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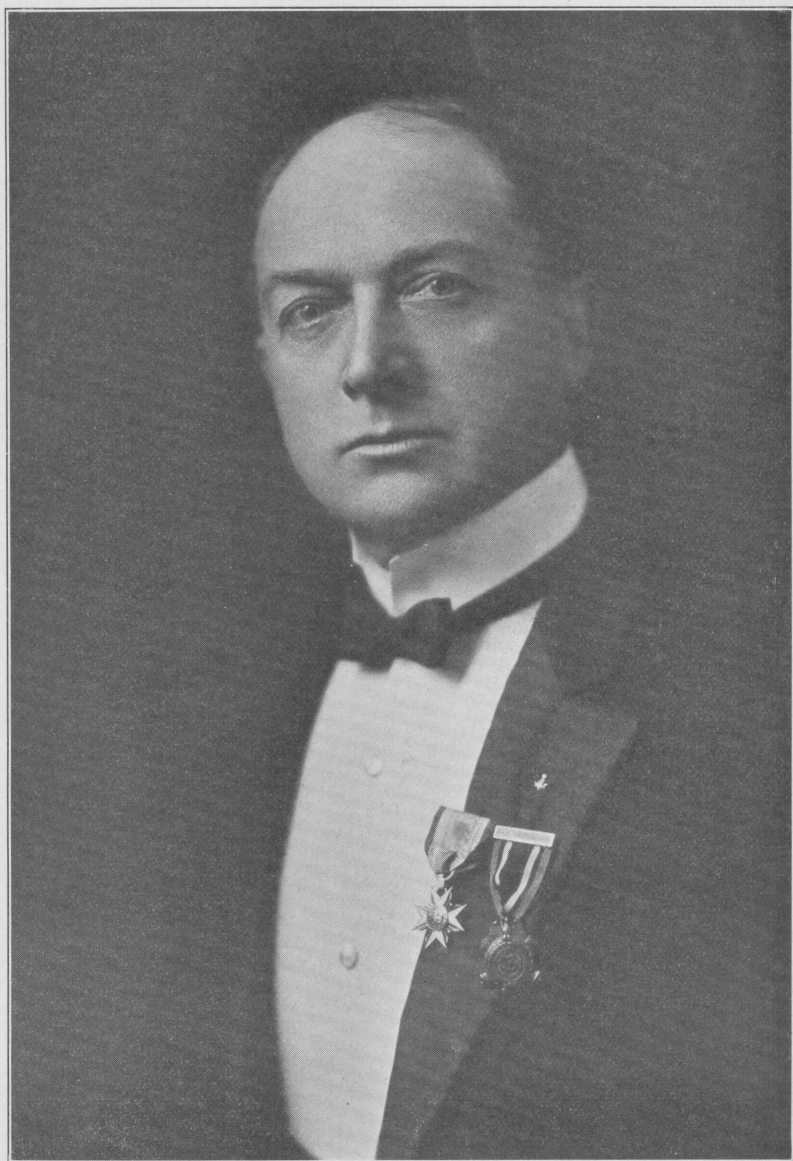
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U. S.,
January 14, 1929.

Resolved, That there shall be printed as a House document the proceedings of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, for the year 1928, with accompanying illustrations.

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DELEVAN BATES BOWLEY
Commander in Chief, 1928-1929



WALTER C. MABIE
Commander in Chief, 1927-1928

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

Denver, Colo., September 18 to 20, 1928

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

(September 18, 1928)

The forty-seventh annual encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form, Commander in Chief Walter C. Mabie presiding.

Commander in Chief MABIE. The officers and members of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment, Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, are now called to order. I will appoint as guard Howard W. Bunker, Department of New York; guide, Robert Thompson, Department of Pennsylvania; and color bearer, Frank Parker, Department of New Jersey. The national secretary will call the roll of the officers of the encampment.

(The roll was called, showing all officers present, as follows:)
Walter C. Mabie, commander in chief, Philadelphia, Pa.; Delevan B. Bowley, senior vice commander in chief, San Francisco, Calif.; George E. Cogshall, junior vice commander in chief, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Frank C. Huston, council in chief, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frank P. Corrick, council in chief, Lincoln, Nebr.; Storrs T. Richmond, council in chief, Providence, R. I.; H. M. Pratt, national patriotic instructor, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig, national chaplain, Pittsburgh, Pa.; H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, Reading, Pa.; William L. Anderson, national counselor, Boston, Mass.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Credentials committee is appointed as follows: H. H. Hammer, national secretary; Julius Isaacs, department secretary, New York; Michael Crowley, past department commander, New Hampshire; W. J. Hickox, delegate, California and Pacific Department; W. F. Jenkins, past department commander, Illinois.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. Can we have a report from the committee on credentials?

NATIONAL SECRETARY. Commander in Chief, the credentials committee presents a preliminary report, and moves that same be accredited as the official roll call of the encampment; that names of additional members reporting be duly accredited and same be considered roll call.

(The motion was agreed to.)

ENCAMPMENT ROLL FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE COMMANDERY IN CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS, DENVER, COLO., SEPTEMBER 18-20, 1928

[Asterisk (*) indicates members present]

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Alternates: William H. Hamilton, 133 Third Avenue, Baraboo, Wis.; Charles Van Kirk, 702 South Fifth Street, La Crosse, Wis.; L. B. Shepard, 1420 Northern Court, Madison, Wis.

Delegate representation

Chapter 3, article 2, section 1, Constitution and Regulations: “* * * one delegate from each department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every five hundred members or major fraction thereof * * *.”

Department	Member-ship	Dele-gates	Department	Member-ship	Dele-gates
Alabama and Tennessee.....	295	1	Nebraska.....	278	7
California and Pacific.....	1,134	8	New Hampshire.....	1,089	4
Connecticut.....	2,366	5	New Jersey.....	1,593	6
Illinois.....	1,327	9	New York.....	4,367	14
Indiana.....	1,416	7	Ohio.....	4,159	11
Iowa.....	776	4	Oregon.....	314	-----
Kansas.....	566	3	Pennsylvania.....	11,156	19
Maine.....	1,895	4	Rhode Island.....	504	4
Maryland.....	627	5	Vermont.....	1,133	-----
Massachusetts.....	7,726	21	Washington.....	406	2
Michigan.....	796	4	Wisconsin.....	846	5
Minnesota.....	387	3			
Missouri.....	491	6	Total.....	45,687	152

Commander in Chief MABIE. Following additional committees are appointed:

Constitution and regulations: D. D. Hammelbaugh, past department commander, Pennsylvania; C. S. Scull, department commander, Indiana; Frank L. Brown, department commander, Nebraska; G. H. Merkle, department commander, Michigan; Charles G. Denman, department commander, New Jersey.

Ritual and ceremonies: Frank Shellhouse, past commander in chief, Indiana; T. H. Little, department commander, Washington; H. E. Moore, department commander, Wisconsin; J. E. Knox, delegate, Massachusetts.

Officers' reports: J. E. Sautter, past commander in chief, Pennsylvania; H. F. Weiler, past department commander, Massachusetts; E. B. Atwater, department commander, Connecticut; F. J. Phillips, past department commander, Illinois; Ed. S. Wilson, delegate, Ohio.

National Secretary H. H. HAMMER. I move that the report of the commander in chief be read; all others to be referred to the committee on officers' reports without reading. Agreed to.

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

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 30, 1928.

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

BROTHERS: A year ago you elected me to the high and honorable position of commander in chief to guard our order's interests and to manage its affairs for the term now closing. I am now tendering you a report of that stewardship.

Before I became a candidate for the office of commander in chief I was well aware of the fact that our order was sliding, both numerically and financially, and the truth of the matter is I thought that I could check the slide. Just how well I have succeeded will be told in two statements:

Net loss—about 3,700 members.

Finances—by the strictest economy—just a wee bit better than upon assuming office.

Not much of a report. I am making it just as short as I know how in order that you will get its full significance.

For a detailed statement of our income and outgo, both of members and finances, I would refer you to the report of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer.

I have tried in every way that I could think of to overcome the above condition but to no avail.

We can preach during this entire encampment as to just what should be done, but, after all, there is but one thing that will stop our enormous loss and accompanying lack of funds and that is individual effort and work.

Some years ago Brother Sautter said: "If our order is worth belonging to, it is worth working for." That is just as true to-day as it was then, if not more so.

Then we were wishing that the Grand Army of the Republic would do certain things for us, things that have since been done and should be an incentive for use to work still harder.

Ours is not the only organization to feel a loss in membership, all others are in the same position.

It appears, after reading over many reports from other organizations, that fraternal and patriotic organizations are up against a fight for their very existence.

Due to many things, among them radio, moving pictures, and automobiles, men are not drawn to organizations as they were a few years ago.

In the face of this our organization has also suffered from another source, hundreds of our most active members were participants in the World War and have slowly but surely alienated their activity from our organization to become leaders in the various veteran organizations.

Many of these veterans still retain membership in our order, but their activity goes to the other organizations, and it's the activity that counts.

In order to overcome this loss of activity it becomes necessary for us to make plans to make our order inviting to the younger generation, to make good our promise to the Grand Army of the Republic that our order would remain a living memorial to the boys of 61-65 for all time to come.

Many of our camps and departments are doing splendid—to even attempt to enumerate some of the things would take up too much of your time—work that is appreciated in the various communities and work that is instilling into the rising generation a true spirit of patriotism.

Our order is needed; we do have thousands of brothers working hard for its interests and we will continue to go on, and let us hope and pray that with the individual effort and work of each and every brother we will soon be able to hear a commander in chief report not 50,000 members but 500,000 active members. [Applause.]

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

Our concern for years has been to keep members in our order; many of us thought that by increasing the initiation fee we could hold the members, feeling that a member paying a worthwhile fee would hold the organization in better regard than one who admitted for a small fee.

We have worried along for years as to why our outgo was nearly as large as our income, but at that, with our small muster fee, with our unseemingly large number of members dropped each year, we did grow; not as fast as many thought we should perhaps but with nearly each succeeding year our national officers were able to report a larger membership than the previous year.

However, in order to keep the members in after they had once joined, we made it mandatory upon camps to charge a minimum fee of \$5 on each recruit mustered.

Let us see just how this has worked out. From many localities I have received protests that the camps can not secure candidates at this figure and in many camps no candidate has been mustered since the \$5 fee went into effect.

This in connection with the fact that we must expect a natural loss from death, etc., has meant that we have had no one to take the place of those lost.

While I personally would like to see our order be in a position to charge a reasonable muster fee, still I must admit that in most cases it is the brother who is taken in at small fee is the one who can be depended upon to do the work of the order, more especially on Memorial Day.

Many of the brothers who can afford to pay a large muster fee have our order and its work at heart, but they are busy men and generally not of the type that do the routine work of an organization such as ours.

Therefore, after giving the \$5 muster fee a trial for two years and knowing positively that it has not helped us to grow, I make the following recommendation:

Recommendation.—That Regulations, “chapter 1, article 6, camp finances, section 1-3, referring to initiation fee of \$5, and fee of \$1 on each candidate initiated—50 cents of which shall be paid to departments and 50 cents to the commandery in chief, with per capita tax” be changed so that camps may charge whatever initiation fee they desire, but of this fee 50 cents shall be paid to the department and 50 cents to the commandery in chief, with the per capita tax.

PER CAPITA TAX

If you will study National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer's report you will notice that our income this year has been just about enough (we hope) to take care of our expenses. If we expect to carry on in the face of a continued loss of membership and a consequent loss of revenue to the national treasury we must look at the issue squarely and make up our minds that in the very near future an increased per capita tax must be levied. Unfortunately, the various departments have made a flat per capita tax for the members of their different departments, based on a belief that the national per capita tax would remain at 9 cents per member per quarter, and it would therefore be unfair to the departments to raise the per capita tax at this encampment. It would be far better if departments in making their per capita tax at the department encampments would so word the laws that “so much per capita per member for use of the department in addition to the per capita charged or paid to the commandery in chief.” By being so worded, any change, either lowering or raising of the per capita tax by the commandery in chief could be taken care of by the departments.

Recommended: That the per capita tax for the ensuing year remain unchanged—9 cents per quarter, payable on each and every member in good standing.

ORGANIZING SMALL CAMPS

The organization of small camps is, I believe, a detriment to the order and should be looked upon with disfavor, except in cases where it can be satisfactorily shown that a camp is needed by a Grand Army post at a particular place and that its organization would be of benefit to the order, but even in such instances the minimum number of members should not be less than 25—no camp should be organized with less than 25 members. The camps that live and become worth while to the order are those that start with a membership amply large to insure that there will be a sufficient number of members present at a meeting to carry on the work of the camp, to meet its necessary expenses, and have a balance in its treasury. A camp that does not fulfill these conditions has but a small chance of surviving, for its members will become discouraged, it will soon fall into financial straits and become unable to pay its per capita tax, and as a consequence will be dropped. The moral effect on a community where a camp is disbanded or dropped is not good for the order, and therefore before a camp is organized its likelihood of surviving should be well considered.

Brother Hammer has in his report a recommendation which covers this matter, and it should be given much thought and consideration.

VISITATIONS

It is unfortunate that so many of our department encampments hold their meetings on conflicting dates. It seems to me that there should be some concerted effort on the part of the department officers to so arrange the encampment dates as to make it possible for the commander in chief to visit them all. Because of the lack of “teamwork” in this regard, the commander in chief was able to attend but 12 department encampments. It was a privilege, as well as a pleasure, to be with the members of the organization at the encampments at which I was present.

Your commander in chief had the pleasure of meeting the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, national president of the Daughters of Veterans, the national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the national president of our own Auxiliary at several of the encampments.

DISCIPLINE AND DECORUM

In far too many of our camps have I noticed that during the opening and closing exercises no attention whatever is paid to making the services impressive. When giving the flag salute about 1 per cent of the members do so in the proper manner. During initiation of candidates many of the brothers seem to think that it is the time for them to hold conversation with the group of members sitting near them. All of these things affect our order in getting new members and in the attendance at the meetings. If done properly, they have a tendency to attract the membership; if done in a slipshod manner, they do nothing but disgust the big majority.

Recommendation: That it be part of the national patriotic instructor's duties to publish from time to time the correct manner in which to give the flag salute, the proper position to assume during the opening and closing ceremonies, and the value of silence and strict attention during initiation of recruits.

PROTESTS

The Department of Connecticut protested the action of the commandery in chief in the method of changing the name of division to department. I ruled that it was within the power of the encampment to make such change. The Department of Connecticut graciously obeyed this ruling and by vote at their encampment at Danbury changed its title to department, with a resolution protesting the manner in which the change in title was put into effect. The resolution committee will bring this resolution before you at the proper time. All other decisions have been handled by your national counselor and will be covered in his report.

NEW FORMS, BADGES, ETC.

Due to legislation passed at Grand Rapids, it was necessary to purchase new rituals, constitutions, various forms, new badges, and an entire new stock of electrotypes of badges and coat of arms. Much correspondence and work, with quite a bit of worry, was caused by these changes, but due to the experience of your national secretary-treasurer, we were able to procure all the above and make a saving in every instance. After considerable negotiations, arrangements were made whereby departments and camps could have the new seals made in a satisfactory manner at a very reasonable price. The lithography of a new charter was gone into and will be covered in the report of committee appointed for that duty.

OUR YOUNGSTERS

At all the encampments that I attended during the year I tried to stress the importance of getting in the younger generation and keeping them in. To my mind this is our biggest problem. We must find ways and means of interesting the boys of 15 years and upward—must find some way to have them feel and know just what our order is all about and what it stands for. Therefore, with the idea of bringing to our notice some plan that will enable us to create interest in our order by our younger members it is—

Recommended: That a prize of \$100 be awarded by the commandery in chief at the next encampment to the brother suggesting the best plan whereby the camps may create and hold the interest of the younger members of our order, the sitting department commanders who are present at this encampment to act as a committee of award.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

My first official act was to send congratulations from our organization to Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic Elbridge L. Hawk upon his election and offering the cooperation and services of our order in any capacity that he might direct or require at any time. It has been my pleasure to have met Commander in Chief Hawk at several department encampments and he has always given freely of his wise counsel and has assisted in many ways. I am deeply thankful for his many kind acts and deeds to me personally and to the order in general. The comrades everywhere are showing by word and deed that they do appreciate our services, and by legislation at their department and national encampments are making known to the public that our order

is looked upon to carry on their work. I wonder just how many brothers caught the full significance of the following order issued by the commandery in chief Grand Army of the Republic?

"Be it enacted, That posts in the several departments may admit the Sons of Veterans, at their option, to meetings of said posts, but not to participate in any of the proceedings by vote or otherwise. They can be engaged by the posts to act as secretary if so desired.

"Be it enacted, That section 2, article 1, chapter 2, of the Rules and Regulations, and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following provision: 'That in all cases of disbanded posts the disposition of the charter and other property pertaining to the organization of such posts and management thereof (exclusive of funds) may be made in such manner as the department in which such posts are located shall determine and direct from time to time.'

"Departments may permit posts to hold their annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., at any time between October 1 and January 1."

All of the above changes were made to benefit our order. Have we taken advantage thereof? Many brothers are acting as secretary for various posts, and I have had many words of thanks and commendation from comrades and posts for services rendered.

The Grand Army needs our services more and more each year, and it is to the credit of many of our brothers that they are sparing no time, money, or effort to do everything to make the lives of the comrades happy.

OUR AUXILIARY

The relations with our Auxiliary have been most cordial. They have assisted us in many ways and during the past year have been of much service to our organization. We owe to Mrs. Waters a debt of gratitude for her advice and cooperation. The Auxiliary, under her guidance, has done many patriotic duties that have helped our order.

ALLIED PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES

Grateful acknowledgment is here made to the national presidents of the allied societies—the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Army Nurses of the Civil War, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War—for the courtesy and consideration all of them have shown toward our organization during the past year.

RESERVE

Several of the departments are making heroic efforts to put the reserve on a better footing, and their work is much appreciated. In my many visits I took particular notice that where a reserve company existed one could find quite a number of the younger members present and active.

DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

This association has been of material assistance in work of our organization. It enables camps and auxiliaries to be of real assistance in the time of need. It is recommended to those camps who are looking for real protection at a nominal figure.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Your legislative committee, consisting of Past Commander in Chief F. T. F. Johnson and Past Commander in Chief Harley Speelman, has performed its duties in a creditable manner during the year. Among the many services performed was the securing the privilege of printing by the Government Printing Office the proceedings of the forty-sixth annual encampment.

Recommendation: That the incoming commander in chief appoint a legislative committee and that Brother Past Commander in Chief Speelman act as chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

Brother Hale, of Connecticut, as chairman of this committee, is doing wonderful work, and camps and departments that are working along the lines he

has laid down are doing a real work not only for to-day but for generations yet to come. While visiting him at Hartford I was amazed and gratified at the comprehensiveness of his system and at the systematic arrangement of the work that he personally has supervised.

It is recommended that this committee be continued, with Brother Hale as chairman, and that every department be urged to appoint committees to work with the committee on marking graves.

PUBLICITY

I have endeavored to bring our order to the attention of the public on many occasions—at dedications, banquets, reunions, churches, memorial services, encampments, and meetings of various organizations—securing at many of these affairs valuable newspaper publicity for our organization.

At New York City during the services held incident to the anniversary of the birth of General Grant I objected to the mayor of New York City parading the great-grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee in a Confederate uniform at the reception tendered the Irish and German fliers. During this speech I referred to the fact that General Lee was a traitor, that he had been educated at the expense of the United States Government, that he had sworn allegiance to the United States and had taken up arms against the United States. I said that I had no harsh thought for the men of the Confederacy who as citizens of the South were virtually bound to fight and defend their homes and ideals. I stated that they of the South showed that they were good soldiers and knew how to fight and die for the things they thought were right. In concluding I protested as forcibly as was within my power to the act of Mayor Walker (as I said at the time and as I again say just as forcibly) for political reasons to parade the great-grandson of a traitor dressed in a uniform similar to that of a Confederate general before the youth of our Nation as something to glorify; and in closing I remarked that we in the North tried hard to forget the acts of some of those who should have been aligned with the Union during the awful war—but that down in the South there were still people who while they believed that it was best that the war ended as it did still persist in erecting monuments and glorifying the memories of those whom it would be best for all the world to forget.

This speech was snapped up by reporters from the various newspapers and while published by some as given, others garbled it so that it was anything but what I had said. Newspapers in the South made front-page stories of it and for a while my mail from that section was pretty heavy and some of the letters were very fiery. Quite a number of southern gentlemen wrote me and protested that I was doing wrong in bringing up old memories and that what I had said would have been better left unsaid. To these gentlemen I replied stating that it was not my desire to even think of mentioning General Lee but that I was forced to do so when for purely political reasons the great-grandson of a traitor was paraded as a hero to the youth of the largest city in our land and the impression given that it is an honor to be related to a traitor.

Many favorable comments were received from various sources and no less than 31 northern newspapers made editorial comment. For a period of six weeks or more my mail was a collection of "brickbats and bouquets."

The whole affair proved to me that we do not need an organization such as ours if only for the purpose of keeping alive the true story of the Civil War and be ready at all times to keep before the public just who was responsible for making this the greatest country on the face of God's green earth. [Applause.]

THE BANNER

During the year I have received but few complaints about our official organ, The Banner. A few of the complaints were "that it was too costly." Others said that it was of no real value to our organization. Still others said that it was not of the right type and that to be of real service it should be made a real patriotic journal, containing news of all patriotic affairs and be sponsored by the various allied organizations. Personally, I have tried to ascertain if our membership at large read The Banner, and it was with this idea that I devoted the first page in quite a number of issues to some observations and preachments that I thought might agree with some of our membership and not with others. I was gratified to note that many of the brothers did read at least the front page, as I have received hundreds of letters commenting upon my articles, and,

strange to say, all commending the thoughts and recommendations. (I guess the fellows who did not agree with me are the ones who do not read The Banner "because it has no news.")

I, too, would like to see our paper be the official paper for the various allied organizations. I know that it would be of vast good for us to have The Banner go to the homes of all who are interested in keeping alive the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, but I know positively that it can not be done in the manner that we are doing it. It would mean that some one would of necessity take entire charge of editing and publishing, seeing to it that the various organizations subscribing thereto received space due them, getting in their copy on time for publication—but why go on? It would mean an entirely different proposition, where we would virtually go into the publication business.

Personally, I believe that The Banner as at present issued is just about all that we can expect—in fact, it is a whole lot more than we pay for—and unless the committee on Banner have some concrete report to make to the encampment would recommend that a contract be made to publish The Banner in its present form for another year. (Having no word from the committee appointed at Grand Rapids to go into The Banner question I would prefer that above recommendations be held in abeyance until their report is received.)

NATIONAL OFFICERS

The commander in chief appreciates in the fullest extent the loyal support he has received at the hands of the national officers, both elective and appointive; each has performed efficiently and willingly the duties that have been required of him, for which the thanks of the order and the commander in chief are now tendered. Their respective reports will be read with interest by all. While it is not necessary to specify each officer, I do not feel that the splendid work done by Senior Vice Commander Bowley should pass unnoticed. Many things were asked of and performed by him that were done not as part of his prescribed duties but as a labor of love for our order, among them being his making several trips from San Francisco to Denver making arrangements for this encampment. My personal thanks are hereby tendered Brother Bowley.

To National Secretary-treasurer Hammer goes my heartiest thanks for services rendered me at all times. Brother Hammer has given to the duties of his office the most careful and painstaking attention; he has performed every service requested or required of him and has always responded to every request that has been made for advice and assistance.

A careful reading of National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer's report will prove beneficial to every member in attendance. It contains many things that are of vital interest and importance to our organization.

TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP

My heartiest thanks are due to the many brothers of our order and the sisters of the Auxiliary who have tried during this year and in years gone by to help not only make our order grow but who have likewise done many things of service to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the country at large.

I also desire to thank those past commanders in chief who gave of their knowledge to assist me that I might be more able to do the things that I have endeavored to accomplish.

NECROLOGY

December 30, 1927: A. G. Bennett, past department commander, California and Pacific, San Francisco, Calif.

March 27, 1928: J. H. Fenton, past department commander, Iowa.

May 11, 1928: F. T. J. Johnson, past department commander, Maryland. Past commander in chief.

June 22, 1928: John D. Hopper, past department commander, New Jersey. Paterson, N. J.

Appropriate reference to the above and other members who during the past year have departed this life will be made at the memorial service this afternoon, which will be duly recorded in the proceedings of this encampment.

CONCLUSION

The office of commander in chief is the highest within your gift, and to him who is chosen to occupy it comes the greatest honor that any member of the order may attain. In my selection to this office there was confided to me a trust, a confidence, that I have held most sacred and to which I have unstintedly given my very best efforts. If I have been in any degree instrumental in raising the standard of the order and increasing its prestige, or if I have been able to revive the waning interest of any of our members, or awakened any of them to a realization of their duties to our country, I shall believe the time devoted to my work has inured to the advantage and progress of our organization, and that any sacrifices that may have been made have not been made in vain.

In relinquishing this office and returning to the ranks in my own camp, I shall carry with me many pleasing recollections of work in which I have been deeply interested and to which I have given practically all of my leisure hours, of new acquaintances formed and old renewed, and of old friendships made all the stronger by intimate association, and, I trust, the confidence, respect, and esteem of the membership of the order.

I wish to thank the brothers for the great honor that was conferred on me by my election as commander in chief, and to those who have so loyally supported me during my term of office I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation and to bespeak for my successor the same loyalty and assistance they have given to me.

It is with fervent prayer of thankfulness to Almighty God for His goodness in being with me throughout the year and to whom I looked for guidance and help on many occasions that I bring this report to a close, trusting that His favor will be with you all and will enable us here assembled to meet and legislate for the very best interest of our beloved organization. [Applause.]

WALTER C. MABIE,
Commander in Chief.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. You have listened to a splendid report from our commander in chief. It will be referred to the committee on officers' reports. I think we should all give him a rising vote of thanks. It was splendid.

(A rising vote of thanks was given to Commander in Chief Mabie.)

National Secretary H. H. HAMMER. Commander in Chief, I present [reading in title] the reports of the respective national officers (They were referred to the committee on officers' reports.)

 REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., August 1, 1928.

TO WALTER C. MABIE, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, DENVER, COLO.

BRETHREN: It is with genuine pride and satisfaction that toward the end of my second term as your senior vice commander in chief I submit my report. Am proud, by virtue of the fact that the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and other national heads have publicly praised me for services performed, and satisfied, for I have fallen in love with my job and feel that the future is ours. Two million two hundred and three thousand three hundred and sixty-three loyal men enlisted under the leadership of the immortal Abraham Lincoln to preserve our representative Republic for posterity. There are a minimum of 5,000,000 descendants of the Union soldier, sailor, and marine who served our country during the trying period of 1861 to 1865, and all can be brought into our allied orders by honest work and constructive effort.

OUR ORGANIZATION—THE CAMP

The welfare committee has proved its worth; in all camps that have a live welfare committee that functions properly, said camps are progressing splendidly.

That camp which gives the most attention to its sick and distressed members and to find suitable employment for the unemployed and which provides the most inviting entertainments at its meetings and observes general and department orders will, therefore, have the largest accession of new members.

THE DEPARTMENT

Cooperation is the key to success. We must have more and better team work, a greater exchange of department orders, more complete department rosters that should contain the mailing address of all department officers and past department commanders, and each department commander should request the members of the camps of his department to forward, through their camp commander, the names and addresses of brothers, sisters, sons, and/or grandsons who are not members of the order. The fact that the eligible lives in another State entitles him to the same attention as if he lived in your own home town. All States should be divided into at least three sections, and the department commander should place his senior vice and his junior vice in command of one of these districts. If they make good, they should be promoted without contest; there should be some inducement for an officer who sacrifices his time, his strength, and his money. The interests of the order demand that an officer be tried out before he is placed in command; let the contest or fight for office be made for junior vice rather than for department commander.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The United States of America is recognized throughout the world as a land of freedom, equality, and democracy, and we can perform more efficiently and conscientiously the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon us to help keep it so and become more prominent in public and national affairs, thus obtaining a much-needed favorable publicity that will be of the greatest assistance to our departments and camps; by creating at least three national districts to be known as the eastern department, central department, and the western department, said departments to be placed in command of the three principal officers, viz, the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, and the junior vice commander in chief. Surely more effective work can be accomplished by three earnest officers than by one. As this plan would be the means of making the offices of the senior and junior vice nearly as important as the office of the commander in chief, some provision should be made to cover the traveling expenses of both officers. It should be the duty of the national heads not only to attend as many department encampments as possible but also to inspect said departments and render such assistance as is needed, and see to it that the necessary supplies are on hand to carry on. This question of proper supplies is of vital importance.

ORGANIZATION WORK

The call of our fathers must be heeded; a camp must be instituted now wherever the remnants of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic remains. The greatest care should be taken in selecting the right person to perform this important task. It is an easy duty to organize a camp, but it is a different story to keep said camp alive unless the right timber has been used in forming the camp. Have reason to point with pride to Colorado State Camp No. 1, of Denver, instituted January 11, 1928. This camp observed the one hundred and nineteenth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln most creditably; had 35 uniformed and armed members in line on Memorial Day and furnished the firing squad and the orator of the day, and assisted the Grand Army conduct the services at the cemetery. Utah State Camp, of Salt Lake City, instituted May 26, 1928, is another camp that promises well for the future. The commander, Harry Joseph, is an active member of the Elks; the senior vice commander, Judge George G. Armstrong, is a lawyer of prominence; the junior vice commander, William T. Mulloy, is an official of the Union Pacific Railroad Co., and well qualified to handle transportation matters; the chaplain, Rev. U. S. Villars, is a past department commander of the Department of Minnesota, and offered his professional services gratuitously for all occasions requiring the services of a man of the cloth; the press correspondent, Albert F. Phillips, is an experienced newspaper man; the patriotic instructor, R. S. Sleater, is an orator; and the secretary-treasurer, G. S. Goodsell, is a past master in penmanship and book-keeping. In a nutshell, the camp officers were elected to offices that they were

best qualified to fill; therefore success is assured. Both of these camps have been instructed to form degree teams and be prepared to put on the work in a creditable manner when other camps are instituted in their State, and to be "a big brother" to all new camps. Am convinced that this is the only practical way of commencing work in a State where no camps exist; from one large State camp that can take care of the camps to follow.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

Attended the department encampments of the Departments of California and Pacific, Utah, Washington, Idaho and Montana, and Oregon, and they were all a credit to our order. As the Departments of Washington, Oregon, and California elected able department commanders with splendid staffs, who have taken hold of the work with vim, the future for a healthy growth in these departments seems bright. The Grand Army chieftain was present at all three gatherings and his presence encouraged the Sons. Past Commander in Chief Barrows contributed largely to the success of the encampment at Long Beach, Calif., as did the presence of Past Department Commanders Plymire, Thayer, Boynton, Deems, Hawthorne, Mullins, Medlar, Parker, Carpenter, et al. Much credit is due to Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief C. Randall Bubb for the remarkable and successful encampment held at Tacoma, Wash.; 1,300 attended the banquet given in honor of the national heads. Past Department Commander Zeek was an inspiration at Roseburg, Oreg., ably reinforced by Past Department Commander Fessenden, Commander Howe, and other Oregon brothers. The visit to the Veterans' Home was most enjoyable.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Hail to the heroes of the Civil War. Two generations have grown to man's estate since they performed their deeds of valor on many a hard-fought field. The last remnant of that Grand Army that saved the Union are still advocating policies and principles that are essential to the welfare of our country. Every new member, camp, or department of the Sons of Union Veterans is hailed with delight by our dear comrades. A remark by Commander Corser, of Howard Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Salt Lake City, who braved a severe thunderstorm to escort his grandsons to the meeting when Utah State Camp was instituted, is suggestive: "We want to know that the work of the Grand Army will be carried on after we are gone and we also want to know while we are yet alive that our sons and grandsons are united and members of the Sons of Union Veterans, that they may talk right, think right, and vote right."

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

The activities and services of this wonderful patriotic ally are too numerous to mention. Suffice to state that they have expended for relief among the Union veterans and their dependents \$6,503,542; gave to world veterans \$75,100.04; gave for child welfare \$291,740.48; and have expended for patriotic work \$571,354.75. It afforded me great pleasure, therefore, to donate to different departments of this worthy order 1,500 Lincoln cards containing the photograph and the Gettysburg address of the great emancipator. To National President Emma W. Campbell and her counselor, Grace Willard, I wish to express sincere appreciation for able assistance and courtesies extended.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

It is indeed a pleasure to pay a sincere tribute to this band of noble women. They have never failed to respond to a patriotic call. At the department encampment at Long Beach, Calif., I directed attention to the fact that not a single monument and/or memorial existed in the State of California in honor of the creator of our flag, Gen. George Washington, and that a state-wide movement was being made to erect a monument and memorial in the civic center of San Francisco. Before I had time to return to the encampment hall of the Sons a committee representing the circle at San Diego, Calif., made an official visit and pledged \$100 for this worthy purpose.

AUXILIARY OF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Our beloved Auxiliary has never failed us and is to us what the Woman's Relief Corps is to the Grand Army of the Republic. The national treasurer, Mrs. Wilma L. Combs, rendered valuable service at the time that Colorado State Camp No. 1 was instituted, and National President Margaret L. Waters has brought cheer and encouragement wherever she has made her appearance. The department of California and Pacific, upon the recommendation of Past National President Mamie Deems, presented the department of California and Pacific Sons of Union Veterans with \$50, and Past Department President Elinor Graves and Department President Marie B. Shaw motored thousands of miles in the interests of both organizations.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Our sisters have always been most helpful and stand ready at all times to advance our interests and welcome us to their tents. National President Ida M. Glasgow has publicly urged her members to cooperate in building up the camps. The recommendation of Past National President Estelle Underhill, of New York, that a drive be made to place Old Glory over every home in America should receive the plaudits and support of every member of our order.

OTHER PATRIOTIC ORDERS

The interests of the Grand Army and allied orders—the Elks, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and other veteran organizations—are identical and can always be relied upon in patriotic endeavor. The observance of Flag Day and Mothers' Day by the Elks and Constitution Day by the Sons of the American Revolution have become features in our national celebrations, and we as an order who have the best interests of our country at heart should attend these public functions and invite these splendid coworkers to take part in our public meetings.

OUR INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING

"The welfare of the Nation is in the education of its youth." The teaching of patriotism in our public schools is essential to the development of American citizenship. With this objective in mind, I had printed and distributed several thousand copies of The American's Creed and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and am happy to report that our public-school officials have been pleased to cooperate in this important work. Regret that many of our best people inspired by idealistic motives have taken a stand against compulsory military training in schools. Military training develops the youth mentally, morally, and physically, and brings home to young men a sense of the obligations of citizenship. The reserve officers' training camp is part of our national defense, and as the United States only has an active force of 135,000 and nations like Spain and Japan have 218,000 and 210,000, am firmly of the opinion that it would be a serious mistake to fail to maintain the efficiency of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. Millions of lives and billions of dollars have been needlessly sacrificed on the altar of unpreparedness. Every right-thinking man desires world peace; especially do we want our Republic to be at peace with the world, and the only way to maintain peace is to be prepared and for Americans to be constantly on guard, whether from a foe without or a foe within.

COMMUNISM

The communist forces, which for years sought to seize control of the American Federation of Labor and make it a weapon for the overthrow of the Republic and the setting up of a dictatorship similar to that which rules or misrules Russia, received a ringing denunciation by President William T. Green of the American Federation of Labor. Our Pilgrim Fathers founded this country and our patriotic sires founded our order upon a firm belief in God, the sacredness of the marriage ceremony, and the home. Communism has no place in our representative Republic, but it does provide a very strong motive for each and

every member of the Sons of Union Veterans to take an active part in building up the membership and finances of our fraternity.

MERITORIOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The leaflet issued by the Massachusetts Department under the caption "Excuses and Answers," should be printed and issued to all camps of our order, and I so recommend, the permission of the Massachusetts Department having first been obtained. Camp News, as printed by Philadelphia Camp No. 200, can well be copied by other camps of all departments; likewise Our Patriotic Fraternity, published at Fresno, Calif. The Departments of New York, Missouri, Massachusetts, Illinois, Alabama and Tennessee, California and Pacific, Indiana, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Kansas, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Vermont, Washington, Ohio, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Oregon, New Hampshire, Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska are entitled to praise for their splendid department orders; some departments more than others. The New York Department heads its department orders with a motto, "Honest work wins," etc., which is effective. As our order is a historical order, the department orders of all departments should be preserved and bound in book form. Suggest that the department orders of all departments be uniform in size, 5½ by 8½ inches, and recommend that a department commander mail his orders to all other department commanders of the order and substitute the name department for division and department orders for general orders, and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Our commander in chief, Walter C. Mabie, deserves praise for having the proceedings of our forty-sixth annual encampment declared a public document and printed by the Government's printing department. Was glad that I was in a position to secure the indorsement of the commander in chief of the Grand Army to assist in this great financial saving. Commander in Chief Mabie has spared neither time nor effort or expense in advancing the welfare of the order. Past Commander in Chief Shellhouse is entitled to thanks for interesting United States Senator Robinson, of Indiana, in the Civil War Veterans's widow pension bill.

THE BANNER

Am of the opinion that the time is ripe to make our official paper the official organ of all the allied orders; and recommend that steps be taken to secure the appointment of a permanent fraternal relations committee of all the allied orders to confer with a like committee from our own order to bring this and other desirable conditions about.

NATIONAL AIDES

An actual need exists for the appointment of national aides in each and every camp of the order, and I recommend that the newly elected commander in chief be authorized and requested to appoint said national aides; and that through said aides plans be made and work commenced to create a reserve fund and an organization fund for the commander in chief. No business enterprise can be run successfully on a shoe-string, and the interest on some well-placed bonds will do wonders toward meeting our overhead expense and building up our order of patriots. In conclusion, I wish to state that while the correspondence and the varied duties of the office are rather strenuous, I wish to thank my brothers for honoring me for two consecutive terms as their senior vice commander.

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

DELEVAN B. BOWLEY,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

TO MR. WALTER C. MABIE, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND MEMBERS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEAR SIR: I beg leave to submit to you and through you to the members of this encampment the report of my stewardship as your junior vice commander in chief.

First, I wish to thank the members of the forty-sixth encampment for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me to this office. While the duties are not many and very little work is laid out for the incumbent of this office still the honor of being selected the third national officer of this grand patriotic order is an honor any man, I care not what his walk in life may be, should be justly proud of.

I have been called upon by you to perform but one special service, and that was to represent you at the Michigan Department encampment, at Kalamazoo, Mich., in June, 1928. That commission I performed to the best of my ability and wish to report a very successful encampment. Nothing of any nature that would mar the enjoyment of the encampment came up; it was indeed a very enjoyable occasion. At home I have tried to do my duty as an officer of this body and a member of the order at large.

In Grand Rapids, Memorial Day exercises are handled by a joint committee composed of delegates from each of the patriotic organizations—Spanish War veterans, World War veterans, National Guards—all joining with the Grand Army of the Republic to make the day what it should be. There are 23 different organizations in this body. Your junior vice had the honor of being president of this body this year, and was the marshal of the day in the parade, which was large and very successful. The Sons of Veterans, Daughters of Veterans, and auxiliary bodies, had a very important part in working out and putting across the success of the day.

I have been very much interested in the idea of holding regional meetings in departments in Michigan. We have been holding such meetings, the department furnishing the team to do the work. In my opinion, it could with profit be taken up in other departments, as it stimulates interest, creates good fellowship, and, not the least of the good things in its favor, the ritual is rendered by those who do the work well, and so give a better impression of the order.

And now as the year is spent and the annual encampment is at hand, I wish to bid you Godspeed. May we have the happy remembrance that we have done our best for our beloved order and that the pledge for the future will be to do more and more as the years roll by to make the sunset path of those grand old boys in blue smooth and happy, whom we love so well to honor as the Grand Army of the Republic.

In bidding official farewell to my friends of this order, permit me to quote:

“Friendship is a chain of gold,
Shaped in God’s all-perfect mold;
Each link a smile, a laugh, a tear,
A grip of the hand, a word of cheer;
As steadfast as the ages roll,
Binding closer soul to soul,
No matter how far or heavy the load,
Sweet is the journey on Friendship’s road.”

GEORGE E. COGSHALL,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

READING, PA., *September 10, 1928.*

TO MR. WALTER C. MABIE,
*Commander in Chief,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Your term started with a negligible balance in the treasury. Confronting you was the unusual expenditure or outlay incident to the changes in name and title, amendments to the regulations affecting badges, rituals, constitutions and regulations, forms, etc. The council in chief’s budget estimated receipts \$4,988.99 in excess of the amount received. Its provision for disbursements was \$5,173.63 greater than was expended. While receipts for per capita tax and membership fees were \$943.16 less than last term the total receipts were but \$478.44 under, and expenditures \$1,928.65 less.

With reduced membership, the principal source of our revenues, the financial feature stands out and reflects the careful, economical conduct of affairs.

FINANCIAL

Receipts:

Sept. 15, 1927—To balances—		
Committee marking graves	-----	\$200.00
General fund	-----	144.68
		<u>344.68</u>
Per capita tax and membership fees	-----	\$17,484.18
Charter fees	-----	70.00
Supplies	-----	3,138.05
Miscellaneous, including refund printing journal of 1927 encampment (\$10.08)	-----	12.08
Total receipts	-----	<u>20,704.31</u>
Total	-----	<u>21,048.99</u>

Disbursements:

By general expenses—		
Committee on marking graves	-----	55.00
General fund	-----	16,460.77
Office expenses	-----	1,024.73
Commander in chief's expenses	-----	1,232.17
		<u>18,717.67</u>
By total disbursements	-----	18,772.67
By balances—		
Committee on marking graves	-----	145.00
General fund	-----	2,131.32
		<u>2,276.32</u>
Total	-----	<u>21,048.99</u>

Itemized receipts from departments

Department	Per capita tax and member- ship fees	Charter fees	Supplies	Miscel- laneous	Total
Alabama and Tennessee	\$112.38		\$33.53		\$145.91
California and Pacific	442.35	\$10.00	181.24		633.59
Connecticut	886.00		87.54		973.54
Illinois	522.93		137.99		660.92
Indiana	565.67	5.00	88.90		659.57
Iowa	316.64	15.00	110.38		442.02
Kansas	168.13		41.30		209.43
Maine	742.22	5.00	138.83		886.05
Maryland	234.71	5.00	73.10		312.81
Massachusetts	2,993.92	5.00	497.85		3,496.77
Michigan	324.78		81.81		406.59
Minnesota	147.06		25.79		172.85
Missouri	191.12		18.91		210.03
Nebraska	117.68	5.00	15.06		137.74
New Hampshire	419.58		92.15		511.73
New Jersey	573.99	5.00	170.05		749.04
New York	1,649.50	5.00	286.64		1,941.14
Ohio	1,593.08	10.00	180.12	\$1.50	1,784.70
Oregon	126.63		35.13		161.76
Pennsylvania	4,214.80		491.75	.50	4,707.05
Rhode Island	213.26		36.51		249.77
Vermont	431.26		103.47		534.73
Washington	160.89		105.70		266.59
Wisconsin	335.60		104.30		439.90
Refund United States Government Office, journal 1927 encampment				10.08	
Total	17,484.18	70.00	3,138.05	12.08	20,704.31

Itemized expenditures

General expenses:	
Supplies-----	\$3, 529. 58
The Banner, subscription, October, 1927-August, 1928, inclusive-----	9, 212. 59
Encampment, printing journal of proceedings (1927)-----	100. 08
Printing-----	42. 54
Shipping supplies-----	90. 28
Salaries, Aug. 21, 1927-Aug. 20, 1928, inclusive--	3, 300. 00
Bonds, national officers-----	27. 50
Miscellaneous (past) commander in chief's badge, etc-----	130. 00
Officers other than commander in chief-----	28. 20
Committee on marking graves-----	55. 00
	\$16, 515. 77
Office expenses:	
Wrapping paper and twine-----	10. 45
Postage-----	121. 26
Telegrams-----	9. 71
Express and freight-----	19. 45
Telegrams-----	21. 03
Stationery, national officers-----	238. 35
Rent-----	602. 19
Miscellaneous-----	12. 00
	1, 024. 73
Commander in chief's expenses:	
Postage-----	18. 00
Telegrams-----	9. 71
Traveling-----	1, 190. 96
Stenographer-----	10. 00
Miscellaneous-----	3. 50
	1, 232. 17
Total expenditures-----	18, 772. 67

Vouchers

No.		
1.	William O. Flatt Co., supplies, stationery, national officers-----	\$129. 05
2.	Lehnert, Griffin & Anderson, bonds, national officers-----	27. 50
3.	Keystone Electrotype Co., supplies, electrotypes-----	116. 12
4.	The Banner: Subscription, October, 48,322 copies, \$885.90; November, 47,829 copies, \$876.86-----	1, 762. 76
5.	William L. Anderson, representing commander in chief, Vermont-----	11. 62
6.	William O. Flatt Co., printing, stationery-----	8. 00
7.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses-----	32. 80
8.	William O. Flatt Co., supplies, stationery-----	35. 25
9.	The Banner: Subscription, December, 47,310 copies-----	867. 35
10.	Colonial Trust Co., rent January-March, inclusive-----	200. 73
11.	W. C. Mabie, commander in chief, expense account October-December, inclusive-----	144. 71
12.	Thomas Parry's Sons Co., supplies-----	32. 13
13.	The Robbins Co., supplies-----	337. 23
14.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses-----	113. 38
15.	The Banner: Subscription, January, 46,946 copies, \$860.67; credit on encampment roster, reports, and camps disbanded-----	785. 59
16.	William O. Flatt Co., printing, stationery-----	9. 50
17.	Edward M. Beers, encampment (1927), journal of proceedings---	100. 08
18.	The Robbins Co., supplies-----	418. 92
19.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses-----	108. 47
20.	William O. Flatt Co., supplies-----	65. 00
21.	The Banner: Subscription, February, 46,161 copies-----	846. 28
22.	The Heller Bindery, supplies-----	300. 00
23.	Keystone Electrotype Co., supplies-----	34. 14

No.	
24.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses..... \$147. 86
25.	The Banner: Supplies, printing; subscription, March, 45,599 copies, \$835.98..... 1, 029. 47
26.	William O. Flatt Co., stationery..... 42. 50
27.	Colonial Trust Co., rent April-June, inclusive..... 200. 73
1-A.	Charles R. Hale, committee marking graves..... 25. 00
28.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses..... 129. 86
29.	The Robbins Co., supplies..... 150. 00
30.	The Banner: Supplies; subscription, April, 45,512 copies, \$834.39.. 1, 300. 26
31.	William O. Flatt Co., supplies, stationery..... 422. 52
32.	W. C. Mabie, commander in chief, expense account January-April, inclusive..... 379. 15
33.	The Robbins Co., supplies..... 280. 00
34.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses..... 62. 98
35.	William O. Flatt Co., supplies, printing..... 61. 25
36.	The Banner: Subscription, May, 45,143 copies..... 827. 62
37.	Federated patriotic societies allied with G. A. R., dues..... 25. 00
38.	W. C. Mabie, commander in chief, expense account April-May..... 105. 50
39.	Oehmler Floral Co., floral emblem Past Commander in Chief Johnson..... 20. 00
40.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses..... 81. 52
41.	The Banner: Subscription, June, 44,826 copies..... 821. 81
42.	Colonial Trust Co., rent July-September, inclusive..... 200. 73
43.	The Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., supplies, seal presses..... 20. 33
44.	The Banner: Subscription, July, 44,526 copies..... 816. 31
45.	W. C. Mabie, commander in chief, expense account, June-July.. 602. 81
46.	The Banner: Subscription, August, 44,427 copies..... 814. 50
2-A.	47. Charles R. Hale, committee marking graves..... 30. 00
48.	H. H. Hammer, national secretary-treasurer, expense account, salary, Aug. 21, 1927-Aug. 20, 1928..... 3, 688. 35
	Total..... 18, 772. 67

SUPPLIES

As forms and supplies become exhausted new are provided, as directed by the commander in chief, to conform to and include the changes incident to name and title of the order. Badges, electros, cuts were changed from the Latin to English inscriptions and all seal presses ordered and supplied to conform. This is quite an expense and necessitated an outlay that otherwise would have shown a better financial condition at this time.

Seal presses, as changed and discussed at the last encampment, are furnished with the proper and prescribed lettering and inscription. Proposals were secured and contract awarded to the lowest bidder, Brother J. W. Schwartz, president the Metal Marker Manufacturing Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Approximately 125 seal presses as changed have been purchased by camps. No new or changed seal presses have been ordered or furnished any camps in the Departments of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oregon, and Rhode Island.

Departments that have not changed their seal presses: Alabama and Tennessee, California and Pacific, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Ohio, and Rhode Island.

Ritual: With constitutions and regulations printed revised to the changes, new rituals with all changes were also secured and furnished on requisition therefor. The commandery in chief made no provision to furnish camps with rituals gratis, as previously, when the ritual was revised or changed. The matter of supplying camps with rituals without cost to them was submitted for official vote to the council in chief. As one member voted favorably and two unfavorably camps were not supplied without cost to them.

Recommended: That each camp in good standing paying per capita tax and membership fees for the quarter ending December 31, 1928, and furnishing all required reports, be supplied by the commandery in chief through department headquarters, respectively, with rituals without cost to them (camps); that departments furnish same upon receipt at department headquarters of the rituals now in use in camp from the camps; that the old or returned rituals be destroyed at department headquarters.

Transactions covering requisitions were: Cost of supplies on hand	
Aug. 21, 1927-----	\$2,355.51
Cost of supplies obsolete due to changes incident to name and title, inscriptions on badges, electrotypes:	
Membership badges-----	\$391.20
Credit or allowance on metal or material of badges, ribbons thereon-----	34.77
Badges charged off-----	356.43
Other supplies—Past department commanders' badges, recognition buttons, electrotypes of badges, coat of arms, blank forms-----	146.87
Cost of supplies changed and charged off-----	503.30
Actual cost Sept. 15, 1927 (action of commandery in chief)-----	1,852.21
Cost of supplies purchased-----	3,529.58
Cost of supplies to account for-----	5,381.79
Cost of supplies on hand Aug. 21, 1928-----	3,119.55
Cost of supplies sold-----	2,262.24
Amount received for supplies-----	3,138.05
To cost of supplies sold-----	\$2,262.24
Shipping-----	90.28
Wrapping paper and twine-----	10.45
Express and freight on supplies received-----	19.45
Total cost-----	2,382.42
Profit-----	755.63

MEMBERSHIP

Convinced that our status as an order, its effectiveness and standing it should have, proper functioning of our camps, they be more influential and accomplish much that they could and should, our losses are due to the small membership generally of our camps and principally due to organizing camps with too small a number of members—it is urged that no new camp be instituted with less than 50 members. This number would start a camp with a substantial membership, stronger financially, and more members interested and able to conduct meetings. Camps organized with a membership of this number would not disband or be dropped as now. Our losses would not be as great. With small membership, several failing to attend a meeting, not only are the officers' positions vacant but a quorum is lacking and a meeting is not held. It tends to keep members from future meetings. Soon the entire lack of interest, followed by "no meeting," members and officers not interested, and the camp lost. Loss of camps takes members as dropped. A camp with a reasonable membership will have an interest for the members. Such will not be lost as quickly as under our present experience. Since 1904 we have organized 1,741 new camps with 51,979 charter members. Of this number of camps, 140 were instituted with 15 members. Such camps can not be expected to continue long—unable to function, especially in localities of small population. Of this same number, 152 camps were instituted with 50 or more members. All others were instituted with less than 50 members. Camps so instituted are too small to be effective and are unable to maintain an interest for their members. Our highest membership was in 1917, with 1,274 camps and 57,824 members. Since then recovery and readjustment from the war conditions—our present status. To increase and be effective we must give a return, have something to give, an attraction to induce eligibles to unite with the order and retain the members. They look for, expect, and want something. To be enrolled in a camp and pay dues is to them no inducement and not enough return. We must have something to sell, as it were, for the payment members make. The trend is for attraction, entertainment, a return. This our camps must provide, work out

in their respective localities, if the order is ever to have a standing and amount to what we all so greatly desire it to be and have labored for. Results will be in the degree and the extent camps, members, and, officers are active, interested, and work for the order. That some action be taken, a vital feature have serious consideration, possibly a check to at least some extent in our losses, it is—

Recommended: That section 1, article 1, chapter 1, Regulations, camps-charters, be amended to read: "When a camp is organized, the membership thereof shall be not less than 50," striking out the last word in the last line of the section which reads "fifteen" and substitute the word "fifty" therefor.

