every year we see them marching,
 Every year we watch them passing,
 Scarcely pausing in our hurry,
 After pleasures, after gain;
 But their battle flags above them
 Seem to bend and bless and love them,
 And through all the lilting music
 Sounds an undertone of pain.

Each year they are growing fewer. With what mingled feelings of reverence and awe do we meet these veterans of the Civil War each year at their encampment. But as we see them proudly marching along each year, the thin remnant of the once Grand Army, our eyes grow dim with tears as we realize in full all it means to them to be able to once more turn out with the old boys. Their loyalty and devotion to their organization may well be emulated by us, their sons. Commander in Chief Frank A. Walsh has shown that loyalty and devotion to a marked degree. Giving of his strength unstintingly in order to further the interests of his comrades, he has been brought to the point of exhaustion by his labors. It has been a rare privilege for me to know Commander in Chief Walsh and to have served with this splendid representative of the Boys in Blue.

The Grand Army has opened the doors to us; they have been interested in our new name; they are anxious to have our organization their successor in the work of Memorial Day. With the close relation that now exists between our fathers and ourselves, with the Grand Army asking us to come in and sit with them, with the Grand Army holding out its hands and saying, "Sons, we have faith in you," what is your answer? We can not fail the Grand Army now. May the bonds that now unite us be more closely woven in the years to come.

ARMY NURSES OF THE CIVIL WAR

While it has not been my good fortune to meet many of those noble women during the year, we rejoice that there are a few who still remain to cast the benediction of their loving personalities upon us.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

It has been my very great pleasure and privilege to visit the encampments of the Woman's Relief Corps on many different occasions. As I looked into the faces of these loyal, devoted women and have listened to the reports of their good works, I have been thrilled and have come to see that the old saying is indeed true, that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

Mrs. Edith Mason Christy, the national president of this wonderful patriotic group, our mother organization, is a veritable human dynamo of energy and has earned the right this year to have her name added to the long list of really wonderful women who have had a like honor bestowed on them as national president of the Woman's Relief Corps.

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Woman's Relief Corps and express the hope that the motherly spirit of the corps may ever watch over their sons.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

My year's association with this fine group of patriotic women has been an education to me, for, truth to tell, I knew very little of the aims and objects of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic until this year.

My meetings with the national president, Mrs. Emily Tompkins, have been most cordial, and gave me a clearer vision of the worth-whileness of this splendid organization. The pride of relationship, the desire to serve, the loyalty to their order, all convince me of the sincerity of this group of patriotic women, and that they are a strong link in our patriotic family circle.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

It was extremely gratifying to me when I was told that Miss Agnes I. McCoy, of Massachusetts, was to be national president of the Daughters. Always a loyal member of the order, Miss McCoy has gone through the year with a singleness of purpose that could not fail to produce results.

While in the West organizing departments and tents for her order, I have time and again received evidence that she was doing missionary work for our order, for which we return sincere thanks.

The loving attention to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic on all occasions has given the Daughters a place right beside their fathers' chair in our patriotic family group.

OUR AUXILIARY

I never knew just who suggested the change of name from Ladies Aid Society to Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, but whoever did is entitled to considerable credit. The definition of auxiliary as given in the Standard Dictionary is "giving or furnishing aid or support." Could anyone think of six words that would describe our auxiliary better? How many times have they given aid when it was needed most? How many times have they furnished support when we wanted to take up some new project? To those of us who know them best they are an essential adjunct to our order. Many of our camps, I am convinced, could not carry on and would soon cease to live were it not for the loyalty and helpfulness of the auxiliary.

National President Anna F. Keene, of Philadelphia, has exemplified the spirit of the auxiliary on every occasion. She has traveled many, many miles, gone without food and rest, in order to serve her organization and ours. For her unflinching loyalty and her many acts of kindness during our year I return grateful thanks and hope that in some small measure I have been able to reciprocate.

MY OFFICIAL FAMILY

Surrounded by a group of men, every one a veteran in his years of service to our order, I consider myself most fortunate in my choice of officers to work with me this year.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley has represented the order on the West coast in a most acceptable manner.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Pratt has been very zealous in his work, particularly in trying to see that the organization gets publicity.

The council in chief—Judge Eberly, counselor; Judge E. K. Gould, national patriotic instructor; Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, national chaplain—have all been prompt and courteous at all times. My aides, Brothers Weiler and Anderson, have done all in their power to make my year a pleasant and happy one.

Brother Holbrook, publisher of *The Banner*, has been very considerate and has overlooked my shortcomings as a newspaper man on several occasions.

And what can I say of my appreciation and gratitude to National Secretary and Treasurer Horace H. Hammer? The friend and adviser of all the commanders in chief, who from his many years of experience and his vast store of knowledge is always willing to give a word of advice or helpful suggestions just when needed.

It's not the "biggest" things that count,
That make the "biggest" show;
It's the little things that people do
That makes the old world go.

We have long been friends, and this year of service together in our order links us a little closer in the bonds of fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

CONCLUSION

It matters not if you lost the fight and were badly beaten, too;
It matters not if you failed outright in the things you tried to do;
It matters not if you toppled down from the azure heights of blue—
But what are you doing now?

It matters not if your plans were foiled and your hopes have fallen through;
It matters not if your chance was spoiled for the gain almost in view;
It matters not if you missed the goal, though you struggled brave and true—
But what are you doing now?

It is true that we failed in many of the things we tried to do; it is true that we missed the goal that we would have liked to reach—but what are we doing now?

I am thanking God that he gave me the strength for this year of service. I am deeply grateful to the members of this encampment for the confidence placed in me last year. I can never repay the many acts of kindness shown me by the members of our great patriotic family. The boys and girls of my own division of Massachusetts will never know just how much I love them for all they have done for me this year. And as I join that little group of men who have served you as commander in chief, I want you all to know that I shall still be found at camp, division, and commandery meetings, hoping that I may continue to be found worthy to serve.

There have been many disappointments; there have been losses where we hoped for gain; but as I retire from this office it will be with the feeling of happiness, for, after all, the greatest satisfaction in life is to have real friends; the kind that can be counted on when a friend is needed; the kind that will continue to be friends in failure as well as success, in sorrow as well as joy.

Finally, if I have been able to serve with credit, if I have added one little mite to the prestige of our order, I shall feel content, for you have given me so much. My life will always be richer because of this year of service and because of your friendship for me.

Loyally yours,

DR. ERNEST W. HOMAN,
Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., August 3, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, *Commander in Chief*, and the Members of the *Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*:

I herewith submit a brief report of my work as your senior vice commander in chief; a complete and detailed report of daily activities would fill a large volume, and I will only touch on a few points that I believe are of value.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

The sentiment of comradeship among the Union veterans of the Civil War is stronger than any bond of friendship known to the social relations of men. I have tried to bring about the same sacred feeling of brotherhood among the numerous allied and patriotic organizations in this country by pointing to the fact that our interests are identical, and among our own members by emphasizing the fact that we are the natural successors of this sacred brotherhood. If we are to take over the great work of the valiant men who wore the blue, we must possess the same precious friendship that binds our comrades. There is something mournfully pathetic in the thought that this splendid Grand Army of the Republic, with its illustrious history, is approaching "the end of the trail," but like John Brown, "its soul will go marching on."

THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

With all its imperfections, no order has a nobler objective or greater possibilities, and it should be the aim of each and every member (not a faithful few) to place it on a sound business basis, financially, socially, and numerically. It is my wish that the encampment discuss the suggestions that I made on page 4 of the May, 1927, Banner, under the caption "Discussion for camp and division," for the purpose of placing our organization in the forefront of all patriotic orders.

THE BANNER

I am strong for our official organ, and can conceive of no reason why it can not be converted into a splendid plant of income property with tremendous weight and influence. The members of the order should be instructed to notify the publishers direct when there is a change of mailing address; the present system of notifying the camp secretary, who writes the division secretary, who in turn forwards the change to The Banner, entails three times the necessary labor and expense. Many members are dropped because their whereabouts are unknown; I believe that we should advertise for them in The Banner.

It seems to me that the time has arrived when we should open the columns of our official organ to the posts of the Grand Army, the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Woman's Relief Corps; it would be a step in the right direction in uniting our patriotic family. Under this head I wish to thank and to congratulate Brother A. S. Holbrook for his able, courteous, and conscientious conduct of the affairs of our fraternal journal.

VETERANS' NIGHT

Your senior vice commander called attention to the sixty-third anniversary of the dedication of the soldiers monument at Gettysburg by the immortal Abraham Lincoln, by having printed, mailed, and distributed 1,000 copies of the martyred President's famous Gettysburg address, and regrets that he was not financially able to present to every American boy and girl in the United States a similar photograph and copy of this remarkable speech.

CHRISTMAS

Adopted the suggestion of our thoughtful commander in chief that our comrades be given yuletide cheer and sent 750 cigars to the Civil War veterans at the home. Wish to thank Brother David F. Morris for paving the way and making this possible. Brother Morris is the one who put up three gold pieces—\$20, \$10, and \$5—that were presented to the three camps making the best showing during the last six months of my term as division commander.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

It was my proud privilege to be chairman of program of the citizens committee of the city of San Francisco that made the arrangements to celebrate the one hundred and eighteenth birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. This program was so satisfactory and effective that I had 12,000 copies, upon which was a splendid cut of Mr. Lincoln which I obtained for the purpose, distributed and mailed throughout the country to be used as a guide by other communities. The department commander of the department of California and Nevada of

the Grand Army was so pleased that he inclosed copies to all posts of his department for a similar use. Agreeable to my suggestion, Brother A. E. Deems, of Los Angeles, held a reunion of the members in southern California, had a wonderful banquet, formed a permanent Lincoln Day observance organization, and hopes to celebrate the day in the same splendid fashion as is in vogue in Philadelphia each year.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No applicant should be admitted to our order of patriots who can not recite The American Creed and the Pledge of Allegiance. Copies of the former should be distributed to every school boy and girl in the land.

MEMORIAL DAY

At the request of the commander of Lyon Post, Grand Army of the Republic, I accepted an invitation to be the orator of the day at the Evergreen Cemetery at Oakland. The law making it mandatory that our members observe this sacred day should be enforced. The work of marking the graves of deceased Civil War veterans must be continued until the last soldier lies at rest.

FLAG DAY

The Golden Gate Post of the American Legion invited me to address them, giving a history of Old Glory; at the close of my talk this splendid order pledged itself to do all within its power to advance the interests of the Grand Army and the Sons of Union Veterans.

BATTLE OF BUNKER HILL

The New England Association of California, of which I have been secretary-treasurer for many years, asked me to arrange suitable programs to observe the anniversaries of the Battles of Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill, inviting our allied orders to participate. The occasions brought out sons whom I had not seen at our own camp meetings.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

So much good resulted from the visit to California of Commander in Chief Walsh that I believe it would be an excellent idea if our own commander in chief arranged his itinerary so as to accompany the Grand Army chieftain on his official visits, as far as possible. We seized the opportunity to institute a new camp and auxiliary. A complete account of the visit of our distinguished visitor from Wisconsin will be found on page 3 of the June, 1927, Banner. I wish to thank Commander in Chief Dr. E. W. Homan for the honor of appointing me his personal representative on this memorable occasion.

In conclusion I wish to thank our national, division, and camp officers and our members for their loyal support, cooperation, and courtesies extended; and particularly National Secretary Hammer, and Brother Isaacs of the New York division, both of whom have been extremely thoughtful; and last but not least, the division commanders and division secretaries of the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oregon, California, and Pacific.

DELEVAN B. BOWLEY,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

FORT DODGE, IOWA, August 10, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

SIR: I beg to submit to you and through you to the members of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the report of my service as junior vice commander in chief of your organization. And with this report I close my official year.

So far as set forth in the laws of our organization, the duties of junior vice commander in chief are very few. It is true that through the disability of his

two superior officers he may have put upon him the responsibilities of the commander in chief. But to my knowledge no such thing has ever happened in the history of our organization. Instead of being considered as carrying with them certain duties and responsibilities, junior offices have usually been considered as a rather polite form of interment for the entertaining host. But the holding of any office, no matter how lowly, in our organization should be considered an honor, and should carry with it both duties and responsibilities. Offices do not always dignify an individual, but the individual can always dignify the office.

Because I believe in our organization and have faith in its ability to be of service, I feel that I have been honored by the opportunity of serving you during the past year. I will not say that I have accomplished much, but I will say that I have tried. I will not say that I accomplished all that I wished, but at least I have not lessened my faith of what our organization might do nor have I lowered my ideals for its service.

Most pleasant has been my relationship with my superior officer, Commander in Chief Homan. Never once have I been made to feel that he was my superior officer, but rather that we were collaborators working together for the good of the common cause. At his request I was asked to write, for the purpose of publication in *The Banner*, from time to time, such articles as I might think advisable concerning the work of the organization. In most of the issues during the past year I have had published something which I felt might be of service to others, who, like myself, were sincerely trying to find ways of promoting the growth of our organization. I was also asked to take charge of the publicity work for our organization during the time of this encampment. I had my plans well in hand for this work at Dayton, Ohio, when like many others interested in the work of the encampment, it was necessary to do it all over, when the place of encampment was changed to Grand Rapids, Mich. This work, at the time of making this report, is, of course, unfinished.

Following the plan of the commander in chief for dividing the work of the administration, I was asked to have general supervision of the divisions of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. I believe such a division of the work is a good thing and could be continued in the future with still better results. Every division is entitled to receive some consideration and help from our national body. This is the thing for which they contribute their share of per capita tax, and the smaller and weaker the division, the more they are entitled to this help. It is not possible for the commander in chief to do all this work himself. Conflicting dates often make it impossible to meet all the requests for personal visits, and often even if it is possible to meet the requests for his presence, the commander in chief finds his visits so shortened that he can be of little service, except in a social way, to the organization. The matter of personal expense in travel can also be considerably lessened by such a division of the work.

Through correspondence and through general orders from the different divisions, as well as through the news columns of *The Banner* I was able to keep in touch with the work of the different divisions. Wherever I felt a bit of praise or a suggestion might be of service I would through correspondence with the commander or individual make such suggestion or offer praise for work well done. So far as I know these suggestions were met with the same friendly spirit in which they were sent. However, there were two divisions, Kansas and Nebraska, from whom I was unable to get any reply from my correspondence with the division commanders.

On three different occasions I had the honor and pleasure of officially representing the commander in chief. The first occasion was the annual Lincoln Day dinner of the Tri-Cities Patriotic Association, held this year at Davenport, Iowa. With Commander E. F. Buck I was instrumental in the organization of this association at the time I was division commander of Iowa. Brother Buck, now past commander, was also present at the meeting this year. The other occasions were the division encampments of Ohio and Iowa. At both of these encampments I was present during the entire session. At both of these encampments I received many courtesies and attentions, not only from the members of our own organization, but from those of the other affiliated orders. For this I feel deeply grateful. Believing that the spirit of good will and fellowship should prevail in all our relations with the other orders affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, I have tried to help create such feeling. At both encampments I represented our organization on the general campfire program, as well as at the sessions of the different organiza-

tions. During the year on several occasions, because of my office, I was privileged to attend patriotic meetings as a representative of our organization.

Much do I appreciate the value and help to us of our auxiliary organization. A camp without an auxiliary is not serving in its fullest sense; and many a poor camp has been rescued from disbanding by the organization of an auxiliary. When Sister Keene, national president of our auxiliary, asked for the organization of clubs of five new members, it was my pleasure to send in the first she received of such clubs. However, like some men keep their property and their religion, I had to send it in my wife's name.

What our organization needs is a continuing program, something that will go on from administration to administration. As it is now our success and growth is usually the result of individual effort. And failure and loss in membership can usually be charged to the fault of some individual. We need some definite line of work to follow, patriotic of course, and having its inspiration in the deeds of our fathers. It is our duty to cherish and keep for future generations the story of the Civil War and of the service of those who fought to keep our Union secure. To do this we must reach out into the future. And if we want to gain the support of the man of to-morrow we must interest the child of to-day. We must have a definite program of work that shall appeal to and interest the children. In this connection it seems to me a strong appeal can be made through the public schools. I very much favor the holding of programs in cooperation with the pupils of our public schools. And in our individual camps and auxiliaries there should be programs and entertainments for the children of members and through these they will thus early in life become interested in our organization.

And last but in no ways least, as a sacred duty, we should at all times everywhere respect and honor the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of their comrades, whether members or not. It is our duty to care for those who are living and sacredly guard the memory of those who are gone. There is not so much that we may do for those still living. Their material wants are simple. After all, the thing that now appeals to them is the friendly greeting and expression of interest in them. We should never pass one of these comrades without a greeting. And none of us are so busy that we can not spend a few minutes of our time in conversation with them as we meet them upon the street. At the best they can not be with us very many years. The time will come when to say that we knew and talked with men who fought in the Civil War will be incidents of the past. It is a rare privilege, still accorded us, to know these men and, personally, I can not pass the opportunity.

While I have tried to perform the duties of a national officer during the past year, I have not lost my interest in either my home camp or division. And while I have not been able to do as much as formerly, yet I only missed one meeting of my home camp, and that was while I was in Ohio at their division encampment. I have been present at meetings or visited half of the camps in the division of Iowa and their auxiliaries. I also visited two tents of the Daughters, and attended three inspections of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And now at the close of my official year, I must again, as at its beginning, express my thanks to the membership for their confidence in me as expressed in my election. I hope I have not disappointed them. I can say in truth, I have not wavered in my loyalty to the organization or to our commander in chief. And the kindest thing which I might say to our new officers would be to wish that they might realize all which I so much desired for the good of our organization.

Fraternally submitted.

H. M. PRATT,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

READING, PA., September 10, 1927.

To Dr. E. W. HOMAN,
Commander in Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: I have the honor to present the following report:

A deficit of \$871.34 confronted you when you became commander in chief. None of your predecessors had such a handicap. Only the most economical

and careful management, cooperation of camps and divisions, assistance and counsel of members produced the substantial and satisfactory condition shown by the balance at this encampment. You are to be congratulated on the financial results. The wisdom of the last encampment to provide increased revenue from new members—for the commander in chief as well as camps and divisions, since they also benefit therefrom—was a factor in the finances we report.

Receipts were \$3,284.47 less than the estimates; and disbursements \$3,653.68 under the provisions in the budget adopted for the year. Estimated receipts were less due to number of members in good standing reducing amount of per capita tax received; also in new members, charter fees, and supplies.

FINANCIAL

Receipts:

September 23, 1926, deficit	-----	\$871.34
Per capita tax and membership fees	-----	\$18,427.34
Charter fees	-----	70.00
Supplies	-----	2,598.15
Miscellaneous and interest on bonds	-----	87.26
Total from divisions	-----	21,182.75
Second Liberty loan United States 4½ per cent bonds	-----	2,000.00
Premium	-----	5.40
Total	-----	2,005.40
Total receipts	-----	23,188.15

Disbursements:

General expenses	-----	18,486.98
Office expenses	-----	966.93
Commander in chief's expenses	-----	1,247.41
Total disbursements	-----	20,701.32
By balance, Aug. 21, 1927	-----	2,486.83
Total	-----	23,188.15

Receipts from divisions

Division	Per capita tax and membership fees	Charter fees	Supplies	Miscellaneous	Total
Alabama and Tennessee	\$123.13	\$10.00	\$49.89	-----	\$183.02
California and Pacific	412.69	20.00	76.77	-----	509.46
Connecticut	892.75	-----	104.70	-----	997.45
Illinois	593.50	-----	99.80	-----	693.30
Indiana	622.29	5.00	89.52	-----	716.81
Iowa	340.74	-----	109.05	-----	449.79
Kansas	235.28	5.00	60.94	-----	301.22
Maine	776.19	5.00	89.06	-----	870.25
Maryland	253.65	-----	44.24	\$0.50	298.39
Massachusetts	3,216.45	-----	399.24	-----	3,615.69
Michigan	295.16	5.00	76.19	-----	376.35
Minnesota	159.53	-----	37.09	-----	196.62
Missouri	206.23	-----	27.60	-----	233.83
Nebraska	148.42	-----	16.83	-----	165.25
New Hampshire	418.47	-----	75.85	-----	494.32
New Jersey	610.35	-----	98.20	-----	708.55
New York	1,750.81	-----	306.80	-----	2,057.61
Ohio	1,672.65	10.00	288.72	1.76	1,973.13
Oregon	113.70	5.00	31.65	-----	150.35
Pennsylvania	4,325.85	5.00	304.68	-----	4,635.53
Rhode Island	228.31	-----	34.71	-----	263.02
Vermont	455.32	-----	79.02	-----	534.34
Washington	167.65	-----	47.98	-----	215.63
Wisconsin	408.22	-----	49.62	-----	457.84
Miscellaneous	-----	-----	-----	85.00	85.00
Total	18,427.34	70.00	2,598.15	87.26	21,182.75

Itemized expenditures

General expenses:

Stock and supplies	\$2,088.37
The Banner, subscription, September, 1926, August, 1927, inclusive	11,088.90
Encampment (1926-27)	759.49
Printing	60.94
Shipping supplies	76.04
Salary, September, 1926, to Aug. 20, 1927, inclusive	3,300.00
Bonds, national officers	27.50
Miscellaneous (including credit or refund of deficit encampment of 1926, amount advanced)	1,010.14
Officers representing commander in chief at encampments	75.60
	<u>\$18,486.98</u>

Office expenses:

Wrapping paper and twine	5.44
Postage	120.43
Express	6.94
Telegrams	22.93
Stationery (national officers)	164.90
Rent	600.23
Miscellaneous	46.06
	<u>966.93</u>

Commander in chief's expenses:

Postage	34.32
Telegrams and telephone	64.76
Traveling	1,037.65
Stenographer	105.00
Miscellaneous	5.68
	<u>1,247.41</u>

