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Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 10:15, A. M. August 30th, by General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief in the Chair; Major General F. W. Kohler in the Lieut. Generals chair; Chief-of-Staff W. D. Thomas in the Major Generals chair; General G. W. Penniman appointed Assistant Adjutant General, and General G. B. Abbott Sergeant of the Guard; General C. F. Hayford Chaplain-in-Chief.

Commandery-in-Chief was then opened in due form.

The following committees were then appointed :

ON CREDENTIALS.—T. G. Carlisle, Adj't Gen'l, Ohio; Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.; Col. Ed. C. White, N. J.; Col. C. Day Rudy, Penn.; Col. E. J. Worden, Dakota; Lieut. Col. R. Loebenstein, Mo.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.—Gen'l F. P. Merrill, Maine; Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.; Col. H. B. Donally, N. J.; Gen'l H. P. Kont, Mass.; Gen'l R. M. J. Reed, Penna.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Col. F. W. Rowson, Mich.; Col. E. H. Milham, Minn.; Col. Geo. P. Brockway, W. Pa.; Col. J. B. Maccabe, Mass.; E. J. Smith, E. Pa., and Gen'l L. M. Wagner, Penna.

RITUAL.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Col. L. F. Burpee, Conn.; Col. L. J. Webb, Kan.; C. J. Post, Mich.; Col. J. D. Rowen, Iowa.

RESOLUTIONS.—Col. F. C. McArthur, Col.; Col. Henry Frazee, Ohio; Col. E. T. Roe, Ill.; F. W. White, Iowa; Michael Crowley, N. H.

Committee on Credentials reported list of Delegates present and entitled to seats, as follows:

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your committee on Credentials have performed the duty assigned us and find the following officers and brothers entitled to seats and voice in this Fifth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

## OFFICERS.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne, Ohio; Maj. Gen'l F. W. Kohler, New York; Chief-of-Staff W. D. Thomas, W. Pa.; Adj. Gen'l T. G. Carlisle, Ohio; Q.-M. Gen'l G. T. Shutt, Ohio; Inspector Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Chief M. O. G. W. Peniman, Minn.; Chaplain-in-Chief C. F. Hayford, Maine.

## DELEGATES.

MAINE.—F. P. Merrill, Past Commander-in-Chief; Jno. C. Blake, Past Col.; H. L. Wright, Council-in-Chief; Dr. Eldridge, life member.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—F. M. Shackford, Col.; M. Crowley; S. M. Drew.

VERMONT.—C. F. R. Jenne, Past Col.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Joo. B. Maccabe, Past Col.; C. F. Sergeant, Past Col.; H. P. Kent, Past Grand Div. Com'dr; A. H. Dalton.

CONNECTICUT.—L. F. Burpee, Col.; E. L. Knowles; G. B. Smith.

NEW YORK.—C. E. Holmes; C. T. Rain, Col.; L. H. Kendig; E. J. Fellows.

NEW JERSEY.—Ed. C. White, Col.; Frank G. Duffield; H. A. Donnelly, Council-in-Chief.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—H. H. Hammer, Past Col.; R. M. J. Reed; C. J. Miller, Col.; O. Day Rudy, Past Col.; C. C. Morton; C. M. Paul; E. J. Smith; Gen'l L. M. Wagner; G. T. Griffin.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA.—Maj. A. P. Davis; G. P. Brockway, Col.; C. M. Coit; L. Johnston.

OHIO.—F. W. Myers, Past Col.; Henry Frazees, Col.; O. B. Brown, J. J. Morrison; D. C. Cable; H. F. Guerren.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—W. C. Farquhar, Col.

WEST VIRGINIA.—W. C. Miller.

INDIANA.—E. S. Walker, Col.

ILLINOIS.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott; E. T. Roe; Geo. V. Landman; Leon McDonel.

MICHIGAN.—F. W. Rowson, Past Col.; F. D. Eddy; C. J. Post.

WISCONSIN.—F. J. Walthers, Col.; A. T. Leith.

MINNESOTA.—E. H. Milham, Col.; J. W. McKelvey.

IOWA.—James D. Rowen, Col.; F. W. White; R. Shawvan.

MISSOURI.—J. J. Speaker, Col.; R. Loebenstein.

DAKOTA.—E. G. Worden, Col.; F. S. Webb; Geo. D. Jones; C. B. Cook.

COLORADO.—F. C. McArthur, Col.; Geo. W. Kennedy; W. L. Murphy.

Respectfully submitted.

In F., C. and L.

T. G. CARLISLE, Ohio.

COL. E. S. WALKER, Ind.

“ ED. C. WHITE, N. J.

“ C. DAY RUDY, Pa.

“ E. J. WORDEN, Dak.

LT. COL. R. LOEBENSTIEN, Mo.

COL. F. J. WALTHERS, Wis.

Committee  
on  
Credentials.

Gen'l F. P. Merrill and Gen'l R. M. J. Reed were invited to seats on the platform.

To enable the Committee on Credentials to complete their report a recess of a few minutes was declared.

Commandery-in-Chief again called to order at 12 M.

The Commander-in-Chief submitted his annual address, as follows:

## ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*To the Officers and Brothers of the Fifth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

The battles of another year have been fought and the victories won, and he whom you honored one year ago by placing the gavel of authority in his hand, and commissioned to lead your forces on whithersoever the good cause demanded, is about to surrender this great trust, this high and honorable position to whomsoever you shall name. Feeling that I have put forth every effort to build up our noble Order and place it on the high plane on which it of right belongs, I am free to confess that I have made many mistakes, perhaps in judgment. I assure you I have always done that which I considered for the best interests of the Order, regardless of individual interests, intending to give justice to all, allowing no personal matter to influence my judgment.

## NECESSITIES OF THE ORDER.

Were it not for the treasonable sentiments that come to us occasionally from the South. I should be ready to beat my sword into a plow share and lay aside the habiliments of war and teach only "Peace on earth and good will to men." But this Order has a great and noble duty to perform. We must cultivate the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty throughout our broad land, till every soul that enjoys our glorious liberty, shall hold aloft the Star Spangled Banner as the emblem of freedom and liberty, never to be lowered, or disgraced by any people on the face of the earth.

This Nation is carrying in its bosom at Washington, to-day, adders, that were cold and frozen, and being warmed up to a new life and liberty, hiss and are ready to sting because they saw those sacred old battle flags that our fathers carried leading on the brave men who saved this country, undivided from the hands of traitors. They and their associates with them demanded that these flags which are sacred to us as our bibles, shall be boxed up and placed in the cellar of the Capitol to mildew and rot. Think you that we, as Sons of Veterans, loyal to our fathers and mothers, to our country and our flag, have no work to do when such things are done at our very Capitol?

If we do not teach better things, our departed heroes will rise in their graves and point the finger of scorn at us and say "Emulate the example of your fathers."

I am reminded right here of good old narrative of Cyrus King of Persia, who, after one of the great battles had a noble Prince, his wife and children, who had been taken prisoners, brought before him. Cyrus asked the Prince what he would give to be set at liberty? The Prince replied, "one half of my possessions." "And what will you give for the liberation of your children?" The Prince replied, "all I am worth." "And what," says Cyrus, "will you give for the freedom of your wife?" The noble Prince drew himself up to his full height and replied, "I will lay down my life for her liberty." The King recognizing the greatness of the Prince set them all at liberty without any ransom. When the happy family were once comfortably settled the Prince asked his wife if she did not think King Cyrus was a handsome man. She replied that she did not see him. "Where were your eyes?" She replied, "I had no eyes for any one but my noble husband, who offered to lay down his life for me."

There are greater men (in the world's estimation) than the comrades of the Grany Army. But we have no eyes for any one but those who offered their lives for us and this great and glorious country of ours.

## THE GOOD WORK.

You will see by the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's report that our Soldier Boys are not sleeping on their arms, but that the main body

has been materially reinforced. We have established now outposts and strengthened the old ones, and have advanced our picket and skirmish line into the heart of the enemy's country, and the sons of Southern chivalry are being taught the lessons of loyalty to the dear old flag, and that the penalty of treason is death.

#### OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED.

Few of the Brothers realize what it was to take command of such a body of men. (I say men, for it was just such men as compose our Order that saved our country.) It was at a time when the Grand Divisions were done away with and the Commandery-in-Chief, General Arnold, had no roster of Division Officers, he having reached the Divisions through the Commanders of Grand Divisions. It was therefore more than three months before we learned the names and addresses of all the Colonels of Divisions. Many of them thought they were ignored by headquarters, and wrote complainingly of their treatment, while we rejoiced that something had caused them to put up a wail that we might hear their voice and learn of their whereabouts.

In time we learned that we had Camps in twenty-three States, four Territories, and in the District of Columbia, with an estimated membership by General Arnold of thirty thousand (30,000.)

#### STRENGTH OF THE ORDER.

General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, and myself have worked hard, and tried in every way to get reports from all Division and Camp Officers, that the whole Order as well as ourselves might know our strength and growth.

The reports for quarter ending Sept. 30th, 1885, showed a membership of 7,863; add to this say seventy-five camps that did not report, 1,500, and we had at a fair estimate a total membership of 9,363.

We have been misled for a long time by imaginary figures which I think is wrong, and it is high time for our Order to get down to solid facts and figures.