NEW CAMPS IN DEPARTMENT

Applications for charters for new camps were approved and camps instituted, charters issued thereto as follows:

Department	Applications		Camps instituted	
	Camps	Applicants	Number	Members
California and Pacific.....	2	45	3	178
Indiana.....	1	30	1	29
Iowa.....	3	68	3	55
Maine.....	1	25	1	19
Maryland.....	1	17	2	136
Massachusetts.....	1	18		
Nebraska.....	1	17	1	17
New Jersey.....	1	29	1	71
New York.....	1	46	1	45
Ohio.....	2	84	2	66
Total.....	14	379	15	416

¹ More camps shown institute over number applications approved, indicates charter application approved in previous administration and camp instituted in this term.

Memberships in departments—gains and losses

Department	June 30, 1927		June 30, 1928		Gain		Loss	
	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members	Camps	Members
Alabama and Tennessee.....	15	338	13	295			2	43
California and Pacific.....	26	1,127	28	1,134	2	7		
Connecticut.....	41	2,446	41	2,366				86
Illinois.....	38	1,560	38	1,327				233
Indiana.....	30	1,654	30	1,416				238
Iowa.....	25	891	23	776				115
Kansas.....	23	672	19	566			4	106
Maine.....	44	2,078	43	1,895			1	183
Maryland.....	10	646	12	627	2			19
Massachusetts.....	151	8,688	142	7,726			9	962
Michigan.....	18	786	18	796		10		
Minnesota.....	12	433	11	387			1	46
Missouri.....	14	566	14	491				75
Nebraska.....	13	406	12	278			1	128
New Hampshire.....	33	1,143	33	1,080				54
New Jersey.....	27	1,636	28	1,593	1			43
New York.....	103	4,628	102	4,367			1	261
Ohio.....	90	4,347	91	4,159	1			188
Oregon.....	10	284	10	314		30		
Pennsylvania.....	158	11,757	156	11,156			2	601
Rhode Island.....	16	604	16	544				60
Vermont.....	33	1,204	33	1,133				71
Washington.....	14	460	14	406				54
Wisconsin.....	30	1,093	20	846			10	247
Total.....	974	49,447	947	45,687	6	47	31	3,813

Membership recapitulation

	Camps	Members
Number in good standing June 30, 1927.....	974	49,447
Gain:		
By Organization and initiation.....	12	1,680
Transfer.....		96
Reinstatement.....	1	320
Total gain.....	13	2,096
Aggregate.....	987	51,543
Loss:		
By Disbanded.....	29	343
Death.....		580
Honorable discharge.....		257
Transfer.....		151
Dropped.....	11	4,525
Total loss.....	40	5,856
Number in good standing June 30, 1928.....	947	45,687

Amount in department treasuries.....	\$7,758. 51
Amount in camp treasuries.....	\$67,727. 78
Expended for relief.....	\$45,863. 60
Number of members or their families relieved.....	661
Number of veterans or their families relieved.....	192

OFFICIAL ORGAN—THE BANNER

The annual check of members receiving and not receiving The Banner showed that, compared with March quarter's returns of the 46,247 members reported and returned as in good standing, 44,727 were receiving The Banner.

One department showed one camp and the highest was nine camps in another department the members of which were not receiving the paper. Either camp secretaries or department secretaries failed or could not get the mailing list of such members to supply to The Banner.

Eight departments reported more members receiving The Banner than in good standing and paid per capita tax on. Sixteen departments had less number of members receiving the paper than they reported in good standing in camps.

Secretaries should give prompt attention to correcting mailing lists of their members, particularly relating to dropped members.

The editor of The Banner, Past Department Commander A. S. Holbrook, is helpful and of assistance in securing accurate addresses, lists of members of camps and secretaries of camps to favor us, and to secure results of a benefit to the camps, departments, and commandery in chief. Appreciation is expressed for many courtesies in our official transactions.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE—1927 ENCAMPMENT JOURNAL

The influence and accomplishments of our legislative committee, Past Commanders in Chief H. V. Speelman and Fréd T. F. Johnson (recently deceased), was demonstrated not only by the activities in services relating to the last pension bill for widows of Civil War veterans but also by securing through the action of Hon. Edward M. Beers, Congressman (Mount Union, Pa.), Pennsylvania, and the Hon. George H. Moses, Senator from New Hampshire, in having our journal of the proceedings of the Grand Rapids (1927) encampment of the commandery in chief printed by the Government Printing Office, through resolution authorizing same passed by the House and Senate of the Congress. This was at a cost of less than \$100, a saving of at least \$500 compared to other years. In this recognition assistance and cooperation was given by the officials of the Grand Army of the Republic, which order has this same recognition by the Congress.

AUXILIARY—ALLIED ORDERS

Under the guidance of Mrs. Margaret L. Waters, national president of the auxiliary to our order, we have had valuable assistance in effective organization work with several of the officers and that society. This organization is valuable aid, influential, and adds very greatly to the material benefit to our order in all sections. It has a successful, substantial, patriotic membership, increasing in numbers annually, and can be depended upon when resorted to for results by all camps.

Our allied orders are cordial and cooperate with us at all times, and their services are at our call, rendering assistance to camps and the cause whenever required. The relations with all officers of such orders are most pleasant and of great benefit.

The Grand Army of the Republic officials have favored us in many ways. They have given us in many departments due and proper recognition. In many localities members of our order serve posts in various capacities to have them function, and since our members are admitted to post meetings many instances are a record of service we render to that order.

CONCLUSION

You have made a great sacrifice to serve the order and fulfill your duties as commander in chief. You had true conception of your responsibilities and what was expected of you. You labored faithfully and conscientiously to carry out what you considered your obligations. Your services are appreciated by the active members, who realize your earnest, constant efforts to serve and meet the requirements of your high station. You have the good will and respect of all and we sever official relations most pleasant and agreeable. To the other national officers appreciation is acknowledged for many courtesies and assistance in the duties mutual for the benefit of the order.

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER, SEPTEMBER 21, 1928

		<i>Debit</i>	
Receipts:			
Sept. 15, 1928, to balance	-----		\$2, 276. 32
Received for per capita tax and membership fees—Kansas, Nebraska	-----	\$54. 95	
Balance on supplies—Oregon	-----	20. 88	
Interest on bank balances	-----	64. 45	
Total receipts	-----		140. 28
			\$2, 416. 60
		<i>Credit</i>	
Disbursements:			
By general expenses—forty-seventh encampment, Denver, Colo.	-----	\$1, 646. 25	
Office expenses—rent, expense account August—September, inclusive	-----	219. 76	
Commander in chief's expenses—Postage, telegrams, traveling, stenographer	-----	40. 00	
Total disbursements	-----		1, 906. 01
Sept. 21, 1928, by balance	-----		510. 59
			2, 416. 60

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

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

BOSTON, MASS., August 16, 1928.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment, Denver, Colo.:

In accepting the appointment of national counselor the foremost thought in my mind was not that I had the ability to fill such an honorable position but rather to accept same in the spirit of cooperation believing that if I could be of any assistance to the commander in chief or the members of our order, I stood ready and willing to serve. I sincerely thank Commander in Chief Mabie for selecting me as one of the members of his official family and trust that I have met with his expectations.

Not many questions or decisions were asked of the commander in chief during his term of office, which is evidence that a year of harmony has prevailed. A timely suggestion is hereby offered for the benefit of all members, camps, and departments: That all questions of misunderstanding or difficulties arising in the various unit bodies should first be discussed by local conferences or other means of order before sending to the national headquarters. Matters that can be and should be handled locally should not be sent to the commander in chief, who in most cases can not offer any solution to local conditions.

I have given sincere thought to all questions coming before the commander in chief, and trust that my opinions have been just and fair.

The following opinions have been rendered:

Question No. 1. Can the commandery in chief assist in financing the rebuilding of a Grand Army of the Republic hall?

Opinion. Whereas the national organization has no such fund to draw from, no such aid could be given. Local patriotic interest should be sufficient without going outside of the county or State.

Question No. 2. Should the senior vice commander of a camp obey the orders of the camp commander during the opening ceremonies of the camp?

Opinion. All officers and members should obey the orders of the camp commander because in their oath of office they state that they will obey all orders coming from competent authority.

Charges. Preferred by an individual against a brother member without trial or action on part of camp or department.

Opinion. No action should be taken by the commander in chief without the member in question being granted a hearing by his camp and department.

Question No. 3. Did the camp do right in voting not to recognize the auxiliary?

Opinion. This matter being a local difficulty, the question can best be settled by a local conference of parties concerned.

Question No. 4. Has the Grand Army of the Republic the right to turn Memorial Day work over to the Spanish War Veterans?

Opinion. The Grand Army of the Republic have full charge of Memorial Day, and our order has no right to interfere. Your counselor believes that the Sons should come first. This is a local condition and suggests a conference with the post.

Question No. 5. Can a department govern its own revenues?

Opinion. Yes; with the exception of the initiation fee, which is \$5.

Questions Nos. 6 and 7. Can the Grand Army of the Republic turn their work of Memorial Day over to the Legion or Veterans of the Foreign Wars?

Opinion. Same as No. 4. Your counselor is of the opinion that the National Grand Army of the Republic, at convention held at Grand Rapids, agreed that this matter of who should succeed the Grand Army of the Republic in carrying on the Memorial Day work be left to the various departments to choose for themselves. This agreement was reached on a petition of your counselor to make the Sons and Daughters the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic in the carrying on of Memorial Day work. Arguments against proved that many States had no Sons of Veterans camps, and many communities in various States had no camps, and in many cases where there were camps they did not function. If you feel the job belongs to you, then go after it and prove your worth.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON,
National Counselor.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 4, 1928.

MR. WALTER C. MABIE, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, AND MEMBERS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ENCAMPMENT, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF AND BROTHERS: It has been a distinct honor to serve our organization as national chaplain under your splendid administration. I keenly regret that the recommendation made, approved, and authorized one year ago concerning revision of reports has not been accomplished. Some things have been done which show some improvement in certain departments. While not quite so many attended memorial Sunday services, there has been a decided increase in the number of flags placed upon the graves of our fathers' comrades as well as in the number of graves given special attention. The reports from California and Pacific and Illinois were received, but too late for the consolidated recapitulation.

On Saturday evening, July 14, Commander and Mrs. Spielman opened their beautiful home in Long Beach for a reception for the national chaplain and his wife, at which time 50 comrades of the Grand Army, Sons, Auxiliary members, and others met for a social time. The national chaplain spoke briefly regarding the need of patriotic organizations standing by the public-school system of America. A beautiful bouquet was presented Mrs. Craig, to which she made fitting response.

In San Francisco Junior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley and Mrs. Shaw, the department president of the Auxiliary, met us at the Hotel Stewart, bringing with them a beautiful patriotic bouquet of red, white, and blue flowers. The day was spent in Mrs. Shaw's patriotic Buick. The limited stay of the national chaplain and his party made impossible the plans for a large gathering.

In Denver, Brother Kennedy and officers of the Denver camp having heard from the department secretary-treasurer, Brother Medlar, of the visit of the national chaplain, had likewise planned a royal welcome and a large program for sight-seeing and dinners. A trip through the canyon and to Lookout Mountain was greatly enjoyed. Luncheon was served at the Albany Hotel on Friday, July 20, at which time about 30 members of the various organizations were present. Flowers and candies were presented to Mrs. Craig.

Besides these semiofficial visitations, the national chaplain delivered the Lincoln address at Pittsburgh Monday evening, February 13, and was scheduled for several other patriotic gatherings for memorial Sunday and Decoration Day, but a brief visit to the hospital just preceding these dates made it necessary to cancel the engagements.

In conclusion, I would like to renew my recommendations concerning the revision of the report blanks for the camp, department, and national chaplains. I would also like to recommend that camps and auxiliaries interest themselves in what is known as the Mexican school-bag project sponsored by the Committee on World Friendship among Children, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City. The purpose of this project is to develop such a friendship among the children and youth of to-day that the spirit of good will may prevail, economic conditions improve, and such international relationships established as to increase the possibilities of world peace.

Again thanking the commander-in-chief for the honor conferred, and likewise thanking the various department chaplains who have labored faithfully and conscientiously in securing the data for the consolidated report, I remain, with all good wishes for the success of our own and allied organizations and every member thereof.

Very sincerely yours in F., C., and L.,

J. KIRKWOOD CRAIG,
National Chaplain.

National Chaplain's consolidated report—1928

Departments	Number 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 attended by camp in a body		Burials conducted by camp		Camps using memorial service		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	295	188	0	12	1	19	188	8	0	32	0	2	0			33	36,575	36,575	13	0	100	
California and Pacific ¹	1,047	407	173	54	3	15	583	12	14	14	41	7	1			37	36,730	36,730	15	0	100	
Connecticut	2,373	773	9	83	2	57	457	13	23	0	9	33	5			272	11,687	7,983	28	14	67	
Illinois ¹	1,560	371	102	82	12	48	223	8	10	36	4	1	1			104	8,097	4,909	19	19	50	
Indiana	1,044	525	14	0	3	41	384	11	10	51	10	23	8			119	11,898	7,617	20	10	67	
Iowa	476	179	42	10	1	38	109	4	2	35	9	2				59	6,608	5,532	7	13	33	
Kansas ²	219	57	6		1	3	47	1	2	2	2	2				26	1,753	1,554	11	12	49	
Maine	1,425	672	40	288	8	20	442	15	21	27	11	11	3			319	10,026	5,917	28	15	65	
Maryland ¹	653	259	79	74	11	18	144	7	3	3	5	3				55	4,625	4,825	10	0	100	
Massachusetts	6,694	3,208	349	1,954	27	138	1,930	66	73	127	43	42	33	4		713	50,776	52,674	109	34	76	
Michigan	698	376	43	45	4	6	210	7	17	18	6	6	2			107	11,568	9,004	14	4	78	
Minnesota	293	154	49	42	6	30	120	5	5	7	4	2	2			84	7,206	7,237	7	4	64	
Missouri	346	119	4	6	3	23	73	3	10	9	9	5	5			73	6,478	3,840	11	3	79	
Nebraska	192	144	25	1	6	86	3		14	14	1	6	4			151	7,349	5,080	23	11	70	
New Hampshire	775	438	81	244	10	22	348	14	9	12	6	5	4			193	18,712	8,508	24	4	86	
New Jersey	1,463	648	257	250	14	40	378	16	19	26	19	18	24			466	46,916	29,051	62	39	61	
New York	3,020	1,374	180	235	14	150	931	41	42	102	33	57	21			305	31,935	31,904	34	61	35	
Ohio	2,248	877	265	216	10	48	649	25	32	72	22	22	12			32	1,055	1,057	7	7	50	
Oregon	251	101	20		2	14	71	5	5	19	1	2	1			692	45,881	31,813	86	82	45	
Pennsylvania	7,382	3,024	1,183	1,317	45	276	1,895	42	104	133	67	114	61			170	4,675	4,675	13	3	81	
Rhode Island	552	300	135	150	10	11	175	3	7	30	6	2	1			146	4,717	4,705	20	13	61	
Vermont	866	372	62	140	4	7	303	2	5	17	5	5	1			9	898	898	4	10	28	
Washington ¹	275	53	1	2	2	2	47	2	9	10	8		2			112	3,604	3,055	14	8	64	
Wisconsin	717	320	80	60	1	13	202	5	7			2										
Total	34,564	14,939	3,199	5,265	194	1,045	9,995	324	429	813	327	382	195	6	7	4,303	371,197	301,571	578	380	60.3	

¹ Last year's figures.

² 1926 figures used, also 1927.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

FORT DODGE, IOWA, August 15, 1928.

TO WALTER C. MABIE,
*Commander in Chief,
 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.*

SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to submit to you and through you to the members of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commander in Chief Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, my report as national patriotic instructor.

In looking over the reports as given by each of my three immediate predecessors in this office, I notice a striking similarity of their experiences to my own and of conditions that existed then and now in our organization. In fact a composite of these reports might well do for my own. Their recommendations apparently have gone unheeded, as probably also will mine.

One of the great faults of our organization has been made very apparent to me in conducting the work of my office at national patriotic instructor. I refer to the lack of cooperation on the part of camp and department patriotic instructors in their official relations to each other and to the national organization, particularly in their failure to answer promptly official correspondence and to furnish reports when requested. The first department report was received December 30, 1927, from Illinois. At this time there are still three departments—Minnesota, Kansas, and Oregon¹—that have failed to make any report to me. This, in spite of the fact that numerous letters have been addressed both to patriotic instructors and department commanders in an endeavor to obtain the desired information. From one department I have failed to receive a single communication or reply to correspondence during the year. Department patriotic instructors make similar complaints as to camp patriotic instructors. In fact, less than 50 cent of the camp patriotic instructors made any report. The Department of Michigan leads with 100 per cent, every camp having reported. Other departments are as low as 25 per cent.

There is no doubt many camps have done the things they should in the line of patriotic work, but unless this is brought to the attention of the department patriotic instructor through correspondence and prompt reports it is not possible to give these camps the credit to which they are entitled. Their failure makes it impossible for the department patriotic instructor to furnish an adequate and complete report to the national patriotic instructor. Thus because of the failure of a few the whole patriotic work of the organization is weakened. The failure to give prompt and adequate reply to official communications often results in lack of success in the plans of those in command. It is the old story of "losing the kingdom for the want of a horseshoe nail."

A number of the patriotic instructors have found fault with the official forms provided for making reports. They say the forms are difficult to understand, vague in their requirements, apparently do not fit the situation at the present time, and when answered are valueless in their data. There is considerable of truth in these statements, and it may account for the fact that in many instances questions are not answered and often an entire report is ignored. This could partly be overcome if camps, departments, and the national at all times kept in a closer and more intimate touch with one another. It is my opinion that the form of reports required should be changed and made to conform more closely to our present need and use.

During my term of office I made but one general appeal to our organization, and that was that all camps might observe veterans' night some time during the month of November, 1927. I thought if this was done that it would arouse the interest of our members in the work of the organization and that it would attract the attention of the communities where our camps were situated. I felt this was an easy thing to ask of the camps, since there are so many ways in which the occasion can be observed. The observance may be either simple or elaborate, is equally possible by a few members or by many. There is no more timely topic nor one in which more people can be made interested. It affords an opportunity for association with all patriotic orders, with schools and with churches. I felt that no camp but could do this and that no camp could afford to overlook the opportunity. In connection with their observance,

¹ Reports for the Departments of Oregon and Minnesota were received subsequent to date of this report.

I asked that the camps make use of the local press and The Banner to gain publicity for the occasion. It was my wish that these articles, together with printed programs where the same were used, should be sent through their department patriotic instructor to me.

The response was not what it should have been. But one department, Michigan, reported every camp as having observed the occasion. Two department patriotic instructors wrote me that they would try to make the observance 100 per cent in their department. However, neither were able to do so, although the results of their work were very evident in their departments. Newspaper clippings were received from but 8 departments and 19 camps. From a check of items published in The Banner, I find that 112 camps made some observance of veterans' night. Divided among States they are as follows:

Massachusetts-----	15	Vermont-----	3
Rhode Island-----	11	Maryland-----	3
Ohio-----	9	Indiana-----	3
Pennsylvania-----	9	New Jersey-----	3
Iowa-----	8	Nebraska-----	2
Wisconsin-----	7	Oregon-----	2
New York-----	7	Kansas-----	2
Illinois-----	6	Florida-----	1
Connecticut-----	5	Delaware-----	1
California-----	4	Minnesota-----	1
Maine-----	4	Missouri-----	1
Michigan-----	4	New Hampshire-----	1

Department patriotic instructors' reports have added to this number the following: Washington, 4; Michigan, 14 additional; Iowa, 3 additional.

This makes the total number of camps as reported observing the occasion 133.

The character of these observances, as shown by the different reports, indicate the varied manner in which the occasion may be observed. Most of the camps reported their meeting being held in connection with the Auxiliary, and these were generally the most successful observances. Some of the camps held their observance in connection with other of the allied patriotic organizations. Nearly all seemed to have given some notice to the Grand Army of the Republic and a few especially emphasized their presence by giving them a place on the programs. In a few instances use was made of the radio to broadcast the programs. In the Rhode Island Department the observance was a general one of 11 camps, held at headquarters in Providence and broadcast from there. At a later date St. Joseph, Mo., made use of the radio to broadcast their annual Lincoln Birthday observance. Milwaukee, Wis., held a county patriotic essay contest as their veterans' night program. Grand Rapids, Mich., provided a fine chicken dinner. In connection with patriotic programs presentation of a bronze Gettysburg address tablet to their city public high school was made by the camps at Spencer and at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Iowa is especially active in the work of presenting framed copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg address to the public schools. This is done in connection with programs in which our organization, the Auxiliary, and the schools all take a part. This work, under the slogan, "Lincoln's Gettysburg address in every public school in the State of Iowa," was begun several years ago when your national patriotic instructor was department commander and has been continued ever since. The camp at Waterloo, Iowa, reports that they are placing these copies in every school in the city; and the camp at Iowa City, Iowa, reports that they are placing them in every school in the county.

This year at the annual encampment of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary, a presentation was made by them of a bronze Gettysburg address tablet to the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School of Cedar Rapids, the convention city. The ceremony was the outstanding event of the encampment program and was presided over by the two department patriotic instructors, Brother W. H. Ebersole for the Sons, and Sister Mrs. J. S. Blagg for the Auxiliary. The program was held in the school auditorium. There were present members and officers of our own and auxiliary organization, the pupils of the school, representatives of the Parent-Teachers Association, a large number of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as well as representatives of the allied organizations. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Elbridge S. Hawk, Sacramento, Calif.; National President of our Auxiliary, Sister Margaret L. Waters, Woburn, Mass.; National Treasurer of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Willma L. Combs, Des Moines,

Iowa; and your national patriotic instructor were present and appeared upon the program. East and West met midway in the State "where the tall corn grows." So pleased were the members with the success of the program that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary in the Department of Iowa voted to make a similar presentation to some school in the convention city at each succeeding annual encampment. A similar program is to be carried out this year by our two organizations at our national encampment in Denver, Colo., under the direction of the national patriotic instructor of our auxiliary, Sister Ruth Gray, and of your own national patriotic instructor.

I made but the one appeal to our members in general because it seemed better to concentrate upon the one thing than to attempt many. I felt that the enthusiasm of the camps working in a common effort would be beneficial to our organization. It did not accomplish all I hoped. Yet I do not feel the effort was in vain. I believe that with a stronger effort put forth this year the number of camps observing veterans' night can be materially increased. I suggest that the present department patriotic instructors begin at once urging camps to plan for the observance of veterans' night next November. Urge the camps to make it an annual community affair, one that shall be looked forward to each year as one of the outstanding events in the life of the community. In this and all similar occasions the camps and auxiliaries should join.

One department patriotic instructor in his report writes: "I regret very much that besides my home camp I received reports from only three others in the department concerning the observance of veterans' night. It forces me to see that there is a field for vast improvement in the conditions in this department. As a matter of fact, I was much discouraged with the results, but I do not want to be a quitter and I am planning to start something right away." This is the determination and plan that will win in the end.

If this work shall grow and continue from the small beginning made this year, I shall feel that my administration has not been an entire failure nor my efforts in vain. If it shall prove something worth while I shall be happy to know that my suggestion has contributed to the success of those who shall follow me in this office. Veterans' night touches not only the great past, strengthens the present, but is also an inspiration for a greater future. It carries with it the message of the Grand Army of the Republic and of their immortal leader, Abraham Lincoln. It is our privilege as an organization to carry the message to future generations of our citizens. There is no better way in which this can be done than through the medium of the public schools.

Because I have written thus at length of veterans' night and its observance, I would not have the members think that I believe it the only occasion which should interest our organization. But I do feel that its observance is an occasion worthy of our efforts and that it furnishes something permanent in the way of a program for patriotic work. A day that should be observed far more widely than it is at present is Appomattox Day. Only one camp—Toledo, Ohio—reported an observance of this occasion. The birthday of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant is not generally given recognition. Yet in the city of Boston the observance of the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee is an annual event. The birthday of Abraham Lincoln is an occasion for many and varied kinds of patriotic observance, for Lincoln typified more than any other the spirit of our American institutions.

There are so many incidents in connection with the period of the Civil War, so many great characters whose achievements are worthy of recalling, that it is not difficult to find occasions to make a varied program for all camps to follow. Then, too, our organization may unite with other patriotic organizations in the observance of occasions that do not distinctively belong to us, as, for example, a joint program with the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in honor of Flag Day, Constitution Day, and the birthday of Washington.

While we pay tribute to the great men and events of our past history, and particularly to those of the Civil War period, we should not overlook that other group of individuals, the war-time women of our land. While few of them appear upon the battle lines, yet their work in time of war is none the less brave and none the less important in its results. In hospitals and recreation centers they help to care for the sick and dying and to keep up the morale of the fighting force. But far back of the lines of the army, without any of the encouragement of actual warfare, they are forced to silently carry on the burdens of the home life. During the year there should be set aside a time for special honor to that too often overlooked group of American patriots, the women of the Civil War.

Because of my office and of my interest in patriotic work, I received during the year a number of invitations to attend patriotic meetings and to appear upon programs. While I appreciated the courtesy of the invitations and would have enjoyed greatly the opportunity of attending such occasions, it was necessary, because of lack of traveling expenses in connection with the office, for me in most instances to send my regrets.