Total expenditures 20,701.32

Vouchers

No.		Amount
1.	The Robbins Co., supplies	\$260.00
2.	Flatt Co., supplies and stationery, national officers	147.08
3.	E. C. Ireland, bonds, national officers	25.00
4.	The Robbins Co., supplies	13.67
5.	Quaker City Stencil Co., supplies	5.21
6.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies	139.70
7.	The Banner:	
	September, 51,387 copies	\$942.09
	October, 51,319 copies	940.85
	November, 51,102 copies	936.87
		<u>\$2,819.81</u>
	Supplies and printing	142.94
	Encampment (roster and reports)	135.70
		<u>3,098.45</u>
8.	Thomas Kilvert, bond	2.50
9.	The Robbins Co., supplies	69.00
10.	Cammall Badge Co., supplies	18.50
11.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies, printing stationery	90.00
12.	Colonial Trust Co., rent (3 months)	198.80
13.	Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, supplies	5.17
14.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies	85.50
15.	The Banner, printing and shipping journal encampment (1926) and supplies	541.70
16.	Wm. Miller & Sons, floral design	15.00
17.	E. W. Homan, commander in chief, expense account, October-December	104.04
18.	Thos. Parry's Sons Co., supplies	120.00
19.	C. F. Heller Bindery, supplies	410.00
20.	The Robbins Co., supplies	260.00
21.	Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies	16.00

22. The Banner :		
December, 50,951 cop es.....	\$934. 10	
January, 50,579 copies.....	927. 28	
February, 50,485 copies.....	925. 56	
		\$2, 786. 94
23. Julius Baer, floral design.....		25. 00
24. E. W. Homan, commander in chief, expense account, February and 1927 (Dayton) encampment.....		312. 65
25. The Robbins Co., supplies.....		119. 35
26. The Banner, March, 50,206 copies.....		920. 44
27. Colonial Trust Co., rent (3 months).....		200. 73
28. Geo. W. Billman & Co., insurance on stock.....		14. 06
29. E. W. Homan, commander in chief, expense account, March.....		45. 47
30. Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies.....		25. 00
31. Quaker City Stencil Co., supplies.....		5. 34
32. The Banner, April, 50,317 copies.....		922. 48
33. E. W. Homan, expense account, April.....		114. 66
34. The Banner, May, 50,067 copies.....		917. 89
35. H. H. Hammer, national secretary:		
Amount refunded expended for expenses Forty-fifth encampment, Des Moines, Iowa.....	\$871. 34	
Expense account, August, 1926-May, 1927, inclusive, supplies, shipping supplies, postage, express, telegrams, stationery.....	276. 84	
		1, 148. 18
36. Wm. O. Flatt Co., printing.....		3. 75
37. E. W. Homan, commander in chief, expense account, May.....		324. 14
38. The Robbins Co., supplies.....		260. 00
39. The Banner, June, 49,571 copies.....		908. 80
40. Colonial Trust Co., rent (3 months).....		200. 70
41. E. W. Homan, commander in chief, expense account, June.....		351. 44
42. H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, expense account, June.....		21. 68
43. Quaker City Stencil & Stamp Works, supplies.....		5. 16
44. Wm. O. Flatt Co., supplies, stationery.....		27. 25
45. The Banner, July, 49,433 copies.....		906. 27
46. H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, expense account, July.....		49. 83
47. Wm. L. Anderson, aide, representing commander in chief, division encampment.....		5. 00
48. Void.		
49. H. M. Pratt, junior vice commander in chief, representing commander in chief, division encampment.....		70. 60
50. E. W. Homan, commander in chief expense account, July.....		97. 12
51. The Banner, August, 49,433 copies.....		906. 27
52. H. H. Hammer, salary, Aug. 21, 1926, to Aug. 20, 1927, inclusive, office expense account.....		3, 379. 80
Total.....		20, 701. 32

SUPPLIES

Our business was less than last year by \$521.80 and our profit \$150 smaller. The number of requisitions were as numerous, but the purchases or orders in amounts under the previous years. This indicates that camps did not use the quantity of supplies heretofore disposed of; and, also, that divisions do not carry the proper amount and variety of supplies and forms necessary to fill orders of camps as promptly as they should. Most of the divisions are unable to fill a camp's requisition until they obtain supplies from commander in chief headquarters. Attention has frequently been called to this. A result is that camps and camp officers are delayed, annoyed, and unable to fill their orders, find fault with the conditions. All camps and divisions should necessarily have a proper stock of supplies on hand, so that camps can properly function and divisions fill orders without delay.

To cost of supplies on hand Aug. 21, 1926.....	\$1,952.54
To cost of supplies purchased.....	2,088.37
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To cost of supplies on account for.....	4,040.91
To cost of supplies to account for.....	4,040.91
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To cost of supplies sold.....	1,685.40
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To amount received for supplies.....	2,598.15
Cost of supplies sold.....	\$1,685.40
Cost of supplies to national officers.....	3.28
Cost of shipping supplies.....	76.04
Cost of wrapping paper and twine.....	5.44
Cost of express on supplies received.....	6.94
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Total cost.....	1,777.10
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Profit.....	821.05

Only necessities were purchased, and as noted in general orders and various announcements, it was recommended and urged that camps and divisions consume the forms, etc., on hand, since the captions and titles were of the name and title of the order prior to the change to "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," so that no unnecessary hardship or loss to camps on their supplies and stock in hand might be imposed. This naturally is a reason to an extent for the small amount of business and lower receipts from this source from the usual revenue.

PERMANENT RESERVE FUND

When this fund was established some years ago our conditions permitted of accumulation, balances were substantial, and \$7,000 in addition to the usual sound general balances was set aside in this fund. It was largely applied to the national organization committee in existence 1921-22, later to the Harding Memorial Association fund and other accounts by action of the commander in chief. The balance a year ago was authorized to be appropriated to the general fund. This was recently complied with. The fund consisted of \$2,000 second Liberty loan United States bonds, 4½ per cent. These were disposed of at a premium of \$5.40, the fund closed—total, \$2,005.40, transferred to and accounted for in the general fund.

APPROPRIATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

The forty-fifth encampment, Des Moines, Iowa, 1926, obtained contributions from the members to the amount of \$83.70. This was directed to be placed in the general account, which was done. It is included in the balance reported here, no vouchers having been drawn for or to the credit of same by the committee.

In nearly all general orders requests and appeals were made to the camps and membership for contributions to this committee or fund. None were received.

MEMBERSHIP IN DIVISIONS—GAINS AND LOSSES

Number of camps and members June 30

Division	1926		1927		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	13	303	15	338	2	35		
California and Pacific.....	26	1,133	26	1,127				6
Connecticut.....	41	2,476	41	2,446				30
Illinois.....	40	1,724	38	1,660			2	164
Indiana.....	30	1,784	30	1,654				130
Iowa.....	26	1,032	25	891			1	141
Kansas.....	23	641	23	672		31		
Maine.....	47	2,249	44	2,078			3	171
Maryland.....	10	686	10	646				40
Massachusetts.....	150	9,010	151	8,688	1		2	322
Michigan.....	20	774	18	786		12		
Minnesota.....	12	478	12	433				45
Missouri.....	14	622	14	566				56
Nebraska.....	15	501	13	406			2	95
New Hampshire.....	34	1,191	33	1,143			1	48
New Jersey.....	26	1,706	27	1,636	1			70
New York.....	111	4,869	103	4,628			8	241
Ohio.....	95	4,726	90	4,347			5	379
Oregon.....	11	348	10	284			1	64
Pennsylvania.....	169	12,360	158	11,757			11	603
Rhode Island.....	16	650	16	604				46
Vermont.....	33	1,234	33	1,204				30
Washington.....	14	487	14	460				27
Wisconsin.....	30	1,238	30	1,093				145
Total.....	1,006	52,222	974	49,447	4	78	36	2,867
Loss.....			32	2,775				

Membership recapitulation

	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1926.....	1,006	52,222
Gain:		
By Organization and initiation.....	17	2,283
Transfer.....		711
Reinstatement.....		250
Total gain.....	17	3,244
Aggregate.....	1,023	55,466
Loss:		
By Disbanded.....	19	242
Death.....		537
Honorable discharge.....		249
Transfer.....		719
Dishonorable discharge.....		1
Dropped.....	30	4,271
Total loss.....	49	6,019
Number in good standing June 30, 1927.....	974	49,447
Loss.....	32	2,775

Amount in division treasuries.....	\$9,397.38
Amount in camp treasuries.....	63,199.87
Amount expended for relief.....	47,275.43
Number of members or their families relieved.....	982
Number of veterans or their families relieved.....	220

NEW CAMPS

Applications for charters for new camps, number instituted, were as follows:

Division	Camp applications	Number applicants	Camps instituted	Charter members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	2	36	2	33
California and Pacific.....	4	111	3	70
Indiana.....	1	44	1	39
Kansas.....	1	25	2	148
Maine.....	1	47	1	35
Massachusetts.....			1	125
Michigan.....	1	19	1	19
Minnesota.....			1	118
New York.....			1	134
Ohio.....	2	56	2	56
Oregon.....	1	21	1	21
Pennsylvania.....	1	17	1	30
Total.....	14	376	17	428

¹ Applications for charter approved in previous administration.

A practice associated with the organization of new camps, is that applications are frequently forwarded with organizer's report after the institution of a camp. It is frequently not known a camp has been instituted until months have passed. Reports are long delayed, with payment of the charter fee. Applications for charters for a new camp should be forwarded to commandery in chief headquarters, with charter fee, for approval before the institution of a camp.

INCREASE IN ADMISSION FEE

The action of the last encampment to increase the initiation fee was declared in several instances, as detrimental to camps, and questioning as to the compulsory requirement. Objection to the present fee of not less than \$5 for admission to the order is occasionally submitted. It is contended that eligibles will not pay the fee and that camps can not secure new members unless the fee is reduced.

From 1905 to 1926, inclusive, the smallest number of members initiated was 3,468 in 1919—due to the World War conditions. The next smallest number was in 1918—also cause of the war—with 4,418 members. In 1926 initiations aggregated 4,025 new members.

Initiations (including newly chartered camps) and number of members dropped were:

Division	1925-26		1926-27	
	Number initiated	Members dropped	Number initiated	Members dropped
Alabama and Tennessee.....	25	45	50	15
California and Pacific.....	106	171	91	59
Connecticut.....	124	48	81	70
Illinois.....	212	223	70	173
Indiana.....	157	376	109	276
Iowa.....	194	98	28	147
Kansas.....	42		69	38
Maine.....	149	192	83	146
Maryland.....	72	30	66	71
Massachusetts.....	510	600	367	524
Michigan.....	199	211	76	54
Minnesota.....	44	41	32	79
Missouri.....	75	53	19	70
Nebraska.....	44	37	8	101
New Hampshire.....	89	61	36	46
New Jersey.....	97	183	83	132
New York.....	326	374	257	455
Ohio.....	536	210	254	620
Oregon.....	21	34	32	88
Pennsylvania.....	612	1,221	332	822
Rhode Island.....	38		31	
Vermont.....	166	66	81	101
Washington.....	15	108	14	
Wisconsin.....	172	118	14	105
Total.....	4,025	4,509	2,283	4,271

The outstanding feature is the losses by dropped.

Our greatest problem is to prevent dropping members. One of the outstanding causes for our losses is due, in many instances, to camp not functioning, meetings are slimly attended, little if any interest is manifested, no projects are undertaken. Camp meetings in the main are merely rote, members are not attracted, and the results are the reports we submit. Camp officers are responsible, with the active application of division officers to inspire and interest them and members. In justice to many division officers they must be credited as doing all possible in their power and resorting to every known method to have camps function and carry on the work of the order. They do not have the response nor the cooperation justified by their efforts and services; the same applies to the commandery in chief officers; and especially to you must credit be accorded for every possible urging, plea, suggestion, and appeal that you could offer or present to divisions, camps, and the membership.

With 1,274 camps and 57,824 members June 30, 1917, our membership was the largest—at its peak. The greatest number of admissions in any year was in 1914 when 11,217 new members were initiated.

When our members were admitted to meetings of posts and our order officially designated as official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic at division (department) and commandery in chief (national) encampments, expectations for renewed interest, enthusiastic service, and effective policy and achievement—that something would be done—was looked for with confidence and assurance. Results therefrom are not apparent. There are naturally exceptions, but universally—real production or accomplishment—almost negligible. We are not effective, not performing or producing to the extent or degree we could and should. Camps generally do not have the initiative, do not apply or use their influence, and apparently are unconcerned, manifest little interest in the objects and purposes for which organized and they exist for. What can be resorted to for a change or reversal with the number of camps and members June 30, 1927, presents a serious question to consider.

OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER

Count or check of the mailing list to members shows 778 members not receiving The Banner, compared with the number of members reported in good standing on the reports of division secretaries. This is due to camp secretaries not furnishing complete lists and addresses of members.

Camps and members not receiving The Banner according to division secretaries' reports which per capita tax was received for, were:

Division	Number of camps	Number of members	Division	Number of camps	Number of members
Alabama and Tennessee	1	10	New Hampshire.....	1	12
California and Pacific.....	1	21	New York.....	7	175
Iowa.....	7	171	Ohio.....	4	77
Kansas.....	2	35	Oregon.....	1	21
Maine.....	1	17	Pennsylvania.....	11	178
Maryland.....	2	41			
Nebraska.....	1	20	Total.....	39	778

It is to be regretted that camp secretaries are so indifferent and lax in reporting members entitled to have the paper, and negligent in not reporting promptly the members dropped by camps not entitled to receive The Banner. Appeals were made and instructions promulgated repeatedly therefor.

The Banner is the medium for members as well as camp and division officers to be advised, instructed, and informed of official matters, communications, and all relative to functioning and operation of the order.

The contract expires at this encampment. The editor, Past Division Commander A. S. Holbrook, is always helpful and active in assistance in having correct mailing lists. The official organ is an asset that should be utilized, and it can be, to greatly promote, strengthen camps, divisions, and be a power in influence for the success and accomplishments for the order.

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS

Our Auxiliary—to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—is an influential association of patriotic ladies, willing and eager to always be of service

to our camps and divisions. The Auxiliary is splendidly organized for effective assistance in recruiting members, social functions, and financial interest. It has demonstrated its value as an adjunct in many instances. Camps, divisions, and officers resorting to the Auxiliary members will have results most beneficial and successful. Mrs. Harry E. Keene, national president, and Mrs. Charles E. Carr, national secretary, have obligated us for valuable service and the deep interest exerted in our cause.

Our relations with the other affiliated orders are cordial, and a spirit of mutual helpfulness and interest prevails.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

That the regulations read and conform to the change in name and title of the order, and the constitution, it is recommended:

That the respective chapters, articles, and sections of the regulations (C. and R.) be changed, amended, or altered to conform to the name and title of the order—wherever "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." occurs—be stricken out and in lieu thereof insert "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Sections in article 2, chapter 5, general regulations, under caption, "Badges and decorations," section 1, the letter "U" be inserted after the letter "S" and before the letter "V," fourth line of second paragraph; and that where the "U. S. A." occurs in said section, and all other sections, articles, and chapters, same be stricken out and "S. U. V." be inserted in lieu thereof; also article 3, "Coat of arms," and article 5, "Seals."

CONCLUSION

Your administration was a test of capability to guide and manage the order under very unusual conditions, relating especially to the important and vital feature of finances. The results you conclude your term with demonstrated your efficiency, and careful attention to matters. Appreciation of your efforts and services is a tribute paid you in all sections for your untiring and earnest endeavor to meet the responsibilities you carried so well. You have the good will of the membership and it is not unmindful of impressions, the confidence, and strength you conveyed to all by your earnest assurances, splendid example and confident encouragement. To join in a personal expression of regard binds a tie between us closer as time goes on after the cordial relations the past year. May all your desires be gratified.

To the national officers appreciation of their cooperation and courtesies is expressed with sincere good wishes.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

<i>Debit</i>		
Aug. 21, to balance.....		\$2,486.83
Received:		
Per capita tax.....	\$5.86	
Charter fee.....	5.00	
Interest on bank balances.....	45.61	
Total receipts.....		56.47
		2,543.30
<i>Credit</i>		
By general expenses.....		\$1,887.23
Office expenses.....		246.32
Commander in chief's expenses.....		65.07
By total expenditures.....		2,198.62
By balance, Sept. 15, 1927.....		344.68
		2,543.30

Itemized expenditures

General expenses :		
By The Banner, subscription, September, 1927-----	\$889. 83	
Encampment-----	997. 40	
		1, 887. 23
Office expenses : By postage, stationery, express, rent (3 months), tele-		
grams, miscellaneous-----	246. 32	
Commander in chief's expenses : By postage, telegrams, office, travel-		
ing-----	65. 07	
		2, 198. 62

Vouchers

No.		Amount
53.	D. B. Bowley, senior vice commander in chief, encampment expenses-----	\$139. 73
54.	H. M. Pratt, junior vice commander in chief, encampment expenses-----	27. 61
55.	F. P. Corrick, council in chief, encampment expenses-----	67. 39
56.	William Schneider, council in chief, encampment expenses-----	57. 84
57.	George A. Eberly, national counselor, encampment expenses-----	35. 64
58-62.	J. K. Craig, national chaplain, encampment expenses-----	27. 46
59.	F. C. Huston, council in chief, encampment expenses-----	49. 92
60.	George E. Cogshall, encampment expenses-----	75. 00
61.	Robert G. Hill, encampment expenses-----	18. 00
63.	E. W. Homan, commander in chief, encampment expenses and separate expense account-----	150. 20
64.	The Banner, subscriptions September, 1927, 48,538 (\$889.83), and encampment reports-----	1, 011. 73
65.	Colonial Trust Co. rent, October to December, 1927-----	200. 70
66.	H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, encampment expenses and August to September expense account-----	187. 40
67.	Helen A. Long, encampment stenographer-----	150. 00
		2, 198. 62

H. H. HAMMER, *National Secretary-Treasurer.*

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

STANTON, NEBR., August 21, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and the Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War :

I herewith submit the following as my annual report for the term ending at the coming encampment of the commandery in chief.

The duties of the office of the national counselor have not been arduous. The most important matters submitted to him for opinion and recommendation were the amendments to the division laws of Maine and of Illinois.

The amendments submitted by the Maine division were thought to be consistent with the laws of our national organization and the principles of our order, and their due approval was recommended.

The amendments submitted by the division of Illinois, while in themselves praiseworthy, were deemed to embrace elements which were not in harmony with the powers conferred upon the national organization and possibly violative of the fundamental principles of the order. It was therefore recommended that certain paragraphs be withdrawn. This recommendation it appears was accepted, and the proposed amendments as thus modified were thereupon approved.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE A. EBERLY,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 9, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The honor of serving you as national chaplain of our organization is very deeply appreciated. It is a keen regret that my duties and responsibilities have not permitted my visiting a few of the division encampments during the past year.

I have, however, on several occasions been called upon to serve our own and allied organizations, as well as the American Legion. As national chaplain, I was requested only a few weeks ago, to conduct the funeral service of Mr. J. H. Martin, of Minneapolis, a prominent business man and church leader, the husband of one of the past national presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps.

The national chaplains of the Auxiliary and the Sons have been working together on the memorial service to be conducted on Wednesday afternoon, September 14, at 4 o'clock.

One does not need to give an intensive study to the reports of the national chaplain to conclude that something needs to be done in regard to the revision of the blanks, the time and method of collecting the information desired. I would like, therefore, to recommend that there be appointed a special committee of three to serve with the incoming commander in chief and national chaplain to study the present forms and the reports of this and previous years and come to the next encampment ready to make recommendations along these lines.

I desire to express my personal appreciation for the prompt manner in which so many of the division chaplains submitted their reports.

I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report and certify that I have used every effort to make the said report promptly and as complete and accurate as possible.

Consolidated report of the national chaplain

Divisions	Brothers belonging to camp	Brothers participating in Memorial Day observances	Brothers armed and in line	Brothers uniformed in line	Firing squads furnished	Memorial Day addresses by Sons of Veterans	Brothers attending services memorial Sunday	Camps observing Union De-fenders' Day	Deaths in camp in last 12 months	Funerals at-tended by camp in a body		Burials con-ducted by camp		Camps us-ing memo-rial serv-ice		Cemeteries covered by mem-bers of the camp	Flags placed on veterans' graves	Graves of veterans' given at-tention	Camps reporting	Camps not reporting	Per cent of camps reporting
										Grand Army of the Republic	Sons of Veterans	Grand Army of the Republic	Sons of Veterans	"A"	"B"						
Alabama and Tennessee	343	256		20	2	15	244	8	4	45	4	5	4			37	36,730	36,730	15		100
California and Pacific	1,147	407	173	54	3	15	283	12	14	14	41	7	1		58	3,075	3,524	23	2	91	
Connecticut	2,464	866	48	35	1	64	577	13	26	44	17	11			308	15,401	12,813	29	12	70	
Illinois	1,560	371	102	82	12	48	223	8	10	36	4	1	1		104	8,097	4,909	19	19	50	
Indiana	1,441	564	19	56	3	31	358	8	21	24	3	13	5		150	9,465	9,651	19	11	63	
Iowa	663	295	42	19	3	22	191	10	4	56	2	7			55	5,451	5,451	14	10	59.5	
Kansas ¹	219	57	6		1	3	47	1	2	2	2	2			26	1,753	1,554	7	13	33	
Maine	2,197	846	26	416	8	33	553	22	15	40	3	14	3		399	12,937	8,083	34	12	74	
Maryland	653	259	79	74	11	18	144	7	3	3	5	3	2	4	55	4,625	4,825	10		100	
Massachusetts	6,555	3,186	362	1,848	24	121	1,857	60	68	117	42	46	22		666	41,263	33,402	98	52	65.3	
Michigan	660	255	64	20	5	4	169	4	6	18	3	8			138	5,931	5,096	14	7	66.6	
Minnesota ¹	492	187	42	48	4	13	118	4	6	28	1	1	1		61	4,226	4,924	9	4	69	
Missouri	430	146	20	34	5	12	130	7	9	18	9				73	5,048	2,930	10	4	71	
Nebraska	109	87	87	87		11	60	3	4	12					20	1,093	1,093				
New Hampshire	659	336	64	167	5	17	267	12	9	7	14	4	2		134	5,851	220	17	17	50	
New Jersey	1,538	626	201	240	12	36	381	17	15	32	16	20	10		175	17,297	6,461	21	6	77	
New York ¹	2,972	1,260	167	306	12	93	934	39	31	114	27	40	14		454	35,523	37,260	59	51	53	
Ohio	2,271	979	228	233	12	38	593	16	43	65	17	6	7		240	28,877	22,713	29	61	30	
Oregon	341	70		40		3	70	85	1	10	1				11	784	325	2	9	18	
Pennsylvania	8,912	4,231	1,506	1,706	54	266	2,538	48	113	178	88	139	75		610	54,952	54,952	73	85	46	
Rhode Island	445	231	65	160	9	7	142	4	9	9	3	2	3		85	4,316	3,370	11	5	69	
Vermont	968	345	3	86	2	14	262	4	13	18	7	3	3		196	5,584	3,777	24	13	65	
Washington	275	53	1	2	2	2	47	2	9	10	3			2	9	898	898	4	10	28	
Wisconsin	986	422	28	61	3	24	253	8	18	32	13	10	5		81	3,957	3,957	15	15	50	
Total	38,300	16,327	3,338	9,145	193	910	10,441	400	447	932	332	350	173	96	15	4,145	313,134	268,918	556	418	57.8

¹ Last year's figures.