The work of this year in organizing new camps in the States and territories, is as follows:

Colorado, 1; Oregon, 1; Maryland, 1; District of Columbia, 2; Wisconsin, 2; California, 3; Florida, 3; West Virginia, 3; Nebraska, 4; New Hampshire, 5; New Jersey, 5; Dakota, 6; Vermont, 6; Missouri, 8; Maine, 9; Connecticut, 9; New York, 13; Indiana, 20; Illinois, 41; Minnesota, 18; Massachusetts, 19; East Pennsylvania, 24; Kansas, 27; West Pennsylvania, 31; Michigan, 39; Iowa, 42; Ohio, 80; making a total of 413 with 8,105 applicants. There has been a gain during the past year (by muster into the old camps) of 6,000. And the consolidation with us of the Earp faction, consisting of thirty camps with a membership of 1,000, makes the total number of camps 443 during the year, and a total gain in membership of 24,468. This added to the report of Sept. 30, 1885, makes a grand total of 23,468 members. We have lost by death, discharged and suspended about 1,000 leaving our present membership 15,968 of good, true, loyal and faithful Sons of Veterans. May God bless them all and keep them ever true to the great principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

You can well imagine that this rapid growth in our family (being a gain of over 100 per cent.) has kept father and mother busy cutting and fitting and enlarging the clothes, and Brother Theodore G. and Oscar T. have been kept busy keeping watch of the boys and their expenses, and I am sure they will tell you all about it.

New Divisions have been organized in West Virginia, California, Florida and the District of Columbia, and they are ready to organize in Maryland.



Colonel H. G. Clark, of the Nebraska Division, tendered his resignation on account of pressing business which was accepted and Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, Neb., was appointed to the command of the Nebraska Division, and is making a good showing.

Colonel Ed. W. McGuire, of the Indiana Division, tendered his resignation for similar reasons, this was also accepted and Colonel E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind., appointed to the command. He is a splendid officer and will bring his Division to the front rapidly.

Your Commander in Chief has made several decisions and granted a number of dispensations, which the exigencies of the case seem to demand. A copy of all these will be found in the Letter-Press Book which is submitted herewith.

I have also taken it upon myself to get up something permanent to prevent any of my successors from having the same trouble getting acquainted with his officers and command, that I did. To this end I designed and had made eight Roster Books of 700 pages each and arranged for a roster of the officers of every camp according to its number, so that it can be turned to in a moment. I only regret that there was so much to do that we did not get time to enter all the camps in these rosters. These books are nicely bound in leather and are submitted herewith.

Division Roster Books have also been made and furnished to several of the Divisions and more are being gotten out as rapidly as possible, and I regret very much that this work could not have been completed during my administration. But I think my successor will have no trouble in taking up the work and carrying it on to completion.

#### SUPPLIES.

Your Commander-in-Chief understood that this was a charitable institution, and that it was not run or kept up for any one to make money out of. And furthermore he looked upon the charging of each other a profit on Supplies as he does upon the two boys who shut themselves up in the school house one day and traded jack knives till they both became rich.

We have but one fountain from which to draw money for the support of our noble Order, and that is the pocket of each individual Brother. If you charge a profit on supplies it comes out of our pockets, and we say that is an outrageous price for those blank Adjutant reports—\$17.50 per thousand—when we can get them printed anywhere for \$7.20 per thousand. If we charge \$25.00 for a charter it comes out of our Brothers' pockets, and so on.

It takes just so many dollars and cents per year to keep up the machinery of the Order, and there is no more honorable or straightforward way of raising that money than by per capita tax and let every Brother in the Order pay exactly the same amount. There cannot possibly be any injustice in this. And when the Order knows how many members it has and what each pays for per capita tax, every one will know just how much money the officers have had, and can ascertain if it has been properly expended. But with 5 cents profit on this blank, 25 cents on that and \$1.50 on another, as it has been until this year, no living man can tell how much money the officers of other administrations have had to use, but all know they have paid an enormous price for supplies. I would therefore recommend that our Constitution be so amended that no officer in the Order shall have a right to put a profit on supplies issued by the Order.

Some officers have advocated that they should be allowed to add express charges on supplies when they sold them to Divisions. This should not be allowed as it makes Divisions or Camps at a great distance from headquarters pay much more for supplies than those near by. These express charges should be paid in the same way that postage and other incidental expenses are and should be charged up to a general expense account.

I trust you will bear with me till I explain the working of the profit system. Suppose I had carried out this plan during my administration and we will suppose that I was sharp enough to get camps and divisions to lay in enough supplies to last them nearly two years. I would have the benefits of this profit to use in my year's work and would make a good showing. But what would my successor do? He would have nothing but a small per capita tax to use and his administration would come out in debt.

#### EXPENSES.

The expenses of headquarters during the past year as shown by Quartermaster General's report have been \$3,900.78. We show a membership of 15,968 members, a per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief of 15 cents will cover the expenses, and if you issue 400 charters will give \$800 extra. I would recommend therefore, that the per capita tax for the coming year be fixed at 15 cents.

#### BADGES AND IRON CROSSES.

Foresceing the large amount of work connected with the issuing of badges and iron crosses, I, by General Order, created the office of Ordnance Officer, and appointed our old friend and father of our Order Maj. A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., to that position. I thought he would be the right man in the right place as the badge and iron cross were designed by him and he would feel a deep interest in keeping them in accordance with the regulation.

I take great pleasure in saying to you that I have not been disappointed in the ability and faithfulness of Maj. A. P. Davis, or Ordnance Officer. He has done his work well and faithfully. Some complaints came to me of tardiness in filling orders. I investigated them at once and am informed by letters from Bailey, Banks & Biddle, of Philadelphia, that Maj. Davis has kept them paid a long way in advance of his orders, but on account of their other business, which they could not neglect, they were often obliged to keep him waiting. In other cases I found that camps had sent their money and order for badges to their Division officer. The Division officer had sent on the order without a draft, and as I had given strict orders to the Ordnance Officer to fill no orders without the cash, the camps were obliged to wait till the Division officer was ready to forward the money. Meantime the camp was kicking against Maj. Davis. From this learn the lesson, don't shoot till you are sure you see the enemy, otherwise you may hit a friend. In my opinion, the thanks of the Order are due to Maj. A. P. Davis for the faithful manner in which he has discharged his duties, considering the many disadvantages he had to contend with in opening a new department and being entirely dependent on the movement of others.

#### BANK STRAPS.

I sincerely hope that for the next two years we will retain our miniature Rank Strap, as so many of our officers are still very young. I am sure our fathers will be much pleased with this, and we must not forget that one of the principle reasons of our rapid growth this year is that the Grand Army comrades have given us a great deal of help. I am under great obligations to so many of the comrades for their valuable assistance and hard work for the growth of our Order. Among the many I would mention comrade and Department Commander G. H. Norton, of Eustis, Florida, and comrade Geo. W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Senior Vice-Department Commander of Indiana, who have been of great service to the Order, and so many others. I would like to call by name but space will not admit. I will remember them all in my prayers and ask that heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon them, and that their names may be written on the Master's roll of eternal life and joy.

For such reasons we should respect the wishes of the Grand Army. While this should be the rule I would recommend that my successor be allowed to issue dispensations to the officers of any camp that equips itself with guns as Infantry, or with the Regular Army sabers as Cavalry, or Artillery to wear the regulation shoulder strap of the army as this does not look out of place, and is perfectly proper. I have granted such dispensations to Colonel Milham, of Minnesota, and some others who have asked for it on the ground that they were armed and equipped, and trust that this encampment will approve of this action. I would also recommend that all past officers wear only the miniature rank strap on the left breast to indicate their past rank.

#### CROSSES AND STARS.

I would earnestly urge this encampment to repeal the rule passed at Grand Rapids, which allows any past commanding officer above the rank of captain to wear the iron cross. If there were no other crosses or stars to indicate a past commanding officer, this might be all right as it is. But a past Commander-in-Chief, as the law now stands, is entitled to the gold star, the gold cross of a Grand Division Commander, the silver cross of a Division Commander, and the iron cross of a past Captain, although he may never have served in any office but Commander-in-Chief. Either do away with all badges of honor, except the iron cross, and let all past commanding officers wear that designating their highest command by the color of the ribbon, or allow none but past Captains of camps to wear the iron cross, past Colonels of Divisions the silver cross, etc. I hope the latter will be the mind of the encampment.

#### CAP MARES.

For division and camp officers I most heartily approve of the division marks now worn on the caps, as it conforms to Army customs, and this is one of the things I think our numbers should become familiar with. In addition to this I would recommend that the staff officers of the Commander-in-Chief wear on their caps in place of, or on top of the division badge the following cap mark, viz.: Those who rank as brigadiers, a silver crescent, with points towards the back of the cap, and a small gold star between the points of the crescent, as now worn by the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals, the one star indicating the rank of Brigadier General; Special Aides who rank as Colonel to wear a silver embroidered eagle, which every one knows indicates the rank of Colonel, Aides-de-Camp who rank as Lieutenant Colonel to wear a silver embroidered leaf which is also well known to indicate the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Your Commander thinks it is very important that we keep all these things so near to the Regular Army, that if they should ever volunteer their services, in time of war, as our fathers did, they would be familiar with all these things and be ready for business with little to learn and nothing to unlearn.

#### REBIBBONS.

As I understand the constitution there is a distinction made between the "Officers" and "Staff" and when it says that the "Officers" of the Commandery-in-Chief shall wear the prescribed yellow ribbon, I don't think it was intended that the "Staff" had the same privilege. The staff are detailed from the members of camps and many of them have never held any office, and are liable to removal at any moment, and after serving one week or one day, may be sent back to their camps, and if they have bought their yellow ribbon, and own it, who shall say they shall not wear it? In my visits from one end of the country to the other I find an abundance of these yellow ribbons worn by past staff officers, and with each Commander-in-Chief making one hundred or more staff appointments, the yellow ribbon will soon become so common that it will be no special honor to wear it.