The only invitation which I was able to accept outside of my own State was the occasion of the annual Lincoln Day dinner given by the Tri-Cities Patriotic Association held at Moline, Ill. This association, which consists of the various patriotic organization affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic in the cities of Davenport, Iowa, Rock Island and Moline, Ill., was organized through the efforts of Brother E. F. Buck, of Illinois, and myself at the time we were holding the office of department commander in our respective departments. This year another city was added to the group—East Moline, Ill.—and this city will next year sponsor the event. It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity of attending every meeting of this association.

As a representative of the commander in chief, I was present at the annual encampment of the Department of Iowa, Grand Army of the Republic, and its affiliated organizations. Besides attending the meetings of our own organization, I had the pleasure of attending those of our auxiliary and of extending greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps.

I appeared upon patriotic programs in connection with the following meetings: Fort Dodge (Iowa) Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, annual meeting; Kiwanis Club, Fort Dodge (Iowa) Lincoln Day luncheon in honor of the Grand Army of the Republic; assembly program given by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Tobin College, Fort Dodge, Iowa, in honor of Lincoln's Birthday; annual Lincoln oratorical contest in connection with our city high school and sponsored by my own camp, on which occasion I acted as presiding officer; organization meeting and dinner of the Lincoln Club, Des Moines, Iowa; Lincoln program given by the Iowa City (Iowa) Camp and Auxiliary; special high-school assembly program at Ames, Iowa, on the occasion of the presentation of four flags to the high school by the local tent of Daughters of Union Veterans; Appomatox Day annual dinner, Otho, Iowa; annual banquet, Iowa Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Des Moines, Iowa; and the annual program of the Department of Iowa, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their auxiliary held at the Industrial Training School for Boys at Eldora, Iowa. On the night preceding the program at Eldora I was present at the instituting of a new camp and auxiliary in the city, the result of the work of Department Commander Ray B. Gibford and Department Auxiliary President Leah B. Vigen. On the evening of Memorial Day I appeared on a program broadcast from a radio station in Fort Dodge. During the year I attended every meeting of my own camp and auxiliary, besides visiting a number of camps and auxiliaries in the Department of Iowa. I had the honor of acting as presiding officer at the program given by own camp and auxiliary on the occasion of the presentation of a bronze Lincoln Gettysburg tablet to our city high school. This presentation was in honor of the men from the county who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. One of the personal pleasures of my work was the opportunity of presenting a copy of Lincoln's Gettysburg address to the Mount Pleasant School in Plymouth, Mass.

While I have not made personal visits to as many places as I would have wished, yet I have written several hundred letters to members of our organization and to others interested in patriotic work. This has all been done without any expense to the organization, with the exception of an insufficient amount of stationery furnished me. Nearly every month I contributed to The Banner an article concerning patriotic work. I wish to thank Brother A. S. Holbrook, the publisher, for the courteous treatment accorded me at all times and for the generous allowance of space in this connection.

What our organization needs is some definite line of work that it may follow year after year. Administration succeeds administration and each individual officer starting anew tries to do something worthy of his office. Our organization lacks a continuing purpose. Camps should arrange their programs a year in advance. Copies of these programs should be filed with the department patriotic instructor and with the department commander. We should create within our own organization a sense of good-fellowship and comradeship. We should be ready and willing to cooperate with all patriotic societies that are essentially American. We should carry to the world outside our organization

a message of national faith. As an organization we should realize that our greatest success will only come when we have proven our right to serve through service to the communities in which our organizations exist.

I have mentioned only the serious side of our work, but there are other lines of endeavor which may be followed with profit. I refer to the social side of our activities. The various forms of social activities should not be overlooked by our organization. If we expect continued growth in our membership one of the best ways to promote it is an effort to interest the younger generation in our organization. They should be given some place and attention in our program of work. At least once a year every camp and auxiliary should have a children's party and thus early in life the children of the next generation may be made interested in our work.

My year of office as national patriotic instructor is now over. Deeply do I appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief in being appointed to this office. I am thankful for the opportunities it has offered. I have enjoyed the work. There is no one that regrets more than I do that it has not been more successful. Yet it has been worth while to have been a coworker with the many fine folks I have met and whom I have been fortunate enough to call my friends. I shall always remember them with pleasure. To all those who have helped me so much to attain whatever measure of success may have come to me in the work of my office I am deeply grateful. Without your help and without faith in the greatness of the cause I should have failed entirely.

There is no other group just like the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations. It is a rare privilege to have been associated with those grand old men of the parent organization and to have known them intimately. Old in years they are, but they are eternally young in spirit. And what a pleasure it has been to have known the brothers and sisters of the other organizations affiliated with them. Like a great family group, they are bound together by a common heritage, united together by the most sacred of ties, engaged in a great common cause that shall honor the memory of our fathers, who through their great sacrifice saved and preserved for us our Nation, a strong united country. As they sacrificed for us, let us be true to their memory. To the cause "for which they paid the last full measure of devotion" let us be faithful.

Respectfully submitted.

H. M. PRATT,
National Patriotic Instructor.

Consolidated report national patriotic instructor for year ending December 31, 1928

Departments and department patriotic instructors making reports	Date report received	1. Do all public schools have flags?	2. Flag salute given in schools	3. Observe patriotic days	4. Do teachers show interest?	5. Flags given to schools	6. Prizes given public-school pupils	7. Gettysburg tablets presented to schools	8. Sunday schools asked to help Memorial Day	9. Public schools asked to help Memorial Day
Alabama and Tennessee, A. R. McAdam	Mar. 8	Nearly all	Daily	Yes	Yes	(1)	No	Yes, a few	Yes	Yes.
California and Pacific, Nelson M. Holderman	Apr. 9	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	18	Yes	5	Yes	Yes.
Connecticut, Robert C. C. Smith	Aug. 4	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	18	No	4	{Yes, 14 {No, 10	Yes, 23. No, 1.
Illinois, Andrew Distler	Dec. 30	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	8	4	Yes	Yes.
Indiana, William F. Gottschalk	July 5	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	53	Some	4 camps	Yes	Yes.
Iowa, W. H. Ebersole	May 24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	Yes	Yes ⁴	Yes	Yes.
Kansas, C. E. Jenkins										
Maine, Russell M. Hosmer	June 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	259	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.
Maryland, Samuel M. Croft	July 19	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	None	No	No	Yes	Yes.
Massachusetts, Arthur C. Drew	Apr. 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	131	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.
Michigan, William H. Malone	May 29	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	117	Yes	5	Yes	Yes.
Minnesota, G. D. Bentley										
Missouri, Fred Geldmacher	Mar. 31	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	2	None	None	Yes	Yes.
Nebraska, Oliver Keve ⁴	July 30	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	(⁵)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.
New Hampshire, James J. Griswold	May 30	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	43	No	No	Some	Yes.
New Jersey, Peter A. Seddon ⁶	July 16	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3	2 camps	No	Yes	Yes.
New York, Theo. C. Cazeau	Apr. 3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	303	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes.
Ohio, William G. Meyers	June 16	Yes, 30	Yes, 27	Yes, 30	{Yes, 27 {No, 2	322	{No, 25 {Yes, 5	7 camps	{Yes, 22 {No, 8	Yes, 29. No, 1.
Oregon, Charles A. Howard										
Pennsylvania, Elmer Abel	Feb. 18	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	75	Some	27	Some	Yes.
Rhode Island, A. J. Verrill	July 16	Yes	Daily	Yes	Yes	None	No	No	Yes	Yes.
Vermont, E. T. Griswold	July 11	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	9	2 camps	4 camps	{No, 5 {Yes, 18	Yes, 100 per cent.
Washington, S. A. Locke	July 26	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	37	No	Yes	No	Yes.
Wisconsin, J. E. Waldron	June 6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	63	Yes, 3	2 camps	Yes	Yes.

¹ No data. ³ 3 bronze tablets presented; 14 framed copies of address. ⁴ Report by Allen M. Boggs. ⁵ No record. ⁶ Report by John L. Reeger, secretary-treasurer.

Consolidated report national patriotic instructor for year ending December 31, 1928—Continued

Departments and department patriotic instructors making reports	Date report received	10. Memorial Sunday observed by churches	11. Objectionable school histories in use	12. Spent for patriotic work	13. Do camps offer to assist G. A. R. Memorial Day?	14. Do camps take charge Memorial Day for G. A. R.?	15. For good of the order and to stimulate patriotism
Alabama and Tennessee, A. R. McAdam	Mar. 8	No	Yes	(²)	Yes	Yes	Articles in newspapers; camp fires; patriotic talks.
California and Pacific, Nelson M. Holderman	Apr. 9	Yes	No	\$1,678.71	Yes	Yes	Press publicity; entertainments; open meetings.
Connecticut, Robert C. C. Smith	Aug. 4	Yes	No	407.50	Yes	Yes	Erection flag pole at soldiers' lot.
Illinois, Andrew Distler	Dec. 30	Yes	No	(²)	Yes	Yes	Marking soldiers' graves and work in cemetery.
Indiana, William F. Gottschalk	July 5	Yes	No	395.50	Yes	Yes	Public-school talks before Memorial Day.
Iowa, W. H. Ebersole	May 24	Yes	No	357.00	Yes	Yes	Lincoln's Gettysburg address in every public school in the State of Iowa.
Kansas, C. E. Jenkins							
Maine, Russell M. Hosmer	June 6	Yes	No	243.00	Yes	Yes	Section patriotic rallies.
Maryland, Samuel M. Croft	July 19	Yes	No	400.00	Yes	Yes	Patriotic meetings.
Massachusetts, Arthur C. Drew	Apr. 6	Yes	No	939.00	Yes	Yes	Flag presentations; talks Memorial Day in schools.
Michigan, William H. Malone	May 29	Yes	No	184.00	Yes	Yes	100 per cent observance of veterans' night.
Minnesota, G. D. Bentley							
Missouri, Fred Geldmacher	Mar. 31	Yes	No	65.00	Yes	Yes	Radio programs, Union defenders' day at St. Joseph.
Nebraska, Oliver Keve ⁴	July 30	Yes	No	(²)	Yes	Yes	General observance of national holidays.
New Hampshire, James J. Griswold	May 30	Yes	No	75.80	Yes	Yes	
New Jersey, Peter A. Seddon ⁶	July 16	Yes	No	366.00	Yes	Yes, 75 per cent	General observance patriotic occasions; essay contests.
New York, Theo. C. Cazeau	Apr. 3	Yes	No	1,474.00	Yes	Yes	General observance of veterans' night.
Ohio, William G. Meyers	June 16	Yes	No	1,362.00	Yes	(Yes, 26 No, 4)	Talks in schools; observance national holidays.
Oregon, Charles A. Howard							
Pennsylvania, Elmer Abel	Feb. 18	Yes	No	4,388.00	Yes	Yes	Patriotic entertainments open to public.
Rhode Island, A. J. Verrill	July 16	Yes	No	300.00	Yes	Yes	Veterans' night program broadcast from headquarters, 11 camps participating.
Vermont, E. T. Griswold	July 11	Yes, 100 per cent.	No	224.00	Yes	(Yes, 19 No, 6)	
Washington, S. A. Locke	July 26	Yes	(Yes, 7 No, 2)	(²)	Yes	(Yes, 4 No, 5)	Four camps observed veterans' night.
Wisconsin, J. E. Waldron	June 6	Yes	No	296.35	Yes	Majority	Patriotic programs open to public.

² Not reported.

⁴ Report by Allen M. Boggs.

⁵ No record.

⁶ Report by John L. Reeger, secretary-treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

HARTFORD CONN., August 10, 1928.

WALTER C. MABIE,

Commander in Chief,

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Greetings.

The committee on marking graves submits to you and through you to the members of the forty-seventh annual encampment, the following report:

At the encampment of the commandery in chief held in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 13-15, 1927, referring to the marking of soldiers' graves, Commander in Chief Honran in his report said:

"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."

Both of the recommendations were adopted.

On my return from the encampment, letters were sent to all of the several department commanders requesting them to appoint a committee in their departments. By April, 1928, 17 department commanders had complied with the request and had appointed committees, as follows:

California and Pacific, P. A. Barrows, chairman.

Connecticut, Leonard O. Bragg, chairman.

Illinois, W. C. Gullett, chairman.

Kansas, Guy M. Caldwell, chairman.

Massachusetts, James P. Skehan, chairman.

Michigan, Frank E. Hall, chairman.

Minnesota: For Minnesota, E. B. Smith, chairman; for North and South

Dakota, H. B. Mathews, chairman.

Missouri, Perry A. Brubaker, chairman.

New Hampshire, Henry E. Chamberlain, chairman.

New York, Edwin A. Bolton, chairman.

Ohio, William J. Schultz, chairman.

Oregon, Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman.

Pennsylvania, J. N. Smith, chairman.

Rhode Island, Enoch A. Hoyt, chairman.

Washington, F. S. Tremain, chairman.

Wisconsin, H. A. Goldsmith, chairman.

Most of these committees consist of three or five members. Of course, many of them are just organizing and making a survey of what is needed in their several territories; but, from their reports, I am able to give you a summary of the work to date.

In Illinois this work has been carried on for the past two years. Working together with the allied orders, they have a fine report to make of the work during the past year:

Number of markers placed.....	600
Markers requested but not yet received.....	305
Number of unmarked graves located.....	1, 253
Family monuments marked.....	135

Michigan started work in February of this year, yet they are able to report as to Kent County and Grand Rapids as follows:

Cemeteries visited.....	94
Civil War veterans.....	4, 697
Spanish War veterans.....	153
World War veterans.....	319
Government stones.....	3, 128
Private stones.....	1, 717
Without any stones.....	323
War records.....	3, 801
Total number soldiers.....	5, 169
Miles covered.....	1, 755

The graves are located on charts.

In Connecticut a small but earnest body of workers have for years past been carrying on the work of locating and marking graves. Connecticut is one of the oldest of States, and many of the cemeteries date back nearly 300 years. Many of them have not been used for a hundred or more years, and as a result it is necessary to draw a chart of every cemetery. This is not an easy task, as there are a great many of them in each town. One town has 67, another 63 cemeteries; and since Connecticut as a State and as a Colony has participated in 15 wars, it has made the work slow; yet we have on the maps and a card index file 45,000 soldiers' burials, and this work is a little more than half finished. Eight hundred stones are placed each year, and the State pays more than \$22,000 each year for the stones. Further funds are used by the State library toward the getting together of military and the vital records so necessary to complete the death records of the soldiers. Splendid support is given this work by Mr. George S. Godard, State librarian, and by Adjutant General George M. Cole. A few years more and Connecticut will have all its soldier dead of all wars located on maps and a complete card index of the burial place of every soldier buried within the State.

In Missouri they expect during the coming year to promote a live interest in the subject and to see that graves of all soldiers are properly marked.

Much work of this nature is being accomplished in the central part of New York State under the leadership of Brother C. E. Morey, of Utica. They have already listed 900 graves, and expect to complete the work during the year. The Rome camp of Sons have listed and printed all veterans' graves in Rome and vicinity. Dr. Silas C. Kimm, district superintendent of schools, of a part of Herkimer County which can not be reached by Sons of Veterans camps, has promised to interest his schools in the work.

The Milwaukee camp in Wisconsin has the printed record of those they cover, 20 cemeteries and 3,500 graves. Some of the other camps have record of those in their vicinity, and they are having all the camps in their department take up the work.

In New Jersey, Thomas Camp, No. 19, of Jersey City, has voted to commence the marking and charting of soldiers' graves.

Several of the Ohio camps are actively engaged in the work.

In New Hampshire, Dover Camp, No. 23, has started plans for locating and making a permanent record of the graves of all comrades who are buried in the cemeteries covered by the camp.

Massachusetts reports that many camps in this department are at work along this line. Camp 118, under Charles W. Hill, chairman, has been compiling a list and has same printed of all veterans buried in or near Easton. This list starts with the veterans of the French-Indian War, 1756-1764.

Rhode Island has a joint committee from the various allied orders, and has been very successful in reclaiming lost veterans' graves.

In Kansas the camp at Manhattan has taken up the work and is making a great success of it. After completing the work at Manhattan they intend to start work in the near-by towns.

Washington: This department consists of the States of Washington, Idaho, and Montana. In all three States it has a total of 123 counties. Here is a large territory and only 15 camps. It would seem like the impossible, yet they gladly enter upon the work. At their department encampment the chairmen submitted plans calling for a plan of county organization among the allied orders. In order that it might be a success, the department raised the per capita tax from 20 to 30 cents per quarter. The extra 10 cents per quarter a member is to be given to the chairman to carry out his plans. Under the leadership of Chairman Tremain, I have great faith in their success.

South Dakota, working with the American Legion organization, has made blue prints of the cemeteries of Brookings County and has marked on them the graves of all veterans and is planning through the various patriotic organizations that something worth while may be accomplished next year.

In Minnesota much work has been done by the Minnesota committee in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

In The Banner we published an article entitled, "Suggestions Regarding Locating and Marking Soldiers' Graves," of which a copy is herewith attached and made a part of this report.

Your committee has noted hesitation on the part of several department chairmen, in face of the fact that this work must take several years to complete, in accepting appointment. There is natural reluctance to start a work only to have another committee, and perhaps later another, to pursue the same.

There is also much valuable time lost between the national and department committees because of the uncertainty as to who may be the next department committee. Our several department encampments are held during April-June. Your committee must compile its report in August, at which time the department committees are not known.

It is readily appreciated that the above-named period is the very best of the year for the work of locating graves. Little outside work can be accomplished during the winter months. The latter period must be largely devoted to searching records of service, dates of deaths, etc. Through the uncertainty above noted, therefore, much very valuable time is wasted. Your committee is certain that better results could be obtained if the department committees could be appointed for a term of at least five years.

Such appointments would afford each committee an ample opportunity to accomplish real results and avoid the waste of time herein pointed out.

Your committee feels that the work of marking the last resting place of our heroes is of the utmost importance. We do not know of a greater memorial that we could give the Grand Army of the Republic and at the same time bring our order before the public as having some real and worthy object to accomplish. It is, indeed, a gratification to your committee to be able to report at this time that three-fourths of our departments have raised committees and are busy. We hope that during the coming year the remainder will do likewise.

For typewriting and postage the expense has been \$55.

Fraternally submitted.

CHAS. R. HALE,

Chairman Committee on Locating and Marking Soldiers' Graves.

SUGGESTIONS REGARDING LOCATING AND MARKING SOLDIERS' GRAVES

1. In each community where there is a camp of Sons secure a good working committee representing all the allied patriotic orders. Where there is no camp, secure a committee from one or more of the allied orders.

2. Consult the allied patriotic orders in your State, asking cooperation and assistance. All the allied patriotic orders have indorsed this work and have offered their aid and assistance. Ladies can be of great help in copying headstone inscriptions, getting dates of death, etc.

3. Local committees should make a copy of all inscriptions pertaining to a soldier, such as name, company, regiment, date of death, and age.

4. Where there is a flag holder but nothing else to indicate who the soldier is, consult the sexton, or members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or some of the older residents. Get a roster of the local Grand Army of the Republic post, which as a rule, has the name and service of all soldiers who have been members of the post. Also examine their "descriptive book." Get a blue print of the cemetery from the cemetery association or authority having charge of cemeteries. This is useful for the marking thereon of the exact location of the veteran's grave.

5. Cemetery associations keep the record of those buried therein, together with the age and date of death. Consult. Consult the city and town clerks for death records.

6. Where some person has been decorating graves in a cemetery on May 30, see him and get a list of graves decorated. Memorial Day is a good time to go to the cemeteries early in the morning and stay there during the day. Ask everyone that comes if they have soldiers buried there, and, if so, get the name, etc., of the soldier. Be sure to have them show you the exact place where the soldier is buried and do not fail to make note of it on your blue print. The committee should take their lunch and spend the entire day at the cemetery. This has proven very successful.

7. If you need the record of a soldier buried in your State, and his service was in another State, write to the adjutant general of the State he served in for record.

8. For United States Government soldiers' headstones apply to the Cemetery Branch, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., for application blanks.

9. In those States that furnish headstones apply to the adjutant general of your State for application blanks.

10. Secure publicity through local newspapers. Names, record of military service, and burial places of soldiers may thus be obtained.

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

1652 HOBART STREET, N.W.,
Washington, D. C., August 10, 1928.

Mr. WALTER C. MABLE,

*Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: The work of the national legislative committee of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was saddened by the sudden death of my associate member of the committee, Past Commander in Chief F. T. F. Johnson, at Washington, D. C., May 11, 1928. Our relations have been most cordial, covering a long period of years. He was a loyal brother, an unfaltering friend, always true. He was active in the work of this committee at all times, and the service which he gave was very valuable.

Following your appointment of the committee, a meeting was held at the call of the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, together with members of the other affiliating patriotic organizations, to consider pension legislation. This meeting was held in Washington, followed by another meeting the following day. At this time a joint meeting of the Senate and House committees took up the pension question. It was agreed by the Grand Army of the Republic to support the widows' pending pension bill. All representatives of the different organizations present supported this proposition. It was hoped that the Congress would agree to the passage of the \$50 per month widows' bill. However, the bill for \$40 was the one enacted into law, as follows:

"H. R. 10159

"An act granting pensions and increase of pensions to widows and former widows of certain soldiers, sailors, and marines of the Civil War, and for other purposes

"*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the widow or former widow of any person who served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States during the Civil War for ninety days or more, and was honorably discharged from all contracts of service, or regardless of the length of service was discharged for disability incurred in service and in the line of duty, such widow or former widow having been married to the soldier, sailor, or marine prior to the 27th day of June, 1905, who is now or may hereafter attain the age of 75 years and is pensioned as such widow or former widow under the general pension law, or whose name may hereafter be placed on the pension roll under existing laws, shall be paid a pension at the rate of \$40 a month, but nothing in this act shall be construed as decreasing the rate of pension granted by any other act.

"Sec. 2. That the pension or increase of the rate of pension herein provided for, as to all persons whose names are now on the pension roll, or who are now in receipt of a pension under existing law, shall commence at the rate herein provided, on the fourth day of the month next after the approval of this act; and as to persons whose names are not now in receipt of a pension under existing law but who may be entitled to a pension under the general pension laws, such pensions shall commence from the date of filing application therefor in the Bureau of Pensions after the approval of this act in such form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the issue of a check in payment of a pension for which the execution and submission of a voucher was not required shall constitute payment in the event of the death of the pensioner on or after the last day of the period covered by such check, and it shall not be canceled, but shall become an asset of the estate of the deceased pensioner.

"Sec. 3. That no claim agent, attorney, or other person shall demand, receive, or accept fees or compensation for the presentation or preparation of any such claim for increase in pension under this act, or be recognized as agent or attorney in the prosecution or adjudication of a claim for increase under this act, and any such person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section, or wrongfully withholds from a pensioner the whole or any part of the pension allowed or due a pensioner under this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every offense, be fined not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

"SEC. 4. That all acts and parts of acts in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby modified and amended only so far and to the extent herein specifically provided and stated."

The foregoing law was passed by Congress and signed by the President May 23, 1928.

It is hoped that legislation more liberal will have the sanction of the Congress and of the Chief Executive at no far-future day. Such action would be most deserving. This, of course, should apply alike to the Union soliders, sailors, marines, and the widows. All are deserving. Let's do everything within our power to help in the good cause, always cooperating with the Grand Army of the Republic.

I am deeply grateful to all brothers for the valuable assistance rendered. And let me say that I fully appreciate the honor which you, my long-time friend, conferred upon me by appointing me to membership on the legislative committee. My earnest wish is that the Denver encampment will go out in a blaze of glory for you and for our beloved order. You have worked arduously for the cause which we all love so well, the glorious cause for which Lincoln's "boys in blue" went to the front in the trying years of 1861 to 1865.

Fraternally submitted.

HARLEY V. SPEELMAN,
Legislative Committee.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF'S NOTE.—At a meeting with National Secretary-Treasurer Hammer upon our return from Grand Rapids, the question of receipts and expenditures was taken up, and from Brother Hammer's estimate of expenses our path did not seem any too rosy. Brother Hammer suggested that it would be a wonderful saving if we could have the proceedings of the Grand Rapids encampment printed by the United States Government Printing Office.

To Brother Hammer a worthy thought means to act. He did so by getting into communication with the legislative committee at Washington and it was through their work and efforts that we were able to have House Resolution No. 58, Seventieth Congress, first session, adopted and thereby give to our order the honor of having our encampment proceedings become part of the congressional records.

Too much thanks and credit can not be given to this committee for their labor and success in this accomplishment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

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

BROTHERS: Your committee designated by the forty-sixth encampment "to present the matter of a new design for camp charter at the next (forty-seventh) encampment," report:

From the information and apparent sentiment in the order, there is no good reason or basis for providing or adopting a new design of a charter. Apparently the resolution or instructions relating to the subject applied or were intended that changes be made in the charters to conform to the present recently adopted name and title of the order, to have charters read "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War," and substituting "department" for "division," and such other terms and matter obsolete.

We recommend: That our present charters be continued so far as relates to design; that the coat of arms and the membership badge be continued as the emblems or cuts in their respective colors as embellish the present charter issued to all camps; that the inscriptions on these emblems, badges, etc., conform to the action of the forty-sixth encampment (change from Latin to English); and that the reading matter be altered or changed to conform to our present name and title and in all respects the officially designated titles, terms, as adopted by the commandery in chief, now in force and effect.

That on an estimate or proposal submitted—\$430 for 1,500 charters, or \$465 for 2,000 charters, present design of charter be continued with changes stated and if no lower proposal received same be accepted therefor.

That new charters with changes specified be promulgated to all camps with no cost to them.

That the commandery in chief supply departments with charter for each camp reporting, in good standing, having paid per capita tax and forwarded reports due.

That the charters be filled out (names inserted) at respective department headquarters from their records of charter members of camps; that where there are no records names of charter members be required to be certified

by camp commanders and camp secretaries to department headquarters for new charter.

That the department ribbon under red seal, with impression of department seal thereon, be furnished without cost to departments by the commandery in chief.

That charters be supplied to departments with commandery in chief ribbon and yellow paper seal attached, with signatures of the commander in chief and national secretary with no cost to departments.

That all camps retain their present charters, originally issued to them, believing they will be desired for the sentiment and tradition attached or associated therewith.