² 107 neglected graves discovered.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., & L.

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG, *National Chaplain.*

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

ROCKLAND, ME., August 10, 1927.

Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

I have the honor to submit the following report as national patriotic instructor, and to preface the same by an expression of gratitude to you for granting me the cherished and unsolicited privilege of being a member of your official family.

It has been a pleasure to serve with you and for you.

The tabulated result of the reports of the several division patriotic instructors is appended herewith. Such activities as are reported by them that can not be tabulated deserve in many cases special mention, and can best be set forth in this general report.

Consolidated report national patriotic instructor, for year ending December 31, 1927

Divisions and division patriotic instructors making reports	Date report received	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute—daily or occasionally	3. Observe patriotic days	4. Teachers show lively interest	5. Number of flags donated	6. Prizes offered by camp or individuals	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools
Alabama and Tennessee, A. R. McAdam	Mar. 17	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	Large number	No	No.
California and Pacific, P. S. Spaulding	May 14	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	16	Yes	Yes.
Connecticut, J. Randall Gleason	Apr. 5	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	14	Yes	Yes.
Illinois, Geo. R. Thompson	Apr. 22	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	Several	Yes	Some.
Indiana, Albert L. Pauley	June 13	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	916	Few	8.
Iowa, L. L. Shope	July 5	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	By Auxiliary	Yes	Yes.
Kansas, Fred A. Kesler	July 5	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes.
Maine, H. F. Kellery	May 17	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	24	Yes	Yes.
Maryland, J. Clinton Hiatt	Jan. 29	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	None	No	No.
Massachusetts, Robert R. Stevenson	Feb. 24	Yes	Daily	Yes	60 per cent yes	147	No	Yes.
Michigan, G. H. Merkle	Feb. 4	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	80	No	Yes.
Minnesota, Geo. T. Drake	July 5	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	Pole 1, 8.50	No	Some.
Missouri, Fred Geldmacher	July 18	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	19	Yes	Yes.
Nebraska, Frank L. Brown	June 21	Yes	Daily	Yes	Not all	No	Yes	Yes.
New Hampshire, Carl B. Pimer	Apr. 11	Yes		Yes	Yes		Some	Some.
New Jersey, A. M. Jacobs	June 28	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	4	Some	Yes.
New York, Byron G. Seamans	Jan. 22	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	160	Yes	Yes.
Ohio, Chester O. Bigley	Mar. 14	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	165	Some	12.
Oregon, C. A. Howard	June 11	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	250	Yes	Yes.
Pennsylvania, J. H. Wentzel	Apr. 25	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	71	Yes	Yes, 20.
Rhode Island, Alton J. Verrill	June 15	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No.
Vermont, E. T. Griswold	June 23	Yes	Occasionally	Yes	Yes	14	Some	Yes.
Washington ¹								
Wisconsin, Henry A. Goldsmith	June 16	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	39	Some	5.

¹ No report.

Consolidated report national patriotic instructor, for year ending December 31, 1927—Continued

Divisions and division patriotic instructors making reports	8. Sunday schools invited to hold special services	9. Public schools invited Memorial Day	10. Memorial Day observed by churches	11. Objectionable school histories	12. Amount expended for patriotic instruction	13. Do camps offer services to Grand Army of the Republic?	14. Do camps assume charge of Memorial Day?	Good of order
Alabama and Tennessee, A. R. McAdam.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	Yes.....	(²)	Yes.....	Yes.....	Meetings.
California and Pacific, P. S. Spaulding.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	\$797.85	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Connecticut, J. Randall Gleason.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	No.....	570.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Illinois, Geo. R. Thompson.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	1,975.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	Patriotic meetings.
Indiana, Albert L. Pauley.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....		Yes.....	Yes.....	
Iowa, L. L. Shope.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	500.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Kansas, Fred A. Kesler.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	90.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Maine, H. F. Kellery.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	385.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	Patriotic meetings.
Maryland, J. Clinton Hiatt.....	Some.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	340.00	Yes.....	Some.....	
Massachusetts, Robert R. Stevenson.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	1,995.00	Yes.....	50 per cent yes.....	
Michigan, G. H. Merkle.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	70.25	Yes.....	½ per cent.....	Patriotic meetings.
Minnesota, Geo. T. Drake.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....		Yes.....	Yes.....	
Missouri, Fred Geldmacher.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	161.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Nebraska, Frank L. Brown.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	135.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
New Hampshire, Carl B. Pimer.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....		Yes.....	Yes.....	
New Jersey, A. M. Jacobs.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	85.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
New York, Byron G. Seamans.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	576.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Ohio, Chester O. Bigley.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	500.00	Yes.....	75 per cent.....	
Oregon, C. A. Howard.....	Some.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....		Yes.....	Yes.....	
Pennsylvania, J. H. Wentzel.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	2,698.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	Patriotic meetings.
Rhode Island, Alton J. Verrill.....	No.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	No.....	25.50	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Vermont, E. T. Griswold.....	Yes.....	Some.....	Yes.....	Memorial Day.....	240.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	
Washington ¹								
Wisconsin, Henry A. Goldsmith.....	Some.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	Yes.....	522.00	Yes.....	Yes.....	

¹ No report.

² Quite a sum.

Before proceeding to do this I might add that there is quite a demand for the revision of the blank report of the camp patriotic instructor, and it certainly needs such revision. This could best be accomplished by referring same to a committee of competent and experienced brothers who could frame questions that would meet the requirements of the order. This matter certainly deserves the consideration and action of the commandery in chief.

The following comments and incidents are culled from the several division reports:

Alabama and Tennessee.—Objectionable school histories are used in the public schools and are furnished by the State book depositories.

California and Pacific.—A drum corps has been organized at Los Angeles. Two flags have been given to churches by Phil Kearney Camp, Pasadena; Riverside Camp erected a monument at Fort Fremont, near Riverside, in honor of Gen. John C. Fremont and Lewis Rubidoux, at an expense of \$100. The stones that the monument was built of were some of the original stones that were in the fort constructed by the Indians. The monument was dedicated on Admission Day, September 9, 1926, and Figtree John, the old Indian scout of Gen. John C. Fremont, was guest of honor. He is 119 years old.

Illinois.—Camp No. 6, Chicago, is causing to be prepared an accurate and complete record of the soldiers, sailors, and marines of all wars who are buried in Oakwood Cemetery. This lists the number of Union soldiers' graves in this cemetery, which is over 1,200, and contains names of men who fought in the Mexican, Civil, Spanish-American, and World Wars. The book, giving name, record, date of death, and location of grave, has been compiled and is on file in the office of the cemetery officials.

Camp 8, Chicago, has listed graves in Mount Hope Cemetery complete and up to date.

Camp 55, Mackinaw, erected in the cemetery there a monument to the unknown soldiers of 1861-1865.

Iowa.—To stimulate patriotism, broadcasting programs were given by radio, oratorical contests were sponsored, Lincoln Gettysburg tablets and framed copies were placed in public buildings, and copies of the flag history and etiquette booklets were distributed.

Maine.—Get-together meetings are held in the fall and spring which stimulate interest in the order among the eligibles; soliciting donations for *Old Ironsides*.

Massachusetts.—Flag raising, public installations, lectures, parades, entertainments, propagation for donations to save *Old Ironsides*. Result, respect of the public. One thousand five hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty cents was expended by camps in patriotic instruction.

Michigan.—Holding regional meetings with good results.

Missouri.—Camp Jackson memorial 150 per cent.

New Jersey.—Patriotic services have been held in schools and soldiers' homes.

New York.—Visiting day schools with message on patriotism; asking churches to observe with us Memorial and other patriotic days.

Ohio.—Legal action compelling schools to fly flags.

Camp 12, of Mansfield, Ohio, at a cost of \$2,665, erected a concrete stadium and presented same to the soldiers of Richmond County.

Oregon.—Special activity in visiting schools and making patriotic talk.

Pennsylvania.—We have sent copies of the Pledge to the Flag to 219 superintendents of schools, together with the American Creed, with instructions that they be taught in every classroom in the State. Results splendid.

Rhode Island.—Taking part in patriotic affairs, broadcasting, visiting schools and churches.

Vermont.—Entertainments and camp fires reported by several camps, charting cemeteries and marking unmarked graves of veterans with headstones, Grand Army of Republic markers, and flags.

Wisconsin.—A Lincoln memorial tablet was presented to Eau Claire High School by Michael Bribbin Camp, No. 35, with an elaborate program. The affair was very successful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD K. GOULD,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HARDING MEMORIAL FUND

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Yours of July 29 received and noted. As indicated, the following statement shows the amount received from time to time, being contributions to the Harding memorial fund:

Reported at Boston encampment-----	\$66.00
From commander in chief at Boston encampment-----	1,000.00
Reported at Grand Rapids encampment-----	56.80
Reported at Des Moines encampment-----	102.00
Total-----	1,224.80

There have been no receipts since the Des Moines encampment in 1926. These amounts were reported in detail in the annual reports, and the amounts were turned over promptly to the treasurer of the Harding memorial fund. The treasurer was requested to issue certificates of membership to the respective contributors.

Fraternally submitted.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,
Chairman Harding Memorial Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

HARTFORD, CONN., September 12, 1927.

To Dr. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Permit me to submit to you, and through you to the members of the forty-sixth annual encampment, the report of the committee on marking graves.

Your committee decided it would be advisable, first, to ascertain, if possible, what was being done in each State of the Union toward the marking of soldiers' graves and the charting of cemeteries. A letter was sent to each of the adjutant generals of the 48 States asking for the said information. This general survey disclosed the following results:

BURIAL EXPENSES

Eight States contribute from \$50 to \$150 toward burial expenses of soldiers. One State includes widows.

HEADSTONES

Eight States furnish their own headstones, costing from \$5 to \$35.
Four States pay the cost of setting United States Government headstones.
Two States, the Daughters of Confederacy pay for the stones.

CHARTING OF CEMETERIES

Four States—Sons of Union Veterans are doing all the charting of cemeteries.
One State—Daughters of Union Veterans.
One State—Boy Scouts.
One State—Spanish-American War Veterans.
One State—American Legion.
One State—Jointly by Sons of American Revolution and Daughters of Confederacy.
Three States—Joint boards of the various patriotic societies.
Two States—Jointly by Grand Army of the Republic and American Legion.
Two States—In parts of State by community committees.
Twenty-eight States—Nothing.
The survey also disclosed some very interesting laws which could well be used in all of our States:

RETURN OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS BURIED

Two States have laws requiring the sexton, or some officer of every cemetery, shall make return to the adjutant general of the State, giving the name, date of death, age, and the organization the soldier served in, also the number of lot and the part of the lot and cemetery where he is buried. This report must be made every three months.

One State has the following law:

HEADSTONES AT SOLDIER'S GRAVES

"No cemetery association shall make or enforce any by-law, order, or regulation prohibiting the erection of any tombstone or headstone provided by the State, or otherwise, at the graves of any soldier, sailor, or marine buried in such cemetery. Every association or officer thereof who shall violate any provision of this section shall be fined fifty dollars."

Two States have this law:

CARE OF GRAVES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

"In every town there shall annually be appointed by the mayor, or selectmen, a citizen of the town, preferably a person who has served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection, and has been honorably discharged from such service or released from active duty therein, who shall see that every cemetery lot where there is a grave of any person who has so served, is suitably kept and cared for. If the cost of such care and maintenance is not paid by private persons, or by the trustees of the cemeteries where any such grave is situated, it shall be paid by the town; and the towns may appropriate money therefor. Money so appropriated may be expended directly by the town or paid over to the trustees or manager of any cemetery where any such grave is situated; but the sum so paid over in any year shall not exceed for each grave the sum charged for the annual care and maintenance of like lots in the same cemetery, or if no such charge is made in that cemetery, it shall not exceed the sum charged in other cemeteries in the same town for like service."

One State has:

HEADSTONES AT SOLDIER'S GRAVES

"When the grave of any person who in time of war served in the military or naval forces of the English colonies in America, prior to 1776, or of the State, or of the United States, which is located in this State, is unmarked by a suitable headstone or is marked by a marker furnished by the United States Government, the adjutant general shall, upon proper application, cause to be erected at such grave a headstone of material and design approved by the Government, marked with the name of the deceased, the date of his death, and his age, if same be furnished to the adjutant general, and the organization to which he belonged. The expense of such headstone shall not exceed thirty-five dollars, and shall be paid by the comptroller."

One State: The general assembly in 1919 appropriated the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of locating lost soldiers' graves and the proper marking and charting of graves, and at each session since has made appropriations to continue the work.

Securing the foregoing information used considerable more time than was anticipated. In June a letter was prepared, together with a sample chart of how a cemetery should be marked, also with a diagram of State and United States soldiers' stones and private stones, properly and improperly marked, which are hereto attached and made part of this report. These were sent to each division secretary with a request that he forward a set to each camp commander in his division. Space was given also in The Banner to an article on the work.

It would seem that in such a great and noble work which we Sons of Union Veterans are directly interested in, that of reclaiming neglected and lost Civil War veterans' graves, all would be interested, but not so. I fear even some of our division secretaries have failed to mail out the letter and inclosures. A few divisions, however, furnish rays of sunshine, and your committee is pleased to submit their reports as to what has been accomplished or what is contemplated, as follows:

ILLINOIS DIVISION

Have had a committee working on this matter for two years past. With the assistance of affiliated organizations, they have accomplished considerable, and from their report made at their last division encampment, the following facts are taken:

Organized in 52 counties as follows:

By Sons of Union Veterans.....	21
Woman's Relief Corps.....	26
Daughters of Union Veterans.....	1
Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.....	1
Number unmarked graves located.....	2,483
Data and records obtained for markers where markers have not been requested.....	2,519
Markers requested from State superintendent.....	194
Markers requested from Washington.....	385
Graves marked by markers from Washington.....	836
Graves marked by new inscriptions on monuments already erected.....	399

They intend hereafter to include veterans and Army nurses of all wars prior to the Civil War.

This division deserves great credit for the magnificent work it is doing along these lines.

RHODE ISLAND DIVISION

Has recently appointed a joint committee of three to properly mark the graves of all known soldiers of any war in which the United States has been engaged. They use United States stones, which are sent free of cost to the railway depot nearest to the cemeteries where the bodies lie. The State pays \$10 toward hauling and setting each stone. In one town they found 140 lost and neglected graves.

WASHINGTON DIVISION

"I believe the plan is a good one and intend to bring the matter up at our annual encampment."

MAINE DIVISION

"The best constructive work along the lines on which our order works that I have seen in a long time."

NEW YORK DIVISION

One camp says: "We have here about 2,000 graves and up to this time there has been no record of them, and we propose to take a full list and in due time to publish it properly. Your letters and inclosures have been received, and not only do we fully appreciate your sending them to us, but they will be the source of much inspiration in undertaking the work. We do not expect at present to go outside of our city, but eventually we shall hope to take in more sections. We extend to you further the thanks of our Patriotic Council of Grand Army of the Republic members."

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE DIVISION

A Florida camp says: "This is to acknowledge receipt and express our appreciation of your circular letter of May, with inclosures, showing the recommended procedure and methods in connection with proper marking of soldiers' graves, forwarded to this camp through the courtesy of Division Secretary Friedman. This information will be of great value to us in preparing similar data here, for which there appears to be a pressing necessity. At your convenience will you kindly advise also what is the practice of the State of Florida as to furnishing headstones and the same information covering Pennsylvania."

CONNECTICUT DIVISION

The work of charting and marking graves of soldiers of all wars (15 wars in all) is rapidly progressing. It is done almost entirely by Sons of Union Veterans. Some counties are completely done. The State of Connecticut furnishes

a headstone of its own design. About 800 a year are placed. The State makes an annual appropriation toward the work and its officials from the adjutant general down give splendid support.

MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION

"It is a well thought up plan, and I will speak of it in my going about the division to the various camps that I visit. I'll do what I can if you just give me the dope."

OHIO DIVISION

"My father served 1861-1865 in the Ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His remains are interred in Springfield, Ohio. I have wanted his grave marked, showing his service, and intended taking up the matter with the authorities at Washington, D. C. But from some source was given the understanding that the United States Government had discontinued this. Any information you can furnish will be appreciated."

— ANOTHER FROM OHIO

"We are writing for more complete information. Our camp has a World War veteran, also a member of our camp, who for two years has been working on something like this. He has made up a list of about all the unmarked and marked graves, applying to Washington for stones where needed, which, when received, are set up by relatives, or sometimes at the expense of our camp, or in some cases by the Legion."

FROM A PAST PRESIDENT OF THE AUXILIARY AT CHICAGO, ILL.

"Does the State of Missouri furnish gravestones? If so, will you kindly let me know who the one is to apply to? My father died 10 years ago, is buried on the banks of the Ozark, and I should like to get him a stone."

Your committee has sent to the heads of all the affiliated bodies copies of the letters, plans, etc., and has received replies from the Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Daughters of Union Veterans, approving of the plans and offering their earnest cooperation in anything they can do to make the marking of soldiers' graves a success.

While this report is of some length, your committee felt that it was necessary to go into considerable detail in order that you may know what has been done. I think you will agree it is something our order should do, can do, and will do. It is one of the greatest patriotic movements that has been undertaken by any order and it can be made a success.

The committee has not received any contributions since the Des Moines encampment and the fund then raised remains unchanged.

Respectfully submitted.

CHAS. R. HALE,
Chairman Committee on Marking Soldiers' Graves.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 20, 1927.

Hon. Ernest W. Homan, Commander in Chief, and Members of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Your national legislative committee begs leave to submit the following report:

In the Sixty-ninth Congress there were a number of measures introduced which did not meet with the approval of the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, and against such measures your committee worked consistently and effectively during the first session of the Congress. The second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress (which closed March 4 last) being a short session, and the business of the Congress very much congested, the enactment of any of these objectionable measures was not imminent, and therefore your committee was not called upon to do any active

work against them other than to keep a watch on them to see that they were not "slipped" through during the closing hours of the session.

During the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress the activities of this committee were, very largely, devoted to assisting the national legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic in its efforts to obtain an increase of pension for the widows of Civil War veterans. All other work of the committee was, practically, subordinated to this end.

At the opening of the second session of the Sixty-ninth Congress the Hon. Richard N. Elliott, of the sixth Indiana congressional district, introduced in the House of Representatives a bill designed to grant an increase of pension to the widows of Civil War veterans. The bill was referred to the Committee on Invalid Pensions, and hearings were held thereon, and after due consideration of the matter a substitute bill, known as H. R. 13450, was agreed upon by the congressional committee and the national legislative committee of the Grand Army of the Republic; such substitute was later reported by Mr. Elliott to the House of Representatives and on January 5, 1927, was placed on the Union Calendar. Your committee thereupon began a systematic campaign with a view of helping create a demand for the passage of the bill by the House. The membership of our order responded well to the committee's call for assistance, and a demand for the passage of the measure was created. On February 21, 1927, on motion of Mr. Elliott, the bill was taken from the calendar and passed by the House of Representatives, and sent to the Senate, where it was received and referred to the Committee on Pensions. On February 27, 1927, Senator Norbeck, chairman of the Senate Pensions Committee, reported the bill without amendment and strongly recommended its passage, and on March 2 the bill, after a slight amendment, was put upon its passage and passed by the Senate and sent to the President for his approval. The President failed to approve the bill, and therefore the measure failed to become law. Your committee, as well as all of the others who had been working for the passage of the bill, were more than surprised when, at the close of the Sixty-ninth Congress, it heard that the bill had failed to receive the approval of the President. This bill was not actually vetoed, but was allowed to remain unsigned, resulting in what is known as a "pocket veto."

In closing, your committee desires to express its appreciation and thanks to those members of our order who so earnestly and whole-heartedly responded to its calls for assistance. The response was magnificent, and your committee has reason to believe was the deciding factor in getting the favorable action of the Congress.

Respectfully,

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN.
F. T. F. JOHNSON.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. You have heard the splendid report of our commander in chief. Referred to the committee on officers' reports.

(On motion a rising vote of thanks was tendered the commander in chief, at which point all rose and gave three rousing cheers, lead by Past Division Commander William L. Anderson, of Massachusetts.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The secretary will read all communications.

National Secretary HAMMER. I have here communications, some of which will be turned over to the committee on constitution and regulations. There is one in reference to the initiation fee.

Michigan has an amendment to chapter 2, regarding delegates to division encampments being changed from "1 for every 50 members" to "1 for every 25 or major fraction thereof."

Connecticut sends in an amendment to article 5, sections 4 and 5 on page 15 of the Constitution and Regulations relative to duties of the divisional secretary, showing gains and losses, etc.

There is a resolution from New York relative to a historian in every camp and division and in the national body.

Illinois submits several resolutions; one relative to a proposed marker in Arlington Amphitheater commemorating General Logan's Memorial Day order No. 11. The Art Commission protests against the words "rebel hordes" therein, maintaining it will bring about hard feelings on the part of the South. The Illinois division urges a reconsideration of the action of the Art Commission in this respect.

Another resolution relative to the impracticability of the present Government markers is also presented by Illinois. A resolution regarding the changing of the national encampment meeting time to August is also presented.

Connecticut division sends another resolution relative to the initiation fee of \$5.