In the army if a line officer is detailed for staff duty he is entitled to put a gold cord down the seam of the pants, only while on such staff duty. He makes no other change from his original uniform. As this gold cord would be too expensive for our short terms, I would recommend that we adopt for Commander-in-Chief staff officers the ribbon formerly known as Grand Division ribbon. Then when the staff officer is relieved he may continue to wear the ribbon, and with a Lieutenant Colonel's rank strap above it any one would know he was a past Aides-de-Camp of Commander-in-Chief. As the command of a division is more honorable than an equal rank on the staff, for the reason that he is elected by the vote of a whole division, while the other is appointed by one officer, therefore I think there should be a mark of distinction between the two.

## SALARIES.

I hope and trust that no effort will be made at this or any future period to make the office of Commander-in-Chief a salaried office beyond the sum of \$1 per annum, or at most \$3.65, which would be equal to one cent per day, and this only to legalize a bond which I recommend that he should be required to give, making him and his bondsmen responsible for all the money and property of the order under his charge or that of his staff. His Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals are appointed by him, and even if they give bonds to the Order the Commander-in-Chief may relieve them from duty and require them to turn over the funds to him. I would therefore recommend that the Commander-in-Chief be required to give bonds in such sum as this body may decide, for the safe keeping of the funds and property of the Order, and let the Commander-in-Chief take such bonds from his staff officers as he may think proper, and to make their bonds legal he shall pay them a salary of \$1 per annum. I fear that if we should make this office a salaried one there would many seek the office for the money there would be in it. My opinion is that the high honor of holding this position should be a sufficient recompense to any one who has the interests of the Order at heart, and if they have not this they should not be thus honored.

This is not so with the Adjutant and Quartermaster General. I think every brother who has filled either of these positions will agree with me in saying that a salary of \$100 per annum is no compensation for the time and labor required to perform the duties of these offices. The labor of these offices are more than three times what they were a year ago, and will continue to increase. I think in another year it will take the whole time of a good business man to keep the books and business in proper shape. Day after day Adjutant General Carlisle has been obliged to leave his own business, where he was working on salary, lose his time and devote it to the works of our Order. I therefore recommend that this Encampment vote him \$75, and that the salary for the ensuing year for the new Adjutant General be fixed at \$300, and that of the Quartermaster General be fixed at \$200, and that in consideration of the fact that the Quartermaster General has been obliged to leave his work in our shop, lose his time to do the work of this department, and I know that he and his wife have worked night after night, labeling the books for camp packages, and packing and sitting up camp packages, etc., etc. I would therefore recommend that the sum of \$40 be voted to Quartermaster General Shutt as extra compensation for his labors.

The Commander-in-Chief owes much, very much, to these two officers who have done everything in their power to help me through with the duties of Headquarters, and if any brothers think that when these two had done all they could, there was little left for me I will say they are welcome to the position with their labors. Although it has taken every moment that I could spare from my own business and a great many hours that I ought not to have spared, and kept me away from my family till the small hours of the night, I assure you that I was so much interested in the good work, that it was a pleasure to do it. But

I am naturally such a self-sacrificing man that I will so gladly forego the pleasure it would give me to continue in the work, and am more than willing to see some good brother allowed to enjoy it for the coming year, and I promise him that I will render him every assistance in my power to put him on the track and get the "throttle" open.

#### BOOKS AND BLANKS.

I have designed and had made the following books for camp use: Minute, Ledgers, Cash, Black and Roll Books, and would recommend the addition of an Officer's Roll Book for each camp. I changed the size of the O. S. Requisition, the Quartermaster Sergeant's Receipt Book and the Descriptive Book to conform to the sizes of the different blanks, so that in making up a camp package they would all be of one size. I also made changes in the Requisition Blank, Application for Membership, Transfer, Bonds, Installing Officer's Report, Mustering Officer's Report, G. A. R. Diplomas, Inspection Blanks, and added the books to the camp package which, when put up by Quartermaster General Shutt, make a package the Order may well be proud of.

#### CONSOLIDATION.

We have had a great number of letters and personal interviews on the subject of consolidating the two Divisions in Pennsylvania, and some harsh means were proposed to force this consolidation, or account of the injustice it worked to other Divisions in giving a double representation to Pennsylvania. West Pennsylvania was asked at their encampment to appoint a committee on consolidation, but it was voted down. This produced still more dissatisfaction, and after due consideration I ordered the Colonel of West Pennsylvania Division to appoint a committee to confer with a similar one from East Pennsylvania. The result has been all we could ask, as I understand the terms submitted are acceptable to nearly all of both Divisions and I congratulate the Order on their having disposed of this question so easily.

I made two trips to Albany, N. Y., to meet with Commander Dowling of the Post system, and was well received by him and his command. He kindly held a meeting of both his Posts in Albany and requested me to address them, which I did. After the meeting I made him a proposition which he said was fair and all they could ask, and said he would recommend its acceptance by their Department Encampment. I read his address that he delivered at that meeting, and he said he had received a proposition from me but made no recommendation, and my proposition was rejected. As the Grand Army, at their National Encampment, in San Francisco, (which I had the pleasure of attending,) gave the camp system, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., all we could ask, and from that time on will do all they can for us; we need not trouble ourselves any further about the Post system. The Grand Army of the Republic are not in favor of trying to perpetuate the Grand Army, for that cannot be done, their memories and graves only can be kept green and their noble example emulated. Therefore with the Grand Army support withdrawn from the "perpetuating" system they will soon be a thing of the past.

We have had quite a lengthy correspondence with Gen. Louis M. Wagner, of Philadelphia, Commander of the Grand Division of the "Earp faction." We have found him to be a very pleasant and worthy officer and gentleman, and succeeded in effecting a consolidation of all their forces with ours under our banner. We shall have the pleasure of welcoming their past officers and their delegates to this encampment, and I am sure you will find them true and loyal Sons, worthy of our esteem and admiration, and Brothers indeed. The terms of consolidation will be found in the letter press copy book.

Having now all the camps of Sons of Veterans in the United States working under one National organization, we shall, by united effort, go on, and on,

till we are the grandest organization in our broad land, and Uncle Sam can safely say: "I have one of the best standing armies the world ever saw in those loyal Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. I can rely on them as the country did on their fathers, and our flag will never be allowed to touch the ground."

A. V. H. BOHN.

I desire to call the attention of this encampment to the valuable services rendered to our Order in the past by comrade A. V. H. Bohn, past Provisional Commander of the Fourth Grand Division. He did a good work while Commander, and is still putting forth all his efforts in behalf of our Order. I think he should have some such recognition as the other Grand Army men who commanded Grand Divisions, received.

#### VISITATIONS.

It has been my pleasure, during my administration, to visit officially, the following Divisions of our Order: New York Division, at New York City; West Pennsylvania Division, at Allegheny City; Ohio Division, at Zanesville; Illinois Division, at Aurora; Wisconsin Headquarters, at Milwaukee; Minnesota Headquarters, at St. Paul; Iowa Headquarters, at Des Moines; Missouri Headquarters at Kansas City; Kansas Headquarters, at Topeka; Colorado and Wyoming Headquarters, at Denver, Colorado; California Camps, at San Francisco; Sherman Camp No. 1, at Portland, Oregon; Brothers of U. S. Grant Camp, at Helena, Montana; Edmunds Camp No. 63, at Bradner, Ohio; J. S. Kountz Camp No. 52, at Tiffin, Ohio; Custer Camp No. 1, at Washington, D. C.; Jas. A. Garfield Camp No. 1, Baltimore, Md.; General G. G. Mead Camp No. 16, at Reading, Pa.; Lowry Camp No. 45, Utica, N. Y.; U. S. Grant Camp No. 33, Buffalo, N. Y.; Curran Camp No 23, Utica, N. Y.; St. Paul, Camp No. 1, St. Paul, Minnesota, and the brothers of the Camps at Minneapolis, Minn.; traveling in the interests of our Order 10,035 miles. This you can imagine has taken some time as well as money. If I had been a good public speaker I could have done the Order much more good, but I had the opportunity of speaking to the comrades of the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans at all these places and gave them the best I had, and to say the least I think I did the Order no harm. It was my privilege to address four large audiences composed of Grand Army men and members of the Women's Relief Corps, at San Francisco, one of them numbering 3,000. Generals Logan, Burdett, Fairchild, and others speaking the same evening from the same platform. This I considered as an honor extended to our Order through your representative and I thanked them in your behalf. I am vain enough to think, judging from the manner I was received, that the work done there among the comrades from all parts of the Continent, will bear fruit.

#### ORGANIZATION.

It has been my desire to accomplish a double purpose with our organization. While we are teaching the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty to the brothers of the Order, let us also teach them all that pertains to Military Tactics, as well as Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division and Corps organization.

In an army the "Division" is not made up of all the troops of a state, but of three or four Brigades and a Division is always commanded (except temporarily) by a Major General.

A Battalion consists of from four to twelve companies. We have in Ohio 130 camps or companies, this will make thirteen Battalions of ten companies each, which will make three Brigades, (two of three Battalions and one of four,) which will compose a Division and should be commanded by a Major General. A Major General's Adjutant and Quartermaster rank as Colonel. He, the Major General, could appoint Commanders for each Battalion with

rank of Colonel, and in case of a state parade these Colonels would take command of their respective Battalions. This would require no change in blanks or in the machinery of running, except the title of the Commander of a Division, and would give him the same rank that a Department Commander in the G. A. R. has, and it would make plain to every brother the machinery, titles, etc., of an Army. Those Colonels could act as Inspectors if thought best and inspect some other or their own Battalion.

War comes to every Nation sometimes, and the more these young men know about the make-up of an Army the better positions they would get in case they should volunteer as their fathers did. I would therefore recommend that the Commander of a Division rank as Major General after the Division has thirty six camps in it. With over twelve camps, as Brigadier General; under twelve camps as Colonel.

#### LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

I have received a very nice and concise report from Miss Laura F. Martin, National President of the Ladies' Aid Society, which is a recognized auxiliary of our Order, and am somewhat surprised at its rapid growth. I have taken pleasure in giving it all the moral support I could, but my time has been too much occupied to enable me to do all that my good wishes for the Order would prompt me to do. I am sure our National Encampment at Grand Rapids made no mistake when they recognized the Ladies' Aid as an auxiliary of our Order, and we should render them every assistance in our power to organize new societies wherever there is a camp. They will return the favor to us from two to ten fold. We are theirs and they are ours, and I find that many of the Sons are making individual and life long contracts and thereby securing a permanent Ladies Aid.

With the help we now have from the Grand Army, the God speed we received from the Woman's Relief Corps at their National Encampment, and our own Ladies' Aid Society, we have our fathers, mothers and sisters, and we are happy.

#### INSURANCE.

There has been a few suggestions as to organizing an Insurance Society in connection with our Order. I do not think we are ready for this yet. It will add too much machinery to our Headquarters, and there are too many young men unmarried who would not care for it, and it is hard work to collect the dues and per capita tax that we now have, and as there is plenty of cheap insurance in the country struggling for existence we can get all the insurance we need without the trouble and expense of organizing something new. Let us wait.

#### OFFICIAL ORGAN.

I wish, before closing, to urge upon the brothers of the Order the necessity of supporting our official organ, the "Sons of Veterans Advocate," published at Bloomington, Ill. They have worked faithfully and hard for the good of the Order at large, and much credit is due them, and I trust they have received credit from the brothers for this. But they cannot live on "credit" a great while. They must have hard cash or currency. They don't ask you any gifts but will give you more than your money's worth in return, and you will feel better each week, and be better men after reading their paper.

The "Camp Fire," of Portsmouth, Ohio, and the "Review," of Lake Village, N. H., are also doing a good work and should have a liberal patronage. These papers are like the heart, they keep our life's blood in motion.

My brothers, after urging you on to this great and noble work I want to call your attention to a higher life than we attain to here below. As surely as did the end of the War come and peace reigned throughout our broad land, and the comrades of the Grand Army were mustered out, just so surely must

we prepare for this higher life beyond. Then while we are drilling and obtaining knowledge that will be of service in our time here below, let us fill our minds and hearts with those things which will fit us for eternity. Let us not burn up our lives with this or that vice, and make of ourselves cheap citizens of this great country, bought by the blood of our fathers. We, some of us, belong to the same generation as those who now lie in soldiers' graves. Let us make as bright a mark in the world's history as did those brave men. We can not do this by beginning at the eleventh hour but must begin now, and like the busy bee improve each shining hour. I want our country to see the time within the next twenty-five years when, if the members of this our noble Order would join hands, with arms extended, they would form a living and fraternal link that would reach around the world. And now as I lay down my sword, after my successor shall have been installed, I shall hope to receive my "No." and musket and will ever be ready to fall into line and do my duty as a private soldier until mustered into the higher service of God and the Lamb.

By motion of Col. E. T. Roe, of Ill., the Commandery-in-Chief took a recess until 2:15 P. M.

2:45 P. M.-- Commandery-in-Chief called to order by Gen'l W. S. Payne Commander-in-Chief in the chair.

Chief of Staff W. D. Thomas submitted his report as follows :

### REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF.

PITTSBURG, PA., August 25, 1886.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER : In your General Order No. 1, dated at Fostoria, Ohio, Oct. 1, 1885, I had the honor to receive at your hands the appointment to the position of Chief-of-Staff ; and, having served as such during the term just closing, I desire to add my tribute and congratulation to the many already given, on the success of your administration. I have only to regret, the little I have been able to do in furtherance of the same, my opportunities have been limited, and my work, to a great extent, bounded by the territorial marks of my own Division.

When the time comes for laying down the duties and honors of my office I will withdraw and retire to the ranks, bearing with me unbounded respect for yourself and a pleasant recollection of our official and personal intercourse.

With best wishes for your success, in both private and public life, believe me sir, I am

Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. D. THOMAS,

*Chief-of-Staff Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

A question was asked by Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania, "Can a Special Aid of the Commander-in-Chief vote in this Encampment?" Decision rendered by the Commander-in-Chief to the effect that they could.

Moved by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, seconded by Col. Farquhar, of Washington, to sustain the decision of the Commander-in-Chief. Col. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, moved to submit the matter to Committee on Resolutions. The question was then debated by Bros. Myers of Ohio, Holmes of New York, Webb of Kansas, Walthers of Wisconsin, and Crowley of New Hampshire. The substitute motion was then put by the chair and declared lost.



Col. Worden, of Dakota, then spoke on the original motion under discussion. The original motion was then put and declared lost.

Col. Farquhar, of Washington D. C., moved that the Special Aids present be given a vote in this Encampment. Remarks by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio. On call for the question the motion was put and was declared carried by a unanimous vote.

On the request of a delegate the names of the several committees were read by the Adjutant General.

Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle then submitted his report as follows :

### ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

FOSTORIA, O., Aug. 29, 1886.

*To General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

I herewith hand you the report of the Adjutant General, which I hope will be satisfactory to yourself and the Commandery-in-Chief.

When I accepted the office on the 1st day of October, 1885, I had just become a member of our beloved Order, and consequently the work was new for me and I had to learn it step by step, which seemed to me to be very slow, and I soon became sorry that I had accepted the honorable position which I now hold. About the first thing I had to do connected with the Order, was to promulgate General Order No. 1. I had no address of Division Commanders, and only got them as the Commanders of the several Divisions would write to Headquarters asking some question or for supplies, and for that reason I found up-hill work until we obtained what we supposed to be a complete roster of all the Divisions. In turning over the property of the Headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief we were not furnished with anything with which we could proceed to work directly with Division Commanders, and will you wonder that I became discouraged and (I was going to say) almost disgusted with the office, but when I saw our Commander-in-Chief working until the small hours of the night, to make the wheels move, I took heart and said I would do the best I could to help him out, and then when the supplies were turned over by General Arnold to General Payne without an invoice and the shape they were in, was enough to discourage any one, but we stuck to our work until we got them into something like order. Then came the proceedings of the Fourth Annual Encampment held at Grand Rapids, Mich., to put in shape for the printer, and I must here say that I found them in as bad a shape to make anything out of as anything I ever saw, but through the recollection of things done there by General Payne, our Commander-in-Chief, and favors of Brother Rowson, of Mich.; Smith, of Harrisburgh, Pa.; Vincent, of Columbus, O., and Mallory, of Illinois, I have done the very best I could with them, and if they fail in any way whatever, it lies in the copy furnished me by my predecessor, and I hope and trust that the mistakes, if any, will be overlooked. I returned them to our Commander-in-Chief on the 1st of March, ready to go to the printer.

Along about this time, through Colonel L. F. Burpee, of Connecticut, we learned for the first time, that Rhode Island claimed our attention. We opened a correspondence with Colonel John W. Sayles, of Providence, Commander of the Rhode Island Division then, and have been doing our best ever since to put them in good standing, but so far have failed. We also have been trying to make something out of the camp at New Orleans. They have never made any reports whatever, except one inspection report which I have never seen.

The address of the captain is James A. Haley, P. O. Box 931, New Orleans, La. I give this address so that my successor, whoever he may be, might do better than I have.

Next was Norfolk, Va. The camp there is in the same shape as the one at New Orleans—cannot get any reports from them. The camp at Seattle and Tacoma, Washington Territory, have both failed to report and are both dead—in fact we find that Seattle was never mustered.

About this time we had an application for a blank application from Ritchie Court House, W. Va., signed by R. H. Freer, of Post 36, G. A. R. Department, of West Virginia, which was sent him, and the result was a fine working camp, also, this camp was the means of our Headquarters finding a camp at New Cumberland, W. Va., and one at Wellsburgh, W. Va., and by your orders, the three camps sent representatives to Wheeling, on April 28, 1886, and were organized as the Division of West Virginia by General Geo. W. Penniman, C. M. O. R. E. Freer was chosen Colonel of the Division and will soon show a large gain both in camps and members.

#### CALIFORNIA.

There has been a Division formed in California with Colonel Louis De P. Callahan as Commander. On October 1, 1885, there was only one camp in the Golden State, but to-day there are four camps in good working order with a membership of sixty-four in good standing, and fine prospects of several more camps in the near future. Your visit, no doubt, will encourage the Brothers to greater work.

#### COLOZADO AND WYOMING.

Colorado and Wyoming have been struggling along the best they could. Colonel Frank C. McArthur has found many things to contend with. There never had been any reports made from that Division until August 12, 1886, when Colonel McArthur made reports for the last four quarters, which, under the peculiar circumstances which he labored, are very good. There was one new camp organized during the year, and on June 30, 1886, reports seventy-eight members in good standing, and now has his division in such shape that he can make reports on time and turn over the Division to his successor, when elected, so that the work will not be retarded by ignorance of the standing of the Division.

#### CONNECTICUT.

Connecticut was under the command of Colonel Lucien F. Burpee, of Waterbury, and has been working nicely. This Division has mustered during the year nine new camps, and report at June 30, 1886, 633 members in good standing. Connecticut has been the first Division each quarter to report to these Headquarters. The Division did well when they, by a unanimous vote elected Colonel Burpee to succeed himself. My official relations with the Colonel and his staff, have been very pleasant during the year, nothing coming up to mar the good feelings which should exist between the National and Division Headquarters.