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

J. E. SAUTTER,
WALTER C. MABIE,
H. H. HAMMER,
Committee.

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

NATIONAL SECRETARY. I have two resolutions from New York, one from Missouri, one from Massachusetts, one from California and Pacific, one from Illinois, two from Connecticut, all of which were referred to the proper committees.

Telegram from F. W. Combs, past department commander of Ohio:

Greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and successful encampment.

Another from Ray B. Gibford, department commander of Iowa:

Greetings. I regret I can not be there. Sincerely hope encampment does not reduce admission fee.

From Past Commander in Chief William T. Church, of Chicago, Ill., as follows:

I wish you a most successful encampment and deeply regret my inability to be present.

A letter from Elmer E. Boden, past department commander of Ohio, reading as follows:

Having been a regular attendant at our commandery in chief encampment for some years past, I regret very much that I am unable to be with you on the occasion of this national encampment. You may be assured, however, that I am with you in spirit, and my best wishes are extended to you and the encampment for a most successful session.

A letter from Pelham A. Barrows, past commander in chief, Department of California and Pacific, reading as follows:

It has been a great disappointment to me that all my plans for attending the encampment have been thwarted by my continued illness, for I had looked forward with much pleasant anticipation to once more meeting with the brothers whose association during the past years has been so pleasant. However, I desire to extend to you my congratulations for the success of your administration of the affairs of our order under circumstances which have perhaps at times seemed very discouraging; and I wish also to express to the encampment as a whole my hope and trust that its deliberations may be such as to inspire a renewed interest in our beloved organization and a stronger determination to uphold the principles and objects for which our order was founded. Never in the history of our organization, now so near the half-century mark, has there been so much call for real service and determined effort to perpetuate the principles for which our fathers fought and our mothers prayed, and may we emulate the example of those brave men and loyal and self-sacrificing women and resolve to go forward for a bigger and better organization of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. May wisdom prevail in the deliberation of the encampment and success come from its efforts.

I have a telegram from George E. Machem, commander at Fresno, Calif., as follows:

Fresno Camp, No. 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, sends greetings and best wishes for an enjoyable convention.

Telegram from Samuel S. Horn, past commander in chief, Easton, Pa.:

Greetings to you and your encampment. Regret I can not be with you.

A telegram from A. C. Daves, Watsonville, Calif., reading as follows:

Abraham Lincoln Camp, No. 14, California and Pacific's baby camp, instituted September 8 by Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley, extends greetings to the encampment.

Telegram from A. C. Jackson, commander, Lancaster, Ohio, as follows:

McKinley Camp No. 21, Sons of Union Veterans, extends greetings and best wishes for a successful encampment. Count on us for 50 new members by January 1.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief COGSHALL. I wish to tender to the commander in chief and to this body the drum corps of Jackson Camp of Michigan to lead them in the parade. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. I thank Brother Cogshall. We will take this up with the local committee. We were under the impression that the local camp has about 35 in uniform. We want, if possible, 100, which is the standard request of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Delegate E. M. LOWE, of Ohio. I move that we recess until 1.30. (Agreed to.)

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

(2.30 p. m., September 18, 1928)

Commander in Chief MABIE. The encampment will come to order. We will have the reports of the committees.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Supplementing the statement made by the commander in chief, I suggest that the brothers follow the report of the committees from the printed reports of the officers, because we do not in each case quote the full recommendation of the officer. I move that the recommendation of the committee be considered the action of this body unless objection is offered.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Your committee on officers' reports have carefully examined the reports of the various officers as submitted to the encampment and report upon each of them as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The report of Commander in Chief MABIE reflects the man. Plain, honest, and blunt in his expression, but always conscientious in what he says. He came to the office of commander in chief with years of experience back of him, which

in itself furnished a groundwork upon which he could meet the arduous and important duties devolving upon him. This experience is reflected in his report, and that it represents his honest convictions is unquestioned. It merits the careful thought of every member, containing as it does matters of importance upon which he makes no definite recommendation and yet merits most careful attention. Especially do we refer to that portion of his report under the caption "Grand Army of the Republic." In it he gives valuable information that possibly was known to but few members, information which if carried into effect must undoubtedly result in great benefit to our order. We also desire to commend his statement concerning publicity and its value. We have been lax in bringing before the public the acts of our order, many of which are of a worth-while character and deserving of publicity.

His report contains six definite recommendations, upon which we report as follows:

Recommendation at the foot of page 4, covering a change in the regulations, referred to the committee on constitution and regulations.

Second. Recommendation covering per capita tax. Inasmuch as the per capita tax is contingent upon the budget which will be recommended for adoption by the council in chief, we have passed this recommendation to that body. We, however, do heartily concur in his suggestion to the importance as to the manner in which the departments fix their annual per capita tax and recommend it to the various departments for serious consideration and action at their several department encampments. (No objection. Adopted.)

Third. His recommendation that it be a part of the national patriotic instructor's duties to publish from time to time the correct manner in which various ritualistic ceremonies should be conducted meets with our hearty approval. Education of our membership is apparently essential if the work of the order be conducted properly. (No objection. Adopted.)

Fourth. That a prize of \$100 be awarded by the commandery in chief at the next encampment to the brother suggesting the best plan whereby the camps may create and hold the interest of the younger members of our order is reported favorably. However, in lieu of the recommendation of the commander in chief that the sitting department commanders present at this encampment act as the committee of award; it is our recommendation that this committee consist of the present commander in chief, the national patriotic instructor, and national chaplain, and to them be delegated full power to promulgate the plan under which this contest shall be conducted and the award made. (Adopted.)

Fifth. That the incoming commander in chief appoint a legislative committee and that Past Commander in Chief Speelman act as chairman. We report favorably. (Adopted.)

Sixth. We heartily concur in the recommendation covering the matter of the committee on marking graves. Brother Charles R. Hale, its chairman, is deserving of the highest commendation for the thorough and painstaking manner in which he has covered this important matter. We sometimes hear the statement that our order is lacking in an objective. We would commend to such brothers and to the entire order the report and plan of Brother Hale as a real worth-while objective. The value of positive information concerning the location of the graves of veterans in cemeteries all over the land will be apparent to every member upon careful thought. To do it as recommended by Brother Hale would involve a task in many locations of gigantic proportions and one which would keep the membership of the camps busy upon a really deserving and important matter for some time, and yet when completed will be of inestimable value. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley has continued his activity and interest in our order, which is deserving of the highest commendation, and his report contains items of interest but without definite recommendation thereon that are deserving of very careful study. His report contains one recommendation as it pertains to an official organ. It is your committee's understanding that he has offered resolutions upon practically the same subject which will receive consideration by the committee on resolution. Additionally, the question of official organ under the action of the Grand Rapids encampment is in the hands of a committee which will make a definite report

to this encampment and we do not recommend any action upon his recommendation. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Junior Vice Commander in Chief Cogshall is a member of long experience, continued interest, and activity. He, for many years, has held very close to his heart our order and has labored in its behalf. His report contains no recommendation.

REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

The report of National Secretary Hammer, of necessity, deals extensively in statistics. It contains much information of extreme value and again reflects the untiring efforts put forth by him in each of the 23 years he has filled this important office. Each commander in chief in turn has honestly expressed his opinion of the value of the service of Horace Hammer, an opinion which is shared by every member who has knowledge of the duties which devolve upon him. If, in some way, we could induce everyone of our more than 45,000 members to carefully read, study, and ponder over the facts contained in the report of Brother Hammer it would, in our opinion, create an awakening of interest and responsibility that would immediately be reflected in an improved condition. His report contains two recommendations:

First. Providing that copies of the new ritual be furnished without expense to each camp. We report favorably. (Adopted.)

Second. His recommendation providing for a change in the regulations is referred to committee on constitution and regulations.

REPORT OF NATIONAL COUNSELOR

It is quite generally understood that the opinion of the national counselor does not become law of the organization until it has received favorable action upon the part of the commandery in chief and the commander in chief. In other words, it is necessary for this body to approve the actions of the national counselor before they actually become a part of the law as interpreted by him.

A number of questions were submitted to National Counselor Anderson, as referred to in his report, and we concur in each decision rendered. They gave evidence of careful thought and consideration of the various points involved and of a conscientious performance of important duties of his office. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN

National Chaplain Craig has completed the second year in that office and has submitted the best report possible, inasmuch as he is limited by the reports submitted to him by the various department chaplains and they in turn, of course, by the reports received from camps. It is deplorable and, to speak plainly, evidence of neglect upon the part of responsible officers that only 60³/₁₀ per cent of the camps submitted reports. There may be excuses, but there is no good reason why a report should not be received from every camp chaplain. This is of real importance, inasmuch as the consolidated report reflects the activity of our membership upon lines directly covered in our purposes and objects. Notwithstanding the fact that almost 40 per cent of the camps have failed to submit their report, the value of our order is reflected in two items where it is shown that 371,197 flags were placed on veterans' graves and 301,571 graves of veterans received attention from the loving hands of our membership. Does not this indicate the value and necessity of our order? His report contains one recommendation that involves but the carrying into effect of a recommendation adopted at the last encampment and needs no further action. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

The report of National Patriotic Instructor Pratt is full of interest and we commend it to the careful consideration of the membership. There is a real work on patriotic lines that is a part of our purposes, the observance of which will aid greatly in the upbuilding of the order. His consolidated report is interesting and if carefully considered will undoubtedly lead to new lines to patriotic endeavor upon the part of our membership. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MARKING GRAVES

We have already referred to the value of the efforts of Brother Hale and further reference is therefore unnecessary. We would, however, earnestly suggest serious consideration to the suggestions contained in his report. (Adopted.)

REPORT OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Past Commander in Chief Speelman, as the only remaining member of this committee, offers a report which indicates the value and necessity of a legislative committee. We commend him for what he accomplished. We have already covered the question of the future of this committee in the report of the commander in chief. (Adopted.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I move you the adoption of the report of the committee as read.

Commander in Chief MABIE. All in favor give consent by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

National Secretary H. H. HAMMER. I move that the national chaplain and national patriotic instructor be considered a committee to revise the report blanks of the national chaplain and national patriotic instructor.

The national chaplain makes a recommendation in his report that the report blanks of the national patriotic instructor and national chaplain should be revised. This recommendation was adopted last year and they are working on the revision.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I want to offer an apology on our action in reference to the report of the senior vice commander in chief for myself and the other four members of the committee. In our desire to have this report prepared it was necessary that we work fast and we overlooked a recommendation in the concluding paragraph of his report under the caption "National aides." Further, Commander in Chief, we purposely refrained from reporting on the recommendation of the national chaplain. I quote:

I would also like to recommend that camps and auxiliaries interest themselves in what is known as the Mexican school-bag project sponsored by the Committee on World Friendship Among Children, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

I ask the chaplain, in lieu of his recommendation, to briefly explain to the members of this body just what is meant, inasmuch as I am confident that few have knowledge as to just what he refers to.

National Chaplain CRAIG. Upon the suggestion of the chairman of the committee on officers' reports, I am glad to add a word of explanation as to what was in my mind in making the recommendation regarding the Mexican school-bag project. Some time ago there was considerable anxiety regarding the possibilities of continued peace in the Pacific region. Some one conceived the idea of creating what is now known as the "Committee on World Friendship Among Children," the purpose of which is to create such a bond of friendship and mutual understanding among the children of the world that a catastrophe such as occurred a few years ago—the World War—will never happen again. Those who have seen the horrors of war are the most enthusiastic advocates of peace, provided it is peace with honor and not "peace at any price."

The first project of this Committee on World Friendship Among Children was to send thousands and thousands of dolls to Japan in due season for their three days set aside each year to be known as their doll festival. On this occasion the dolls of the household, dolls representing the Emperor and Empress and their court, dolls handed down from mother to daughter for several generations, are brought forth. Doll-dom reigns supreme in the minds of all—young and older folks alike. Because of these gifts from the children of the United States the children of Japan gathered their “pennies” and sent to the United States about a year ago 59 “messengers of good will,” namely, lovely Japanese dolls, 3 feet tall, dressed in beautiful costumes. These, under escort, visited many leading cities. Six were in Pittsburgh for a whole week. Ten thousand and more folks visited the exhibit. No doubt these exchanges made for better feeling between Japan and the United States.

This next project has to do with the sending of school bags to the children of Mexico. These bags are made of durable fabrikoid, 11 by 13 inches, lettered in English and Spanish, “World friendship among children.” The committee furnished a set of pictures of Lincoln, Washington, “Lindy,” Hidalgo, and Juarez, Niagara Falls, and the Juanacalan Falls, Liberty bells of Mexico and United States. Gifts suitable for boys and girls can be inclosed, such as colored pencils, handkerchiefs, toothbrushes, whistles, scrapbooks, dolls, hair ribbons, jumping ropes, etc., but no articles of a sectarian nature for religious propaganda. These bags will be distributed by the Commissioner of Education.

I am sure we all recognize the need of putting into childhood and youth of to-day those traits, characteristics, and ideals which we wish to see in the adults of to-morrow. The world moves forward on the feet of little children. Good will among the children of to-day will insure good will among the nations of to-morrow. Good will will make for better conditions economically, politically, every way. I hope that both our order of the Sons and our auxiliary will see fit to interest themselves and others in this project, which undoubtedly will make for a better understanding and the manifestation of good will among the children and the nations of the world. [Applause.]

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. There is a matter I would like to have appear in our proceedings—the fact that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and their Auxiliary presented yesterday to the School of Opportunity in the city of Denver a tablet in bronze with the face of Abraham Lincoln and his Gettysburg address inscribed thereon. The commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and other national officers were there. The City Auditorium was filled with the pupils of the school, and I wish to state that it reflected credit not only upon the national patriotic instructors of both organizations but also upon the school officials who arranged the program. I sincerely hope, inasmuch as there was not a single word mentioned in the daily press, that our committee on press will try to have due credit given to the two organizations, because it was certainly splendid and very much appreciated by the school.

I also might add that at the suggestion of the chamber of commerce, and particularly of Brother Burhans, secretary of the Tourists' Bureau, that I ordered 1,000 cards containing the photograph and address of Abraham Lincoln for distribution among the school children, which the teachers and principals appreciated very much. [Applause.]

COMMITTEE ON CHARTER

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Brothers will notice that there is printed in the officers' reports on page 45 a report of the committee on charter, consisting of Brothers Mabie, Hammer, and myself. The committee on officers' reports took no action on this report, inasmuch as it is a report of a committee constituted under the action of the last encampment. As the chairman of that committee, I want to direct attention to it at this time, but do not want to read the report, inasmuch as each brother can read it himself. It is an important report, governing as it does a change in the form of our charter and the issuing of new charters to the camps without expense to the camps in lieu of the present charter; and with this explanation, Commander in Chief, I move you the adoption of the report of committee on charter as printed in the pamphlet of officers' reports.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORD THEATER

Past Department Commander E. F. WARNER, of Maryland. Those of you that were at Grand Rapids last year will recall that a donation was made at the request of Col. U. S. Grant 3d at present commander of the Department of Maryland, working to the passage of a bill by Congress to make the Ford Theater a place for the display of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics, and also a meeting place for the Grand Army of the Republic. This action was instituted by Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, of Washington, and on behalf of Colonel Grant and members of Warren G. Harding Camp No. 5, I desire, with your permission, Commander, to read a brief statement of the expenditures, showing how this money was expended.

Warren G. Harding Camp, No. 5, Department of Maryland, respectfully presents the following report of the expenditures made in connection with the circulation of information among the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in the campaign initiated by it looking to the setting aside, by Congress, of the old Ford Theater, in the city of Washington, for the proper care and display of the Oldroyd collection of Lincoln relics.

Donated by Sons of Union Veterans in national encampment assembled at Grand Rapids, Mich.....	\$95.75
Contributions by the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans in the national encampment assembled at Grand Rapids, Mich.....	55.00
Total contributions.....	150.75
Refund on 350 stamped envelopes.....	7.87
Total receipts.....	158.62

EXPENDITURES

By Warren G. Harding Camp, No. 5:

4,000 folders	\$40. 00
2,000 No. 10 envelopes	15. 00
Engraving	4. 60
Folding 2,000 circulars, stamps, etc.....	4. 00
Through Department of Maryland headquarters:	
2,000 multigraphed letters.....	8. 55
2,000 stamped envelopes.....	45. 76
Addressing 1,650 letters (3 lines), 90 cents per hundred.....	14. 85
Addressing 1,650 envelopes, at 30 cents per hundred.....	4. 95
Folding and inserting 1,650 letters and circulars.....	3. 30
2,000 Department of Maryland letterheads.....	7. 87
	-----\$148. 88
Balance on hand.....	9. 74

This balance of \$9.74 is being held in the hands of the treasurer of Harding Camp as the nucleus of such funds as may be necessary in the further prosecution of the work of securing the passage of the bill at the next session of Congress on the first Monday in December, Hon. Henry R. Rathbone, sponsor of the bill at the last session of Congress, having died since Congress adjourned.

I ask that this become part of the minutes, and I would like to read a letter from Col. U. S. Grant:

The Maryland Department, and more particularly Warren G. Harding Camp, are very grateful, indeed, to their brothers and to those sisters who always stand by and second all their worthy efforts with such sympathy and helpfulness for the material help rendered at the last annual encampment toward financing the cost of indorsing the bill (H. R. 7206) for the restoration of the Ford Theater building to house the recently acquired collection of Lincoln relics and to provide rooms that could be used by the Grand Army of the Republic for a national headquarters.

Unfortunately, Representative Rathbone, who had introduced the bill in the House, was in Illinois when it came up and its consideration was postponed until his return. He was not successful in getting it before the House again, although it is not believed that there is any serious opposition to it. It will probably come up again early at the next session, but Representative Rathbone is no more, and the orphan bill will probably have a serious struggle for recognition.

There is, therefore, necessity for using the small remaining balance of the funds donated to remind the various departments of our order and auxiliaries that their interest and indorsement of this legislation is again needed this autumn to insure an understanding by various Members of Congress of its national scope and importance.

Commander in Chief MABLE. You have heard the motion of Brother Warner, that the report be made a part of the minutes. All in favor signify it by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Past Department Commander P. F. Yengling, of Ohio, reported relative to the Grand Army of the Republic parade, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War having been official escort.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Joint memorial services are to be held at 4 p. m. I move that we recess at 3.45 p. m. and that this body proceed to the point where the services will be held. (Agreed to.)

Past Department Commander HERMAN L. LANGE, of New York. I want to call special attention in reference to what happened in New York last April on the birthday of General Grant. I want to take this opportunity of telling the brothers of the commandery in chief that it took a lot of nerve, red blood, and gumption to get up in front

of that audience and tell the people exactly what the commander in chief put in his report. You do not realize that in the city of New York it is a mighty hard thing to get publicity for an organization of this kind, and I want to say that never before in the history of this order has our organization received such publicity, so much criticism in regard to that speech. The commander should be highly commended by this body for the nerve and the action he took in that case. I believe it has greatly helped the brothers in New York, because they know that we are not afraid to come forward. I would like to move that the speech of the commander in chief at the commemoration of the birthday of General Grant be approved by this encampment.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Delegate CHARLES O. SMITH, of New Hampshire. I move that we now recess until 2 p. m. to-morrow.

Past Department Commander FRANK P. CORRICK, of Nebraska. I second the motion. (Agreed to.)

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

(4 p. m., September 18, 1928)

The joint memorial services of the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary took place in the Cosmopolitan Hotel, National Chaplains Laura I. Smith and Rev. J. Kirkwood Craig, D. D., having charge.

National Chaplain CRAIG. The Logan Fife and Drum Corp, of Rockford, Ill., an organization of the Sons of Union Veterans, will play our dirge while we all stand.

National Chaplain LAURA I. SMITH. Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we know Thy blessing will be with us this afternoon as we pause amid the busy hours of work to pay loving tribute to the memory of those who have left us in answer to the last roll call. Bless us, be with us and those who have gone before us. Shower kind blessings upon them and give to them peace. Be with us, we ask in our Saviour's name. Amen.

(A quartet sang a selection.)

National Chaplain CRAIG. Please stand for the 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. For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God—a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SONS. The Lord is my shephard; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.

AUXILIARY. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

SONS. We are the citizens of these United States, and we believe our flag stands for self-sacrifice and for the good of all the people.

AUXILIARY. We want to be true citizens of our great country, and will show our love for her by our works.

SONS. But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts.

AUXILIARY. God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow can not fall to the ground without his notice, is it possible that an empire could rise without his aid?

SONS. This corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

AUXILIARY. Then shall come to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory.

ASSEMBLY. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin. The power of sin is the law; but thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(The quartet sang the Vacant Chair.)

(Sister Laura I. Smith read the names of those departed this life during the past year.)

National Chaplain SMITH. Addie M. Wallace, past national president, and Lida Toma Miller, past national president.

National Chaplain CRAIG. Dr. A. G. Bennett, past department commander of the California and Pacific Department; J. H. Fenton, past department commander of Iowa; F. T. F. Johnson, past department commander of Maryland; Past Commander in Chief George Estover, also past department commander of Illinois; and J. D. Hopper, past department commander of New Jersey.

We will stand in silence for one minute. (All stood.)

National Chaplain CRAIG. Our Father, help us to make anew our life and bless our departed friends who have given so much of their time and their interest. Bless their memory. In the Master's name. Amen.

Sister Smith will have charge of the memorial service for the members of the Auxiliary.

National Chaplain SMITH. For the first time in 42 years we come to a national encampment after the loss of a past national president, and we can now truly say, one by one they are passing. Our sisters whom we love, one by one, they are entering the pearly gates above.

Past National President Kate Raynor will say a few words for our Sister Addie M. Wallace.

Past National President KATE RAYNOR. Addie M. Wallace, my friend and your friend. For 36 years we have stood side by side, friends always. The last year of Addie's life was full of pain and suffering, but she bore it with great fortitude, and each day repeated those words, "Though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." She was not afraid because God was with her. Addie's life was full of kindness. She always saw the good in everyone and gave everyone the benefit of the doubt. These past national presidents who have known and loved and worked with Addie, and you, my brothers and sisters, do not think of her as gone, for her spirit is with us now and always.

National Chaplain SMITH. Past National President Mayme Dwyer will say a few words for Lida Toma Miller.

Past National President MAYME DWYER. It is my privilege to have known as Sister Lida Toma Miller for many years. She served our organization three different times and as national president, when it was my privilege to start going to our department encampments. We were somewhat afraid of her because she was so big, but as soon as we knew her we knew that her bigness was in everything she undertook. She had a magnificent personality, a wonderful disposition,

and when she stood to speak for what was best for our organization we were only too glad to sit and listen. We have learned worlds of patience from her splendid examples which shall never be forgotten.

We will try to make our order all she would want it to be, and in loving memory to Sister Miller, past national president, and also many of our sisters who have passed away in the past year, I place these flowers. We ask God's blessing on those who are with us and say once again "We will never forget."

(Guides and color guards took places at the altar. National Chaplain Craig read the names of departments in which there had been deaths and their representatives placed flowers on the altar in their memory.)

National Chaplain SMITH. One by one as they have suffered when they were not understood, one by one have they wished us to know them as we should in fraternity, charity, and loyalty. They did what their Master had done.

National Chaplain CRAIG. During the past year the Sons also have had losses. One of our national leaders, Past Commander in Chief F. T. F. Johnson. Brother Warner of Maryland will read to us the memoir for Brother Johnson.

Past Department Commander WARNER, of Maryland. Sisters and brothers, our department commander, Col. U. S. Grant, 3d, expected until the last minute to be here, but on account of the serious illness of his mother was prevented from coming.

I will read a little article he had printed on behalf of the commandery in chief. He sent a note to me the day before I left for Denver, as follows:

I am indeed heartbroken at not being able to be in Denver, but mother's illness is such that I am unable to leave her now.

He asked me to read this memoir for him.

By the death of Brother F. T. F. Johnson, on May 11, 1928, we, of the Maryland Department have lost a devoted comrade, a wise counselor, an illustrious leader, and one of the best of friends. The loss was felt the more keenly because it came so suddenly and so unexpectedly. We had but the day before been enjoying his company and profiting by his counsel at the annual encampment of the department.

Descended from a long line of ancestors who had responded to the country's call on every occasion of its necessity, he was himself denied the privilege of military service because of a slight defect of vision, and so for 39 years gave devoted service where he best could in working for the objectives of the Sons of Union Veterans and for the realization of their ideals. He filled with success practically every office to which his admiring brothers could call him, including that of commander in chief during the harrasing and difficult year of the World War, 1917.

In our personal and associated loss we can find consolation only in an appreciation of the examples he has set us of loyalty, charity, and fraternity, and of the advantages we derive from his only too short presence among us. How proudly his forefathers must have welcomed him "On the other side," a son indeed worthy of the veterans who preceded him.

National Chaplain CRAIG. Past Department Commander A. G. Bennett passed away on December 30, 1927. Brother Boynton will respond for him.

Past Department Commander C. O. BOYNTON. Dr. A. G. Bennett, past department commander of the California and Pacific Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, was born in Jersey

City, N. J., January 20, 1872, and died in his home city, San Jose, Calif., December 30, 1927, less than one month of having attained the middle age of 56 years.

Brother Bennett was department commander in the year 1900 and proved to be a successful and most popular official. Finishing his year's work as department head at the encampment in 1901 at Los Angeles, when a single man, it is said that his first love letters to his future wife were written while at this encampment. The following year, 1902, the department encampment again being held in the southern part of the State, his interest was still manifest in his attendance when he brought with him his bride who remained his happy wife to the end. He became eligible through his father's service to the Union Army of the Civil War and engaged actively in the work purely from a sense of duty. His interest from the time he became a member of the order never slackened. He was department counselor at the time of his death and rarely missed a department encampment. Not only was he active in department activities but from the time of its institution to the time of his passing held many important offices in his camp, known as General Phil Sheridan Camp, No. 4, San Jose, Calif. and for the second time was commander at the time he was called by the Great Commander in Chief.

Above the average type, he served his community as called upon for leadership, being a city councilman when death came. Civic demand accounted for his efforts in political life. His active membership in church work bore fruits of his successful career. Beloved by all who knew him, his genial and pleasing personality made for him the host of friends it was his to claim.