Maryland division sends in the following resolution:

On May 4, 1927, the following resolution was unanimously adopted by Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5:

Whereas the much-needed construction of new public buildings authorized by Congress will require the tearing down of the delapidated old building heretofore used by the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary organizations for their meetings in Washington; and

Whereas we the members of Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, believe it incumbent upon the Nation, which our fathers and grandfathers saved in 1861-1865, to furnish a suitable meeting place for its surviving defenders, as has already been done by States or municipalities in so many other cities; and

Whereas a bill (H. R. 16656) was introduced at the last session by the Hon. Henry R. Rathbone, Representative from Illinois, which proposed to move the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics from the house in which it is now located to the old Ford Theater, a fireproof building where President Lincoln was shot April 14, 1865; and

Whereas the said bill would have authorized the use of the excess rooms and space, not required for the collection of relics, as an assembly place and headquarters for the Grand Army of the Republic and other patriotic organizations; and, finally,

Whereas we deem it most fitting that the Grand Army of the Republic and the organizations auxiliary thereto should meet in the place where the last and greatest victim of the Civil War suffered martyrdom: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we do hereby indorse Congressman Rathbone's bill; and that we do pledge ourselves and do call upon all our brother Sons of Veterans of the Civil War to pledge themselves to further its passage at the next session of Congress in every possible way; and in case of its failure of passage, to take what steps may be practicable to provide a suitable meeting place for the Grand Army of the Republic in Washington, D. C.

U. S. GRANT, 3d, *Commander*.

ROBT. J. F. McELROY,
Secretary.

The division of Maine has a resolution wherein the commander in chief be urged to report to our organization a concrete proposal on which our camps and auxiliaries may work concerning patriotism.

Massachusetts sends a resolution regarding new receipt blanks for members paying dues, etc.

New York, on constitution and regulations, suggests a new form of application blanks.

(The roll was called and communication was presented by Massachusetts.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. These will all be referred to the proper committees.

(At this point, by unanimous consent, Past Division Commander E. F. Warner, of Maryland, was given the floor.)

Past Division Commander WARNER. Commander in Chief and brothers, Brother Hammer has read the resolution indorsed by the Maryland division, and I have been requested to bring this matter before our national organization. The resolution has your moral support, and we need your financial assistance. I want to go to the Daughters, the Auxiliary, and the Relief Corps for assistance, and want to be able to tell them what the Sons will do. If I should say I did not know what the Sons would give, then they probably would not know either.

About 4,000 of these circulars have been printed, the cost of which amounts to about \$63. The idea is to send letters to every camp in the organization. In order to make these letters look more personal, the name and title and address are to be typed on the top. This will cost about \$60, not including the postage. We wanted to get this matter before the national body before we sent letters to all the camps.

The Grand Army post in Washington, D. C., have been given orders that they will have to vacate their present lodge rooms by the 9th of October, and they have no place to go. A bill has been introduced into Congress by an Illinois Congressman, Henry R. Rathbone, proposing to move the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics to the old Ford Theater, a fireproof building. Our camp has resolved to have the Grand Army headquarters in the same building; but, as you may know, we are not very strong in Washington, and that is why I come before the national body asking for aid.

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). I move that a sum be appropriated to aid this worthy cause.

Past Division Commander HERSHEY (Pennsylvania). I second the motion.

(Agreed to.)

Past Division Commander WARNER (Maryland). We have addressed letters to several division commanders asking for a list of camp officials. Out of about 12, we have received replies from 5. I would ask that all other division commanders leave this information with Brother Isaacs.

Past Division Commander FRANK P. CORRICK, of Nebraska, chairman of the council in chief. Representing the council, I move that the matter of The Banner contract be made a special order of business for to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

(Agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I move that we suspend the rules and go into reports of committees.

(Seconded and agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. The committee on officers' reports are in a position to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., September 12, 1927.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, greetings:

Your committee to whom has been referred the reports of your national officers begs leave to report as follows:

COMMANDER IN CHIEF REPORT

Your committee has received inspiration from a reading of the report. Commander in Chief Homan has acquitted himself with credit and honor to our order. We can appreciate the hardship it must have been to have conducted his office whilst experiencing the anguish incident to the illness in his household, yet such trials are no barriers to a true and loyal son of a Union veteran of the Civil War when there is to be rendered service to the memory of Union veterans, and proves beyond peradventure that patriotic devotion is a propelling force of an unmeasurable quantity and quality.

ORGANIZATION

Your committee realizes the many problems that present themselves in connection with a furtherance of the objects, principles, and numerical growth of the order. There was, however, a factor which possibly was not acute in former administrations and that was a deficit in our treasury; yet there was an advantage in the wise legislation adopted at the forty-fifth annual encampment.

Loss of membership is always appalling, and to stay the tide is a gigantic task. Our order does not stand alone in this matter, as all lodges are experiencing a similar condition. We necessarily regret to see members drop out because it is indicative of the fact that he who allows himself to be dropped thereby outwardly demonstrates a lack of appreciation of the services rendered by his ancestor to our beloved country during the dark days of '61 to '65.

The condition should not engender a pessimistic attitude, but should rather awaken our membership to the fact that our order shall survive the conditions now surrounding it and from the experience thus acquired be engendered and become a larger, more influential, and better respected order than ever before.

Your committee has pondered long and seriously upon the implied recommendation of your commander in chief in regard to effectuating the slogan, "Once a member always a member." It, however, affects divisions and camps to such an extent that your committee believes it can not be accomplished without considerable education of our membership. It is recommended, however, that the incoming commander in chief give serious thought to the decided advantages to be gained from a campaign of education of our membership along the lines herein discussed.

A further implied recommendation is brought out in the commander in chief's report in the matter of infrequency of meetings of camps. It is a matter that is affected by local conditions and, due to such conditions, must be thoroughly worked out by the camps themselves with due appreciation of the possibilities of well-attended and wide-awake meetings. Your committee feels this too is a suggestion worthy of deep study by the incoming commander in chief, and may form a basis for a greater interest in our order.

FINANCE

The commander in chief is to be congratulated upon the efficiency demonstrated and the success attending his efforts to liquidate a deficit handed to him by a previous administration. This deficit was due entirely to matters beyond the control of Commander in Chief Homan's predecessor. The recommendation regarding the reestablishment of a permanent fund has our concurrence, and it is suggested that the incoming council in chief be instructed to arrange for such a permanent fund consistent with the state of the order and the reduction of expenses so as to permit the placing of a part of the commander in chief's revenue in said fund, with the proviso that the functioning of the commander in chief will not thereby be curtailed.

BANNER

Your committee respectfully refers that part of the commander in chief's report appertaining to The Banner to the council in chief for its serious consideration and the reporting thereon to this encampment.

VISITATION

The commander in chief is to be commended upon the visitations made. Your committee feels that too much stress can not be laid upon the advantages to be obtained by the contact of the commander in chief with the membership of the order.

PENSION LEGISLATION

The recommendation regarding the appointment of a legislative committee merits our concurrence.

We recommend the referring of matters concerning initiation fee to the committee on resolutions.

Concurrence is recommended to the continuance of the committee on marking graves of Union Civil War soldiers.

Concurrence is recommended in the matter of division commanders appointing a committee in each division to cooperate with the national committee on marking Union soldiers' graves.

That part of the report recommending the change of the word "division" wherever it appears in the ritual and constitution and by-laws is respectfully referred to the committee on ritual and ceremonies as well as the committee on constitution, rules, and regulations.

The recommendation regarding the membership badge is concurred in, and that the incoming commander in chief appoint the committee, which committee is to function gratis.

The recommendation regarding the appointment of a committee of two to be appointed at this encampment to try and discover and name some objective for our order to work toward is concurred in, with the further recommendation that the committee serve without any appropriation for expenses.

The recommendation regarding revision of blanks is changed to read that the national secretary be empowered to make such revision of the blanks as in his wide experience and knowledge of the demands of the order may dictate.

We congratulate the commander in chief upon his tributes to the Grand Army of the Republic, Army Nurses of the Civil War, Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and our own auxiliary, and it is recommended that this encampment by a rising vote demonstrate its thanks for the interest each of them have shown in our order, the efforts exerted to increase our membership, and encouragement given in a furtherance of our objects and principles.

The thanks of this encampment are due and hereby extended to our commander in chief for his very full and complete report of his stewardship.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. At 3.30 this afternoon we will adjourn to go to the Elks' Temple, where the joint greetings of the Sons and their Auxiliary will be exchanged. Immediately following this, will be the joint memorial services. The allied patriotic organizations were all invited to attend.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I move that the committee on officers' reports have the privilege of finishing their report immediately after recess this afternoon. I would also move that the report in so far as the commander in chief's report is concerned, be adopted as read.

(Agreed to.)

Past Division Commander YENGLING (Ohio). I wish to state that \$95 has been appropriated to the worthy undertaking of Warren G. Harding Camp, of Washington, D. C.

Our commander in chief saw fit to appoint me military aide and to have charge of the Sons at the parade to-morrow morning. It has been very difficult, on account of the season of the year, to get the boys to wear a uniform. I am afraid there will be a small showing of the blue uniform to-morrow morning. All who have their blue uniforms meet at the Morton Hotel at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

No Son of Veteran is expected to march unless he wears a blue uniform. The members of the Massachusetts division, as the personal staff of the commander in chief, will come immediately ahead of the boys with rifles. How many here have uniforms? Other than Massachusetts, we have about 50 who will have uniforms.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Commander in chief and brothers, before we overlook it, I feel that the commandery in chief are indebted to the Massachusetts brothers for the splendid way in which they exemplified the ritual last evening. I feel that we should give them a vote of thanks. I would like to entertain such a motion at this time.

Delegate LOWE (Ohio). I move that we give the Massachusetts brothers a rising vote of thanks.

(The motion was seconded by several and agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. I move a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

(Agreed to.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The encampment will now come to order. Senior Vice Commander, are you satisfied that all here are entitled to remain?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I am.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The chairman of the committee on officers' reports has the floor.

(Whereupon Past Commander in Chief Irelan finished reading his report.)

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS—continued

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S REPORT

Your committee hereby recommends the extending of a rising vote of thanks to Brother D. B. Bowley, senior vice commander in chief, for the fidelity and loyalty with which he conducted his office. His stewardship is another link in the chain of evidence that a son of a Union veteran can and will measure up to any demand made upon him. Every act done for and in behalf of members of our parent organization is like seed sown in a fertile field, it brings the result—a satisfaction of applied service.

The report shows a deep interest in the order and a likewise desire to have it reach its rightful place among the patriotic societies or orders.

The commander in chief having recommended the appointment of a committee to try and discover and name some objective for us to work toward; it is the recommendation of this committee that that part of the report dealing with matters affecting the order be referred to that committee.

The portion of the report regarding The Banner is referred to the council in chief.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Brother Pratt, the present incumbent, has labored long and well for our order, as a reading of his report discloses, and it is recommended that a vote of thanks be extended to him for the service rendered the order.

Paragraph 2, on page 21, of the printed copy of officers' reports, dealing with the needs of the order, is referred to the committee recommended to be appointed by the commander in chief, whose duty it shall be to try and discover some objective for our order.

NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Brother H. H. Hammer has served our order so faithfully and unreservedly with results far beyond the compass of words to laud or praise. Were we able to collate all the remarks of the various committee on officers' reports, the sum thereof would be inadequate to fully express the thanks of this encampment for what Brother Hammer has done for our order and the distinguished honor each commander in chief has enjoyed in his intimate association. Words are barren and action meaningless unless we accept the advice and admonitions of him who is the bulwark of our order. No better evidence of appreciation can be shown for the service rendered by Brother Hammer than for each of us individually and collectively to endeavor to cooperate with him by setting aside all selfish motives and putting our shoulders to the wheel and push the order to the forefront.

The affairs of his office, as is evidenced by his report, have been conducted efficiently and with but one motive and that of making the order what it has a right to be.

The statistics submitted should be carefully analyzed and studied with the sole purpose of seeing what each of us can do to make our beloved order an important factor wherever it has a unit.

Division commanders here present should heed the suggestion made regarding supplies and use every effort to so saturate the camps in his division that in these days service is essential to a successful administration.

It is much to be regretted that our permanent reserve fund has now been depleted. This proves that in our legislation we do not attempt to consider the expense incident to effectuate same, and consequently we now face a most regrettable financial condition. It is suggested that whenever legislation entails expenditures of money that the encampment give due consideration to the matter and provide by some means for such expenditure.

Your committee concurs in the implied recommendation of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer, in that no camp should be instituted until after the application for charter and charter fee is forwarded to the headquarters of the commandery in chief.

The words of our national secretary-treasurer regarding dropped members are most appropriate and merit most careful and thorough thought and an endeavor should be made to rectify conditions so far as applicable to our own camps.

Your committee respectfully refers that part of the report dealing with The Banner to the council in chief for their careful consideration.

Your committee in so far as proposed amendments to the regulations are concerned refer same to the committee on the constitution, rules, and regulations.

NATIONAL COUNSELOR

The report of this officer shows a willingness to respond at all times to any demands made. The thanks of this encampment are due and hereby extended to Brother Eberly for the service rendered the order.

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

The thanks of the encampment are due and hereby extended to Brother Craig for the performance of the duties of the office of national chaplain.

NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The report of this officer shows a performance of duty and a deep interest in the order. The thanks of the encampment are due and hereby extended for service well performed.

The reference made to revision of camp patriotic instructor report blanks is referred to the national secretary-treasurer for his consideration and attention.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SHELLHOUSE,
HOWARD S. WADSWORTH,
ALFRED A. BOYER,
CHAS. H. E. MORAN, Jr.
EDWIN C. IRELAN,

Chairman.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I move you, sir, that the report be adopted as read and the committee be discharged.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

Delegate SCHULTZ (Ohio). The chairman of that committee has made a very fine report, yet he fails to account in the commander in chief's report for the 3,000 members coming in the front door and the 6,000 going out the back door. It seems to me that passing the buck is not the thing to do. It seems to me that the committee should bring in some constructive plan to stop this loss of membership in the Sons of Veterans.

He suggests in his report that the Sons of Veterans should be proud to be members of this order, yet at the same time he overlooks the important fact that although you may be a son of a veteran you may have other things to do. The usual camp meeting is not so interesting that we feel we can not miss it. The Sons of Veterans have been conducting their meetings in this lax manner for 8 or 10 years.

I thought our chairman would observe the innuendo of the commander in chief that this committee would come in with some constructive report as to how we are going to save this membership.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. Is Delegate Schultz discussing the motion before the house?

Delegate SCHULTZ. I am going to make an amendment to that motion, that the report be referred back to the committee for something constructive for the membership we are losing. The commander in chief has had one year's experience that has been very bitter to him, and he put into his report that the loss has been appalling.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. Has he a right to discuss a motion before it has been brought before the house?

Commander in Chief HOMAN. You will please state your motion, Brother Schultz.

Delegate SCHULTZ. I move an amendment to the original motion, to the effect that the report be referred back to the committee and that the committee in turn bring in something constructive on the loss of membership.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Is this amendment seconded?

Past Division Commander CORRICK (Nebraska). I second the amendment.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The amendment is that this report be referred back to the committee, to bring back a constructive report on the loss of membership.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. We have been very highly enlightened by the arguments presented by our brother from Ohio, but has he brought before the committee anything that is constructive? Is he going to lead us out of the darkness?

The committee did do their duty. Our commander in chief recommended to you to find an objective and to work toward it. Our action was concurrence in this recommendation.

My good brother has stood in this encampment year after year and has listened to the reports of the commanders in chief regarding losses of membership, but never has he brought one iota of anything constructive upon which your committee could work.

I knew this was coming, because he told me so. He said, "Ireland, we will have some fun this afternoon." Therefore, I ask you, as a member of this body, to vote down the amendment of Brother Schultz, and sustain the committee.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. There is in the anteroom a drill team from the Grand Rapids Daughters of Union Veterans.

GUIDE. Commander in chief, we present the drill team of Tent No. 2, Grand Rapids Daughters of Union Veterans.

PRESIDENT OF DRILL TEAM. It gives me great pleasure to welcome your convention to our city again, and as a small token of our regard, I present you these flowers in behalf of Eva Grey Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I accept these in behalf of our members and thank you very kindly. I wish the boys could have been in Benton Harbor a few months ago and could have seen you put on your drill.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS—continued

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I desire to offer an amendment to Brother Schultz's amendment, by having him made a member of the committee, and may he deliver to this convention a constructive report on this loss of membership.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Is this amendment seconded?

(The amendment was seconded.)

Delegate SCHULTZ. I want to speak and I do not want a rebuttal. If you vote yes on this amendment, then I will show that the committee did not do its full duty. I can not show you unless you vote yes. He wants me on the committee to show him something constructive, therefore, I hope you put me on.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. There may be something that he can bring back. An increase in membership, a permanent fund—it may be such a report that will make you sit up and take notice.

Delegate SCHULTZ. He can not state for me what I am going to do.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Your point is well taken, Brother Schultz.

What you are now voting on is the amendment to Brother Schultz's amendment, making Brother Schultz a member of the committee on officers' reports. Those in favor signify by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

Delegate SCHULTZ. May I thank you for the honor conferred upon me.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We will now go back to the original motion, that the report be referred back to the committee with the addition of Brother Schultz.

National Secretary HAMMER. I move to lay this matter on the table. The motion was seconded and passed.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). The commander in chief's report has been taken care of. What about the others?

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The motion was that the report of the committee be accepted and the committee be discharged.

Delegate SCHULTZ. I object to being discharged before I have a chance to act.

(A motion seconded and carried that the report of the committee on officers' reports be accepted in its entirety and the committee remain on duty until the close of the encampment.)

(At this point the credentials committee made a supplementary report of 155 members, 2 less than the encampment of last year.)

GOOD OF THE ORDER

(Delegate J. A. Bartlett, of Massachusetts, spoke concerning more publicity for the order of Sons of Union Veterans.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. It seems to me that, judging from the remarks of our brother from Massachusetts, it would be well to go into the committee as a whole and reserve a certain amount of time for the discussion of such affairs.

Therefore I move you that for the purpose of discussing the good and welfare of our order that we go into the committee as a whole.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE

Commander in Chief HOMAN. It has been regularly moved and seconded that we go into the committee as a whole for the purpose of discussing the good and welfare of our order. Those in favor of the motion signify by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We will now discuss matters for the good of the order.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Commander in Chief and brothers, we have dropped 4,200 members during the past year, which our commander in chief says frightens him. I want to say that it certainly frightens me. I have no doubt that we have many here who have some ideas which, if put into practice, would result in much good to our beloved organization.

The thing that confronts us at the present time is how we can stop our losses, financially as well as numerically. Judging from my own observations for a number of years, I feel that we have no business-like organization. You may think that is a harsh way to interpret it, but you will see that my statement is borne out by facts.

I would like to see this national convention adopt a resolution whereby each camp would have at least 1 member as a welfare committee for each and every 10 members in the camp. The duty of this committee would be to get in touch and keep in touch with the membership.

Now, much time and much money is spent each year notifying members to attend meetings, to attend to the sacred duties of Memorial Day, to attend and participate in the services for a comrade or brother who has been taken from us.

If you had a welfare committee, 1 for each 10 members, who would have the correct names and addresses and telephone numbers, the commanders could go to the phone and call the various chairmen, who would in turn ring up the 10 members in their unit and give them their instructions.

In other words, to make our order effective, to make it influential, so that it can be used to the best advantage, it is necessary to put our

organization in the same running order that we have our Army and Navy of the United States, so that we can move at a moment's notice.

By having a welfare committee it will be a small matter to estimate the needs of the members. When you find a member out of employment, see that he gets a change, if we can possibly help him. Why can we not make it an asset to belong to this organization rather than a liability, such as it is?

At our last national encampment many of us thought it was wise to try and cover as much territory as possible and to make as many official visits as possible in the interests of our beloved organization, and with that idea in view we elected a dear brother from the Atlantic coast as our commander in chief and went to the midwest and chose our junior vice commander in chief, and from thence to the Pacific coast and elected another as senior vice commander in chief. All this in the best interests of our order. Yet after having done that, we find that we are handicapped. The commander in chief was not financially able to take care of these official visits.

I found in order to visit a camp it was necessary for me to go into a city, stop at a hotel, hunt up the commander, who would go with me around to the members of that camp and collect their dues in order to pay the per capita tax, get in new members, then get them together and elect their officers, and hold installation. That is some job for the senior vice commander in chief or any other officer!

I found that nine-tenths of the addresses on the roll were incorrect. Don't you see that if we had a welfare committee we would have the correct addresses? Brother Holbrook would not have to have a large number of Banners returned because the members failed to send in to their secretaries the fact that they had moved. When it comes time to discuss The Banner, we should notify the publishers direct. As it is now, the member notifies the camp secretary, who notifies the division secretary, who, in turn, notifies The Banner office. This takes three times the amount of labor that is necessary.

Therefore, by all means let us make it mandatory to have a welfare committee to keep our membership together and active. So much for a welfare committee to take care of our members.

Now as to finances. I want to tell you that our work is not run on a businesslike basis. The greatest burden of camp and division to-day is per capita tax. We are paying tax on the number of members on the roll instead of on the actual receipts. If you will pay your per capita tax out of the actual receipts, you will do away with the necessity of dropping members. I agree and say, amen to the slogan of our commander in chief, "Once a member, always a member" of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.]

Is it charity or fraternity to drop a member because he can not keep his indebtedness paid? I never would drop a member for that purpose if I had a means of keeping his dues paid.

Why not squeeze the water out of the stock and find out what we have in this organization? Let us support our organization by paying, as every life insurance company does, a commission on its actual receipts. If you do that, I predict the fact that we will take a big step onward and upward toward placing our organization in the forefront of the patriotic organizations, and it is our sincere wish to do that.

I suggest just a few ideas, and I am particularly anxious to know how other members of this commandery in chief feel. If there is any merit in them at all, and we can get some good resolutions therefrom, then I feel that my having come to this convention all the way from California will not have been in vain. [Applause.]

Delegate HANSON (Ohio). We can not all take up 5 or 10 minutes of our time. I move that five minutes be plenty of time for an oration on the good of the order.

Delegate COOKE (Ohio). I amend that motion by making the limit three minutes.

Delegate SCHULTZ (Ohio). There was no time limit set. He could not have said one-half of what was in his soul in any fewer words. Why suppress anyone?

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The question is that the time be limited to three minutes for discussion for the good of the order. Is there a second to that motion?

(The motion was duly seconded, and not agreed to.)

Delegate LOWE (Ohio). I have been a member of the Sons of Veterans since 1884, and a member of Camp 110, Ohio division. Of course, my camp loses some members, but having been secretary for seven years, the records show that the camp never lost one member for nonpayment of dues.

I find that if I send some one around to collect the dues I can keep all members in good standing. They are willing to pay if some one will come after it. If you will send some one out to look after the dues you will stop 90 per cent of the losses. We charge 25 cents per month, and if any Grand Army post in Ohio is unable to pay their per capita tax we pay it for them.