#### DAKOTA.

Dakota, on October 1, 1885, was under the command of Colonel Hamilton Kerr, of Huron, Dak. It was one of the impossibilities for me to get any reports during the year until March 31, 1886, when the Quartermaster reported forty-three in good standing. No Adjutant's report received. At their last encampment, E. G. Worden, of Eden, Dak., was elected Colonel. He has been working hard to bring the Division up to good working order. I received his report for June 30 on time. There have been six new camps organized in the Division during the year, and the last report shows 153 members in good standing, and the Division in good shape for future work.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND VIRGINIA.

District of Columbia and Virginia, Provisional Division. Colonel W. C. Farquhar, of Washington, D. C., was appointed Commander of the Division with one camp at Washington and one at Norfolk, Va. During the months of June and July there have been two camps organized in this Division both of them in Washington City. The District of Columbia is working for a Division of its own, which no doubt it will have before long. The reports of Camp No. 1, have always been on time and Captain Wm. A. Rutherford has shown himself an efficient officer, and I was sorry to learn that Captain Rutherford saw fit to resign the command of his camp early in July. This camp reported sixteen members in good standing June 30, 1886, in their next report it will show the strength of the Division which our records now show to be thirty-nine. The Commander-in-Chief in General Order No. 10, has constituted the camps in the District of Columbia a Division and ordered delegates appointed or elected and also to elect Division officers.

## FLORIDA.

Florida has three camps, one at Eustis with thirteen members and one at Jacksonville with fifteen and Orlando fifteen members, and we have the assurance of Col. J. H. Norton, Department Commander of the Department of Florida, G. A. R., that he will do all he can to make this a good live Division later. A Division was constituted August 18, Captain M. E. Bishop, of Eustis, appointed Colonel, by General Order No. 10.

## ILLINOIS.

The Illinois Division has been growing steadily during the year, having mustered thirty-one new camps, and at their last report, June 30, they reported 928 members in good standing. The Division is in excellent condition, and their new Division Commander, General G. B. Abbott, is keeping the Division up to where it belongs, in the front rank.

## INDIANA.

The Indiana Division has seen hard times, although it looked during the year that Colonel McGuire was making a success of his work, and with the assistance of the members of the G. A. R., especially Geo. W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Ind., it should to-day rank among the first. Col. McGuire saw fit to resign without holding a Division Encampment and General G. B. Abbott was sent to Wabash to settle the affairs of the Division, which was done in a very acceptable manner. It was then thought best to carry on the business of the Division at the National Headquarters until arrangements could be made to hold an election. Upon the recommendation of several good G. A. R. men of Indiana, Captain E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, was appointed Colonel with rank from May 20, 1886, and Captain Edward H. Muhl, of Richmond, Ind., Lieutenant Colonel; E. Brooks, of Stockwell, Ind., Major. These officers went to work with a will, and are beginning to bring order out of confusion. This Division has mustered, during the year, twenty new camps, and their report for the term ending June 30 is fair, considering the condition of things, showing 228 members in good standing. Colonel Walker intends making a personal visit to each camp, and to encourage them in the good work, and strengthen the weak ones and congratulate the strong ones, which I think should be done by all Division Commanders where they can possibly do so.

The Grand Army have appointed a committee of three, with George W. Miller, Post Department Commander of Indiana, as chairman, on organization camps of of Sons of Veterans, and their work is being felt throughout the

Division. This committee say they will do all in their power to make the Indiana Division one of the best, and next year will hold an encampment.

## IOWA.

The Iowa Division under command of Colonel P. V. Carey, their last Commander, and Colonel James D. Rowen, their present Commander, have done a noble work and the Division and the order at large should be proud of the work they have done. The Division is only excelled by one in the organization of camps, during the year having mustered from October 1, 1885, 42 new camps, and report 1034 members in good standing June 30, 1886; an increase since December of 519 members. This Division reports only forty-four camps that have reported, three more than were organized during the year.

## KANSAS.

The Kansas Division compares favorably with the Illinois Division. The officers of the Division have been zealous workers and have done well. Colonel Dolde and Colonel Webb both come in for a share of the glory won in this Division which will rank about number five in the formation of camps during the year, and no doubt, during the coming year, will put to flight the leading Divisions and walk to the front. This Division has mustered 27 new camps, and report 934 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MAINE.

The Maine Division has not gained in new camps and members as fast as some others, but seem to be enthusiastic in the work, and I have found it very pleasant work with the officers of this Division. The Division is in good, healthy condition and has mustered 9 new camps during the year. Their reports are always on time, and their last report shows 412 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MARYLAND.

Maryland has not been organized into a Division as yet. There is one first-class camp at Baltimore with Captain Wm. B. King at the head, and a new camp was mustered at Frederick City and one almost ready at Cumberland and others on the way in the state. The start they now have, and with General Miles W. Ross at their head, can make a fine Division in "Maryland My Maryland." The report of this camp, No. 1, shows 56 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The Massachusetts Division has been during the year, in the best condition so far as I know. The reports always on time. Colonel H. S. Crossman, their last Commander, was very pleasant to work with as was also his staff and I find the same pleasant brothers in their present Commander, Colonel Geo. H. Cleveland and his staff. This Division has mustered during the year, 19 new camps and report 1,261 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## MICHIGAN.

The Division of Michigan, under the leadership of our gallant Colonel, F. W. Rowlson has made rapid gains; they have increased their membership about 300 per cent. and he has brought discipline and harmony out of confusion and contention. Their reports were as near on time as could be expected, Colonel Rowlson doing most of the work himself. This Division held a very enthusiastic meeting and re-elected Colonel Rowlson Commander of the Division, but he was compelled to decline. Their present Commander, Colonel M. E. Hall, has begun the work where Colonel Rowlson left off, with a vim, and I have no

doubt he will keep up the record of the Michigan Division. This Division ranks third in the organization of new camps; having mustered 39 new camps, and one feature of their last reports is that all camps in the Division except one had reported; this I attribute to the faithfulness and efficiency of the mustering officers of the Division in instructing the new camps how to work and not leaving them to find out for themselves. The last report shows 949 members in good standing.

## MINNESOTA.

The Minnesota Division has done good work during the year. Colonel VanCleve, of Minneapolis, making an excellent officer, and their new Commander, Colonel E. H. Milham, has taken hold of the work and is pushing things lively. One feature of this Division, which I like, is the thorough military discipline they have. The camps are mustered as a reserve State militia, and I understand are armed and equipped by the State, and some of the camps are noted for their perfectness in drill. This Division has mustered this year eighteen new camps and reports 428 members in good standing June 30, 1886, and have a fine prospect for large gains the coming year.

## MISSOURI.

The Missouri Division is one that I have not been very familiar with until their present Colonel took command; the work being done principally through the Commander-in-Chief. There were no reports made until the reports of the last quarter were made, when Colonel J. J. Speaker reported for each quarter. There was a branch of the Sons of Veterans in this Division consisting of seven camps in opposition to our Order. They with their officers have all been mustered into our Order, and with those the Division has mustered eight new camps and report 206 members in good standing. Colonel Speaker is the right man in the right place, and has an efficient corps of staff officers and are bound to make the Sons of Veterans win in Missouri.

## NEBRASKA.

Nebraska was under the command of Colonel Harry G. Clark, of Omaha, but under a pressure of business was compelled to resign, and B. W. Hawkins, of Bever City, was appointed. Colonel Hawkins has made a good officer and the Division is doing well considering the obstacles they had to overcome. The Division failed to hold an encampment and cannot succeed in holding one unless they hold it in connection with the G. A. R., at the same time and place, in order to get rates on the railroads and secure a representation. I would recommend that the Nebraska Division be allowed to hold their annual encampment at the same time and place that the G. A. R. of Nebraska hold theirs. This Division has mustered four new Camps and make no report for term ending June 30, 1886.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The New Hampshire Division, under the command of Colonel Frank E. Libby, their last commander, and Colonel Frank M. Shackford, their present commander, has been running smoothly and have been gaining slowly but sure. There have been five new camps organized during the year, and their last report shows 519 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## NEW JERSEY.

The Division of New Jersey is about in the same condition as New Hampshire with the exception that there is an opposition order in their midst. Colonel Hatfield, their last commander, and Colonel Ed. C. White, their present commander have done what they could to muster them in our Order. Colonel

White, on July 22, mustered the last camp of the Earp faction at Vineland; N. J., with thirty members. and Colonel White writes us that they are a fine set of men and a good acquisition to the Division. The Division has mustered five new camps during the year and reports 274 members in good standing June 30, 1886, and their reports have been as near on time as could have been expected.

## NEW YORK.

The New York Division has been fortunate with their officers, past and present. Colonel Foster and staff were hard workers and very pleasant to work with. They succeeded in keeping the Division where it belonged and Colonel Chas. T. Rain and his staff are working nicely and with the opposition they have to contend with from the Post System this Division has done exceedingly well. There was a time when it was thought that the two factions would consolidate, but at present it looks doubtful. This Division has organized thirteen camps, and report June 30, 1886, 491 members in good standing. As the Grand Army cannot be perpetuated, the Post System will soon cease to exist for lack of recognition from them.