Our brother is survived by a sorrowing wife who is a member of General Phil Sheridan Auxiliary, and this brief sketch of his life is not only written as a memorial in the hearts and lives of those who knew him best within his home, church, social, fraternal, civic, and political life but to the end that all may be better fitted for the life to come.

The sorrow and respect of this department goes out to his dear wife, as we commemorate his being with honor and solemnity at this Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Denver, Colo., this 18th day of September, 1928.

National Chaplain CRAIG. Brother Pratt will respond for Brother J. H. Fenton, past department commander of Michigan.

National Patriotic Instructor H. M. PRATT. I first met Brother Fenton five years ago at the department encampment. He had been out of the State a number of years, but impressed me as having a charming personality, with a deep interest in our organization.

A year later I was elected department commander. I received a letter from him from a distant State with greetings and good wishes.

Business made a change necessary and then came a financial loss, sickness, and trouble, but he still wrote occasionally, always cheerfully. He did his bit in giving cheer. He again returned home. We hope, and so did he, that we might have him with us again in our work. Then when it seemed that his lines might be in

happier, pleasanter ways, last November he was called from those he loved. A friend and a loyal member, a Christian, a gentleman. We are better because we knew him; heaven is the richer now.

National Chaplain CRAIG. The department commander of New Jersey has been authorized to speak of our Brother John D. Hopper.

Department Commander CHARLES G. DENMAN of New Jersey. Past Division Commander John D. Hopper, of Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Department of New Jersey, died June 23, 1928. He was initiated into his camp April 16, 1888, at the age of 37 years. He served as commander of his camp during 1891 and served as department commander of the Department of New Jersey in 1912. He attained his right to membership in the order from his father, Jacob Hopper, who served in the Union Army, honorably, in Company H, Twenty-fifth New Jersey Volunteer Infantry. Brother Hopper's services to the Department of New Jersey were rendered with exceptional ability. He was held in the highest esteem not only in his camp but throughout the Division of New Jersey because of his cheerful disposition and kindness and of good will to all with whom he came in contact. His loss is keenly felt by many of the best members of our order with whom he worked to make our organization a living monument to their forbears. The last sad rites for former Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, John D. Hopper, were held at his late residence, Glen Rock, where the services of the order were carried out with every officer of the camp at his station and a large number of brethren in attendance. Six of his brethren from Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, acted as bearers—George W. Dunkerley, George N. Bell, Alfred Bell, John Post, Charles Doherty, and the Rev. Benjamin Stinson, all past commanders of the order and long-time friends and brothers of the departed.

Brother Hopper was known for his fidelity to duty for the past 40 years, coming into the camp one year after its organization, and had the great honor of being selected as commander for the year 1891, following the first four commanders whose names stand high on the honor roll of the camp's worthy brethren. He was bereaved in 1917 when his life companion was called to her eternal rest, but his Christian faith has ever been a shining example for others to emulate. His church activities have been of the very sweetest; as a Bible teacher he had no equal.

National Chaplain CRAIG. Brother Holbrook will give us a word concerning the passing of Past Department Commander G. W. G. Estover, of Illinois.

Past Commander A. S. HOLBROOK. Sisters and brothers, Brother Estover was one of the older members of the Illinois Department. Word of his passing only reached us since we came to this encampment. The information was vague, and I could find no one here who was familiar enough with him to speak or give me much information concerning him. Another comrade and brother, also a department commander, was here, and knew a little of Brother Estover through his association with him in Grant Post in Chicago. He has prepared just a little report which I am going to read to you. I am sorry we could not have had information concerning this sooner so that we could properly recognize the passing of this good brother.

The passing of my friend and comrade, George Estover, past department commander of Illinois Department, Sons of Union Veterans, recalls to my mind an incident of a short time ago at the close of the Des Moines encampment.

A comrade of U. S. Grant Post, G. A. R., of Chicago, had met with an accident and the train was being held for a local surgeon to dress the comrade's wounds. After hurrying through the train to find the patient, Robert Hawley, there in the smoker was the doctor being assisted by that royal, genial, all-around good fellow, George Estover, who as a mere boy heard that clarion call, "We will rally from the hillsides, we will gather from the plain, shouting the battle cry of freedom." He went and did his part, as did his father, in that war to save the Union. Farewell, George. (Signed Henry Cull, past commander U. S. Grant, G. A. R.)

National Chaplain CRAIG. Rise while we sing the closing stanza of America. (All stood.)

National Chaplain Craig pronounced a benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 5 p. m.

(Following the services, an announcement was made that Rev. W. C. Cole would give a lecture on Andrew's Raid.)

WEDNESDAY SESSION

(2 p. m., September 19, 1928)

The encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form, Commander in Chief MABIE presiding.

Mrs. Edna Willis, past department president of Minnesota; Mrs. Emma Wolff, department president of New Jersey Woman's Relief Corps; and Mrs. Jennie Rasmussen, department president of Nebraska Woman's Relief Corps, were presented to the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Ladies, we welcome you to our encampment. If there is any honor to it, you are our first official visitors and we want you to go back to your encampment and say that we are always pleased to receive the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. We have been so close it seems fitting that you would be the first to extend your greetings.

Past Department President EDNA WILLIS. It is surely a great privilege and pleasure for me to be elected to come to you with love and greetings from your mother organization. You, as Sons, mean a great deal to the Woman's Relief Corps. We look to you for so much. We look with pride on what you have been doing along so many lines to make this country a better and safer country in which to live. You have done so many things in so many ways, and it is for we people who are a patriotic organization to do our best at this time to live and to teach patriotism, especially when so many things are being done now to take us away from that. My attention was called to a group organized in a high school, whose objectives and purposes were detrimental to the betterment of our country, and it is for us to seek out and look after our young people and teach the love of Old Glory, for which our fathers fought. There is no flag like my flag. There is no country like my country. Our comrades are growing fewer, but their enthusiasm does not fail one bit, and their love of country and patriotism lives forever. We want

you to know that we stand ready to assist you at all times in anything we can do. I wish for you to-day the very best brotherhood, most harmonious and successful in all ways, and I know as you go home you will all go back inspired with more patriotism and enthusiasm to work for one country, one Nation, in spirit the same. We all will work for the one cause. [Applause.]

Department President EMMA WOLFF, of New Jersey. It gives me great pleasure and a wonderful privilege to be here to greet you and to bring greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps. (She then recited a poem on Our Flag.)

Department President JENNIE RASMUSSEN, of Nebraska. I certainly am pleased to be a member of the committee and bring greetings to this order. (All received badges and retired under escort, amid cheers.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brothers, it might seem that I did something which was not according to custom. We send our greetings committee to the various organizations and give them our greetings. They in turn send greetings to us. We have spent a lot of time listening to some respond. If I am wrong please tell me. A lot have much to say. I don't know that it is of any importance. Your committee has done the job and it seems in my mind that we are going around in the same rut. If you think we should have the response, we will go ahead. If you think they won't be offended, if you think it just as well we not do it, we will go ahead as we are now. I would like to have your opinion.

Commander EARLE B. ATWATER, of Connecticut. Let us proceed as we are.

Commander in Chief MABIE. I think the committee on ritual is ready to report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND CEREMONIES

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE, of Indiana. To the officers and members Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; this committee to whom has been referred correspondence and recommendations relating to changes in our ritual, now has the honor to report as follows:

Recommendations from the Department of California and Pacific:

First. Section 5, page 3, so that it may read as is, with the exception that the words "with the union toward the secretary," be inserted second line after the word "flag." Your committee approves this recommendation.

National Secretary HAMMER. I move that the recommendation of the committee be nonconcurrent in. (This motion prevailed.)

Second. Section 9, page 4, line 6, insert after the word "file," "from the station of the senior vice commander." Your committee reports favorably. (Not adopted, on motion.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. Third recommendation; section 12, page 5, in reference to the flag salute, making the section read, "The flag salute is given while the color bearer, standing in front of the commander's station and facing the camp, takes the flag in both hands and slightly dips it." Your committee does not

concur in this recommendation. First, we believe the color bearer should retain his regular position as assigned by our ritual; second, we are of the opinion that the flag of our Nation should not be dipped anywhere or at any time during our ceremonies.

(On motion, the recommendation of the committee was to non-concur.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. Page 37. This recommendation is made for the opening ceremonies of the department and commandery in chief is as follows: Insert after the words "will now come to order." "Guide, you will ascertain if all present are entitled to remain. Color Bearer, you will assist on the right." Your committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. We have from the Department of Connecticut recommendation as follows:

On page 20 of the ritual, third line from bottom, insert after the word "obey" the three words, "the constitution and"; then omit the word "the" before the word "regulations," so that it may read "obey the constitution and regulations."

Your committee approves this recommendation. (Adopted, on motion.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. We have from the Department of Pennsylvania a recommendation as follows:

Whereas the secret work of our organization has practically been abolished: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That such secret work as recognition signs, grips, secret initiation, which formerly existed, should be restored.

Your committee does not concur in this recommendation. (The recommendation nonconcurrent in.)

Past Commander in Chief SHELLHOUSE. I move that this report be adopted as amended. (The motion was seconded and carried.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS

Commander in Chief MABIE. I believe the committee on constitution and regulations is ready to report.

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH, of Pennsylvania.

To the COMMANDER IN CHIEF, OFFICERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, COMMANDERY IN CHIEF:

Your committee on constitution and regulations beg to submit the following report:

First. Amendments to chapter 1, article 6, section 1, were submitted by the commander in chief, Department of Massachusetts, and Department of Ohio, and your committee recommend that the amendment offered by the Department of Massachusetts be approved. This amendment strikes out the \$5 and inserts in lieu \$3.

Commander EARLE B. ATWATER, of Connecticut. I would like to inquire how it would read if amended.

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH, of Pennsylvania. It would read: "Each camp shall regulate its dues, fees for revenues, provided the minimum admission fee for members shall not be less than \$3."

Commander EARLE B. ATWATER, of Connecticut. It is my understanding that the commander in chief can not tell a camp how to control finances. They can dictate to the department. In Connecticut

we pay the 50 cents you assess, but we refund the 50 cents we collected because we believed it illegal.

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH. The change proposed is to change the \$5 to \$3. Section 2 of that same article says: "For each person initiated in camps already instituted there shall be paid to the department \$1; 50 cents of such amount shall be paid by the department to the commander in chief." Another section provides for the payment to the department of 50 cents. This committee recommends, as I say, that the minimum fee for admission be \$3, but retains the charge of \$1 to be paid to the department and the department to transmit 50 cents to the commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection?

(No objection; this recommendation was adopted.)

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH. Second, the Department of Massachusetts submitted amendments to chapter 1, article 2, sections 3 and 5, changing the manner of admitting dropped members. Your committee believes that the change would not be beneficial, and therefore recommend that the change be not made. Their proposition was this: That they can reinstate a dropped member on ball ballot. If he entered any other camp, he came in in the same manner as a new member. The provision in the present constitution provides that these members who have been dropped shall come back into the camp from which dropped or any other camp in the same manner in which they come in originally. Your committee believes that this is the proper way and nonconcur in the recommendation of the Department of Massachusetts.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection?

(No objection being made, the recommendation was adopted.)

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH. Third, the national secretary in his report recommended that the number of names required in chapter 1, article 1, section 1, for a charter be changed from 15 to 50. Your committee believes that it would be a mistake to increase the number of members required for a charter, and therefore nonconcur in the recommendation of the national secretary. I move that this report be adopted as amended.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion, that the report be adopted as amended. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Department Commander JOHN G. SPIELMAN, of California and Pacific. Your committee on greetings to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic beg to report they were requested to give you a token of love and esteem.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Thank you. I believe the committee on resolutions is ready to report.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN, of Massachusetts. Your committee on resolutions reports as follows:

Resolution No. 1. Submitted by Post Department Commander Herman L. Lange, of New York.

Resolved, That the speech of Commander in Chief Mabie made at Grant's Tomb, Riverside Drive, April 25, 1928, be, and he is hereby, commended and approved by this encampment.

Your committee recommends its adoption.

Commander in Chief MABLE. Is there any objections? (Adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 2. Submitted by the New York department.

Whereas all nations of the world recognize some particular hymn or song as their national anthem; and

Whereas this glorious Nation of ours is without an officially recognized or designated national anthem; and

Whereas the Army, Navy, public and private schools, patriotic societies, and the people generally accord the hymn The Star-Spangled Banner this distinction; and

Whereas the national Americanization committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States have had introduced a bill in Congress to adopt the hymn The Star-Spangled Banner as the officially designated national anthem: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That this encampment does hereby approve and indorse the action taken by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and pledge our moral and loyal support toward the passage of this bill.

Be it further resolved, That the national secretary be, and is hereby, instructed to communicate the action of this encampment to the National Americanization committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This resolution is not recommended by your committee, but the following resolution is recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That this encampment of the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War hereby express its unqualified indorsement of a bill now pending in the Congress of the United States seeking to make the hymn The Star-Spangled Banner the officially recognized national anthem, as it long has been officially recognized as such by the order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and this encampment hereby urge the Congress to pass the above proposed legislation.

This resolution is recommended by your committee for adoption.

Commander in Chief MABLE. Is there any objection? (Adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 3. Whereas it appears to the members of the Department of Oregon that the observance of Flag Day is not a mandatory order from national headquarters:

Resolved, That we, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in encampment assembled, recommend that the national encampment introduce and pass a resolution making the observance of Flag Day by the Sons of Union Veterans a mandatory order.

Your committee recommends that this resolution be referred to the encampment for its action, as it is a matter that should not properly come before the committee.

Commander in Chief MABLE. Is there any objection?

(No objection being made this resolution was referred to the encampment for its action.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 4, from the Department of Missouri.

Resolved, That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled at the Forty-seventh annual encampment of the Commandery in Chief, express their deep interest in the subject of textbooks on American history in use in our public schools. We protest against the use of any textbook which censures the patriots or maligns the services or sacrifices of the soldiers of all wars of the United States. We protest against any textbook which teaches socialism, bolshevism, or class hatred.

Be it further resolved, That the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, pledge their support in this matter to such organizations as the Sons of the American Revolution and other similar organizations, and

pledge the support of their members as far as possible, and that a special committee of three be appointed by the commander in chief to do what it can to carry on the principles of this resolution.

Your committee recommend that the above resolution ought not to pass, as this matter was already a part of the principles and objects of the order. (Adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 5, from the Department of Massachusetts:

Whereas the operation of the present laws relative to the pensions of certain disabled children of veterans of the Civil War and the war with Spain is unjust and inconsistent in allowing \$36 a month to certain disabled children left fatherless prior to the age of 16 years, and only \$20 a month to others, equally disabled, left fatherless after the age of 16 years; and

Whereas the present laws exclude from their benefits such children who become disabled after the age of 16 years: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled at Boston, on April 10-11, 1928, do hereby indorse H. R. 11807 and S. 3528, granting pensions to certain disabled children of veterans of the Civil War and the war with Spain; and be it

Further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Senators and Representatives of Massachusetts in Congress, urging immediate and favorable action on these bills; and be it

Further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be submitted to the next national encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War at Denver, Colo.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the above resolution. (Adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 6, from the Department of California and Pacific:

On the 10th day of May, 1928, at the forty-second annual convention of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, held at Long Beach, Calif., the following resolutions were adopted for recommendation to the commandery in chief:

Whereas our official organ, The Banner, represents the largest national expense item of our beloved order; and

Whereas, if adopted as the official organ of the Grand Army of the Republic and all the allied orders, favorable advertising contracts could be secured, thereby making the publication a piece of income property in lieu of a liability: Therefore be it

Resolved, That we request the next national encampment to appoint a permanent relations committee and take the necessary steps in the adoption of an official publication on a self-sustaining basis.

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Whereas the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have inaugurated a pleasing custom of tendering a banquet to the veterans at each national and some department conventions; and

Whereas many of the wives of the veterans are thereby left to themselves at such times; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved, That we, the members of the Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in convention assembled, in the future and at all department conventions to follow, do invite the wives of comrades at said conventions to accompany us to a banquet on the same evening and same time as the Fathers' and Daughters' banquet. Also that we call our banquet the Mothers' and Sons' banquet; and that each Son be expected to take a mother as his guest at his expense.

National Secretary HAMMER. I move that the committee nonconcur in this recommendation for the reason that it is something that pertains to local affairs.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. There were two resolutions submitted by this department. The first was in reference to appointing a permanent relations committee to take necessary steps in the adoption of an official publication on a self-sustaining basis.

National Secretary HAMMER. I move that the committee nonconcur in this recommendation.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by raising their right hands. (Forty-two were in favor.) Those opposed please raise their hands. (Twenty-six were opposed.) Those in favor have it, and it is so ordered.

Alternate F. P. WALKER, of Missouri. I think most of us were voting in nonconcurrence in appointing a committee.

Delegate W. P. HANNERS, of Massachusetts. I rise to the point of order. The man who made the motion was out of order.

Delegate F. G. BEARDSLEY, of Missouri. I move that the matter be reconsidered.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are out of order.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 7, from the Department of Illinois:

Whereas a bill to require the loyal people of the United States to honor the disloyal by marking their million or more graves, at an expense of many millions of dollars, and to record their treasonable acts as though they were honorable and meritorious, is but a part of the propaganda of the former rebels and their descendants to maintain their claim that they had a right to secede and to destroy the Union, and are, therefore, entitled to greater honor than are those who preserved the Government by crushing their gigantic rebellion:

Resolved, therefore, That we are opposed to this and all such laws drawn to honor traitors, and we hereby request the Senate of the United States to defeat such measures when they shall come before it for consideration, and to that end we ask the Senate Committee on Military Affairs, to which such bill has been referred, to refuse to make a favorable report thereon.

Resolved, That the legislative committee of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic is hereby instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to defeat this legislation and all similar measures that may come before Congress, and prevent the enactment of all such laws that honor the former rebels and so dishonor the men of the Union Army who held the Nation together.

Your committee concurs in this resolution and moves its adoption.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection? Adopted.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 8, from the Department of Connecticut.

In annual encampment assembled at Danbury, Conn., April 13, 1928, the Connecticut Department do hereby protest against the manner in which the name of our organization was changed, believing that this act in changing the title was not done according to the provisions of the constitution under the heading of article 8, which provides that such amendments to the constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present and be ratified by not less than 10 departments.

(No action was taken on this resolution, as it was out of order.)

Commander EARLE B. ATWATER, of Connecticut. The Department of Connecticut was not advised through the annual proceedings published in general orders as to the circumstances causing this change. The commander in chief expects the departments to abide by the

constitution and regulations adopted. If you do not live up to these, how do you expect the departments to? This recommendation would not have come up if we had been notified. Keep us posted as to what is being done. We are entitled to know.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Has the national secretary a copy of the Grand Rapids proceedings referred to?

National Secretary HAMMER. I have.

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I apologize to Brother Sautter for interrupting. The greetings committee from the Daughters have been in waiting and wish to have the opportunity of being introduced.)

Past Commander HERMAN L. LANGE, of New York. I remember and know that the change in name was published immediately after the encampment, and if the Department of Connecticut does not read general orders it is Connecticut's fault.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 9, from the Department of Connecticut.

Resolved. That this department submit to the next encampment of the commandery in chief at Denver, Colo., a resolution to reduce the salary of the national secretary to \$1,500 per annum, and the salary of the national treasurer to \$150 per annum, to become effective at the first of the next official year.

Your committee, in considering this resolution, deem it very unwise to make any reduction in the salary of its faithful and efficient servants. There is no question in our minds of the legality of this thing. This matter has been talked about from hand to hand in various sections of our commandery in chief for several years, and now it has come before you in the form of a resolution. I do not need to say what I am going to say because it is so well known by all. It is absolutely necessary in every organization that there be a vital part around which the organization revolves and from which we receive the instructions and business as carried on. We all realize that. We realize that without that vital spark a man or an organization can not live. We know there are men who do not have that spark of patriotism in their hearts. There are also men who are born with it. Men who have worked for our order from the time it began and have worked long and faithfully. I do not believe there is any man here who wants to cut the salary of the man who is the vital spark of our organization in keeping it up to the mark it has. We recommend that the resolution from Connecticut ought not to pass. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. Doctor Homan has placed in the proceedings a statement with reference to the national secretary which meets with my hearty concurrence. Only that the record may be right, my point of order is this: That the term of office and salary of the national secretary is fixed by the constitution and regulations and can not be changed by a resolution.

Commander in Chief MABIE. The point of order is well taken.

Delegate John R. KEMMERER, of Connecticut. I do not believe this resolution was placed before the convention with the intention of doing one iota of harm to Brother Hammer, to his work or anything else. You have pleaded economy. You said you did not have enough in the treasury. You had \$700 to meet the expenses of the convention. We thought you should economize yourselves

first. I do not believe you can find another organization that is paying over \$600 or \$800 for their treasurer. There are only four States who have paid in more than Connecticut. We paid more than \$1,000. We are not kicking on what we are paying, but you are pleading economy. You said you only had money enough to meet expenses. You will find the work is not heavy. I do not believe Brother Hammer really has more than four months' work a year. It was merely done for economy. Do not think we are finding fault with Brother Hammer. [Applause.]

Past Department Commander EVERETT F. WARNER, of Maryland. I want to take exception to the statement that the brother makes in reference to only four months' work. I wonder if he has ever been a department secretary. Does the brother know that Brother Hammer has to supply all the requirements of the departments. He has to order these supplies, make requisition for the different circulars and other things. There is no question but what he has been underpaid for years. He has been our secretary since 1905, I believe. From 1905 to 1917 his salary was \$2,000. Does anyone believe he was overpaid? We tried in 1917 to reimburse him for all the good work done for us in the years past, and I, as a member of the committee on resolutions, am heartily in favor of the recommendation of the committee that his salary be not reduced.

Past Department Commander BERT MORLEDGE, of Nebraska. I arise to the point of order. It has been decided by the Chair and there is nothing more to do.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Let us abide by the decision of the Chair as being out of order.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. We have kept the Daughters waiting too long.

(Greetings committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans: Mrs. Lola S. Elliott, past national president; Mrs. Mary A. Holland, senior vice president, Department of Wisconsin; Mrs. Zelda L. Connell, department president of Washington.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Sisters, we greet you. I know you are tired waiting, but it could not be helped. Brothers, you have heard the brothers who escorted these ladies tell you who they are. They desire that just the chairman speak; therefore, I introduce Mrs. Elliott, past national president.

Past National President LOLA S. ELLIOTT. We are very happy to come to you this afternoon, but sorry to strike you at a time when quite busy. We not only bring the love and the personal greetings of our national president, but of all the Daughters, and to bring a renewed pledge of loyalty and cooperation from the organization that stands closer to yourselves than any other, with the exception of the Grand Army of the Republic. The tie that binds the brother and sister can never be severed. The father is the center and on either side is the brother and sister, and as the center link is caught up to meet the Great Commander these two other links are drawn closer together. Joined in a bond that can never be broken. Our ideals are the same, and so I want to repeat, we, the Daughters of Union Veterans, reach out our hand and clasp that of the Sons of Union Veterans, and, in the spirit of fraternity, charity, and loyalty, we pledge to carry on the work of our beloved fathers.

Commander in Chief, I bring to you a little gift from our department. It is a reminder of pre-Volstead days and I hope you may enjoy it.

Commander in Chief MABIE. We had decided in order to save the time of the visiting delegates and the time of our encampment, we were not going to have any response, knowing you were coming here and our delegates were going to you, but we are going to ask Brother Weiler to respond.

Past Department Commander HENRY F. WEILER, of Massachusetts. We were being taught a lesson in economy. You have heard us trying to establish economy in our ranks while you were waiting. We were trying to cut down the salary of vital officers. We are going to be economical now and save the time for you which we wasted in keeping you waiting and send you back to your encampment. I am not going to extend any lengthy greetings to you. The things which you have said are the things which we will say to you through our greetings committee. We hope that both our camp and your tent may live long to promote patriotism. [Applause.]

(All received badges and cheered as escorted from the encampment.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. We have a resolution from the department of Indiana, as follows:

Whereas the attention of the members of the Indiana Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War has been called to the imprisonment of one, Henry Romine, a veteran of the Civil War, whose home is in Indiana, and who, 16 years ago, was convicted, with others, for the murder of a person; and

Whereas his conduct has been of such an exemplary character during these many 16 years, never once abusing confidence and privileges granted, and during this time his deportment has been most excellent, meriting the esteem and confidence from all officials; and

Whereas this comrade veteran is attending this encampment at this time, upon parole which has been graciously granted for the last 14 years, all expenses paid for him, with no restraint of any nature imposed; and

Whereas he does now and has ever protested in his innocence, and as he was a man who gave his services to his country and is to-day 83 years of age: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Indiana Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in this the forty-seventh annual encampment assembled in the city of Denver, Colo., do sincerely implore the Governor of Indiana to grant a full and complete pardon, as well as to restore full citizenship to Henry Romine; also that a copy of this resolution be immediately forwarded to the Governor of Indiana, with the urgent request for favorable action, that Henry Romine may be permitted to spend his closing days in peace and harmony under the flag he fought to save.

Your committee moves that this resolution be adopted and that the following letter be sent to the Governor of Indiana:

Please be advised that the officers and members of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, assembled in session in the city of Denver, Colo., received for consideration a resolution from our brother and past commander in chief, Frank Shellhouse, in reference to one comrade, Henry Romine, a veteran of the Civil War, now serving a term of imprisonment in the penitentiary of the State of Indiana.

Please find attached copy of this resolution, which is self-explanatory and which was unanimously adopted by our convention.

It was the further action of the convention that we, in the name of our organization, respectfully petition you as Governor of the State of Indiana, to give earnest and as soon as convenient consideration to this, as we see it, very important and humane matter.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection? (Adopted.)
 Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. Resolution No. 11:

Resolved, That, effective with the forty-eighth annual encampment of the commandery in chief, the defined policy with reference to defraying the expense of elective and appointive officers of the commandery in chief shall be as follows:

Commander in chief: Car fare at rates in effect to the encampment city, Pullman fare, and hotel expenses, including expenses incurred en route to the encampment and direct to his home.