It is only a matter of personal work, and there is only a few fellows who will do it. If you can't get one man to do that work, I don't think much of your camp. It is not legislation but personal shoe leather.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). Brother Bowley has got the thing about right. We had a national organization committee; they were "go-getters," but they did not produce any results. This committee of 1 member for every 10, I believe, could be worked out to a good advantage.

I know this, brothers, when our camp in Chicago wants to hold a meeting it is up to James to do it. I go at it in the same manner that Brother Bowley suggests. I call up a few members and they in turn each call up the rest of them, and in a short time we have the whole camp together and we have our meeting.

Now, as to paying per capita tax on actual receipts, it is a new idea to me. I can say with Brother Bowley, "Once a member, always a member," but I would like to ask this question. What are you going to do with a man who is absolutely indifferent to the organization? Is there any use carrying a man of this kind on your roll? When a member has been out of work, that is different. I would not drop that member. But when a member becomes indifferent and has no interest in our order, I do not believe he is an asset to us, but somewhat of a liability.

So far as what this gentleman from Ohio has said about personal service, I say amen to every word. I have worked in the Sons of

Veterans for something like 35 years, and all the results I have ever got, either new members or collecting delinquent dues, were obtained by the use of the instep and the shoe.

Division Commander BABYLON (Indiana). It is about time to adjourn and we are getting nowhere. Why not have the commander in chief appoint a committee; and if anyone has anything to offer on constructive legislation, hand it to the committee and let them pick out the best points and report before this convention.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I move that our commander in chief request the committee on constitution and regulations to bring before this encampment at the earliest time possible an amendment to our regulations to the effect that each and every camp appoint a welfare committee.

Delegate HANSON (Ohio). I agree with Brother Bowley that this recommendation come direct from the commander in chief, but I would amend the motion by making it mandatory to have each camp appoint a welfare committee.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I accept the amendment.

(The motion was duly seconded, as amended, and adopted.)

Delegate WHITEHEAD (Pennsylvania). I move the encampment recess until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

(Agreed to.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The committee on greetings to the Auxiliary are due over there now, and the rest of us are going over in a body and listen to their greetings, and hear the Auxiliary greetings extended at the same time. Later on we will take part in the memorial services.

Should it rain to-morrow morning, we will meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Otherwise, we will now recess until 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, Wednesday.

(The encampment, at 3.55, then recessed.)

JOINT GREETINGS OF THE SONS AND AUXILIARY

The joint greetings of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary were exchanged at the Elks' Hall at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Anna F. Keene, national president of the Auxiliary, presiding.

The program was preceded by a few selections by the fife and drum corps from Camp No. 21, Aurora, Ill.

National President KEENE. Past National President Sister Flora Whitney escort our commander in chief to my station, with the guide and color guards. National Secretary Katie E. Carr escort Judge George A. Eberly of Nebraska.

(Commander in Chief Homan is escorted into the room amid applause.)

Past National President WHITNEY. Sister President and members of the forty-first national encampment, I have the very great pleasure of presenting to you commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Dr. Ernest W. Homan, of my own division of Massachusetts. [Applause.]

National President KEENE. Dr. Ernest W. Homan, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, words fail me to tell you how

happy I am at this time during my encampment. I am very, very happy. Sisters, salute. Escort our worthy brother to this station.

(National President Keene directed the greetings committee to the Sons of Union Veterans to escort the committee, and Sisters Margaret Palmer, Margaret Waters, and Cora Shelton escorted H. H. Hammer, N. J. McGuire, George E. Cogshall, and Harry S. Rice into the room.)

Past National President MARGARET PALMER. It is my pleasure to present to you H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer of the Sons of Union Veterans. [Applause.]

Past Division President CORA SHELTON. I have the pleasure to present to you and through you Brother Newton J. McGuire, past commander in chief of the sons of Union Veterans, and division secretary-treasurer of the Indiana division. [Applause.]

Past Division President MARGARET WATERS. It is a great pleasure to present to you Brother George E. Cogshall, past division commander of Michigan. [Applause.]

National Secretary KATIE E. CARR. I have the pleasure to introduce Brother Harry S. Rice, division commander of the Connecticut division. [Applause.]

National President KEENE. Brothers, I bid you a hearty welcome. You will please escort our worthy brothers to this station. This is indeed a great pleasure that I have, to have the greetings committee of the Sons of Union Veterans with us, and I introduce our own national counselor, H. H. Hammer.

H. H. HAMMER. National president and sisters of the Auxiliary, I have my orders to be brief. I am going to obey them. I am very much impressed, I can assure you, with the delightful honor you have conferred upon me. I have been trained not to try to make speeches if one can't. I have been trained not to know how. I assure you that the honor you do our encampment is greatly appreciated. I presume you have heard my report. The harmony that exists from one year to the next is extremely surprising to me. You needed me to help out on very small things. In the conduct of your affairs you had a national president who had been well trained, and how ably she has performed her duty I do not need to tell you. I recall our understanding was that we were going to be dignified—and we are. I remember when your president was first made a division officer. She has been a worker, in season and out, since about 1889. It certainly is a tribute to your national president who is at the apex of her years of service in this splendid society.

You, national president, are going to join the ranks of the past national presidents, and the best we can offer you is sincere wishes for a long life. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief MCGUIRE. Sister president and sisters of the Auxiliary, I do not know that I can be as serious as my friend Hammer and do as much cake-walking around as he did. Somehow I always draw him as a partner, and here we are partners in greetings to the Auxiliary at the national encampment. He, chairman of this committee, cautioned me that we were to be very serious. I will not try to parallel him in an address here. If I do, you will pardon me, because I am naturally seriously inclined. I look back over the years of the Sons of Veterans and its Auxiliary to the time when the Aux-

iliary was known as the "Ladies' Aid Society," and I think of what it was in its early history and what it is to-day. I think your organization has grown in numbers and in strength and in power, sister president, to a degree that you may well be proud of. All our organizations, all fraternal societies, have their trials and their ups and downs, but we all have a good many things to which we can point with pride.

When I was here last night and saw the exemplification of the ritual put on by the past national presidents of the Auxiliary, I thought to myself, "I don't believe I could select an organization of women that represent better principles and have a more representative personnel and have accomplished more than the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans." [Applause.] The auxiliary has come quite close to my heart within the last year or so. You know it used to be that I was introduced as a past commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans. Now my official title is the husband of the division president of the Indiana Auxiliary. Girls, I am proud of your auxiliary. I am proud of the fact that in my humble way I have tried to help carry on your noble work. I am proud to serve you. They say that distance lends enchantment, and the further we get away from the Civil War, just as sure the interest is going to increase. Our work will be greater as time passes. I thank you. [Applause.]

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

The joint memorial services of the Sons of Union Veterans and their auxiliary took place at the Elk's Hall, National Chaplains Millie Fowley and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., having charge. The services were opened with a prayer by the national chaplain, Sister Millie Fowley.

Special music was furnished by a quartet from All Souls' Church of Grand Rapids.

The altar was draped while quiet music was played by the encampment pianist, followed by the singing, "America".

The quartet sang "Lest We Forget," and the following program ensued.

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Sons: I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead yet shall he live. Whosoever believeth in Me shall never die.

Auxiliary: God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, no sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Sons: We make too much of the circumstances men call death. All life is one. All service one, be it here or there.

Auxiliary: The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

Sons: The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved, He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. They that trust in the Lord are as Mount Zion, which can not be moved, but abideth forever.

Auxiliary: As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from this time and forevermore.

Sons: O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev. J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG, D. D. (national chaplain). Sister Bowley, of California, will speak of the Auxiliary members who have departed, and following, her colaborers will make their floral contributions.

Sister BOWLEY (California). California comes to you to pay tribute with flowers, in honor of those who have gone before. We offer their dear parents and friends our love. Not alone do I come for California, but for all the sisters who have gone before you. Just as the spring blossoms fall, we know you will follow in their footsteps. We try to drive away the darkness of sorrow and try to look forward to the day with its brightness, when with loving hearts we will meet our loved ones who are watching and waiting for the touch of a loving hand. We place our love offering at this altar. This service should bring to us lessons of good. The end is inevitable; we must all answer the call which reminds us that we should scatter more sunshine while we are here.

(Flowers were laid on the altar by members of several divisions in memory of their departed sisters.)

National Chaplain CRAIG: During the past year several past division commanders have passed away, and only this morning there came word that while this memorial service is being conducted Past Division Commander Sparling, of Michigan, is being laid to rest.

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF AMBROSE E. B. STEPHENS

The grim reaper has taken away from us that man who was great, both physically and mentally. That man who was beloved by all who knew him. I refer to our brother Past Commander in Chief Stephens. We have asked Past Commander in Chief Coffin to speak, representing the Sons, and also because he was a very dear and personal friend of Past Commander in Chief Stephens.

Past Commander in Chief W. M. COFFIN.

They're passing away, those dear old friends,
Like leaves on the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the beautiful past.

From out these many members of the commandery in chief who have passed on during the year there stands the name of one who was known well to most of us. To know him was to feel, somehow, an intimate acquaintance with him; and so, to many of us has come an indescribable sense of personal loss. And for me it is most difficult to speak of him now, as my heart would have me do, because I can say, "It was my luck to be his friend." Friend, indeed, in all the meaning of that word.

Ambrose Everett Burnside Stephens (familiarly known to all as "Buzz") was born June 3, 1862, and passed into the great beyond on the morning of February 12, 1927. That the end should have come on this day seemed symbolic of the patriotic life he had lived. For

40 years he had been an earnest, faithful member of the order. He was the organizer and first captain of the camp in which he held membership. He was commander of the Ohio division in 1899, and 1915 he was chosen your commander in chief.

It seems to me the encampments can not be quite the same without his visible presence. I say "visible presence," for his life has left its impress upon us, and I feel his spirit is still with us.

I have been asked to voice a tribute to his memory. But what need of words of mine? They will fade into thin air and vanish with the echo of these walls; but upon the tablets of your hearts the memory of his life amongst us will be forever graven far beyond my power to change. And at such a time as this the heart hath a fullness like unto the ocean tide of Tennyson's *Crossing the Bar*, "Too full for sound or foam," when such a friend as "Buzz" Stephens has turned again home.

His was a kindly and lovable personality. He was appealingly genuine in all his dealings. He was always simple, direct, and sincere, and he never lost his sense of proportion.

It is said a man comes closest to the Great Creator by moving amongst the things he has created, mingling with their breath, scenting their habits, joys, beauties, secret thoughts. If this be true, then "Buzz" was always close to the mercy seat. But I sometimes wonder if all of us had a full appreciation of his real philosophy of life. I never had it in the fullest sense until shortly before the end, when I chanced to pick up a book he had been reading. In it he had marked numerous paragraphs. It is said one can judge a man by the books he reads. At first thought one might not have associated such a book with "Buzz's" disposition. It was that work much discussed just a few years ago—*Papini's Life of Christ*. When I read the passages there that he had marked I gained a deeper and a finer insight into the soul of "Buzz" Stephens. I had thought to read one or two of those passages and thus disclose to you that real philosophy of which I have spoken; but in view of the limitations which time and weather have placed upon all of us here this evening, I know that if "Buzz" were with us in the flesh as we so often saw him he would whisper to me, in his humanly compassionate way, "Cut it short, Bill; cut it short"; and so I will omit that reading. But the real spirit and sentiment of "Buzz" Stephens is also well typified, I think, in Edgar Guest's poem on *Neighborliness*, which, in closing, I will read:

Not great, but neighborly I'd be,
 With eyes that are awake to see
 The tender little lines of care
 Upon the faces everywhere—
 With wisdom that can understand
 From just the pressure of a hand,
 Or just a word, voiced soft and low,
 Whether the heart be glad or no.

Along my little path I ask
 Full strength to meet my daily task,
 And then this knowledge: That there beat
 No truer hearts than those I meet;
 That all that life has power to give
 Lies 'round about me where I live;
 That rich or poor, unto the end,
 Or high or low, a friend's a friend!

Not far I'd travel. There's no need!
 Here I can do the kindly deed.
 Here I can laugh and live and learn.
 Here all the lights as brightly burn
 As those which shine on haunts afar.
 Here troops of merry children are,
 Grown men and women good to know,
 What more can distant scenes bestow?

Not great, but neighborly I'd be.
 Would better know the ones I see
 From day to day, and better share
 Their fleeting joys and times of care.
 I'd speak with deeper meaning, too,
 The morning's greeting: "How d'you do?"
 And reap from life as much of love
 As those who reach the heights above.

"Buzz" Stephens loved his home; he loved little children; he loved his fellow men. He was a strong man, courageous to the end. With almost his last whisper he repeated again and again to comfort those about his bedside, "It's all right; it's all right." That was "Buzz" Stephens's way of saying "Thy will be done!"

National Chaplain FOWLEY. The beautiful altar cloth we are using in this memorial service is the gift of our own national president, Anna F. Keene and Commander in Chief E. W. Homan. I personally thank them for this gift while I was national chaplain.

(Past Division Commander Frank C. Huston, of Indiana, sang Tennyson's Crossing the Bar, the music of which was composed by himself.)

National Chaplain CRAIG. Our Father in heaven, be pleased to look down upon our sorrow. May we find peace and comfort in the scriptures. May our loved ones have passed into life everlasting. In Jesus's name we ask it. May the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with all our brothers and sisters who mourn the loss of friends and loved ones. May peace abide with us, now and evermore. Amen.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(September 14, 1927)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Senior Vice Commander in Chief, are you satisfied that all here are entitled to remain?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Commander, I am.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Past Division Commander Yengling, of Ohio, will make a report on the parade at this time.

REPORT OF MILITARY AIDE

Past Division Commander YENGLING. I believe the commander in chief could make a better report than I. I thought there were 35 Sons marching, but Commander in Chief Homan says 128. We have 15 men carrying rifles. We asked for 100. It is a shame, with an organization of 50,000, to have to beg the men to come out and carry a rifle once a year. I would like to tell you a few more things, but I don't believe I'd better. That's plenty.

(Secretary Hammer read the following communications:)

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., *September 13, 1927.*

DEAR HAMMER: Kindly express to the brethren of the annual encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans my sincere regrets at my inability to attend this encampment. For 20 years, with but few exceptions, I have attended such sessions, and always with profit to myself. The friendships formed at such affairs have enriched my life beyond the power of the writer to express, and I am hopeful that I may resume such visits at subsequent encampments.

I am hopeful that all that is done or said will be to the ultimate good of the order, and that a larger measure of success may be the portion of the coming year.

C. F. SHERMAN,
Past Commander in Chief.

DAYTON, OHIO, *September 14, 1927.*

H. H. HAMMER,
Hotel Morton, Grand Rapids, Mich.:

Earnshaw Camp, No. 89, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, extend greetings to the national encampment. Wishing you a happy and harmonious encampment.

F. E. LONG, *Secretary.*
L. O. COBLENTZ, *Commander.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. The committee on constitution and regulations will make a report on all matters referred, with the exception of one that just came to me, and will be acted upon later. The report of the commander in chief contains three recommendations which were referred to the constitution and regulations committee.

The first refers to the minimum fee of \$5, adopted at the last session of the commandery in chief, in Des Moines, one year ago. The recommendation reads—

that article 6, "Finances," sections 1 and 3, remain as at present and be given one year's trial, before any change is attempted.

Your committee reports concurrence and recommends adoption.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. You hear the report of the committee, which also recommends adoption of the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

National Secretary HAMMER. I move that where there is no objection, the recommendations of the committee be accepted without motion.

(Agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. The second recommendation of the commander in chief is as follows:

I recommend that wherever the word division appears in ritual and constitution and by-laws it be changed to department.

Your committee recommends nonconcurrence.

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. I think possibly we would like to hear the reason for this action of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I will explain. As is shown in the recommendation of the commander in chief, there is nothing back of it, save that of having a uniform manner of referring to the organization with the others. When we consider that if this recom-

mendation is adopted, it would mean all of the camps would have to get new seals and necessitate getting new stationery. In other words, we can not see what we would gain simply by saying "department of California," rather than "division of California."

Past Division Commander AUSTIN (Alabama and Tennessee). I would like to ask a question. Have we ever had our seals changed to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War? When that is changed, why can't "division" be changed to "department" at the same time?

(At this point the senior vice commander in chief was called to the chair and Commander in Chief Homan took the floor.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brothers, in making this recommendation, while I simply referred to it as a matter of uniformity, I was prompted by the fact that for a year or more we have been known as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we have made no change in most of our seals, stationery, or badges, charters, etc. We are still called Sons of Veterans. The Daughters of Veterans, showing a businesslike way of doing things, since last year have gone right through the line changing seals in every tent and have new ones with Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They have gone into the matter of changing their badges also. I was prompted by the fact that soon it would be necessary to print new constitutions, rules, and regulations. Why not print them right and have Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and there would be no additional expense to change "Division" to "Department" at the same time. This is an opportune time to do this. It is not important, but most of us know that all the other organizations call themselves departments, and we are the only ones who have not changed. Why not change it all at once and be known as the department of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the same as the rest? [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. In view of the turn of things, since we learn that no new seals have yet been furnished, I move nonconcurrence in the report of the committee, and as a substitute motion to the recommendation of the commander in chief, that the change be made as and when new stationery and constitution and regulations, etc., are printed.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). I second the motion.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Regularly moved by Coffin and seconded by James, of Illinois, that we do not concur with the action of the committee, and, in other words, adopt the recommendation of the commander in chief with the proviso, change to take place when new forms, seals, etc., are made. Are you ready for the question?

National Secretary HAMMER. That is what we are doing. We have the seals made with the inscription, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," as they are purchased by camps ever since the change. As we have new forms printed the change is made in them.

Past Division Commander MORLEDGE (Nebraska). Regarding the seals, they cost \$6.50 now. The expense comes on the division, not the national organization, and most of the divisions are not financially able to buy new ones. What will we do with the old seals, junk them and buy new ones, or get a new stamp and put on the old ones?

Division Commander COLBURN (Kansas). I move we do not change "division" to "department." It distinguishes us, and I believe it would be better to leave it as it is.

Division Commander BABYLON (Indiana). As a member of this committee, that was all carefully gone over. The commander in chief has been saving expenditures, and we are trying to do that. The title "division" has stood all these years, and it seems to be the distinguishing part of our organization; and that is what we want. Let's be a little different.

Past Division Commander MORAN (Massachusetts). As long as we have to change our seals anyway, on account of the change of name a year ago, I can see no reason for additional expense to change it from "division" to "department."

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I should like to ask our national counselor a question. Two years ago we changed our name. When that adoption was made, would it be necessary to adopt an additional resolution that would make the change of name mandatory?

National Counselor EBERLY. The action was mandatory in itself.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. We have to change the seals, if we change the name; is that right?

National Counselor EBERLY. That would be the natural thing to do.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Do the brothers understand that fully? We changed our name two years ago; at that time the seals should have been changed. It is not illegal to use the old ones, but it is probable that they should have been changed.

Past Division Commander SMITH (Minnesota). The objection that I have for not changing the name from "division" to "department" is this: It would take two or three years to get used to the name. There would be further confusion along with Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I see no reason for the change at all.

Delegate HAWKINS (Indiana). From the discussion of this subject, I can see no good reason why the name should be changed from "division" to "department." It would not benefit us any to carry on under this name. It would be better for the organization to go on under "division," as it is. I see no reason to change it at this time. There are other things more important for our organization to take care of.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). I do not know of anyone in the order who is in a better position to tell us the necessary changes to make our order what it should be than the man who has served as commander in chief for the past year. What he says goes a long way with me.

As far as the expense is concerned, there would be no immediate cost added. It would be only as new stationery and new seals were ordered. It would be the same as it was two years ago, when we changed our name. It was understood at that time, when the new name was adopted, that the change would take place when new material and stationery, etc., were ordered.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Are you ready for the question?

(Cries of "Question.")

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. The motion as made by Brother Coffin, of Ohio, and seconded by Brother James, of Illinois,

is nonconcurrence in the report of the committee and a substitute motion to the effect that the change be made as and when new stationery, constitution, and regulation, etc., are printed. All those in favor signify by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." The chair is in doubt. Those in favor please raise your right hand. The question you are voting "no" on means that you do not accept the motion of Past Commander in Chief Coffin. All those in favor signify by raising their right hand. Those opposed. The motion of Past Commander in Chief Coffin is carried.

(The commander in chief resumed the chair.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brothers, there are delegations from the American Legion Auxiliary and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in the anteroom. I will appoint Brothers Hawkins, of Indiana; Barrows, of Rhode Island; and Deems, of California, to escort the delegation from the American Legion Auxiliary into our encampment. Brothers Buck, of Illinois; Klein, of New York; and Anderson, of Massachusetts, to escort the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY AND THE LADIES OF
THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Division Commander Deems, of California, presented Mrs. Frances M. Loomis, president of the local auxiliary to the American Legion.

Past Division Commander Anderson, of Massachusetts, introduced Mrs. Gladys N. Newton, of New York, national press correspondent, of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Past Division Commander Klein, of New York, introduced Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, past department president of New York, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, chairman of this committee.

Division Commander Barrows, of Rhode Island, introduced Mrs. Miller, vice president of the local auxiliary to the American Legion.

Delegate Hawkins, of Indiana, presented Mrs. Alma Vieregiver, of the department of Michigan, American Legion Auxiliary.

Past Division Commander Buck, of Illinois, introduced Mrs. Jessie B. Mannis, of California, a member of the national council, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief Homan presented Mrs. Frances M. Kuhns, of New York, past department president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Mrs. FRANCES KUHNS. Commander in chief, officers, and members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, this is not my first time in bringing greetings to this convention. There is no one more experienced to bring greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army to the Sons of Civil War Veterans. It is a great pleasure. We are all working for the great principles for which we stand. We are trying to perpetuate the memory of the veterans of the Civil War. We are looking toward the day when they will be no more, and are trying to keep green the memory of what they did and the things they have done in the past and they will not be forgotten. I bring greetings from our national president and our national body, but I bring more than that. I have always been told that to exchange or give a photo is only when we think a lot of somebody. I present the portrait

of our national president, and I am sure you will all agree that that is some gift. [Applause.]

That is her personal gift, but the ladies want you to smoke while you are looking at our national president. [Presented box of cigars.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I will have to have a word of explanation here. I am going to show you this portrait, so you can all see it. I gave Mrs. Tompkins my portrait, so she gave me hers.