## OHIO.

This Division ranks No. 1 mustering new camps and gain in numbers. This Division on Sept 30, 1885, reported 605 in good standing, and on March 31, 1886, reported 1,526 in good standing under the leadership of Colonel Geo. A. Ensign, who had mustered thirty-eight new camps between Nov. 1, 1885, and June 1, 1886, eight more camps than any other Division, thereby winning the prize offered to the Colonel organizing the most camps in that time. Colonel Ensign was the unanimous choice of his Division for his own successor, but declined. Colonel Ensign not only done the work of commander, but filled the office of Adjutant and Quartermaster, and worked ten hours a day as a machinist besides. His successor Colonel Henry Frazee took hold of the work just where Colonel Ensign left off, and it has not stopped for one moment, if anything has increased the speed in organizing camps, and shows a gain of six hundred and nineteen in the last quarter. Colonel Frazee has a good staff and the working of the Division is excellent. One of the main features of the workings of this Division is the selection of competent mustering officers to muster in new camps. When a camp is mustered they are left in good working order, and when they are fully instructed in the Ritual and workings of the camp they are then instructed in making their quarterly reports, therefore this Division does not report so many camps who have failed to report. This Division has mustered since Oct. 1, 1885, eighty new camps and report June 30, 2,145 members in good standing, a net gain of 1,546 in three quarters, and will show a gain in the same proportion, if not greater, Sept. 30.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

East Pennsylvania has maintained their position which they have held in the Order and was fortunate in selecting a commander last year in the person of Colonel H. H. Hammer, and with his efficient staff done a good work and have had a steady increase in camps and members. This Division is alive in the work and they have done themselves credit when they selected Colonel Chas. J. Miller, of Philadelphia, as their commander for the ensuing year. The Division, as before, keeps gaining ground, but Ohio has taken the lead from them. There have been twenty-four new camps mustered in this year since Oct. 1, and their report for June 30 shows 1,773 members in good standing.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

West Pennsylvania too, like East Pennsylvania, has been making large

gains both in camps and members and the change of commanders caused no delay in the work, as the Adjutant was elected commander and the Colonel appointed Adjutant. So in Colonel A. K. Howard and Colonel Geo. P. Brockway as Colonel and Adjutant and visa versa, this Division has been well officered and the Order may well be proud of them. In this Division we have the father of our Order, Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh. Long may he live and furnish badges for our Order. This Division also furnished our past Commander-in-Chief, General H. W. Arnold, as well as our present and able Commander-in-Chief, General W. S. Payne. There has been thirty-one camps mustered since Oct. 1, and the report for June 30 shows 1,240 members in good standing.

## VERMONT.

The Vermont Division will take rank with New Hampshire and New Jersey and have been fortunate in securing officers. Colonel Jenne and Colonel Geo. E. Terrell have both been zealous workers and have steadily advanced the interest of the Division and show an increase in members the last quarter. There have been 6 camps mustered this year. Their last report shows 342 members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Washington Territory only has one camp at Walla Walla, two other camps in the Territory have never made any reports. The report of June 30 is the only report made by the camp at Walla Walla. They report twenty-one members in good standing.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The Division of West Virginia, like that of California was organized during the year and have already organized two new camps and have fair prospects for others, and Col. R. H. Freer, the commander, says: West Virginia will in a short time show rapid increase as her loyal sons are anxious to show their appreciation of their fathers' service in the war of the rebellion and show their loyalty to their country's flag and enroll themselves with the army of Sons of Veterans. Their report for June does not show their increase, but their Sept. report will. Their report shows fifty-two members in good standing June 30, 1886.

## WISCONSIN.

The Wisconsin Division has not reported since Dec. 31. It showed 147 in good standing at their last report and gained during the quarter fifty-seven, showing an aggregate of 204; it also showed that five camps and a total of sixty-six members lost, leaving only 138 in good standing. Their commander Col. S. F. Peacock never worked with the Adjutant General. The Adjutant Col. F. R. Sweatman, done all the work that was done, at least that was my observation. The new commander, Col. F. J. Walthers, of Madison, will, I think, bring them out of the woods. Since his election he has frequently written for information and promises reports from his Division before the encampment meets at Buffalo. This Division has mustered 2 camps during the year. Aug. 21 report received; only one camp reported to Division Headquarters, but report shows 190 members.

## MONTANA.

In Montana there is a splendid camp located at Helena with 32 members in good standing commanded by Capt. Geo. W. Gibbs and their inspection report ranks them as a first-class camp. I have sent several blank applications into this Territory and there is no doubt but there shall be enough camps organized to form a Division the coming year.

We also are about to organize camps at Portland, Oregon, and have for-

warded supplies for two camps for that purpose. We have also had applications for blanks and instructions from Idaho, which were sent and expect them returned soon. Also from Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Blanks having been sent them by request of G. A. R. men in that city saying they had good material and were anxious to join their loyal brothers in the North. Since writing the above the Commander-in-Chief mustered a fine camp at Portland, Oregon, with Col. F. H. Lamb, Department Commander G. A. R., as one of its members, who promises soon to have enough to form a Division in Oregon. In speaking of the several Divisions as I have, it may seem to some that I have spoken in more favorable terms of some Divisions than others. I do it not to show any partiality, but the work of those Divisions has been very familiar to me, the commanders doing their work which belonged to my office through me and not the Commander-in-Chief. My labors during the year, except the beginning, have been pleasant ones and I know of nothing between myself and Division commanders to cause any hard feelings. I have tried, and in fact, have not allowed one communication to lay on my desk twenty-four hours without answering, and if I have done or said anything while in the line of duty that displeased any of my brothers, it was not intentional, and I here beg leave to thank the different Division commanders and my brother officers for their indulgence and all favors shown me by them. And may God speed you all to greater work in this our noble cause.

There has been ten General Orders issued and one circular, which I here enclose a copy of each:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U S. A., }  
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, OCT. 1, 1885. }

*General Order No. 1.*

I. Having been elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the United States at the Annual Encampment, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September, I hereby assume command, and establish Headquarters at Fostoria, Ohio.

II. The elective officers, chosen at Grand Rapids, are as follows:

"General" ..... Walter S. Payne, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio.  
"Lieutenant General" ..... A. E. Case, of Chicago, Illinois.  
"Major General" ..... Frederick W. Kohler, of Utica, New York.

III. I have made the following appointments on my Staff. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

T. G. Carlisle, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio..... Adjutant General.  
Oscar T. Shutt, 16 Wood St., Fostoria, Ohio ..... Quartermaster General.  
W. D. Thomas, 409 Smithfield St., Pittsburg, Pa. .... Chief of Staff.  
Charles S. Cryslar, of Independence, Mo..... Judge Advocate General.  
George W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn..... Chief Mustering Officer.  
G. B. Abbott, 163 State St., Chicago, Ills..... Inspector General.  
O. F. Hayford, of Lewiston, Me..... Chaplain.  
All with rank of Brigadier General.

IV. The following are appointed Special Aids, with rank of Colonel:

H. L. Wright ..... Box 398, Auburn, Me.  
Lucien F. Burpee..... of Waterbury, Conn.  
Clarence E. Holmes..... Box 376, New York City, N. Y.  
Ed. C. White..... 115 Center St., Trenton, N. J.  
B. J. Smith..... of Harrisburg, Pa.  
Miles W. Ross..... of Baltimore, Md.  
Edgar R. Vincent..... of Columbus, O.  
E. T. Roe..... of Springfield, Ill.  
A. G. Champlin..... 3 Pearl St., Grand Rapids, Mich.  
F. R. Sweetnam..... of Milwaukee, Wis.  
E. G. Worden ..... of Grinnell, Iowa



E. H. Milham ..... of St. Paul, Minn.  
 J. J. Speaker ..... of Independence, Mo.  
 Leland J. Webb ..... of Topeka, Kansas.

V. The following Aids-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commanding General, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel :

Eugene A. Sunderland ..... of Lowell, Mich.  
 James D. Rowan ..... of Des Moines, Ia.  
 Halbert E. Payne ..... of Columbus, O.  
 George P. Brockway ..... of Titusville, Pa.  
 L. L. Drake ..... of Elizabeth, N. J.

Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

VI. By resolution adopted in the Encampment, all ranks are restored as indicated by shoulder straps, and other titles abolished.

VII. By resolutions adopted in the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, at Grand Rapids, all Grand Divisions are abolished from and after September 30, 1885. Grand Division officers will have ninety days from September 30 to close up the books and business and turn them over to the Commander-in-Chief. If any Grand Division have a surplus fund, after paying its indebtedness, it will be turned over to the Commander-in-Chief, and his receipt taken therefor. If any Grand Division is in debt, after having collected all its per capita tax, the books must show the amount of said indebtedness, and to whom due. The Commander-in-Chief will make provision for the payment of said bills in future orders. Grand Division officers must be prompt in settling up their accounts.

VIII. Hereafter no profit will be charged on supplies, as it is considered detrimental to the growth and best interests of the Order. All blanks, etc., will be furnished to camps through Division Headquarters "at actual cost." The Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions will be maintained entirely by charter fees and per capita tax.

IX. Major A. P. Davis, of 67 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., is hereby detailed for special duty as Ordinance Officer. His duty will be to furnish to any regular camp, on proper requisition, the regulation badge of the Order, at a price not exceeding \$6 per dozen, the money to accompany every order. He will also furnish ribbons in the same manner "at cost." He will also furnish camps with a cadet breech-loading rifle and accoutrements, at a price not exceeding \$2.65 each, complete, and cheaper if the Commanding General can secure them at a less rate.

X. The Commander-in-Chief earnestly desires all camps, as far as possible, to equip themselves with those cadet rifles, and become proficient in drill and the manual of arms. Any person knowing where a nice breech-loading rifle can be procured in large quantities at the lowest possible rate, will please communicate with the Commanding General, who will buy "only at first hands," and every brother is assured that there shall be no money made on the arms and equipment outside of the factory.

XI Messrs. Bailey, Banks & Biddle will furnish no supplies to any one except on an order from these Headquarters.

XII. Raphael Tobias, late Commander of the Second Grand Division, and his Assistant Adjutant General, S. M. Bower, will "immediately" turn over to their successors in office all the property of the Second Grand Division. Up to this date not even the seal has been received, and the business of the Second Grand Division is at a stand still. Business requiring the records and seal has accumulated at Headquarters Second Grand Division awaiting the arrival of this property.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters with their full address immediately, and are recommended to exchange their general orders with Colonels of other Divisions, as mutual benefit will arise from this action.