National secretary-treasurer: Same as that defined for the commander in chief.

Senior vice commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, members of the council in chief, national patriotic instructor, national chaplain, and national counselor: Car fare at rates in effect to the encampment city and Pullman fare.

No expenses of any person not filling an office specifically named in the constitution and regulations shall be paid.

This policy will apply only to the elective and appointive officers regularly elected or appointed as prescribed by the constitution and regulations, and not to any who may be named to fill any such office during the session of the commandery in chief due to the absence of the incumbent.

Your committee moves that this resolution be adopted.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection? (The resolution was adopted.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I move the report be adopted as read.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

THE PARADE

Commander in Chief MABIE. Past Department Commander P. F. Yengling, of Ohio, will make a report as to the parade.

Past Department Commander P. F. YENGLING, of Ohio. I assumed command of the Sons of Union Veterans and we escorted the Grand Army of the Republic in the parade and took position in front of the review stand for the inspection of Commander in Chief Elbridge L. Hawk, of the Grand Army of the Republic. I think this met with his hearty approval.

I was sorry that some were out of the parade, but we could not have any but uniformed men. Boys, a uniform is a uniform, and those who have uniforms please bring them to the next encampment. I call your attention to Massachusetts coming here with 28 uniforms. [Applause.]

Alternate W. R. FURMAN, of Nebraska. It seems to me that it is time we got away from the old order. There are lots of Sons that are not able to buy uniforms, and I do not see where they are not just as good as the others. Their fathers fought and worked just as hard, and I do not see why they could not bring up the rear with a division.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are out of order. I believe if we want to parade we should buy a uniform and parade. Those brothers who can not afford a uniform do not attend encampments.

National Secretary HAMMER. The credential committee present a supplementary report, adding 22 additional members to the encampment, making a total of 147.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS—SUPPLEMENTARY

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I present this supplementary report of the committee on officers' reports, having particular reference to the closing paragraph of the report of the senior vice commander in chief. I will read this portion so that you will understand:

I recommend that the newly elected commander in chief be authorized and requested to appoint said national aides; and that, through said aides, plans be made and work commenced to create a reserve fund and an organization fund for the commandery in chief.

The committee does not concur in the recommendation of the senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Is there any objection?

(No objection was made. Recommendation of committee approved.)

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. The work of the committee on officers' reports is completed and ask to be discharged.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are discharged, with thanks.

Past Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH. The committee on constitution and regulations has completed its work and beg to be discharged.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are discharged, with thanks.

Past Department Commander EVERETT F. WARNER, of Maryland. I would like to ask for our chairman that our committee be discharged.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are discharged, with thanks.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I do not want to take any more time, but I want you fellows to stand and give three cheers to show our appreciation and confidence and love for Horace. (Three cheers were given for National Secretary Hammer.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I move that we recess until to-morrow at 9 a. m. (Carried.)

 THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

(9.45 a. m., September 20, 1928)

The encampment was opened in regular ritualistic form by Commander in Chief Mabie.

Commander in Chief MABIE. I believe there is a delegation outside.

Delegate HOWARD W. BUNKER, of New York. Your official aide has reported that our Auxiliary are waiting in a body to pay us an official visit.

(Past National President Molly Hammer, Past National President Nan Keene, and Department President Mrs. Bessie Chapman, of Massachusetts, were escorted to the commander in chief.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. There is one in this delegation that you all know—the chairman, the wife of our national secretary. We know that she has been just as active in this organization as she has been in hers. I think that is enough, and I want to introduce the chairman, Molly Hammer.

Past National President MOLLY HAMMER. I very much appreciate the privilege that is mine this morning to come to you, not only with the Pennsylvania delegation, but representing our national president and our National Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary. I do not think any other organization realizes just what your organization stands for more than your own Auxiliary. We have faith in you, in your work, in the principals of your organization, in all your efforts, and we want to help in those efforts to become a worthwhile organization. We sometimes get discouraged, we get in a rut and think things are not going just right, but we must have some of the courage, some of the faith, and all of the loyalty and patriotism of our fathers. We must put all these principles into our daily life and then there will never be a question as to whether we are gaining or losing ground. Remember, your Auxiliary has faith in you, believes in you; we believe that you are going to live up to the faith of your fathers, that you will be all that we expect you to be. We all know how easy it is to drift with the tide. It requires no effort, no thought, no ambition. We just drift along and everything seems all right until we strike a snag and go down. We believe that you will and that you want to swim upstream, and if you meet with objections on your way up, if you stand together, there is no reason why you can not reach the top and success.

Commander in Chief, I bring to you a message from our national president and from our National Sons of Union Veterans' Auxiliary. Throughout the year you have helped in this particular part of our patriotic work and we have been happy to be associated with you. You have been so kind and shown many courtesies and have been all that we had hoped you would be as our commander in chief. Our national organization also appreciates you as commander. This morning, as some evidence of our regard for you, it is my privilege to give to you this timepiece. I need not say that I hope it will tick only happy days for you. We hope as the minutes, hours, days, and years go by you will continue to be your own happy self. I bring all the loyalty, affection of the girls of the Auxiliary. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. I appreciate this gift. Brothers, there are times when your feelings just overwhelm you, when the things you want to say won't come to you. The presentation of this gift from the Auxiliary would take you back, but when presented by one whom we have known so long you know just how you feel and just what you would say personally if you got a chance. You can not find words, and the best thing to say is to ask you to tell the girls I thank them.

Past National President NAN KEENE. I want to say a word to Brother Mabie, to bring the greetings and best wishes from his home town. We wish for you continued success in this work and health to enjoy your gift.

Department President Mrs. CHAPMAN of Massachusetts. I am glad to bring to you the greetings and best wishes of the national president. Last year it was our privilege to work together with Sister Keene as the national president and Doctor Homan as your commander in chief. This year it has just been reversed, and we feel

proud to have been able to work with Pennsylvania; and we wish for your commander in chief the very best of success and a wonderful encampment. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. Again we will break the ruling and call upon one whom I know the Auxiliary will be glad to have me call on, one who has been their friend for so many years, and that is Past Commander in Chief Doctor Homan to respond.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I arrived in the room just in time to hear Sister Hammer make her presentation speech. I have known Sister Hammer for a great many years, and every time she makes a presentation speech or an address in the Auxiliary or in our camp it is a privilege to make response.

It is a pleasure, as our president has said, to have Pennsylvania and Massachusetts working together again another year as we did last year. I enjoyed our year together with Sister Keene. I enjoyed the fellowship and the contact that it brought between the two departments of our organization, and it has been an added pleasure to have the commander in chief in Philadelphia and the national president in Massachusetts.

Sister Hammer has told you all the things that are so pleasant, and I can't say anything more about what it means to us; but I do know that in the presentation of this gift to the commander there is something about that that is very vital and close to him. In my home there is a timepiece very similar to that one, and at all hours of the day and night the chimes strike the passing of the hours, and it doesn't make any difference whether in the morning or when I am coming home at night, the chimes strike the hour, and I am reminded of the happy hours that have been spent with the organization of the Auxiliary; and so it isn't necessary for me to tell you of that close bond that exists between us. I am chairman of the greetings committee and will tell your national president something more of what our organization thinks of your organization and of her. I thank you for your gift to the commander and your greetings. I know how much they mean. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. There is a committee from the Grand Army of the Republic waiting. Will you show them in, please? I think it is fitting that the ladies wait while we receive the greetings committee from the Grand Army of the Republic.

(Past Department Commander Samuel P. Towne, of Pennsylvania; Past Department Commander Hopkins, of California; and Department Commander Pownder, of Wisconsin, were presented to the commander in chief.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard this for so many years, it is hardly necessary to repeat. We welcome you and we want you to be with us and back us up.

Delegate WILLIAM R. MCGIRR, of Pennsylvania. Some 25 years ago, after being successful in a strenuous election, I met a fellow whom I took to. He was young then. He took office and filled it faithfully, arose to be camp commander. He took an active interest in the camp and was the mainstay in the work done there. He was made a department commander and filled that office and became past department commander. Last year we succeeded in seeing him elected commander in chief. We are confident that as past com-

mander in chief he will be the same. His friends in the Pennsylvania Department have great respect and feeling for him. I have the honor to present to him on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department this chest of silver.

Past Department Commander JAMES N. SMITH, of Pennsylvania. Driving around this city, Commander in Chief Mabie's aide said the commander in chief is having trouble keeping his wardrobe together. They have a street called South Street, and they went down and purchased this suit case that you, Commander in Chief, may be able to keep your wardrobe in better shape. Accept this as a token of love from the directors of the Death Benefit Association, S. V. U. S. A.

Department President SALLY THOMPSON, of Pennsylvania Auxiliary. I am not going to take much time. I represent the Department of Pennsylvania. We have something here to help you along. We present you with this steak set and our best wishes.

Commander in Chief MABIE. I know just how you felt when you gathered your pennies and bought these gifts for me. I know something about silverware and know how much it costs and how hard it is to gather pennies. Considering what they all cost and how many brothers and sisters must have contributed, it makes me stutter, because I can't go any further, and then when I think of the Auxiliary getting something to accompany that set and knowing it is real silver, that it is not something that will tarnish in a few days, I want you to know that I appreciate it all in my way. Don't expect me to make a speech. Just to each and every one of you who have had your share, take my word that I thank you.

We shall now hear from our comrades.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC COMMITTEE

Comrade SAMUEL P. TOWNE, of Pennsylvania. I have been so fortunate as to be delegated as the chairman of the Grand Army of the Republic committee to visit the Sons. It is unnecessary for me to tell the brothers how I feel toward your organization, and when I express my sentiments I also express the sentiments of those here representing the whole Grand Army of the Republic. We have the kindest feelings toward our Sons, who are now more in the middle age, to stand behind the Grand Army of the Republic for what it represents and in all cases to help the Grand Army of the Republic in what they are attempting to do in legislative work. We look to the Sons as the closest tie we have. While we have the kindest feelings toward all patriotic orders, those men who were out in '97 and '17 and feel that they would help us wherever they could. But when it comes to anything the Grand Army of the Republic desires and when we are all gone we feel the Sons are the organization that will keep clear and alive the work and principles of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Comrade HOPKINS, of California. As my friend expressed my sentiments, I will be like the boy whose mother told him to say his prayers. He got a copy of the prayer and pinned it on the wall. Each night he would point to this prayer and say "Lord, them is my sentiments." [Laughter.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. Comrade POWNDER, have you a word? Department Commander POWNDER, of Wisconsin. I am glad that I will be the last speaker. I have always felt that it was a great mistake that I was not an orator, but a man does not climb to success because of his mistakes; he climbs in spite of them. The comrades expressed my feelings and sentiments.

At the request of Commander in Chief Mabie, the comrades escorted the Auxiliary Sisters from the hall amid great applause.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL ORGAN OR PUBLICATION

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I desire to submit a report for the special committee appointed under the action of the encampment held one year ago in Grand Rapids, at which time I presented a resolution for the appointment of a committee on the official organ. The resolution was adopted and Past Commander in Chief Irelan and myself were appointed. You will recall that the resolution provided that we extend to the Auxiliary to the Sons an invitation to join with us in an official organ, requesting, if they agreed with the resolution, to appoint a committee representing their organization and which joint committee would then represent the two organizations. The resolution was immediately adopted by the Auxiliary, and Past National President Molly Hammer and Past National President Emma S. Finch were appointed as committee representing the Auxiliary.

During the past year I have conducted a very extensive investigation concerning the publication of fraternal papers. We did this because it was the desire of the committee to present to the encampment an intelligent report based, not upon their own thoughts and sentiments and knowledge but also upon the part of those who might be considered as absolutely disinterested persons. We did more than this. We submitted specifications to a company who are the printers of a number of fraternal papers, submitting the same specifications identical to the ones who have published The Banner since it began, some 25 or 30 years ago.

Quite a number of questions came to us that had a great effect on our final decision as to what we would present to this body. First, may I say, I covered the matter thoroughly and, I believe, to the satisfaction of the committee representing the Auxiliary, and I know that it is their feeling that that organization should and probably will, at some time, associate themselves with us in the publication of an official paper representing the two organizations. However, because of the lack of time, and more especially because of the expense which would come to them, necessitating a large increase in per capita tax, they thought it not advisable to join with us at this time, and I am sure that in that decision the members of this encampment will concur. I did not expect them to come here and do it this year. I believe, as I said before, that they will do it in the future.

In all negotiations and correspondence I think it only fair to make this statement, that Editor Holbrook, of the Banner, has repeatedly said to me as chairman of the committee that we should not be guided in any way in our ultimate decision by the fact that

he is a member of this organization, that he was perfectly willing to meet conditions confronting us and to have the contract go elsewhere, but it is the honest judgment of the committee that the proposition as finally submitted to us by Brother Holbrook, coupling with it as it does that which is of great value, the fact that the official organ is published by a member of this organization, that the offer of Brother Holbrook, a member of the firm of Dustin & Holbrook, be the one to be presented to this encampment for their adoption. May I say in my investigation I obtained information from entirely disinterested and yet men who because of their long experience in general newspaper work, and one especially who is now closely associated in the publication of a paper in size practically corresponding to that of *The Banner*, that the price we have been paying for *The Banner* was indeed low. It is apparent therefore that if we were to offer something that would result in a saving it must of necessity involve a curtailment in the size of *The Banner*. From the beginning it was a thought of the committee that the make-up of *The Banner* and its size should be changed to that of what is known as the magazine size of paper. I do not think there is any question but what the majority of the brothers obtain other fraternal papers and they will understand what I refer to when I speak of this as the magazine size. In other words, it is a page $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $11\frac{1}{2}$ instead of the present size, and I believe will make a much more satisfactory paper in appearance, one to be handled more easily in reading, and yet continue the full number of pages, 16.

With this lengthy explanation, I have purposely taken time to give it to you so that there may not in the future be a misunderstanding as to what the committee offered to you. I offer this resolution as the recommendation of the committee:

Resolved, That the incoming commander in chief and national secretary be authorized and empowered on behalf of and in the name of the commandery in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War to enter into a contract with Dustin & Holbrook for the continued publication of the official organ of our order, *The Banner*, under substantially the terms of the contract now in force, except that it be changed to meet new size, price, method of mailing, as hereinafter set forth.

First. The size shall be what is commonly known as the magazine size of approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ by $11\frac{1}{2}$.

Second. The compensation to the publishers shall be 18 cents per copy per year.

Third. One copy shall be mailed, as far as practical, to each separate address.

Fourth. The basis for compensation shall be based upon the total number of papers mailed to members of our order, as certified to the national secretary by the publishers and not upon the basis of total membership as reported by the national secretary.

Fifth. The contract to become effective January 1, 1929, and shall be for a term of three years, except, that should the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War indicate at any time during the life of this contract a desire to become associated with the order of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the publication of *The Banner* as the joint official organ of the two organizations, the publishers, Dustin & Holbrook, shall agree to enter upon a new contract upon such terms and conditions as may then be mutually agreed upon.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

National Secretary HAMMER. Are camp secretaries to be provided with a copy of the paper for camp file?

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. It is covered in the contract. I desire to cover in this resolution such terms of the present contract which of necessity must be changed. You will notice there is nothing referring to 16 pages. This is unnecessary because the present contract provides for that.

As a further statement upon the cost of a reduced size of paper, this of necessity must mean a curtailment of that portion of the paper known as "Camp notes." I want to say that there should be no objection to this. As I said before, you can't get a big paper at the same price. Personally, I do not believe the publication will suffer in the interest to the members if there be a considerable curtailment in what I refer to as "Camp notes," but please understand that there must be a reduction in this if we are to continue the publication of orders and general items of interest. And understand further, I am not doing this at the request of Brother Holbrook. He as the publisher has not been responsible and will not be responsible for such "Camp notes." He publishes what is sent by the department commanders, and if you do not like what is there, tell your department commander and don't criticize the publishers of The Banner.

If there are any questions you desire to ask with reference to this matter I shall be glad to answer at this time, so if there is anything not entirely clear in this statement and resolution it may be asked now and the records will be complete and clear.

Council in Chief FRANK P. CORRICK, of Nebraska. I do not believe you indicated what the probable saving would be.

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. This means, in round figures, a saving for the present year, based on the present members or present mailing list, of \$1,750. May I say another thing? If the Auxiliary later decide to join with us it will be undoubtedly on the basis of an increased size of paper, but it would mean a saving to this organization inasmuch as the amount paid by the Auxiliary would be greatly in excess of the additional cost of the paper. You will notice that this provides for the mailing of a copy of the paper monthly, one to each member of the order, but, in line with the provision of the resolution adopted last year, it provides for one copy to each separate address.

Brother Holbrook has agreed to, as far as possible, take out the duplicate addresses in the mailing list, but it is a difficult job. I do not know that there is any good reason why he should do it, but he said he would try. It means every time you cut out of this mailing list a duplicate a saving of 18 cents to this organization. Where there are two or three sons at one address one copy is certainly sufficient, so understand that that will be done as far as practicable.

It is my thought to get a new mailing list from each camp. If that is done the saving of \$1,750 will be increased at least, in my judgment, \$500 more. [Applause.]

Council in Chief FRANK P. CORRICK, of Nebraska. I want to speak in regard to "Camp notes." You will note, beginning with page 8 and including page 16, all that space is given over to "Camp notes." These items belong in the local paper. An article that goes to The Banner practically has two to six weeks before it gets

home to be read. Some may dispute that statement, but I think it is practically true. I believe they could reduce the paper to possibly an 8-page paper, reducing the cost and getting just as good a paper as you will have under the contract as has been offered by the committee. My idea of the paper is that the national secretary should practically be the editor of the paper. The commander in chief, taking such part as necessary to get his ideas before the encampment, and national patriotic instructor, should prepare a program in the month of January that would reach the organization by the 1st of February providing information as to the public meetings. The national chaplain should prepare programs for the observance of Lincoln's birthday and Memorial Day. If these things could be handled in that way we would have a much more effective paper.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Are there any other committees to report? Any greetings committee to report? We still have the committee to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic to report.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. The resolution committee make the supplementary resolution that—

Whereas this encampment has enjoyed the hospitality of the city of Denver and of Colorado State Camp No. 1, Department of California and Pacific: Be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. The work of the committee on resolutions is completed and beg to be discharged.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You are discharged, with thanks.

The council in chief sent in word they were ready to report. It has been moved that we recess until the committee get here. Is there any objection?

(There being no objection made, the encampment recessed until the committee were ready to report.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Encampment will come to order. There is a greetings committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Junior Vice Commander in Chief Cogshall and Brother Furman, of Nebraska, act as escorts.

(Mrs. Mary Riggs, of Missouri, and Mrs. Rea Snyder, of Ohio, were introduced.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. We welcome you and are glad you are here. We are sorry so many are out for luncheon. Those present certainly appreciate your place with us, and if there is any honor to it let me say that you are the last delegates we are to receive. Mrs. Riggs, say a few words.

Mrs. MARY RIGGS. An apology is necessary, in that we are late. When our national president appointed a committee to come here it was my great privilege to be made chairman of that committee. At each encampment I have attended I have always been a chairman

or member to call on some of the ladies' organizations, and this is the first time I was ever permitted to call on the Sons. We bring the love and greetings and best wishes from each member of the national convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. I do not only bring the love of the members of our organization, but I have brought a basket of flowers. Since we are so late, you might think I waited for the flowers to grow. I do not know that there is a flower for each one here, but I ask you to accept this in the name of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic that sends the love and blessing and good wishes to each one here.

MRS. REA SNYDER, of Ohio. It is a pleasure to me, an honor and privilege, to have been chosen a member of this greetings committee to bring the love of our organization here. We feel we are quite closely related. We are not all wives; some are granddaughters. Your commander scolded us for being late, saying we had to pretty up. When we had our convention in Ohio we waited on him until he prettied up. We bring the love from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief MABIE. National Counselor Anderson will respond.

National Counselor WILLIAM L. ANDERSON, of Massachusetts. Words fail me at this time to express to you our appreciation of the kind thoughts you have expressed to us. When it was announced that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic were in waiting the first thought that came to me was our mother organization is in waiting, because I sincerely believe that the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are truly our mother organization. We call them that with a great deal of effect. There is no greater name in all this world than the name "Mother." It means sacrifice and it means suffering, love, devotion, and happiness, and you, the members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, have all these virtues in your work and organization.

Just before I came to this encampment my own mother celebrated her eighty-fifth birthday. When I went to her she was practically surrounded by flowers, surrounded by new neighbors and old neighbors, new friends and old friends, and as I approached her I said, "Mother, has life been worth while to you?" She said, "Yes, because after all these years I feel that I have not been forgotten and that life is worth while to me." I believe that the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic would say the same thing to-day—that life has been worth while to them because of your loyalty, of your devotion, of your love for them. You have brought into their hearts not only one day but 365 days of happiness, contentment, and joy. Happiness is a perfume which you can not spill but get a few drops on yourself. The same pertains to each member of your organization, and some time all this happiness will be returned to you tenfold. Please go back to your encampment and tell the sisters of your organization that we are glad to have the love of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Please take back to them our sincere greetings of love and tell them that we are glad we live to-day to link with you in carrying on the ideals for which the Grand Army of the Republic have always stood for. We thank you once again.

(The ladies were escorted from the hall amid cheers.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. At this time I think the council in chief should be ready to report.

Past Commander FRANK P. CORRICK, of Nebraska. It will be ready in a few minutes.

National Secretary HAMMER. The credentials committee presents a final report: There are 152 members enrolled. Two departments are not represented. Nine department commanders are not present. Three out of 22 past commanders in chief are present. I move the report be adopted.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye"; those opposed, "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Past Department Commander F. L. KIRSCHGASSNER, of Massachusetts. I report that our committee was presented to the Women's Relief Corps and bring to you personal greetings.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Thank you.

Past Department Commander H. HARDING HALE, of Massachusetts. The commander in chief placed in my hands a matter for discussion. It has to do with the marking of veterans' graves. As you know from the proceedings, the report of the committee on marking graves has been referred to the committee on officers' reports. All of those officers have urged on the membership the importance of this work. Here is an opportunity for camps and members to show eligibles that the Sons have a real job to do, and it can show the fathers—I mean the members of the Grand Army of the Republic—that we are doing a real service in perpetuating the memory of the last resting place of their comrades. Is there any more real service that this order can render? This report came in as the convention came together. It should have come in a long time ago. What I am urging is that we back up our officials with real response. That is the real trouble, that we do not respond when the big opportunities come and service is asked for by our superior officers. I would urge that this order respond to the orders of the commander in chief and respond to the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic when he calls for 100 uniformed men, and I say it seems to be unfair for the membership to come 2,000 miles without uniforms. Let us carry home a feeling of obligation, brothers, that we should really back up the great things that are done. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. There is a communication that reached us at the hotel. As Brother Hale says, it is quite lengthy. I believe that the best thing to do without a motion of any kind, from the remarks of Brother Hale, the record will show that it was brought to our attention and I believe it should be placed in Brother Hale's hands without a motion.

Are there present any of the department commanders who feel that they have something they would like to say at this time? I am saying department commanders because you fellows in the chair usually have something that you are trying to work out or something you wish information on, and while waiting for the council in chief, I believe, if you have something of real interest, we would like to have it.

(Quite a number spoke of matters accomplished.)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. The committee on greetings to the Auxiliary begs to report that they sent back their

best wishes to our organization for the advancement of the Sons of Union Veterans, realizing our advancement is necessary for their progress.

Commander in Chief MABIE. We will have the report of the council in chief.

REPORT OF COUNCIL IN CHIEF

Council in Chief FRANK C. HUSTON of Indiana. The council in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the year 1927-28 met at the convention hall in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 14, 1927, the following members being present: Frank C. Huston, Indianapolis, Ind.; Storrs T. Richmond, Providence, R. I.; Frank P. Corrick, Lincoln, Nebr.

The council proceeded to organize by the election of Frank C. Huston, chairman; Storrs T. Richmond, vice chairman; Frank P. Corrick, secretary.

The matter of official bonds of 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 coming before the council, the meeting adjourned.

COST AND SHIPMENT OF RITUAL

The question of the cost and shipment of the revised ritual was submitted to the council during the year. It was the decision of the council that this expense be borne by the individual camps rather than by the commandery in chief, which meant a saving to the national treasury of approximately \$425. We recommend that this practice in the interest of economy should be the future policy of the order, and that in the future all minor changes in the ritual, constitution, and regulations involving monetary outlay be given the most careful consideration, that such expenses be reduced to the lowest practical minimum.

We submit the following report for the ensuing year:

Estimated receipts:

Per capita (48,000, at 36 cents per annum)-----	\$17,280.00
Fees for new members (3,000, at 50 cents)-----	1,500.00
Charters-----	100.00
Supplies-----	3,500.00
Miscellaneous-----	25.00
Bank balance-----	2,411.60
Total-----	24,816.60

Estimated expenses:

Publication of The Banner-----	7,500.00
Encampment expense, 1928-----	1,385.00
Stenographer-----	150.00
Stock-----	2,500.00
Printing encampment journal of proceedings-----	800.00
Printing-----	300.00
Shipping supplies-----	200.00
Salaries-----	3,300.00
Bonds-----	30.00
Commander in chief-----	1,500.00
Other officers-----	200.00

Estimated expenses—Continued.

Office expense -----	\$1,200.00
Badge for commander in chief -----	125.00
Miscellaneous -----	200.00
Marking graves (committee) -----	100.00
 Total -----	 20,490.00

The balance on hand for this encampment is deposited in the Reading National Bank, as certified by W. G. Mast, cashier, at the close of business on September 15, 1928, and is \$2,411.60.