Mrs. GLADYS NEWTON. Commander Homan and brothers, I wish you a very happy convention and God speed in your work. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. JESSIE B. MANNIS. Sons of Union veterans, it is a privilege to bring greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. The close relationship of our order with yours should cement us closely together. We appreciate your courtesy to us at all times and we wish you God speed in anything you undertake to do. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Ladies, when you go back to your convention, convey my thanks to your national president and the national body as well as the greetings of this encampment. I have enjoyed my associations with the heads of the patriotic orders so much that I thought we should have portraits of the others, to keep fresh in our memory our pleasant year together. Division Commander Babylon, of Indiana, will respond.

Division Commander BABYLON. Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a distinct pleasure and honor to have you here in our gathering. We, as sons of Union veterans, always appreciate the ladies. We could not get very far without their aid. The work of your organization, fostering the interests of the boys in blue, is a worthy one and worthy of your endeavors. We appreciate having you here and want you to take back the kind wishes of our commander in chief and say for us: We wish for all the ladies a mighty successful year and we are ready to cooperate and go hand in hand with your great work.

GREETINGS FROM LOCAL AUXILIARY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We also have here a delegation from the local auxiliary to the American Legion. Mrs. Frances M. Loomis, president of the local auxiliary. [Applause.]

Mrs. FRANCES M. LOOMIS. Commander in chief, it is a great pleasure to bring greetings from our auxiliary to you Sons. Grand Rapids welcomes you back again and your visits here are among the most pleasant memories we have. Doctor Homan, I trust that you will accept these flowers with our kindest wishes and greetings. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. You have done everything possible to make our visit happy. I appreciate your gift and extend my thanks for your remembrance. Brothers, it is my pleasure to introduce Mrs. Miller, vice president of the local American Legion Auxiliary. [Applause.]

Mrs. MILLER. There has been so much said and so well said that I will simply add I hope you like Grand Rapids and will come back again. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. It is a great pleasure to introduce Mrs. Alma Viergiver, of the Michigan department auxiliary to the American Legion. [Applause.]

Mrs. ALMA VIERGIVER. Commander in chief and brothers, I am a Daughter, so I can call you brothers, I hope your stay in Grand Rapids will mean as much to you as it does to us. When you are ready to come back, let us know. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Past Division Commander Charles H. E. Moran, of Massachusetts, will respond.

Past Division Commander MORAN. It is a great pleasure for our organization to receive a delegation from your unit, bringing greetings from your organization. We realize that although you are young in the work, you are a happy addition to the patriotic family. You do what the older ones can not in the interests of the soldiers of our country. We thank you for your kind greetings.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Will you please give this to Mrs. Tompkins with my compliments.

(Whereupon the commander in chief presented encampment badges to each lady and they were escorted from the room amid applause.)

GREETINGS FROM THE AUXILIARY TO THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR

National Secretary Hammer presented Mrs. Margaret Carney Palmer, past national president of the Auxiliary and chairman of the delegation.

Past Division Commander Gogshall, of Michigan, presented the national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Anna F. Keene. [Applause.]

Division Commander Harry S. Rice, of Connecticut, introduced Mrs. Margaret Waters, past division president, of Massachusetts.

Past Commander in Chief McGuire presented Mrs. Cora Shelton, past division president, of Indiana, and past national organizer.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We are not always favored with a visit from the national president. I trust that you appreciate how much the Auxiliary think of you to have "Nan" leave her own convention and come to mine. We have had many interesting experiences together this year, and we have also exchanged portraits. It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you boys our national president of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Anna Keene. [Applause.]

Wherever we have gone together, people would say, "Aren't they a cute little couple." [Laughter.]

National President Mrs. KEENE. Commander in Chief and brothers, this is one of the happiest moments of my year. I did not have the slightest idea that we would have this pleasure. Your commander in chief and I thought we would have our greetings together. I bring the greetings of our national organization and pledge anew our support. Doctor Homan and I have had a wonderful year. I want you to know that I am tickled to death to get here. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Boys, when Horace introduced this lady, I am sure he made a mistake. I am going to introduce her as

Margaret, because she is just that to me. You all know her, Mrs. Margaret Carney Palmer, past national president of the Auxiliary. [Applause.]

Mrs. MARGARET CARNEY PALMER. Commander in Chief Doctor Homan and brothers, if it seems that I have looked serious, it is because I have come on a very serious mission, in bringing the greetings of the Auxiliary to the Sons. I do not know how I could tell you how much we think of you. This is the forty-first year that you have had an Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and in those years cordial greetings have been exchanged and the pledge of allegiance renewed. I think it is well for us to consider what we mean to each other.

It is my happy privilege to represent your Auxiliary in bringing the greetings of more than 32,000 sisters and over 600 auxiliaries. I want to tell you that we bring you greetings; we bring to you again our pledge of loyalty to your work. We are glad and proud to give our services. You are the ones to carry on the work of the Grand Army. There are other great military veteran organizations, but the Sons of Civil War Veterans are the ones who will tell the story of their fathers. I believe and we all believe that this is but a temporary phase in this organization. The Sons of Union Veterans will go on and become a bigger and better organization. I want you to know that we will be just as true in the future as we have been in the past. We congratulate you in your success, and want you to know your Auxiliary stands by you. In addition to this special message, I have also a personal message from the Auxiliary.

Doctor Homan and I have been closely related in Sons and Auxiliary work. We live near each other. Way back, when I was Margaret Carney, he was Doc. Homan too. I know you have made a sacrifice from your profession to carry on the work of your order this year, as well as ours. You know Doc. was always an Auxiliary man.

In behalf of our national body, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, I have the pleasure to present to you this clock, and I want to tell you how much we all think of you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Perhaps you think this is an easy job. Some of these fellows know what it is, for they have been through it. I want to say that I do not know how to express what I feel. When you have time to think you can express yourself about right; but, when an occasion arises like this, the sentiment overcomes one.

I know how hard it is to make presentation speeches. When Mrs. Palmer was national president she was Miss Carney then. It was my good fortune to carry in the roses from our convention. Every one knew she was soon to be married; and, when they saw me with the roses as I came in, everyone said, "Is that the fellow she is going to marry?"

I am very glad that Sister Keene asked Sister Margaret to make this gift to me.

I have received watches from members of my own organization. When I was division commander the division presented me with a watch. A watch is a close thing to a man. When I came back

from Des Moines last year, they presented me with a wrist watch, and now the Auxiliary presents this beautiful clock.

I shall put it in my home, and you know how long it will be there—always. I know that as the years pass by it will bring back to me the memories of this year of service I have given this organization. It will remind me of the many happy experiences with your own president, Mrs. Keene.

When I have company and I show them this gift, I shall feel like the old maid who went to see her doctor. She said, "Doctor, can you catch influenza?" The doctor said, "Yes; but what makes you think you will catch it." She said, "Well, I was kissed by a man who had influenza, once." The doctor asked her how long ago it had been and the old maid answered, "Oh, about eight or nine years ago." The doctor, thinking it rather queer, told her that, on account of it being so long ago, she would not need to worry. The old maid said, "Well, I suppose not, but I still like to talk about it."

In the years to come, when this clock is still going, I shall still like to talk about this year of service and the happy year we have had together. I thank you.

Mrs. MARGARET WATERS. Commander in Chief, officers, and members, we congratulate you on your efforts and your success and we hope for your incoming commander in chief success in all his undertakings; and if you need us, just ask for us. We hope for a continuing interest in your convention and good luck. [Applause.]

Mrs. CORA SHELTON. I just want to tell you how happy I was to be appointed on this committee. We all wanted to come, but when we got outside the door we didn't know what we would say. I bring to you the greetings from the Indiana division—and especially from the girls. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I have tried to tell them how much I think of them, so Past Division Commander HUSTON, of Indiana, will respond for the encampment.

Past Division Commander HUSTON. Commander in Chief, we have been honored to-day. I think this is the first time the presiding president has ever left her own convention to extend her personal greetings. Again, to have Sister Palmer, another past national president of the Auxiliary and two past division presidents, we have been certainly honored by this greetings committee. We must carry on together, the Sons and their Auxiliary, in perpetuating our fathers' memory. It should become a very part of our nature. It is an easy thing to recognize and know it should be done; yet, how can we expect our Auxiliary to carry on if we, the sons of these veterans, fail to realize our responsibility. We have a great band of noble, fine, and valiant sisters in our Auxiliary who will stand with us and work hand in hand and heart in heart with us to help accomplish the task.

I am happy to assure you, Sister President and kind ladies representing our Auxiliary, of our greetings in behalf of the Sons, their love and esteem for the work that you have done. We are glad to have you here and may God's blessings be upon you, now and ever. Come again. [Applause.]

(The commander in chief presented badges to the ladies, and the committee was escorted from the room.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We are now open to special order of business, taking up the matter of The Banner contract.

National Secretary HAMMER. The credentials committee presents a supplemental report with 199 members accredited in this encampment.

BANNER CONTRACT

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. A motion was passed yesterday that at 3 o'clock this afternoon the question of The Banner contract would be made a special order of business.

In order to get something definite before us, something upon which we could act, I prepared the following resolutions:

Whereas the existing contract providing for the publication known as The Banner as the official organ of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War expires December 31, 1927; and

Whereas it is desirable that provision be made for the continuance of the present contract for and during a period of one year from the date mentioned:

Resolved, That authority be hereby granted the proper officers of the commander in chief, and they are directed to enter into a contract with Dustin & Holbrook, publishers of The Banner, for continuance of that publication as the official organ of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War under the same terms and conditions of the contract now in force and expiring December 31, 1927, for a period of one year, or until December 31, 1928.

Except that in so far as the present contract provides for the mailing of said publication to each member of the order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, it be changed to provide that one copy of the publication be mailed to each separate address in so far as it is practicable, all other conditions of the contract to remain in force for the further period of one year.

Resolved, That a committee of two, to be named by the present commander in chief, be appointed as a special committee on official organ, this committee to investigate the question of a publication to be known as the official organ of the order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and to report, with definite recommendation and form of proposed contract to the next session of the commandery in chief.

Resolved, That we extend to our Auxiliary an invitation to join with us in an official publication to be considered the official organ of the order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, upon such basis of division of cost, use of space provided, etc., as may be mutually agreed upon by said organizations.

Resolved, That the special committee hereinbefore provided for be authorized and instructed to communicate this decision to the Auxiliary now in session and in the event of favorable action by the Auxiliary be authorized to represent our order as members of a joint committee to investigate the question of a publication to be known as the official organ of the order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and report with definite recommendation and form of proposed joint contract in the next session of the commandery in chief.

Brothers, I move the adoption of this resolution as read.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I second the motion.

(Commander in Chief HOMAN put the motion; there was no objection, and it was agreed to.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I will appoint Past Commander in Chief Sautter and Past Commander in Chief Irelan to confer with our Auxiliary and present the resolution before their encampment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS—continued

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Continuing the report of the committee on constitution and regulations, the third recommendation from the commander in chief's report reads as follows:

I recommend that when the present supply of badges is exhausted we have made a new design with the correct title, "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War" upon it, and that our motto, "Gratia Dei servatus," be changed in our rituals and on the badges to read, "Preserved by the grace of God," and that a committee of three be appointed, of which National Secretary Hammer shall be one, to bring about this change.

Your committee concurs in this recommendation and recommends adoption.

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. No objection, it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. There was one recommendation in the report of the national secretary referred to this committee and it reads as follows. This is on page 32 of the printed booklet.

That the regulations read and conform to the change in name and title of the order, and the constitution, it is recommended:

That the respective chapters, articles, and sections of the regulations (Constitution and Regulations) be changed, amended, or altered to conform to the name and title of the order—wherever "Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." occurs—be stricken out and in lieu thereof insert "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War."

Sections in article 2, chapter 5, general regulations, under caption "Badges and decorations," section 1, the letter "U" be inserted after the letter "S" and before the letter "V," fourth line in second paragraph; and that wherever "U. S. A." occurs in said section and all other sections, articles, and chapters, same be stricken out and "S. U. V." be inserted in lieu thereof; also article 3, "Coat of arms," and article 5, "Seals."

Your committee concurs in this recommendation.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. There being no objection, it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. A recommendation from Maine does not require any action as we have already voted upon it.

Article 6, "Finances," section 1: Each camp shall regulate its dues, fees, and revenues, and shall have power to provide by-laws imposing fines for neglect of duty of all officers, special committee, and members.

From the division of Michigan:

Resolved, That chapter 2, article 2, section 1, third paragraph, third line, of C. R. and R. be amended by striking out word 50 and inserting word 25, which would cause the section to read, "one delegate from each camp whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof."

Your committee concurs in this recommendation.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. No objection, it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. From the division of Connecticut:

Resolved, That section 4, article 5, page 15 (ch. 1, "Camps"), should read as follows:

"The secretary shall perform all duties pertaining to his office, keep all books of record, shall make duplicate quarterly reports to the division secretary on the 1st days of January, April, July, and October upon the forms prescribed by the commandery in chief, and furnished by the division secretary (showing all gains or losses in membership and the total membership), one copy of which shall be forwarded, together with the per capita tax (covering the entire membership) due from the camp, to the division headquarters on or before the 10th day of the month, the other copy to be placed on file in the camp. He shall draw all requisitions upon the treasurer for the expenditure of money, upon the order of the camp, and submit the same to the commander for his approval, keeping a book for that purpose."

Your committee recommends concurrence in this recommendation from Connecticut.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. No objections; it is adopted.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. From the division of Massachusetts is a recommendation to change the title "division" to "department." That has already received action.

I hold a recommendation having reference to the \$1 fee collected from new members, one-half of which goes to the division and one-half to the commandery in chief. I request a few moments with the committee, and I will then give you their recommendation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL

Past Commander in Chief SHELDON. I report for the committee on ritual and ceremonies. We have not had any work to do. It is signed by all the members of the committee; nothing to recommend. [Adopted.]

At this time I also report that the committee on fraternal greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic performed their duty. We were graciously received and heard.

Past Division Commander HERSHEY (Pennsylvania). Commander in Chief, reporting for the committee on fraternal greetings to the Army Nurses, that the committee was very cordially received. There were only five here in the city, and it was a very happy occasion to meet with these old ladies. There are 46 members in the entire association. I was requested to extend to you their greetings, and they regret their inability to pay a personal visit.

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. I move these committees be discharged.

National Secretary HAMMER. A report for the committee on greetings to the Auxiliary. We attended to our duty, and our greetings were splendidly received.

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. I include Brother Hammer's report and committee also in my motion.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. It has been regularly moved and seconded that these committees be discharged.

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. That motion should be laid on the table. I would like to see the members of the committee on greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps, Brothers Zeek, of Oregon; Smith, of Alabama; and Finch, of Michigan. We will attend to our duty at once.

GREETINGS TO AMERICAN LEGION

Past Division Commander HERSHEY (Pennsylvania). I offer the following resolution:

Headquarters, Forty-sixth Annual Encampment Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Resolution presented by Past Division Commander J. B. Hershey; seconded by J. W. Tittle:

Resolved, That this Forty-sixth Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War send a prepaid cablegram to the annual convention of the American Legion assembled in Paris, expressing our greetings and best wishes as follows:

To the Officers and Members of The American Legion, Paris, France:

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in forty-sixth annual encampment assembled send fraternal greetings and best wishes.

Dr. ERNEST W. HOMAN,
Commander in Chief.

I move the adoption of the resolution as read.

Delegate TITTLE (Pennsylvania). I second the motion.

(Commander in Chief Homan put the motion; it was carried, and was so ordered.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Reporting for the committee on constitution and regulations, the recommendation from Minnesota concerning increased dues and fees has already received action.

Another recommendation from Massachusetts on the matter of the \$5 initiation fee has already received action.

From the division of Connecticut, a recommendation providing that the fee of \$1 which now must be paid to the division for each new member be rescinded.

Your committee recommends nonconcurrence in this recommendation. We recommend the continuance of the \$1 fee inasmuch as we have a minimum initiation fee of \$5.

(The motion was duly seconded, and carried.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Past Commander in Chief Grant, do you wish to start on your report of the committee on resolutions?

(At this point it was announced that the Grand Army had not gone into session on account of the heat.)

(The Senior Vice Commander in Chief assumed the chair.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. I call the attention of the brothers to resolutions which explain themselves, but which have been placed in the hands of your committee this afternoon:

Whereas it is the desire of Henry Clay Roone Post, No. 42, of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the city of Miami, Fla., to erect a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic in a most suitable and desirable location in the city of Miami; and

Whereas it will be the most southern memorial so far to be erected to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic; and

Whereas it is necessary, in the erection of this memorial for them to solicit contributions for such erection: Be it, therefore,

Resolved, That we, officers of the Grand Army of the Republic of the department of Florida, approve of their efforts in soliciting such contributions; and be it further

Resolved, That we ask that through the resolution committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a recommendation be made for a contribution from them to assist Henry Clay Roone Post, No. 42, in their efforts; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of the national committee on resolutions of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WAYNE W. T. BLOSSON,
Department Commander.

A. R. SAWYER,
Assistant Adjutant General,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Your committee concurs in this recommendation, and I move you that we approve the soliciting for such purpose and request each member present, and generally, to contribute, the proceeds to be used for the above stated purpose.

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). I second the motion.

Past Commander in Chief CHURCH (Illinois). Brothers, I do not know how familiar you are with conditions in Florida. I have not myself visited that State, but in the past few years it has been my privilege to become acquainted with citizens of Florida, and have had something to do with business from that State.

We have always thought of Miami as a summer resort, the most attractive port of the great Southland. That conception is not true. To-day the summer resort is in fact a metropolis; a city having large resources; great banks and financial institutions; having large offices and other fields of endeavor. It has become our most southern metropolis, and this, of course, is the reason why the boys of the Grand Army of the Republic want to erect a monument there. The city is made up mostly of northerners, who are in sympathy with the great conflict. While the people of Florida have built a great metropolis, it is fitting and proper that such a monument should be erected at this place. I am heartily in favor of the resolution and I hope that it will be adopted and we will send in our contributions for this enterprise.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. There is in waiting a ladies' quartette from the Betsy Ross Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, Canton, Ohio.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I take pleasure in introducing the quartette of Daughters of Union Veterans, from Canton, Ohio. [Applause.]

LEADER OF QUARTETTE. At our department encampment in June, our president kindly elected us as the official quartette of the department of Ohio. We extend our personal greetings.

(The quartette sang two selections which were received with much applause.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I think you boys will agree with me, that they can sing.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Just before the ladies came in, we were about to vote on the adoption of the first resolution presented by Past Commander in Chief Grant, of Connecticut.

(The motion was stated and carried.)

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. A resolution from Illinois:

Whereas last spring a resolution was introduced in Congress which provided for the placing of a bronze tablet in Arlington Amphitheater of General Logan's Memorial Day Order No. 11, establishing Memorial Day. The Woman's Relief Corps offered to finance this project for the Grand Army of the Republic. A committee was appointed by the Grand Army consisting of the commander in chief, Comrade Moulton, of Washington, D. C., Past Commander in Chief Van Sant, of Minnesota, and Mrs. Logan Tucker, daughter of General Logan. Arrangements were started with the expectation of carrying out the project in accordance with the laws governing the District of Columbia, which require the approval of Commission of Fine Arts. This the Art Commission refused to give, on the ground that the lines "do not let vandal hands desecrate our heroes' graves;" and the words, "rebel hordes" would arouse hard feelings

on the part of the South; but would graciously allow the placing of a tablet (small) which would bear the inscription, "This is to commemorate the establishment of Memorial Day by General Logan's General Orders, No. 11."

Whereas we deem it expedient for the loyal members of all patriotic societies to unite and protest against this action of the Art Commission of Washington, D. C., and ask for the placing of the entire general orders in the Arlington Amphitheater: Therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Forty-fifth Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in session assembled, That we protest the final decision of the Art Commission in this matter and urge a reconsideration of such action; and be it further

Resolved, That our delegation to the national encampment present this resolution to said body, use every endeavor to secure its passage, and the appointment of a committee to act with a similar committee from the other allied orders to secure the placing of a tablet on which shall be inscribed this General Orders, No. 11, in its entirety, in Arlington Amphitheater.

Your committee approved this resolution and we recommend adoption.

(The motion was duly seconded and agreed to.)

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). I move that a copy be sent to the national secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps.

(Agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. Another resolution from Illinois is as follows:

Whereas the material of which the Government markers or monuments are made is such that the elements in a comparatively short time cause them to disintegrate to such an extent as to make them unsightly, the wording illegible, and the form and shape is such as to be easily broken; and

Whereas, on account of the above reasons and the need of more uniform and lasting markers to make our cemeteries more beautiful, the Cemetery Association of the United States and Canada do not encourage the placing of the present Government markers, but in fact discourage it almost to the point of refusal; and it has perfected specifications for an enduring and beautiful one, no more expensive than the one now in use, and are endeavoring to have the same approved by Congress: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our national legislation committee be, and is, instructed to take proper steps to cause Congress to take favorable action in this matter.

We approve this resolution and move the adoption thereof.

(Motion seconded by several and adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. Another resolution presented this committee from Illinois reads as follows:

Whereas the commandery in chief encampment has been held in September each year for the past two years; and

Whereas there are many boys and girls just budding into man and womanhood who would be willing and anxious to attend these encampments, and would most likely thereby gain in patriotic citizenship; and

Whereas there are many older men and women who would attend these encampments if it were practical, who do not now do so, thereby losing much of the fervor of their patriotism as time goes on; and

Whereas all school vacations are over the 1st of September and many business houses will not grant vacations after that time, and those who are in school can ill afford to lose an entire week out of their school, and the loss of a week out of the pay envelope is a serious drain on those who work, aside from the reprisals taken on account of interrupted business machinery by the worker's absence: Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Illinois Division, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, That our commandery in chief use every endeavor to influence the proper officials to arrange so that the national encampments be held during the month of August; and be it further

Resolved, That the 1927 encampment of the Illinois division take suitable action to have this resolution laid before the ensuing encampment of the commandery in chief.

Your committee felt the urgency of an early encampment where possible and approved their resolution. I move the adoption of the resolution with the amendment that the time and place of the national encampment shall be at the same time as the commandery in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

(The motion was duly seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. If there is no objection, it is adopted as amended by the committee.

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. Massachusetts presents this resolution:

Whereas at the last division encampment of the Massachusetts division, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Boston April 6 and 7, 1927, it was voted that the division secretary be instructed to present a resolution at the national encampment in favor of changing the present form of receipt books for dues to one including stubs for memoranda of receipts: Therefore, in pursuance of said vote, we offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the future all receipt books for dues furnished by the national headquarters shall include with each receipt a stub for memorandum of the same.