XIV. There being no charges or specifications in possession of the Commanding General against any one, the Courtmartial appointed by his predecessor at Grand Rapids is hereby dissolved.

XV. We hope and trust that every brother in this Order will feel that he is an important part of this Grand Body of True Loyal Sons of Veterans, and resolve that no act of his shall ever bring reproach or cast a stain on our noble Order. Be true to your manhood, true to the memory of our sires, and let us battle for God and the right, ever keeping green the graves of our departed heroes. By order of

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief, U. S. A.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }  
 FOSTORIA, O., Nov. 2, 1885. }

*General Order No. 2.*

I. The Inspector General will order an inspection of all the camps in the several Divisions, to take place between the 1st and 10th of December, or at the first regular meeting in December. Commanders of Divisions will see that Division Inspector's reports are forwarded to Gen. G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, 163 State St., Chicago, Ills., on or before December 21, 1885.

II. A General Order will issue January 1st, giving consolidated report of said inspection, with full strength and condition of each Division and the Order in general. It is therefore necessary that the inspection be as full and complete as possible. Commanders of Divisions will see that Assistant Inspectors do their whole duty.

III. In General Order No. 1 the word "shoulder strap" was used instead of "rank strap" or "miniature strap." There has been no change in the rank strap, it being the miniature strap, as before.

IV. The following applications for Charters have been approved by the Commanding General since assuming command:

| Applicants.                                                |    | Applicants.                               |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Oct. 3. No. 64, Swanton, O.....                            | 15 | Oct. 23. No. ... Madison, Wis.....        | 28                |
| Oct. 9. No. 65, Greenville, O. (from op-<br>position)..... | 21 | Oct. 25. No. 81, Frackville, E. Pa.....   | 31                |
| Oct. 9. No. 66, Onyahoga Falls, O.....                     | 0  | Oct. 26. No. ... Rome, E. Pa.....         | 15                |
| Oct. 12. No. 67, Findlay, O., (from op-<br>position).....  | 25 | Oct. 28. No. 45, Waynesburg, W. Pa.....   | 15                |
| Oct. 12. No. 68, Canal Dover, O. ....                      | 22 | Oct. 28. No. 71, Cleveland, O.....        | 21                |
| Oct. 15. No. ... Aurora, Ind.....                          | 18 | Oct. 29. No. ... Bowen's Mills, Mich..... | 14                |
| Oct. 16. No. ... Luther, Mich.....                         | 12 | Oct. 29. No. 87, Carlisle, E. Pa.....     | 12                |
| Oct. 17. No. 69, Zanesville, O.....                        | 18 | Oct. 31. No. 25, Middlebury, Vt.....      | 11                |
| Oct. 21. No. 85, Smithfield, E. Pa.....                    | 29 | Nov. 6. No. 72, Bartlett, O.....          | 25                |
| Oct. 21. No. 79, Otway, O.....                             | 12 | Nov. 9. No. 88, Milliatown, E. Pa.....    | 25                |
| Oct. 23. No. ... Barnett, Neb.....                         | 18 | Total.....                                | 21 Camps .....105 |

V. Colonels of Divisions will immediately forward to these Headquarters their full address; also state the number of General Orders required for their Divisions. Not having been furnished with a roster of Division Commanders, it has been impossible to reach many of the Divisions. Any Division which has not received General Order No. 1, will receive the number required as soon as their address, etc., is known.

VI. In consequence of the many letters of inquiry in nearly every mail about uniform, rank, straps, swords, etc., I would respectfully refer the members of the order to Col. R. M. J. Reed, of 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, who keeps a full supply of the best grades of these goods, and is also thoroughly familiar with all points of the regular army uniform, which was adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at Grand Rapids. Col. Reed will, for the good of the Order and the relief of the Commander-in-Chief, answer all questions pertaining to uniforms, prices, sto.

VII. R. M. J. Reed is hereby appointed on the General's Staff to the position of Military Store keeper, retaining his rank as Major General. This is in recognition of his faithful services and labors for the good of the Order since its organization, and at the same time recognizing his knowledge of the duties required in this position.

VIII. The following additional Aids are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commanding General, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly :

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Louis De P. Callahan ..... | of Los Angeles, Cal.  |
| H. L. Gannett .....        | of Joliet, Ills.      |
| Frank R. Ferguson .....    | of Bloomington, Ills. |
| James B. Lidders .....     | of Rock Island, Ills. |
| H. G. Moore .....          | of Road House, Ills.  |
| Geo. W. Gibbs .....        | of Helena, Montana.   |
| Chas. Kochersberger .....  | of Jamestown, N. Y.   |
| Dr. Turner .....           | of Lowville, N. Y.    |
| Samuel P. Ely .....        | of New York, N. Y.    |
| Thos E Knott .....         | of Portchester, N. Y. |
| F. M. Williams .....       | of Pittsburgh, Pa.    |
| W. H. Ford .....           | of Reynoldsville, Pa. |
| Parker Trent .....         | of Somerset, Pa.      |
| Wm. E. Dixon .....         | of Philadelphia, Pa.  |

IX. At the Encampment in Grand Rapids, the Commander-in-Chief was directed to devise and promulgate a new Grip for the Order. The new Grip has been adopted, and is being promulgated through the Inspector General and other Staff Officers as fast as possible. Colonels of Divisions who have not received the new Grip will make it known to these Headquarters, and it will be communicated to them at the earliest possible moment, and they will pass it to their several Camps through proper officers.

X. All Charters will issue from these Headquarters. Colonels of Divisions will forward all applications to the Commander-in-Chief, accompanied by the fee of \$2, and will state what the number of such Camp will be. This is necessary, that we may keep our records properly.

XI. Only the elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Divisions or Camps are entitled to wear the "Officer's" Ribbon. The Constitution makes a distinction between the "Officers" and "Staff," and when it speaks of Officer's Ribbons it does not say "Officers and Staff will wear," etc. Until some action is taken by the Encampment, it is ordered that the Staff Officers of the Commander-in-Chief may wear the Ribbon adopted for the officers of Grand Divisions: Division Staff Officers may wear, during their term of office only, the Camp Officer's Ribbon.

XII. The Commandery-in-Chief, at its Encampment at Grand Rapids, adopted the "Sons of Veterans Advocate," published at Bloomington, Ills., as the Official Organ of the Order. All General and Special Orders will appear in the "Advocate." The "Review," published at Lake Village, N. H., has notified us of its intention to publish all Orders. Both papers are live, bright and sparkling publications, working hard for the interests of the Order, and should have our full and hearty support.

XIII. There is no question as to the good standing of Gen'l Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts. There has never been to our knowledge any charges preferred against Brother Kent, and the Commander-in-Chief has in his possession certificates from his Camp, under seal of the Camp, and endorsed by the Colonel and Adjutant under Division seal, that he is in good standing in his Camp. Also certificate from Division, under seal, that he is in good standing in his Division. Gen'l Kent is in command of the First Grand Division.

XIV. Unless some action has been taken by the Commandery-in-Chief (which has not come to the notice of the present Commander-in-Chief) to the

contrary, the proper Ribbon for the Iron Cross is the Camp Officer's Ribbon, and not a blue one. A past Colonel of Commandery-in-Chief or Grand Division Staff, will wear what was the Grand Division Ribbon on the Iron Cross. This will distinguish Colonels of Divisions, or elective officers, from Colonels of Staff, or appointed officers.

XV. The elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief only will wear the Star on top of the cap. The appointed staff of the Commander-in-Chief who rank as Brigadier General will wear the design formerly worn on the cap of First Grand Division. Special Aids, ranking as Colonels, will wear the design formerly worn by Second Grand Division; and Aids-de-Camp, ranking as Lieutenant Colonel, will wear the design formerly worn by Third Grand Division.

XVI. Colonels of Divisions and Captains of Camps, as well as all Brothers of the Order, are earnestly urged to do all they can for the advancement of the Order known as the "Ladies' Aid Society." To this end they will communicate with Miss Laura F. Martin, 525 W. King St., Lancaster, Pa., National President, giving her their address at once, and such other information as she may desire. She and her associates are doing a good and glorious work for our order and the G. A. R., and it is our duty, and we should esteem it a pleasure, to aid them.

XVII. The changes in Constitutions, R. and R. and Rituals are in the hands of the printers, and will soon be issued in slips to paste over the sections changed. This will save the necessity of buying new. These slips will be furnished free.

XVIII. All profit having been taken off from supplies, Camps will have so much more money left in their treasury with which to pay per capita tax, and as the Divisions and Commandery-in-Chief are now supported entirely by per capita tax and charter fees, each Camp will be required to pay the full amount—fifty cents per annum—of per capita tax. Twenty cents of this goes to the Commandery-in-Chief. Any surplus above \$100 remaining on hand at the end of our term will be returned to Divisions, pro rata.

XIX. The Commanding General has decided to offer a reward to the Colonel of the Division who shall organize the greatest number of good, healthy Camps between November 1st, 1885, and June 1st, 1886. The reward will be a fine sword and belt suitable to his rank. Those ranking second, third and fourth in this good work, will also receive suitable rewards. Due consideration will be given to the field in which they work.

XX. With this grand and noble work before us, let us buckle on our armour and go forth to conquest and certain victory, ever remembering that God is the Great Commander, to whom we must report all the actions of our lives, and that he alone can give an honorable discharge when our term of service has expired.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CABLBLE,  
*Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., Dec. 1, 1885. }

*General Order No. 3.*

I. Commanders of Divisions will order an inspection of every camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between this date and the 10th day of December. Commanders of Divisions will see that Division Inspector's reports are forwarded to the Inspector General on or before December 24, 1885.