We heartily commend the commander in chief and the national secretary-treasurer for their economical and efficient cooperation with the council in chief in the conduct of the business of the order, which has resulted in the changing of a considerable deficit in the treasury some few years ago to a substantial credit of approximately \$1,000 with all expenses paid. I move the adoption of the report as read.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have heard the motion. Those in favor signify by saying "Aye," those opposed "No." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

GREETINGS TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Senior Vice Commander in Chief BOWLEY. Greetings committee to the Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of Past Commander in Chief E. W. Homan, National Patriotic Instructor H. M. Pratt, and Senior Vice Commander in Chief Bowley, beg leave to report:

They were very cordially received by the Grand Army of the Republic and greetings to the commander in chief were extended and in behalf of many of the friends and allied organizations and the Commander in Chief Hawk. A flag was presented to him and the commander in chief was very much affected. The response to our greetings committee was made by newly-elected Commander in Chief Reese, from the State of Nebraska, who pledged himself to do everything in his power to advance the welfare of our patriotic order. He also promised to follow a plan to the end that all national heads might visit the various departments.

Commander in Chief MABIE. There being no further business, we will go into the election and installation of officers.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commander EARLE B. ATWATER, of Connecticut. I move the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes. (Adopted.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Secretary, call the roll.

(The secretary called the roll. When California and Pacific Department was reached—)

Delegate JOHN W. KENNEDY, of Colorado. I desire to place in nomination one who has assisted us in the camp and who has done valuable work in our behalf, a brother who comes with the indorsement of his own department, also Washington and Oregon, and it gives me great pleasure to place in nomination Brother Bowley, of California.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Iowa was reached—)

Delegate S. C. FLANNING, of Iowa. I second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Kansas was reached—)

Commander FRED HESS, of Kansas. I second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Michigan was reached—)

Junior Vice Commander in Chief GEORGE E. COGSHALL, of Michigan. It gives me great pleasure at this time in behalf of the Michigan delegation to support the nomination of Brother Bowley, of California. I know something of his work. I have followed him closely through the year, and I know he will make an ideal commander in chief. [Applause.]

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Missouri was reached—)

Past Commander WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, of Missouri. I second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Minnesota was reached—)

Delegate C. B. DORAN, of Minnesota. I second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Pennsylvania was reached—)

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. I sincerely appreciate the services rendered and believe that the service will be continued by Brother Bowley. On behalf of Pennsylvania, I desire to second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Washington was reached—)

Commander T. H. LITTLE, of Washington. I second the nomination.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Wisconsin was reached—)

Commander H. E. MOORE, of Wisconsin. I second the nomination of Brother Bowley.

Delegate G. W. GREEN, of Wisconsin. I second the nomination.

National Secretary HAMMER. Commander, the roll has been called.

Commander in Chief MABIE. One nomination. The secretary will cast the ballot [which was done] electing unanimately Delevan B. Bowley commander in chief. Brother Bowley, you have been unanimately elected commander in chief. Do you accept?

Senior Vice Commander in chief BOWLEY. I do.

Commander in chief MABIE. Nominations are now in order for senior vice commander in chief. Secretary, you will call the roll.

(The secretary called the roll. When Massachusetts was reached—)

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I arise to place in nomination for senior vice commander in chief, a brother of a neighboring department to Massachusetts, a brother who was department commander of the State of Connecticut five years. He was the kind of a department commander who thought nothing of traveling miles and sleeping in the stations in order to bring about his ambition of visiting every camp in the Department of Connecticut.

He joined the order 30 years ago and has held every office, and, while past department commander, is one who goes back to the

camp and accepts any position offered to him. At the present time he is serving as chaplain, and it is, therefore, with a feeling that I am rendering this organization a real service that I place the nomination for office of Past Department Commander John S. Gallagher, of Connecticut.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Michigan was reached—)

Commander G. H. MERKLE, of Michigan. I would like to place before this encampment the nomination of George E. Cogshall, of Michigan.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. No further nominations were offered.)

National Secretary HAMMER. The roll has been called. The candidates are John S. Gallagher, of Connecticut, and George E. Cogshall, of Michigan.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief GEORGE E. COGSHALL. I wish to withdraw my name and move the entire ballot be cast for Brother John S. Gallagher.

Commander in Chief MABIE. The name of Brother Cogshall has been withdrawn and the secretary will follow the procedure.

National Secretary HAMMER. I cast 151 votes for Brother John S. Gallagher for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brother Gallagher, are you willing to serve?

Past Commander JOHN S. GALLAGHER. I never felt when I came out from Connecticut to the national encampment that my good brothers would honor me with an office in the national body. I feel, indeed, grateful to you all for this honor conferred upon me to-day, and will say I will accept, and I hope that my services for the coming year in the interest of this organization will make you feel that your choice has not been misplaced. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. Nominations are now in order for junior vice commander in chief. The secretary will call the roll.

(The secretary called the roll. When Pennsylvania was reached—)

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. With the statement that it may seem peculiar to nominate for the office of junior vice commander in chief a brother from the same department as the nominee for commander in chief, I desire to, because it will not be long until the territory now consisting of Colorado and Wyoming will in itself become a department through the work of the good brother whom I made acquaintance with, to see that the organization of the Sons is placed on the map in this great section of our country, and with this explanation and apology I will nominate Brother John W. Kennedy for office of junior vice commander in chief.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. No other nominations were offered.)

It was regularly moved and seconded that the nominations be closed.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Secretary, you will cast the ballot.

National Secretary HAMMER. The ballot is cast for the junior vice commander in chief, the same being 151.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brother Kennedy, you have been elected junior vice commander in chief. Do you accept?

Commander JOHN W. KENNEDY, of Colorado. I do. I promise you that if it is within my power we will have a department of Colorado and Wyoming to go to the next encampment. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MABIE. We will now have the nominations for council in chief. There are three to be elected. Secretary, you will call the roll.

(The secretary called the roll. When Ohio was reached—)

Past Department Commander P. F. YENGLING. I place in nomination for a member of the council in chief one of our good brothers who is always faithful, no matter where you put him. The commander in chief will bear me out in saying his reports are never late; at least within the limit. He comes from a department that, while it shows a loss this year, will show a gain next year. Without taking any more of your time, I nominate Ed S. Wilson, of Ohio.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Pennsylvania was reached—)

Past Department Commander D. D. HAMMELBAUGH, of Pennsylvania. I nominate a brother who has been very active in his department and who is worthy of an office in the commandery in chief—Brother Everett F. Warner, of Maryland.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. When Rhode Island was reached—)

Delegate FRED O. ARNOLD. I would like to offer the nomination of a brother who served as a member of the commandery in chief during the past year and doing good work as the department commander of Rhode Island. I think his record will speak for itself—Storrs T. Richmond.

(The secretary continued to call the roll. No other nominations were offered.)

National Secretary HAMMER. The roll has been called.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Secretary, you will cast the ballot.

National Secretary HAMMER. The ballot is cast for the three nominees for members of the council in chief, 151 votes.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brother Ed S. Wilson, you have been unanimously elected a member of the council in chief. Do you accept?

Member Council in Chief-elect ED S. WILSON. I do.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brother Storrs T. Richmond, you have been unanimously elected a member of the council in chief. Do you accept?

Member Council in Chief-elect STORRS T. RICHMOND. I do.

Commander in Chief MABIE. Brother Everett F. Warner, you have been unanimously elected a member of the council in chief. Do you accept?

Member Council in Chief-elect EVERETT F. WARNER. I do.

1929 ENCAMPMENT

Past Commander in Chief ERNEST W. HOMAN. I have just heard the Grand Army of the Republic have voted by approximately these figures, 330, to go to Portland, Me., next year for the encampment. [Applause.]

Past Department Commander P. F. YENGLING, of Ohio. I move the official record of this encampment be printed and promulgated. (Adopted.)

Commander in Chief MABIE. Doctor Homan, you have been appointed to install into office the commander in chief and officers for next term.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

(Whereupon the following officers were then duly installed, Doctor Homan acting as installing officer:)

Commander in chief, Delevan B. Bowley, San Francisco, Calif.

Senior vice commander in chief, John S. Gallagher, Waterbury, Conn.

Junior vice commander in chief, John W. Kennedy, Denver, Colo.

Council in chief, Ed S. Wilson, Columbus, Ohio; Everett F. Warner, Washington, D. C.; and Storrs T. Richmond, Providence, R. I.

Commander in Chief MABIE. You have been duly elected to the office of commander in chief. I am not going to ask you are you willing to serve. I am going to have you say a few words.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I have been serving you for two consecutive years as your senior vice commander in chief and I wish to say to you frankly and candidly and honestly that to serve this organization one must have in his heart the love of the Union soldier, sailor, and marine. When he has had our obligation firmly implanted upon this vital organ he will then be in a position to do things which, under other conditions, would be almost impossible. One must realize that to accept this office involves a sacrifice of time from business and, I might add, expenditures of finance. I feel that I will have the active cooperation of the entire beloved order that we represent. I never knew of any organization before where the commander in chief received so many seconds as I was honored with. When you put a brother into office under those conditions he feels strong, and I firmly believe, with your cooperation, we are going onward and forward, and with your help at our next national encampment in that grand old city in the State of Maine we will be able to reverse the figures that our secretary reports to this encampment. Instead of 3,700 to the bad, we will be 3,700 to the good. [Applause.]

I wish to ask as a special favor that Past Commander in Chief Sautter act as my counselor. I also wish to ask that the brother who does so much for us at each encampment, who puts the life and pep into this encampment, Frank Huston, of Indiana, to be my patriotic instructor. I was so impressed with the beautiful memorial service that I feel that we should retain our present national chaplain, Reverend Doctor Craig, of Minnesota.

Installing Officer HOMAN. Guide, you will conduct the officers to their respective stations, beginning with the patriotic instructor.

PRESENTATION OF CHARTER APPLICATIONS

Delegate W. B. WINDER, of Iowa, I present to you the applications for three charters. Your first official act will be to handle these.

Commander CHARLES S. SCULL, of Indiana. Two years ago the Department of Indiana instituted a camp of Sons just in time to present it to Doctor Homan when he was introduced. Doctor Homan was kind enough to accept that charter list, and the members of Indiana proceeded a year ago to present the commander in chief another charter list of another camp. I might say the first had a charter list of 39 and now have more than 60. I therefore wish to give to you a charter application from a town called Vincennes, with a fine charter list and more members being gotten while I present this to you.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I thank you very much, indeed. I hope you will keep it up every day during the year.

AUXILIARY PRESENTATION

Department Commander Spielman, California, will you be kind enough to escort our National President Margaret Waters to this station, also National Treasurer Wilma Combs.

I want to say if there ever was an organization that ought to be proud of the national president of its Auxiliary, this should be. I want to ditto that remark when I refer to the national treasurer. This is the lady that did real teamwork. When I came here on the 10th of January to institute Colorado State Camp, with her assistance, we instituted that camp on January 11 with 35 charter members, which would not have been possible without this hearty cooperation, and I want to thank her now. We are delighted to see you, and what can we do for you?

National President MARGARET WATERS. I am really disappointed because we had planned to come to your convention in a body immediately after luncheon, but after we had adjourned the word came that you were going to continue in this meeting until you were through.

I am proud to be the national president or even a member of the Auxiliary of this body. I have been disappointed many times to find the lack of interest in the Sons throughout the country, those whom we expected to be interested. I know that the future order of the Sons is secure. I feel the men are real patriotic men and are going forward and do what they can for our organization and your organization.

Congratulations on your choice of commander and congratulations on your choice last year and on the work he has done. Commander Mabie has been a true friend to the Auxiliary and a thoroughly patriotic man. During the year I tried to find some little way that I might help this organization in a material way, so I thought perhaps the Auxiliary might contribute some little thing to help you, so I present to you, in behalf of the Auxiliary, a small check for your use in your work.

I congratulate you now on your new camps, and I feel new camps encourage the old ones. I hope you will organize many new camps this year. When organizing, keep us in mind. We are proud to have you ask us to do something. We want to do everything, but we feel proud to do something special for you. When you go to another and ask for help we feel jealous because we are your Auxil-

ary, and when you ask us you are under no obligation. I take great pleasure in presenting this check to you for \$516.

Past Commander in Chief MABLE. Fellows, this is something wonderful. Some of you might feel that it sort of makes us look as though we were taking charity. Let us look at it as a pay check. For every dollar that this check represents let us report that we have put one new member into the Auxiliary. It will be our pay check as organizers. Margaret, we thank you and know what you have been trying to do this year.

It was unfortunate that I was unable to accompany you to the far West. I would like to have made some of the trips you did make. I do not know whether or not in your traveling you have exceeded that of the former national president, but I do know this, that in every community in which you stopped to speak you spoke also of our order.

I did not know you were trying to raise this money until a day or so ago. To the big majority—in fact, all but two or three—I know this is a surprise. I know you want us to accept it. I know we do need this money. Take back to your organization our heartiest thanks.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. You said it. All of our hearts are full of gratitude for the help of our sisters. I have always felt that it was not well for a man to live alone and have always felt that our Auxiliary was to us what the Woman's Relief Corps is to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the only comment I have to make is that I believe a camp and Auxiliary should be organized simultaneously.

We have four charters on our desk, and I sincerely hope that there will be four charters added to the Auxiliary. That is the only way to do it, and when we build that way we build sure and strong and have someone to look after us, and we again, in behalf of the order, thank you.

We will hear from the national treasurer.

National Treasurer WILMA COMBS. I am sure it is a great privilege to have been invited to come to you and be the first to congratulate the commander. Our organization is proud of our national president. She has been just as interested in seeing the camps grow as the Auxiliary. We are anxious to see your members grow where you have camps, and hope you will continue as you have started out to-day, with four new camps.

(Whereupon the ladies were escorted from the room.)

PRESENTATION OF BADGE

Past Commander in Chief SAUTTER. There remains one act to be performed, and, personally, it gives me a pleasure to perform it. Walter, I doubt if there is a member outside of this organization who knows you better and your work than I do. It was my pleasure to support you for the office of commander of the Pennsylvania Division. It was my pleasure to nominate you for the office of commander in chief, and whatever I said then, whatever pledges for Walter have been made, were fulfilled in entire detail.

I know Walter will be a member of the "Ever Ares" and never be a "Has Been." I think I know whereof I speak. I am mighty

glad your term is up, and I know you are. I am glad, as a past commander, to welcome you to the past commanders in chief from Pennsylvania and our order. Next year a lot of work will be done by Walter Mabie, because that is one of the things you have the right to expect of the past commander in chief.

We are proud of you; we are proud of the manner in which you meet the duties of this office. We are glad to be able to say to these that we love you for what you are, and we believe we never need offer an apology for the services as a member of our order. [Applause.]

May I say for myself and for the organization, it gives me much pleasure in pinning this on you as it has given me when pinning it on the breast of perhaps four or five other brothers since the badge was pinned on me. May I say it means something?

Walter didn't know a year ago what he knows to-day, and if he thought he realized what duties he had to perform, he knows better now what those duties are. I am sure he will wear this badge long and proudly, with honor to himself and to our organization. [Applause]

Past Commander in Chief MABIE. I will take but a minute. I have traveled. I have run away from reception committees on many of my visits because there was some place else to go. I have tried to make it just as pleasant as I could for all. Some of my rulings may have seemed harsh, but I was trying always to do the best thing.

Brothers, if there is anyone who thinks I haven't been just as I should have been to them personally, let me say it was not meant personally; it was meant for the good of all. I don't know where I would go or how I would live without this organization. There is no use of my telling you that I belong to many other organizations, but I have grown up with this order. When I joined the organization I had to hunt it up to become a member.

I wish for Brother Bowley every kindness you can give him, and I hope you will all be as loyal as you have been to me, but just make it even more so and give to Brother Bowley and to this order, to the memory of your fathers, every possible minute you can, and, brothers, you can lay down and review the little kind acts you have done for the Grand Army of the Republic, for your brothers, for your friends, and go to sleep a little bit easier and wear a smile.

This day and year, I know, will live in my memory and heart. I wish for you each and everyone a safe return home, and remember that Walter will not quit and hopes to be with you to help in every possible way.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I would like to hear from Senior Vice Commander in Chief Gallagher, of Connecticut.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief GALLAGHER. I feel highly honored to have the compliments of this association who have enough confidence in me to elect me to this chair. I hope my actions the coming year will be worth while and I thank you for the honor.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I am sure you will want to hear from the other officers and members of the council in chief. Brother Wilson.

Council in Chief ED S. WILSON. I surely appreciate the honor you have conferred upon me, and I assure you I am always ready and

willing, as I have been for years, to do anything within my power for this organization.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. We will hear from Council in Chief Warner.

Council in Chief EVERETT F. WARNER. The council has organized and elected me as chairman, Brother Richmond as secretary, and we have performed all the duties that have come before us at this time. I wish to thank each and all the brothers for this honor. I would like to say that my father was Capt. N. G. Warner and was wounded and taken prisoner and served nine months in the Libbey Prison. To show my love for this order on account of the memory of my father, I am also a member of the American Legion, a member in good standing. I do not attend many meetings—one or two a year. I am also secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Department and my heart is in the work.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. I wish you to take the greetings of the commander in chief to your department commander, Col. U. S. Grant, 3d. He was a member of my own camp; in fact, we issued his transfer when he changed to Washington. His father served with the original U. S. Grant in the Civil War. I know you want to hear from the other member of our council.

Council in Chief STORRS T. RICHMOND. I favor the remarks of the chairman of the council in chief. Being the department commander of Rhode Island, I make visitations with my staff to all States during the year. I intend to keep on doing this, and will carry the greetings of this encampment to every camp in the State of Rhode Island.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. We would like to hear from our Junior Vice Commander in Chief Kennedy.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief KENNEDY. I want to just say I thank you.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. We will hear from the patriotic instructor.

National Patriotic Instructor Rev. FRANK C. HUSTON. I want to thank you for the confidence which you seem to have in me. I want to pledge my heartiest service. I want to say, having served as national chaplain for two terms, I know something about the trouble of getting reports in on time so that they may be printed and appear as they should. You should see that your own camps get all reports to the department officers so these department officers can make a full report to the national officers. May I urge you to do this? When the time comes I want you to make it a personal matter to see that it is taken care of. I want to thank you again and pledge my service. I belong to other organizations, but this has my heart.

Commander in Chief BOWLEY: We will hear from John E. Sautter, national counselor.

National Counselor SAUTTER. It may surprise some brothers to know that when I placed my left hand on the Bible and raised my right hand it was the second time I did that in the commandery in chief. Fifteen years ago, just about this time, I was honored by being elected commander in chief. Had it not been for the request of your commander in chief, I would not to-day be your national counselor. It is second nature to work for the Sons.

I feel, however, that an office of some importance has been given me. If I am called upon to render a decision that decision shall

be rendered as it appears to be right in accordance with the constitution. My first duty is to myself, as your counselor, to render decisions in accordance with my own interpretation of the law. If others seem to think my decision wrong I shall very gladly bow to the will of the majority.

May I say, you listened this morning to the chairman representing the Auxiliary. You will recall that Sister Hammer used the words "we have faith in you." It seems to me it comes as a challenge. This organization must of necessity go forward, and it can go forward if we, the members, believe within our own hearts that it shall do so. Let us have faith in our own Auxiliary and the splendid work they are doing. Let us not permit them to say they do not have the faith in us that they used to.

Delegate E. M. LOWE, of Ohio. I move that when we adjourn, it be to meet at the same place and time as the Grand Army of the Republic.

(This motion was duly seconded and carried.)

Commander in Chief BOWLEY. There being no further business, we will proceed to close.

(Thereupon the encampment was closed in regular ritualistic form.)

The foregoing is a correct transcript of the action and proceedings of the Forty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

WALTER C. MABIE,
Commander in Chief.

Attest:

H. H. HAMMER,
National Secretary.

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF, SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Elected	Name	Department	Address
1881	Harry T. Rowley ¹	Pennsylvania	
1882	do. ¹	do	
1883	Frank P. Merrill ¹	Maine	
1884	Harry W. Arnold ¹	Pennsylvania	
1885	Walter S. Payne ¹	Ohio	
1886	do. ¹	do	
1887	George B. Abbott ¹	Illinois	
1888	do. ¹	do	
1889	Charles F. Griffin ¹	Indiana	
1890	Leland J. Webb ¹	Kansas	
1891	Bartow S. Weeks ¹	New York	
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	
1895	William H. Russell	Kansas	La Crosse, Kans.
1896	James Lewis Rake ¹	Pennsylvania	
1897	Charles K. Darling ¹	Massachusetts	
1898	Frank L. Shepard ¹	Illinois	
1899	A. W. Jones ¹	Ohio	
1900	Edgar W. Alexander ¹	Pennsylvania	
1901	Edward R. Campbell	Maryland	220 South Kentucky Avenue, Lakeland, Fla.
1902	Frank Martin ¹	Indiana	
1903	Arthur B. Spink ¹	Rhode Island	
1904	William G. Dustin ¹	Illinois	
1905	Harley V. Speelman	Ohio	1652 Hobart Street NW., Washington, D. C.
1906	Edwin M. Amies ¹	Pennsylvania	
1907	Ralph Sheldon	New York	Lyons, N. Y.
1908	Edgar Allan, jr.	Maryland	108 South Seventh Street, Richmond, Va.
1909	George W. Pollitt ¹	New Jersey	
1910	Fred E. Bolton	Massachusetts	City Hall, Boston, Mass.
1911	Newton J. McGuire	Indiana	1001 People's Bank Building, Indianapolis, Ind.
1912	Ralph M. Grant	Connecticut	730 Main Street, Hartford, Conn.
1913	John E. Sauter	Pennsylvania	405 Hampton Avenue, Wilkesburg, Pa.
1914	Charles F. Sherman	New York	46 South Fourth Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.
1915	A. E. B. Stephens ¹	Ohio	
1916	William T. Church	Illinois	231 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.
1917	Fred T. F. Johnson ¹	Maryland	
1918	Francis Callahan ¹	Pennsylvania	
1919	Harry D. Sisson	Massachusetts	Pittsfield, Mass.
1920	Pelham A. Barrows	Nebraska	1540 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.
1921	Clifford Ireland	Illinois	Jefferson Boulevard, 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. Irelan	Maryland	2815 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md.
1926	Ernest W. Homan	Massachusetts	191 North Common Street, West Lynn, Mass.
1927	Walter C. Mabie	Pennsylvania	2227 South Ninth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SONS OF VETERANS

1881	Alfred Cope ^{1 3}	Pennsylvania	
1882	do. ^{1 3}	do	
1883	Edwin Earp ²	Massachusetts	Lynn, Mass.
1884	do. ³	do	Do.
1884	Louis M. Wagner ²	Pennsylvania	422 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
1885	do. ³		
1886	do. ³		

¹ Deceased.

² Not a member.

³ Conferred by commandery in chief.

Past commanders in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War—Continued

THE POST SYSTEM

Elected	Name	Department	Address
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	
1899	R. M. J. Reed ¹	do	

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 ¹		Indianapolis, Ind.

¹ Deceased.

³ Conferred by commandery in chief.

COMMANDERY IN CHIEF ENCAMPMENTS

No.	Year	Date	Place	State
First	1882	Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania.
Second	1883	Aug. 6-7	Columbus	Ohio.
Third	1884	Aug. 27-30	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania.
Fourth	1885	Sept. 17-18	Grand Rapids	Michigan.
Fifth	1886	Sept. 1-2	Buffalo	New York.
Sixth	1887	Aug. 17-19	Des Moines	Iowa.
Seventh	1888	Aug. 15-17	Wheeling	West Virginia.
Eighth	1889	Sept. 10-13	Paterson	New Jersey.
Ninth	1890	Aug. 26-29	St. Joseph	Missouri.
Tenth	1891	Aug. 24-29	Minneapolis	Minnesota.
Eleventh	1892	Aug. 8-12	Helena	Montana.
Twelfth	1893	Aug. 15-18	Cincinnati	Ohio.
Thirteenth	1894	Aug. 20-23	Davenport	Iowa.
Fourteenth	1895	Sept. 16-18	Knoxville	Tennessee.
Fifteenth	1896	Sept. 8-10	Louisville	Kentucky.
Sixteenth	1897	Sept. 9-11	Indianapolis	Indiana.
Seventeenth	1898	Sept. 12-14	Omaha	Nebraska.
Eighteenth	1899	Sept. 7-9	Detroit	Michigan.
Nineteenth	1900	Sept. 11-13	Syracuse	New York.
Twentieth	1901	Sept. 17-18	Providence	Rhode Island.
Twenty-first	1902	Oct. 7-9	Washington	District of Columbia.
Twenty-second	1903	Sept. 15-17	Atlantic City	New Jersey.
Twenty-third	1904	Aug. 17-19	Boston	Massachusetts.
Twenty-fourth	1905	Sept. 18-30	Gettysburg	Pennsylvania.
Twenty-fifth	1906	Aug. 21-23	Peoria	Illinois.
Twenty-sixth	1907	Aug. 20-21	Dayton	Ohio.
Twenty-seventh	1908	Aug. 25-27	Niagara Falls	New York.
Twenty-eighth	1909	Aug. 24-26	Washington	District of Columbia.
Twenty-ninth	1910	Sept. 20-22	Atlantic City	New Jersey.
Thirtieth	1911	Aug. 22-25	Rochester	New York.
Thirty-first	1912	Aug. 27-29	St. Louis	Missouri.
Thirty-second	1913	Sept. 16-18	Chattanooga	Tennessee.
Thirty-third	1914	Sept. 1-3	Detroit	Michigan.
Thirty-fourth	1915	Sept. 28-30	Washington	District of Columbia.
Thirty-fifth	1916	Aug. 30-31	Kansas City	Missouri.
Thirty-sixth	1917	Aug. 22-23	Boston	Massachusetts.
Thirty-seventh	1918	Aug. 20-21	Niagara Falls	New York.
Thirty-eighth	1919	Sept. 8-11	Columbus	Ohio.
Thirty-ninth	1920	Sept. 22-24	Indianapolis	Indiana.
Fortieth	1921	Sept. 27-29	do	Do.
Forty-first	1922	Sept. 26-28	Des Moines	Iowa.
Forty-second	1923	Sept. 4-6	Milwaukee	Wisconsin.
Forty-third	1924	Aug. 12-14	Boston	Massachusetts.
Forty-fourth	1925	Sept. 1-3	Grand Rapids	Michigan.
Forty-fifth	1926	Sept. 21-23	Des Moines	Iowa.
Forty-sixth	1927	Sept. 13-15	Grand Rapids	Michigan.
Forty-seventh	1928	Sept. 18-20	Denver	Colorado.