Your committee was informed by the national secretary that in conference with the division secretary of Massachusetts there was a change made which would resolve into a stub being added to the form now in use. We understand this change is not to take place until present stock is exhausted. Your committee moves the adoption of the resolution for the old form.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. There being no objection, it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. From the Maryland division a resolution introduced into Congress by the Hon. H. R. Rathbone, of Illinois. This resolution has already received action and this committee has no further recommendation.

A circular from a brother in the New York division, submitting a proposed form for application of members. It allows for considerable more information than is possible on the present form of application.

Your committee recommends that this form be placed in the files of the national secretary and considered when new stock is being printed.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. No objection; it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. There is a proposal presented by a brother from Pennsylvania recommending the election or appointment of a historian general in the commandery in chief, as well as a division historian and a camp historian.

Your committee approves most heartily the work of this brother, but we felt it was an impractical proposal and would not be successful and recommend that the matter be laid on the table indefinitely.

(The motion was adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. This concludes the report at this time. There will be more to-morrow.

Past Division Commander KREMER (of Wisconsin). Brothers, over in Wisconsin we have a splendid past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic by the name of J. C. Martin. He wrote a book entitled "Lest We Forget." He has a plan by which we can make money. I don't want to make a recommendation. I believe it is a matter for the council to decide upon.

I move that this copy of the book be submitted to the council in chief, to be brought before the convention to-morrow morning, so we can dispose of it.

(Seconded and carried.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I think we should make the most of our time. I would like to have you look in the pamphlet (officers' reports), page 37, under the title of "committee on marking soldiers' graves." Is Brother Hale here? [Brother Hale rises.] I have not had an opportunity to peruse this thoroughly, and do not know whether there are any recommendations or not.

Delegate CHARLES R. HALE (Connecticut). There are no recommendations.

(Motion for the adoption of the report of Brother Hale and the continuance of the committee as well as the further recommendation of the commander in chief was agreed to.)

Past Division Commander WILLIAM L. ANDERSON (Massachusetts). When the Grand Army convention convened in Boston four years ago, the various moving-picture corporations took pictures of the Grand Army parade. A set of those films has been preserved in a vault there in Boston, where they will be in safe-keeping. In the years to come they can be taken and placed on the screen for others to see.

May I suggest to the Michigan division officials that they get in touch with the film company that took the pictures of the parade this morning and get a set that may be preserved in the vaults here.

Past Division Commander COGSHALL (Michigan). As a past division commander of Michigan, I will answer the brother who has spoken. The Michigan division will take it upon itself to do the best it can to place a set of the films of this Grand Army parade where they will be in safe-keeping.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Turn to page 42 of the booklet, to the report of the legislative committee.

Past Division Commander HENDERSON (Alabama and Tennessee). I move that the report be accepted and the committee be continued.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. No objection to this motion; it is so ordered.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). Has the committee on Harding memorial been discharged? I note that in the commander in chief's report he recommended that the committee be discharged.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. The committee has been discharged.

Delegate HOSMER (Maine). I move that we recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

(Agreed to.)

(Recess at 4.40 p. m.)

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The encampment will please come to order. Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley, are you satisfied that all here are entitled to remain?

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I am fully satisfied.

National Secretary HAMMER. Commander in chief, credential committee reports 201 members, 57 more than were present in Des Moines last year.

I have a communication from McKeesport, Pa., which reads:

McKEESPORT, PA., *September 12, 1927.*

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

DEAR BROTHERS: The officers and members of Capt. A. B. Campbell Camp, No. 99, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, of McKeesport, Pa., extend their greetings and best wishes for a successful and harmonious encampment.

Fraternally yours,

E. B. KELLY, *Commander.*

C. W. HARBOURT, *Secretary.*

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The council in chief are ready to report.

Past Division Commander CORRICK, of the council in chief (reading):

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL IN CHIEF

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., *September 14, 1927.*

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The council in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 1926-27 met at the Savory Hotel, Des Moines, Iowa, September 23, 1926, the following members being present: William Schneider, St. Louis, Mo.; Frank C. Huston, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Frank P. Corrick, Lincoln, Nebr.

The council proceeded to organize by the election of the following officers: Chairman, William Schneider; vice chairman, Frank C. Huston; secretary, Frank P. Corrick.

The matter of the official bonds for the commander in chief and the national secretary-treasurer coming before the council for consideration, such bonds were fixed as follows: Commander in chief, \$1,000; national secretary-treasurer, \$10,000. No further business appearing, the council adjourned.

In compliance with the foregoing, the bond of the commander in chief in the sum of \$1,000, National Surety Co., was filed with the secretary of the council in chief and the bond of the national secretary-treasurer was filed with the commander in chief in the sum of \$10,000.

BUDGET

We respectfully recommend the following budget of receipts and expenditures for the coming encampment year:

Estimated receipts:

Per capita (50,000 members, at 36 cents per annum)-----	\$18,000.00
Fee for new members (3,000, at 50 cents)-----	1,500.00
Charters-----	100.00
Supplies-----	3,500.00
Miscellaneous-----	50.00
Bank balance-----	2,543.30
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Estimated expenses:	
Publication of The Banner.....	\$10,500.00
Encampment expense, 1927.....	1,500.00
Stenographer, 1927.....	200.00
Stock.....	4,000.00
Lithograph stone.....	500.00
Printing.....	300.00
Shipping supplies.....	200.00
Salaries.....	3,300.00
Bonds.....	30.00
Commander in chief's expense.....	1,500.00
Other officers.....	200.00
Office expense.....	1,200.00
Badge for past commander in chief.....	200.00
Miscellaneous.....	200.00
Marking graves.....	116.30
	23,946.30
Estimated balance for the year.....	1,747.00

The balance on hand for this encampment is deposited in the Reading National Bank, as certified by W. E. Mast, cashier, at the close of business September 10, 1927; \$2,543.30.

We commend the commander in chief and the national secretary-treasurer for the economical and efficient manner in which the financial officers of the commandery in chief conducted and which resulted in clearing the treasury from debt.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. SCHNEIDER,
FRANK C. HUSTON,
FRANK P. CORRICK,
Council in Chief.

Commander, I move the adoption of this report as read.
(Seconded and agreed to.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS—continued

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. You will recall that at the second session a motion was offered by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley calling for the committee on constitution and regulations to prepare an amendment to the regulations providing for the appointment of a welfare committee.

I was not present during the discussion which followed the offering of that motion, but I have since interviewed Brother Bowley personally on this matter, and beg to offer the following, in line with the motion referred to:

Chapter 1, add to article 5, section 7, to read:

"Each camp shall have a welfare committee, to be appointed by the camp commander, who shall serve during the year. This committee shall consist of one member for each 10 members of the camp, with a minimum number of three; the chairman to be designated by the camp commander.

"It shall be the duty of the welfare committee to assist in maintaining the membership upon a good standing basis of each member; to actively assist in obtaining new members by preparing list of eligibles; to suggest to the camp means of creating and maintaining interest in its meetings and such other matters as may be of value to the camp, and to assist members of the camp requiring aid in obtaining employment."

I move adoption of the amendment.

Past Division Commander JAMES (Illinois). I second the motion.
(Adopted.)

Past Division Commander WEILER (Massachusetts). The committee on fraternal greetings to the National Alliance, Daughters

of Union Veterans, report three members of the committee visited the encampment. We had a most enjoyable meeting, and they were very cordial to your committee.

Their present national president is a Massachusetts girl, and as we went from the hall they played the Massachusetts song. We had a jolly time and presented the national president with a personal gift, a handbag. She was very happy to receive this gift. Our greetings were accepted and theirs returned.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. The local committee, through Brother Cogshall, has done everything possible to make our visit in Grand Rapids a happy one.

CAMP HISTORIAN

Delegate J. W. TITTLE (Pennsylvania). Yesterday afternoon the committee on resolutions read a resolution which was voted to be laid on the table. The resolution offered provided for a historian for each camp of Sons of Union Veterans. This resolution appeared in last issue of The Banner, but if you have not read it, I believe you should be familiar with it.

I want to suggest and move that the resolution be read. I would like to have some action taken to see if that resolution has anything in it; and if not, it should be rejected.

This thing of bringing a resolution before the house and then having it smothered is no good for this order, and I would move you that this resolution be taken up and let the brothers know what the resolution was.

Past Division Commander HERSHEY (Pennsylvania). We might hear the resolution read again. I don't just remember what was in it. I second the motion.

(Commander in Chief Homan stated the motion and the vote being in doubt, had hands raised, and counted 37 in favor, opposed 31. The motion carried.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. A delegation from the Massachusetts division, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans is here. The Massachusetts delegation of Sons will escort them into the encampment.

(The entire encampment rose as the auxiliary members were escorted into the room.)

GREETINGS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Division Commander CHOATE (Massachusetts). It is with great pleasure that we appear with a delegation of the Massachusetts girls. I introduce our division president, Mrs. Anna White. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We had this arranged so you could see what a fine-looking group of girls they are. Last year Commander in Chief Ireland had a delegation of the girls from Maryland, and we want you to see the type of girls that come from Massachusetts.

It certainly gives me pleasure to have this delegation come in so early, and an added pleasure to know they think enough of us to get up this morning and be ready to come in here. It gives me great

pleasure to introduce Mrs. Anna White, of Greenfield, division president of the Massachusetts auxiliary. [Applause.]

Mrs. ANNA WHITE. It gives me pleasure to come here. As the president of the Massachusetts division, I bring greetings from Massachusetts. Commander in Chief, we knew you have everything and did not know what to give you, so I present to you, in behalf of our delegation, this token of our love and esteem with best wishes for a harmonious and prosperous convention. [Presents gold pieces.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Sister Anna, when you say I have everything, that is rather broad. I know that among the things I cherish is the friendship and love of the boys and girls of Massachusetts. It was not necessary to bring a token or anything to show your love and appreciation of me; you have done it for me many times. If I have been able to accomplish anything, it is because I have had back of me such a splendid group of men and women, and particularly the latter group. Among these two groups in Massachusetts a man is rich indeed, who can count as friends, those who have stood by me throughout this year. I hope you noticed how they came in, husband and wife.

I wonder, if after expressing my thanks in this feeble way, the boys would not like to meet these sisters. Rise and I will introduce you. Sisters Anna White, Bessie Chapman, Margaret Anderson, Pearl Stafford, Margaret L. Waters, Laura Ernest, Florence Sanborn, Sister Sautter from Boston, Sister McCaulley, Sister Caswell, and Sister Mable Franklin. [Applause.]

Division Commander CHOATE (Massachusetts). Commander in chief, we are loyal to you, and the boys too are with you and have been with you, and think a lot of you. To show our appreciation, we present this package, which only shows a small part of our appreciation as a man, as division commander and as commander in chief. [Presents gold pieces.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I thank the boys of the Massachusetts division for this gift. In the years of my experience in our order I have held many offices in camp and division and in the commandery in chief. I have held them with the assurance that back of me were the loyal boys and girls of our Massachusetts division. Yesterday there were 34 Massachusetts men in the parade; 30 on my own staff. The Massachusetts boys certainly put themselves out to answer my letter. I wrote these boys to bring their uniforms to the convention, and the 30 who brought them shows that I have a loyal bunch of men. You know that I have something more precious than gold in the brothers of Massachusetts. They have been very loyal and true throughout this year, and patient with me too. I hope I have not omitted or neglected to say the right thing or failed to show my appreciation. They have been most kind to me. I just can't tell you how much I love them. You know how it is, those in your own State, that you work with and live with, it is just more than any man can put into words. I am proud of you—and the commandery in chief is proud we have a division like Massachusetts among them. [Applause.]

(The delegation retired.)

(A delegation of the National Alliance, Daughters of Union Veterans, was announced. They were escorted into the room by Brothers Klein, New York; Wallace, Indiana; and Buck, Illinois.)

GREETINGS FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE, DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Past Division Commander KLEIN (New York). Commander in Chief, it is my pleasure to present another of the Massachusetts girls, Mrs. Nellie M. Goodman, past national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.]

Past Division Commander WALLACE (Indiana). Again, it is a pleasure to introduce to you and to the encampment another member of your own division, Miss Eunice Patton, department junior vice president of Massachusetts, Daughters of Union Veterans. [Applause.]

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). Massachusetts is not the only State in the Union. It is a pleasure to introduce to you, sir, and through you to the members of the national encampment, Mrs. Daisy M. Beecher, past president of the great western department, California and Nevada, Daughters of Union Veterans. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Welcome, sisters from Massachusetts and California. Massachusetts has furnished some splendid men and women to the allied patriotic orders. It is a great pleasure to have you come to us, Mrs. Nellie Goodman, of Boston, Mass. [Applause.]

MRS. NELLIE GOODMAN. Commander in chief, and all the brothers of this convention, it is indeed a great pleasure to be able to come here and bring greetings from my own organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to one whom we have loved, and loved truly. We are glad to be here again, and bring greetings. Brother Buck said our State was not the only one in the Union. It may not be the only one, but it is the most important one. I say to your commander in chief, we have known him a long time. We call him "Doc" Homan. You have had many gifts. We only come with our love to our own dear brother. Brothers, of this convention, take it into your hearts, you have a fine organization, and you ought to all love it. I have brought some posies from our national organization, to our dear commander in chief, and I am also bringing the love of our national president. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. You all know that the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans was a girl from Massachusetts, Miss Agnes McCoy. It has been a great pleasure to have been able to work with her this year.

I wish you could all have been at the Masonic Temple last evening. These Daughters entertained something like 550 comrades at a dinner. I was informed that that was not the largest number they have had. Sometimes there are 800 at these banquets. I sometimes think it is the father and the daughter and the mother and the son. You would have been inspired at the wonderful sight last night. Sister Nellie, I know you will take back my love to your national president and thank the sisters for these beautiful flowers. Their memory will remain long after they have faded. Sister Eunice Patton, department vice president of Massachusetts, served during the World War. I was attracted by the fact that she sang so finely. I later learned that she was to be on this greetings committee, so I sug-

gested that she might bring her message in song. I take great pleasure in introducing Miss Eunice Patton, of Massachusetts.

Miss EUNICE PATTON. Commander in Chief and Brothers of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, your commander in chief said to me, "Don't you think it would be nice to say it with song?" I wonder just how that was meant. To stop me from talking, or just as it was said? I really did intend to say it with song, but between presiding at the exemplification of the work and shouting "Massachusetts" at the parade, I have no voice left to say it with song.

From our Sister Nellie you have received the greetings of the national body, and from me comes the greetings of your own division, the department of Massachusetts, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It is my happy privilege to present this little gift from your sisters, just as a token of love and esteem that the Daughters of Massachusetts have for you. I do not want to say commander in chief; I want to say "Doc." Homan. I assure you, Brother Homan, the gold shines no brighter than our sisterly love does for you. Will you accept this gift from your sisters of Massachusetts? [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Sister Patton, I do accept this gift, and, as you say, there is something bright within. I hope that the friendship that exists between our two organizations will not grow dimmer, but will grow brighter as the years go on.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sister Daisy Beecher, of California. We have greetings all the way from Boston to California. [Applause.]

Mrs. DAISY BEECHER. Commander in Chief and Senior Vice Commander in Chief and Sons and Brothers, I say Sons because I have one son in our division of California. I have one son, Al Deems. I bring greetings from our national convention and also from California. We hope that some day the Sons will meet in California, if the Grand Army will hold their convention there. We have a great many Sons there, but not as many as there are in the East. We love our senior vice commander in chief. We all know him well. I hope you will come to California. I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brother Buck, of Illinois, will respond.

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). Ladies of the committee of Daughters of Union Veterans, Commander in Chief, and brothers: I will try to express to the delegation of Daughters how much we appreciate their coming and how gratified we are for the assistance they give us, not only at the national convention, but at all times. If it was not for the Auxiliary and the Daughters of Veterans, our order would not be as strong as it is now. They are setting an example for us to follow. They are leading in this patriotic work, which should fall to our lot. I feel that if we could only follow their example, and do what the Daughters and Auxiliary are doing, furthering patriotism in this country of ours, we would be far stronger in numbers and far better in our personal accomplishments. I can not help but draw that lesson from this splendid body of women who give of their best energy for the advancement of patriotism. I hope you will take from them the lesson which they

teach us in our local organization. If the Sons of Veterans were as strong, as earnest, as patriotic, and as faithful as are the Daughters of Veterans and the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, we would have a membership of 500,000, not 50,000. While I presume our commander in chief has expressed his appreciation of your visit, in behalf of the encampment, I want to say that each and every one of the Sons appreciate your visit. We appreciate the tidings you bring and the good wishes you have for us. We feel that your presence here is an inspiration and a help to every Son. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We would like to have these sisters remain with us, but we know that they are anxious to get back. Will the brothers please escort them out?

(Whereupon the ladies were escorted from the room.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Past Commander in Chief Grant, just before you came into the room, a motion was made to take the resolution from the table in regard to historian. Will you please read the resolution?

CAMP HISTORIAN

Past Commander in Chief GRANT (reads):

JOHNSTOWN, PA., July 9, 1927.

DR. ERNEST W. HOMAN.

*Commander in chief of Sons of
Union Veterans of the Civil War,
191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Those who have tried to write a history or sketch of the order of Sons of Union Veterans have found it to be a very hard and unsatisfactory task, for the reason that at no time has there been anyone whose duty it was to keep records available to searchers of history. This trouble applies equally to the national, divisional, camp histories.

It is the writer's idea to have a man appointed as historian general, to keep a history of the commandery in chief; one for each division to be known as division historian, and one for each camp to be known as camp historian. These men should be men who love the order and men who are not afraid to do some work in its interest; men who will serve without pay. Their work should consist of keeping readable records, in a suitable book, of the principal notable events in their departments, such as the names of officers, installations, ceremonies of various kinds, as the dedication of monuments, schools, presentation of medals, flags, activities of members in the wars, Memorial Day exercises; in fact everything of more than mere routine camp business. The historian may be appointed to serve as long as he is willing to serve or as long as he is doing his work right.

The necessity of these officers was brought to the attention of the writer forcibly when he was appointed to write a sketch of his own camp—Camp 14—for the program of the forty-third anniversary of the camp. Some years ago the records of the camp were stored in some boxes in the basement of our camp room. High water in the river filled the basement with water and soaked the records. They were left in that condition (having been forgotten) for some time. When at last the boxes were opened, the records were so badly damaged that those examining them thoughtlessly threw them into the furnace and destroyed them. Now we can not even get the names of the officers of our camp from any source whatsoever, division headquarters not having anything whatever on the subject. It is to prevent such and to preserve the principal events of the order that we think we should create this office of historian. We therefore offer the following as an amendment to our constitution and by-laws:

"Article —, section —. There shall also be a historian appointed by the commander in chief in each division and in each camp, to be known as historian general, division historian, and camp historian. Their duties shall consist of keeping in a readable manner the principal activities of their department, such

as names of officers, installations, ceremonies, mustering of classes, Memorial Day activities, presentation of medals, flags, dedication of monuments, schools, etc., etc.

"They shall be appointed by the commander in chief, division commander, and camp commander, to serve without pay as long as they do their work in a satisfactory manner or until they resign."

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.

JOHN W. TITTLE,
Camp Historian of Speer Orr Camp, No. 14,
Division of Pennsylvania.

The committee on resolutions approve most heartily the work of this brother, and wish there were scores like him. However, we thought it impractical to require each commander in chief to appoint a national and division and camp historian. It would be difficult to find a man to do this work. We have carried more offices than are acting. We can not get reports out of them. We felt that while the work was meritorious, it was not practical, and your committee did not believe concurrence would be advisable.

Delegate TITTLE (Pennsylvania). The committee has very kindly reported, but object to putting some work on somebody. Do we not have love enough to keep green what we are doing? Why should it not be seconded? We should be proud to keep our records. Conditions are such at the present time that it is impossible to get the names of the camp officers of eight or ten years ago. They do not have at national headquarters the dates of the deaths of some of our past commanders in chief. It is not slurring the headquarters for not having them; but if they had had a historian this would not be the case. I think I voice the sentiment of others I have heard, that we should have a historian. If there is not enough love in our hearts to keep the records of our camp, I think there is something wrong. I hope you will pass this resolution.

Division Commander BABYLON (Indiana). I move you, sir, that this matter be tabled.

(The motion was duly seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—continued

Past Commander in Chief GRANT (reading):

In expression of our deep appreciation to the mayor, public officials, and citizens of the city of Grand Rapids, to its chamber of commerce, churches, public schools, and newspapers, to the Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, and several fraternal orders, to all, whose general hospitality, marked by an unlimited expenditure of time, thought, and money has afforded the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations an occasion filled with comfort and enjoyment: Be it

Resolved, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in their forty-sixth annual encampment assembled, do hereby extend to our hosts our earnest and sincere thanks.

Your committee moved adoption of this resolution.

(Agreed to.)

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. That completes the report of the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief COFFIN. The committee on fraternal greetings to the Women's Relief Corps visited their encampment. It was a very auspicious occasion. We were escorted with a delegation from the Grand Army, preceded by the greetings committee

from our own auxiliary, the three of us at the same time, and it was a wonderful occasion. We were cordially received and requested to bring back their love and greetings to our convention.

THE BANNER

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Following the adoption of the resolution, yesterday afternoon, in reference to The Banner, and the appointment of Past Commander in Chief Irelan and myself, we proceeded to the auxiliary, presented the matter and read the resolution as adopted by this body. It was immediately moved to adopt it by the auxiliary without a word of discussion or one dissenting vote.

FINAL REPORT TO THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

National Secretary HAMMER. Reporting for the credentials committee, 203 members comprise this encampment.

National Chaplain CRAIG. If there are any brothers who know the names of any past division commanders, or any officers in the commandery in chief, please give me their names and addresses and if possible the date on which any passed away, we will include them in the report we already have.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Commander in Chief HOMAN. We had nine past commanders in chief at this encampment. They are not all here at present. I will call upon Past Commander in Chief Campbell, of Maryland [absent]; Past Commanders in Chief Sheldon, of New York; McGuire, of Indiana; Grant, of Connecticut; Sautter, of Pennsylvania; Church, of Illinois; Shellhouse, of Indiana; Coffin, of Ohio; Irelan, of Maryland.

(Each arose and was greeted with applause.)

During the year there have been a great many who were successful in getting new members. The times have been against us this year. I should like to have all those who earned an "I Got One" button please rise. [Several rise.] These brothers have all secured one or more new members. I appreciate personally the work you have done.

National Secretary HAMMER. I move the encampment committees be discharged, the usual number of proceedings printed and promulgated as customary, and that we discharge all committees other than provided for in the officers' reports.

(Agreed to.)

NEW CHARTER

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I move that a committee of three be appointed whose duties shall be to go into the matter of a new design of camp charter, this committee to report back to the next session of the commandery in chief.

Past Division Commander KREMER (Wisconsin). I offer a substitute motion, that the incoming commander in chief and the national secretary be a part of that committee.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I have no objection to the substitute motion.

(The amended motion was agreed to.)

NEXT ENCAMPMENT

Past Division Commander BUCK (Illinois). There seems to be some doubt as to where the next encampment will be held by the Grand Army of the Republic and I move that the meeting place of the Sons of Veterans' next national encampment be left to the discretion of the incoming commander in chief.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Our constitution and regulations require that we follow the Grand Army of the Republic.

Delegate LOWE (Ohio). It is not in our constitution and regulations. I move this body meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic, just as long as there are any men in the Grand Army of the Republic.

(The motion was seconded by several.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. A substitute motion to Brother Buck's motion, that we meet at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic. This will apply just to this next year. Is there anything to be said on the question? All those in favor of the motion signifying by saying "aye." Opposed, "no." The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

Past Division Commander WEILER (Massachusetts). I move that we proceed to nomination and election of officers.

(Agreed to.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

National Secretary Hammer called the roll of divisions and when Pennsylvania was reached:

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. For time immemorial the pursuance of duty, the service that is given you to perform honestly, efficiently, and conscientiously, has been recognized as a basis for promotion. The test that I have mentioned can be applied in total to the brother whom I propose to nominate for commander in chief. I feel that I am somewhat qualified to pass upon this test in view of the fact that I have known him and assisted in the work of this order for more than 25 years. I can say to you, brothers, that he has met his duty fairly and well; that he has performed the service that was given to him to perform pertaining to this organization honestly, efficiently, and conscientiously. This principle does not only apply to his business life. We insist these principles be all brought forth in a fraternity such as ours should be. I would not say these things, brothers, if I were not thoroughly satisfied in my own mind and heart that this brother was equal to increased responsibilities, and if I did not think he could meet them just as well as he has met the duties of a camp and the duties of the commander of his division.

May I say that there is a special need at this time for a commander-in-chief who can apply solid business principles. One to whom membership in the order means something more than merely having his name on the roll of the camp. I believe that one need of this organization is that we should have more brothers willing to work. More brothers willing to be more than members in good standing in their camps. If we had more brothers of that kind, I do not believe we would be in the condition numerically that we are at the pres-

ent time. If we had more brothers of that kind, instead of a decrease we would be able to report an increase.

I am one of those fellows who don't believe there is ever a real reason for a decrease in membership. I believe that if in the period of the Great War we had faced the conditions at the time fearlessly, with a feeling that we would progress, we would have been building toward the upward direction instead of having to report a decrease in membership.

How many brothers in this hall, since receiving the printed officers' reports, have looked at the figures submitted by our secretary-treasurer. I like to play with figures myself sometimes, and back in my office the other day, with nothing else to do, I picked up the proceedings of the encampment of 1918, and I took from those proceedings the record of the members for the year ending June, 30, 1917. By good fortune I had received a copy of *The Banner* that day, and I took figures from the report of the national secretary for June 30, 1927. I had a comparison of the members and of the camps for that period.

You will recall that 1917 represents the year of our entry into the Great War. I will not read all these figures, as I do not want my figures a part of the record. However, they disclose some astounding information.

On June 30, 1917, we reported 1,274 camps. On June 30, 1927, we reported 974 camps. In the 10 years we erected 300 more tombstones. In that same period we dropped from a membership of 57,824 to 49,447. I was interested in this, because we dropped below the magical 50,000, or a decrease of 8,377. A decrease in camps of 23.6 and a decrease of 14.5 in membership.

However, this is not all blue, because the fact that of the divisions, 10 show an increase in membership and 10 show a decrease in the comparison. If 10 divisions in 10 years' record can come with an increase in membership, there is no good reason, there may be excuses, but no good reason, why the other 14 can't show an increase.

When we have some of the larger divisions in the 10-year period showing membership losses of 48 per cent, of 37 per cent, of 20 per cent, and 10 per cent, surely brothers, there is a reason for us to sit up and take notice. I believe we ought to take this fairly. We ought to leave here highly resolved to go back to our division, and Pennsylvania is one of those who has shown a loss, especially after this encampment, with the determination that the figures for 1928 will show an increase in our membership in all of the 24 divisions. It is possible, if we will but resolve to do it.

I want to recite a little poem of Edgar Guest's, that I have tried to retain in my mind, it goes something like this,

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
 At least no one ever has done it";
 But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
 And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
 With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
 Without any doubting or quiddit,
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
 There are thousands to prophesy failure;
 There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
 The dangers that wait to assail you.
 But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
 Just take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
 That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

If there is a pessimist in the commandery in chief, let him take that home. If you think it can not be done, you are licked before you start. But, if you are satisfied that the task is a worth-while one, with the help of the membership and the help of God, we will conquer.

When we come back to our next session, we will permit the commander in chief to point with pride to an increase in membership and not be compelled to make excuses for our failures. It is not the failure of the commander in chief, but the failure of 49 of every 50 members. If we would all be go-getters, we would be able to meet the condition that confronts us.

Now brothers, as a leader for this enormous task, I want to offer the name of a brother who has been tried, and if the term "go-getter" can be applied it can be applied to Walter C. Mabie, and I am sure that I can pledge for him, in the event of his election as commender in chief for the coming year, that he will do his part and a little more, and we only ask that everybody help him.

I present to the commander in chief for the coming year this brother that I have said for 25 years has worked for and in the interests of the Sons of Union Veterans. I know that he will give his best, and giving of the best, with your help, will be all that is required to make of our order a better one in membership and a batter one in performance and a better one in pursuance of our objects.

In behalf of the brothers of the Pennsylvania division, I nominate for commander in chief our friend and brother Walter C. Mabie.

Delegate SCHULTZ (Ohio). Ohio seconds his nomination.

Past Division Commander FRED G. HANSEN (New Jersey). We want you to know that New Jersey takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Mabie.

(Rhode Island seconded the nomination of Brother W. C. Mabie.)

Past Commander in Chief IRELAN. I move the nominations be closed and that we cast one vote in favor of Brother Walter C. Mabie.

(Agreed to.)

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brothers Yengling, of Ohio, and Lyons, of Maryland, are appointed tellers.

Brother YENGLING. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Walter C. Mabie has received the unanimous vote for commander in chief for the coming year.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Having received the necessary number of votes, I declare Walter C. Mabie elected.

Nominations are now in order for senior vice commander in chief.

Past Commander in Chief GRANT. I promise to be brief. I wish to place in nomination for senior vice commander in chief the name of a brother from California, our brother who has filled the chair as senior vice commander in chief, and who can put words into action. Without attempting to be eloquent, but with all sincerity, I place in nomination Brother Bowley, of California.

Delegate KEMMERER (Connecticut). Connecticut seconds the nomination. I would like to apply the words of Brother Sautter to Brother Bowley. I do not know of anyone who has done more than he.

(Missouri seconded the nomination of Brother Bowley.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELDON. New York seconds the nomination of Brother Bowley. We in New York have appreciated the work Brother Bowley has accomplished in the year past, and in seconding the nomination we feel that Brother Bowley will not only duplicate what has been performed but will go further with it.

(Ohio seconded the nomination of Brother Bowley.)

Past Division Commander SMITH (Minnesota). Minnesota seconds the nomination of Brother Bowley.

Past Division Commander KREMER (Wisconsin). One year ago I withdrew in favor of Brother Bowley, and therefore I move that the encampment cast a unanimous vote in favor of Brother Bowley.

Brother YENGLING (Ohio). There are 203 votes cast in favor of Brother D. B. Bowley for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. I therefore declare him elected.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Commander in Chief and brothers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am willing to serve you in any capacity, because I love our beloved order.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Nominations are in order for junior vice commander in chief.

National Secretary HAMMER. I have the pleasure to nominate Past Division Commander George C. Cogshall, of Michigan.

Delegate EAVES (Michigan). I move the rules be suspended and we cast a unanimous vote for Brother George Cogshall.

National Secretary HAMMER. In 1898 Brother Cogshall presided at the Omaha encampment in place of Commander in Chief Darling, who was serving his country at the time in Porto Rico with the Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, of which he was colonel.

Brother LYONS (Maryland). We are glad to announce that 203 votes have been cast for Past Division Commander Cogshall for junior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brother Cogshall has proven himself worthy. I declare him duly elected.

Past Division Commander COGSHALL (Michigan). Commander in Chief and brothers, I am truly proud to be elected to one of the offices of the commandery in chief. I had the pleasure to preside at Omaha in the absence of our departed Brother Darling, and we

had a wonderful convention at that time. But that was back in the dark ages. I have grown younger and am still ready and willing to serve in any and every capacity that it is possible for me to reach. I thank you.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. It does not seem necessary to call the roll for the council to be elected, and I think it would be proper to have the nominations from the floor.

(On motion, agreed to.)

Past Division Commander KREMER (Wisconsin). I understand there are three members on the council. I want to nominate one whom you may not know by name, but you have all heard him; his name is Frank C. Huston, of Indiana.

Past Commander in Chief McGUIRE. I second the nomination.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I should like to place the nomination on a brother whom I believe is one of the most able we have had acting in that capacity. I refer to one of the present incumbents, a brother from Nebraska, Frank P. Corrick.

Past Division Commander CHEEK (Rhode Island). I nominate a brother of my own division, who is a worker and at present is senior vice commander of his division, Brother Storrs T. Richmond, as the third member of the council.

Past Commander in Chief McGUIRE. I move that the nominations be closed.

(Agreed to.)

Brother YENGLING (Ohio). The ballot is cast for the three members of the council in chief, the same being 203 votes.

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brothers Huston, Corrick, and Richmond have received the unanimous vote of the encampment as members of the council in chief for the ensuing year, and I declare them elected.

Past Division Commander JENKINS (Illinois). I move we proceed with the installation of officers.

(Agreed to.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commander in Chief HOMAN. Brother Mabie, have you any choice for your installing officer?

Commander in Chief elect MABIE. I choose to have Past Commander in Chief John E. Sautter acts as my installing officer.

(The national secretary called the roll of officers elect, as follows: Commander in chief, Walter C. Mabie; senior vice commander in chief, Delevan B. Bowley; Junior vice commander in chief, George E. Cogshall; member council in chief, Frank C. Huston; member council in chief, Frank P. Corrick; member council in chief, Storrs T. Richmond.)

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Commander in Chief-elect Mabie, have you any staff appointments to make?

Commander in Chief elect MABIE. I appoint Brother H. M. Pratt as national patriotic instructor and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., national chaplain.

(Whereupon the officers elect and the staff appointments were duly installed.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Somebody said that I was nervous. Those of you who don't believe so, I will tell you that I am. I am not going to attempt to make a speech. Brother Sautter, in nominating me, told you just what I would like to tell you, but I can not get started. If we get together, and honestly make up our minds to do all that we could, not what we are going to do, we will be able to come to the encampment next year with something accomplished. All through my membership in the Sons of Union Veterans I have known that there is only one way to keep this organization together, to make it grow, and that way is to fulfill our obligation we made at the altar when we were initiated—to perpetuate the honor and memory of our fathers. Surely that is worthy. Could anyone be less than nervous, knowing that the remarks of our brother as to our losses are true? Wouldn't it make you nervous to feel that you have been preceded by men, far more capable, who have probably put in more time than you could put in; and to know that they have been forced to report losses to the commandery in chief? Any of you would feel nervous.

Didn't Doc. Homan feel that he could do something? Wasn't the same true of Ned Ireland? Brothers, I want you to take this nervousness away from me. Let us forget the dimness and look on the bright side of things. Let us keep in front of us the little poem, *What Are We Doing Now*. We will be able to come next year showing not only a gain but will show that we have not gone back.

I don't believe that any man has ever taken a position with a knowledge of what he was up against more than I. I thank you and I appeal to you for some real honest work, for any suggestions that you may make. After 25 years of service elected commander in chief, don't let it break my spirit. I would not claim one member or one little thing you do that will keep us going ahead. I want each and every one of you to know that it was your work that had helped our order to go ahead. I thank you. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief HOMAN. I told you I would be the first one to shake hands with you, Walter, and if there is anything I can possibly do, or any experience of mine that can be of assistance to you, here I am. What he says about his happy-go-lucky disposition is true. He is the sunshine of the Pennsylvania division. Let us help to keep the smile on Walter's face.

PRESENTATION OF PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S BADGE

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Stand up, Doc., I will initiate you into a new order for you. It sometimes is called the Order of the "Has Beens," but it has been changed to the "Ever Ares." The Massachusetts division has highly honored me by asking me to initiate you into this order. One year ago you gave me the pleasure—and it was a pleasure—of installing you as commander in chief of this organization. I do not know what I said then. I am sure that if I said anything, it was, possibly, that I believed that as commander in chief you would meet the duties to the best of your ability, fearlessly, and faithfully. Whether I said that or not a year ago, you gave evidence that that is just what you did. So that now, with the close of the year, the good brothers of the Massachusetts division have elected me to represent them in performing what to me is always

a privilege and a pleasure. There are not very many men privileged to wear this badge. Yesterday at the Auxiliary convention, Sister Addie Wallace, referring to this fact, mentioned that not a single past president of the national organization has as yet been called beyond. Yet, brothers, it is only 13 years since one of the dearest men I ever had as a friend—I refer to Past Commander in Chief Lou Rake—presented me with this badge. Think of it, brothers, the order at that time was only about 34 years old, and yet if you will look at the roll of the past commanders in chief, you will be startled to notice that the name of John E. Sautter stands tenth on the roll of the living past commanders in chief, which means that 25 of those who gave of their own to you for one year have answered the last call.

The few remaining in the ranks of the past commanders in chief welcome you, my good Brother Homan, into their little band. I think I can say for each past commander in chief that we are proud of our little band, because it represents something. I know that I can extend the right hand of fellowship and welcome you as a past commander in chief, with the belief and the faith, Doctor, that in the years to come you will be just as faithful a member of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans as a worker in the camps as you have ever been, and that you will never, by any act of yours, render disgrace to this order.

I take pleasure in initiating you into the ranks of the "Ever Ares." May God bless you. May He spare you to be with us for many years, and I hope that I will be with you for many years to come.

Past Commander in Chief HOMAN. Many times I have sat down there and witnessed this service and heard John Sautter speak. I have sat there with tears in my eyes. I have stood it pretty well up to now, but John just gets me. There is something different about these fellows, and you get to love them, and John is so lovable.

I realize when I look over the past commanders in chief that they are getting fewer and fewer. I want to say that he has initiated me into an organization that is small, and it can't grow very fast. He has initiated me into the "Ever Ares," which means "eternally." I have been welcomed into the group of past commanders in chief, and I want to state that I will always be faithful. I assure you I shall go to my camp meetings, Auxiliary meetings, and division encampments, and you can rest assured I shall be here just as regularly in the future as I have been in the past.

I want to express my appreciation for what you have done, and I want to tell you that I only hope I shall continue to be a good friend to you all, and I hope that when I come to national encampments, you will come up and slap me on the back and say, "Hello, Doc." [Applause.]

(At this point National Secretary Hammer presented to Past Commander in Chief Homan a past commander-in-chief's lapel button.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. As past commander in chief of this organization, I listened attentively to each word spoken by our Brother Sautter, and I was reminded of the time I occupied the same place as our just outgoing commander in chief. I could realize the emotions which he showed to us. That badge that you will wear, so graciously presented to you by our good friend, means something to you; and will mean something as long as you live. My badge means much to me. It means that these brothers had confi-

dence in you at one time, and that confidence was not misplaced. Although we have suffered a decrease in membership, you have worked earnestly, honestly, and ably.

As one past commander in chief, I welcome you into the has-been class. You are the youngest in point of office, and about the youngest in point of years, so that you might see the time when those who preceded you leave you.

I want to thank you for listening to me. Brother Sautter just moved me a little. Let me, as a past commander in chief, welcome you into this organization and may we be good friends and steadfast until the end.

Past Commander in Chief HOMAN. We will be, Frank.

Division Commander BABYLON (Indiana). Commander in Chief Mabie, Indiana, wants to be the first to help get rid of your nervousness. I have the solution right here. I received from a good worker in Indiana a charter list of 30 names. The organizer would like to have the charter presented to the commander in chief for his signature (Booneville, Ind.) [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. If we can get away from the graveyard stuff and get some more of this, we will do well.

I am not much of a fellow to say thanks, but I do thank you. I am satisfied to get this sort of a hang over.

I believe that when the business of finishing the election is over, we should have a word or two from the different brothers who have been elected. Possibly some of you are wondering why the nominations were made as they were. I got Brother Bowley to agree that he would be at my back as my first lieutenant, and I know and feel that he will be able to show you that in his line he is a far better man than Mabie was. Brother Bowley dropped all personal ambition. It takes a whole lot of manliness to be able to step aside and let some other fellow take your place, and be able to say, "I have laid out a lot of lines as commander in chief; I believe I can do the same as senior vice commander in chief." I will ask Brother Bowley to address you for a few moments.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Commander in Chief and brothers, I first want to congratulate Past Commander in Chief Homan, of the historical State of Massachusetts, for having joined that little band of men, our beloved past commanders in chief. I am glad to welcome you, not as a past commander in chief, but as your senior vice commander in chief, into this order, Doc.

In reply to the remarks of our commander in chief, I want to say to you, my brothers, that the interests of our order are of paramount importance to my endeavors. I wish at this time to repeat to you what I stated before the division of California, when they, unsolicited on my part, indorsed me unanimously for the exalted office of commander in chief. I thanked them, but notwithstanding the fact, I wanted our delegation to go to Grand Rapids as free as the air they breathed. If anyone appeared who could give more good and more ability and more money into this office, to forget all about me, because, as I said, the interests of the order are of paramount interest.

I have called the attention of all the patriotic organizations, the Daughters of the Revolution, the American Legion, the Spanish War Veterans, as well as the Grand Army of the Republic, to the

fact that our interests are identical; that we are organized for the purpose of keeping flying forever the most beautiful emblem that was ever unfurled to the breeze, the flag that was created by Washington. I trust it will be kept flying forever by the patriotic citizens of this country, this flag with its 48 visible stars and one invisible one, that shines in the firmament of heaven, as should a flag that has never been lowered in defeat, and has never been raised in battle except for the betterment of mankind.

I beg your pardon, you asked us to be brief. I do wish to say at this time that I heartily coincide in the caption of the commander of the New York division, "Deeds, not Words," and I think that is emblematic of our new commander in chief. I think we will have deeds, and not many words.

I wish for you the most wonderful year we have ever had and I pledge myself to be of every assistance to you. I thank you. [Applause.]

GEORGE S. GEIS. I want to congratulate you, commander in chief, and want to tell you we are with you. I will guarantee 50 new members this year.

I want to say that I attended a meeting of the Sons of Veterans in the Philippines. We had many, many Sons in the ranks, and many were active in the organization there at that time. We are the oldest, next to the Grand Army of the Republic.

At the last national encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, they also went to Pennsylvania for their officers. They elected a comrade from Camp No. 1, Pittsburgh, Pa., as their national secretary, Past Division Commander C. C. McCain, of Pennsylvania. We represent the Sons of Veterans who carried the flag clear around the world. I have been in this organization for 30 years. Colonel Darling placed me in nomination for senior vice commander in chief a number of years ago.

You have the cooperation of all the Sons of Veterans who are represented in the Philippines. I hope I shall meet you next year, and I'll bring you 50 members.

Commander in chief MABIE. I was glad that reference was made to the flag. I am thankful to Brother Bowley for it. We will now hear from our junior vice commander in chief, George E. Cogshall.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief COGSALL. Mr. Commander in Chief, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you upon your elevation. I wish there was more of me to help you, but I will give you all that I have.

I am going to be brief, because I know that the weather is warm, but let us get away from the undertaker and let's live. Let us get out and work and we will accomplish what we are after.

I don't want to keep you and therefore I want to sanction all that Brother Bowley has said about the flag. May I just quote:

Why do we love this flag?
 It is your flag and my flag,
 And Oh, how much it holds,
 The red, the blue, the white,
 The one flag, the great flag
 The flag for me and you,
 The red, the white and blue.

I thank you. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. I think we should hear from the three members of the council; they should make their speeches all at once.

Member of the Council in Chief HUSTON. I realize that the time is short. I shall try to do what I made the effort to do last year, and will be ready and willing to serve the best I can and to the best of my ability.

Member of the Council in Chief RICHMOND. Commander in Chief, I will act to the best of my ability and will take back to Rhode Island the greetings of this convention. I want to congratulate you upon your election as commander in chief, and as a member of your council will do my best.

Commander in Chief MABIE. I will ask Brother Pratt to rise and say a word or two.

National Patriotic Instructor PRATT. Commander in Chief, I am not an orator. I believe in patriotism and shall serve in this capacity as patriotic instructor at all times. I believe in serving in this organization just the same as the rest. Until I am unable to do so I shall do the very best I can. If I did not believe I could do some good I would not take the time and trouble with it.

National Chaplain CRAIG. I will tell you right now that I am not wearing crêpe. It is very necessary that you have a national chaplain. It is a mighty big undertaking and there is no office more necessary than mine. You need me.

I come along when you come into the world. I come along when a man wants to take unto himself a helpmate and will pledge his life and love and his all in the name of our great Christ, who was found in the home of Mary and Martha, was also found in the home of Simon Peter, and likewise at the marriage feast of Cana, where He blessed the wine, which they all said was the best.

I want to give my personal services to you and your staff and to all the organization. I want to pledge my faithfulness and my loyalty to you.

"Let the greatest among you be the servant of all." We have placed upon you the position of serving us all, and I hope that at the close of your administration you will feel that you have indeed served and served well. I thank you.

(After the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the encampment was closed in regular ritualistic form at 12.30 p. m.)

This is to certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript of the proceedings of the Forty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

ERNEST W. HOMAN,
Commander in Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.