II. This inspection is to be thorough, complete, and executed with all possible military dispatch and exactness, and to be conducted upon purely business principles. Commanders of Divisions will select Inspectors and Assistant Inspectors for this inspection without regard to former appointments, personal favors, or past honors, but for their fitness alone, choosing those who can be

relied upon to report immediately, and who are competent, energetic and discerning. And this order will be authority for so doing, ignoring, when necessary, but not molesting, any previous appointments made of a similar nature in Divisions for service on other occasions, or of compliment.

III. Commanders of Divisions will so assign Assistant Inspectors that each camp will be inspected by a member of some other camp. One Assistant Inspector, particularly fitted for the work, may inspect several camps in his vicinity.

IV. Each Division will be supplied with Inspector's blanks (new) and two Assistant Inspector's blanks (new) for each camp in the Division. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports, forwarding both to the Division Inspector immediately upon making an inspection.

V. Each Division Inspector will consolidate, according to printed forms, these reports, forwarding the same, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Inspector General, before December 24th, and a duplicate and the other set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Division Headquarters.

VI. Commanders of Divisions will call the attention of camps and Assistant Inspectors in Article V. Chapter VI, of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and particularly to the second paragraph of Section I, Article VI, in the same chapter. Camps cannot be considered in GOOD STANDING unless they see to it that they are inspected according to the Articles mentioned.

VII. To encourage emulation and create a lively interest in the Order, camps will hereafter be classified and marked according to Assistant Inspector's reports.

VIII. Commanders of Divisions which have adopted a Division badge will see that it is recorded with the Adjutant General at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, and Commanders of Divisions which have not yet adopted a badge will settle upon one and report at once.

IX. Questions of secret work and camp work fall in the department of the Inspector General, and all matters relating thereto should be referred to him, passing through the proper channels.

X. Commanders of Divisions will see that Assistant Inspectors are in possession of the new grip adopted at Grand Rapids, and are authorized to communicate it to camps in their command. Only in rare instances will the cipher be used to communicate secret work, it being deemed to the best interests of the Order that so far as possible it be transmitted orally.

XI. The grip is to be used as a test only. It is not to be used when taking up the pass word and countersign in opening the camp, nor when greeting one known to be a member of the Order, but as a further test when examining a stranger who claims to be a brother. This is to guard its being discovered by strangers from its too frequent and public use.

XII. Members of the G. A. R. are not to be invested with the grip, nor the passwords and countersign of the Order, but are permitted to be present at all times, if properly obligated.

XIII. No member of the G. A. R. or veteran who has not obtained membership in this Order by authority of Article V, Chapter I, of our Constitution, shall be privileged under any circumstances to appear in any camp wearing the regulation badge of the Sons of Veterans. U. S. A., except those eight members designated by name in our Constitution, who, for honorable service for this Order, were granted this and certain peculiar rights. Assistant Inspectors will report any transgression of this law.

XIV. Special Aide Colonel Miles W. Ross is hereby detailed to act as a

Division Inspector for Maryland and Virginia, with authority to select Assistant Inspectors reporting to the Inspector General.

XV. Special Aids Colonel J. J. Spenker is hereby detailed to act as Division Inspector for the Division of Missouri, with authority to select Assistant Inspectors, reporting to the Inspector General and to the Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Missouri Division.

XVI. In States and Territories having no Division Headquarters, Captains of Camps will apply to the Adjutant General for blanks, inspect their respective Camps, and report to the Inspector General direct.

XVII. We desire to have a more thorough inspection of the Order than ever before, and Colonels of Divisions are requested to take a personal interest in this work and lend all possible aid to help its accomplishment as early as possible.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

G. A. ABBOTT, *Inspector General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

163 State St., Chicago Ills.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,  
FOSTORIA, O., March 1st, 1886. }

*General Order, No. 4.*

I. "Quit you like men," was a divine command given us in Holy Writ, and we, as loyal soldiers, ought to heed this and obey. General Order No. 3 called for an inspection of every Camp of our Order on or before December 15. This was rendered impossible by the delay in getting out the inspection blanks, so that this delay does not rest with the different Divisions, but the delay since that time is inexcusable. How could you expect a commanding general in the field to storm a fort or capture a stronghold unless the several sub-commanders obeyed his orders and moved their several commands on time, and at the moment directed? How can you expect the great work of our Order to go on unless every man is in line and ready to move at a moment's notice. We fully expected to know by January 15th, at the farthest, the strength of our Order, but we are sadly disappointed.

II. The following Divisions only have reported up to this date: Maine, 15 Camps, 465 members in good standing; Connecticut, 16 Camps, 508 members in good standing; New Jersey, 10 Camps, 248 members in good standing; Pennsylvania, 57 Camps, 1689 members in good standing; Massachusetts, 41 Camps, 1265 members in good standing; Ohio, 27 Camps, 615 members in good standing; Indiana, 8 Camps, 160 members in good standing; Michigan 21 Camps, 420 members in good standing; Iowa, 12 Camps, 320 members in good standing; Missouri, 5 Camps, 150 members in good standing; Nebraska, 6 Camps, 110 members in good standing; California, 1 Camp, 19 members in good standing; Montana, 1 Camp, 19 members in good standing—making 13 Divisions, 220 Camps and 5897 members—which is a very poor showing, as every brother knows that the Order numbers over 30,000 members. If we have the interests of the Order at heart, let us stand up straight in line, and every man answer to roll call. One hundred good soldiers, who are always ready for duty, are better than a thousand on the sick list or excused from duty (I won't say laggards, for I hope we have none of that class.) Then rest on your arms, with an ear ever ready to catch the first bugle note calling to duty, and come not in at the eleventh hour.

III. The following applications for new Camps have been approved since November 1, 1885.

| Applicants.                           |    | Applicants.                              |                  |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Nov. 12--No. 74, Andover, O           | 27 | Dec. 22--No. 68, Central City, Ia.       | 25               |
| Nov. 12--No. 45, Anamosa, Ia          | 27 | Dec. 22--No. 27, Cheaning, Mich          | 12               |
| Nov. 12--No. 48, Oskaloosa, Ia.       | 27 | Dec. 23--No. 28, Hart, Mich              | 12               |
| Nov. 12--No. 50, Audubur, Ia.         | 26 | Dec. 31 No. 46, Cedar Rapids, Ia         | 27               |
| Nov. 12--No. 54, New York, Ia.        | 26 | Dec. 31--No. 51, Harlan, Ia.             | 19               |
| Nov. 12--No. 58, Ames, Ia             | 28 | Dec. 31--No. 66, Stouix Rapids, Ia.      | 25               |
| Nov. 12--No. 59, Adel, Ia             | 18 | Dec. 21--No. 38, St. Albans, Me.         | 19               |
| Nov. 12--No. 60, Cumberland, Ia       | 11 | Dec. 31 No. , Frankfort, Ks.             | 22               |
| Nov. 16--No. , Valley Falls, Ks       | 11 | Dec. 31--No. , Garden City, Ks.          | 25               |
| Nov. 16 No. , Lima Ks.                | 21 | Jan 1 No. 82, Malvern, O                 | 14               |
| Nov. 16 No. , Cottonwood Falls, Ks.   | 23 | Jan. 2--No. 83 Arcanum, O                | 17               |
| Nov. 16--No. , Lincoln, Ks.           | 24 | Jan 2--No. 89, Great Bend, E. Pa         | 14               |
| Nov. 16--No. , Dodge City, Ks.        | 11 | Jan. 4--No. , Jordan, Minn.              | 14               |
| Nov. 16 No. , Now Britain, Conn.      | 27 | Jan 5--No. 83, Orange, Mass.             | 14               |
| Nov. 16--No. , West Brook, Conn       | 12 | Jan. 5--No. 29, Owaso, Mich.             | 13               |
| Nov. 17--No. , Bluffton, Ind          | 10 | Jan 11--No. , Le Sueur, Minn.            | 19               |
| Nov. 17--No. 51, Warren, Mass.        | 21 | Jan 14 No 84, Marion, O.                 | 21               |
| Nov. 17--No. 25, Middlebury Vt.       | 12 | Jan. 14 No. , Pleasanton, Ks             | 16               |
| Nov. 19--No. , North-Manchester, Ind. | 16 | Jan. 15--No. , Millbank, Dak.            | 12               |
| Nov. 19 No. 26, Leshe, Mich.          | 15 | Jan 15--No. , Coopersville, Mich.        | 10               |
| Nov. 20 No 75, Cincinnati, O          | 23 | Jan. 20--No. 80, Dushore, E. Pa.         | 13               |
| Nov. 20--No. 76, Cleveland, O         | 32 | Jan. 22 No. , Minneapolis, Minn.         | 8                |
| Nov. 20--No. 38, Streator, Ill.       | 15 | Jan. 22--No. 54, Medford, Mass.          | 24               |
| Nov. 20--No. 29, Sterling, Ill        | 17 | Jan. 22 No. , Fort Dodge, Ia.            | 26               |
| Nov. 21--No. 37, Athens, E. Pa.       | 41 | Jan. 22--No. , West Union, Ia.           | 21               |
| Nov. 23--No. , Clearwater, Ks.        | 11 | Jan. 22--No. , Vinton, Ia.               | 21               |
| Nov. 23--No. , Stormstown, W. Pa      | 14 | Jan. 22--No. , Oleboit, Ia.              | 27               |
| Nov. 27--No. 47, Brockwayville, W. Pa | 13 | Jan. 22--No. , Cedar Falls, Ia.          | 19               |
| Nov. 27--No. 52, Loomister, Mass.     | 27 | Jan. 31--No. , Hinsdale, N. H.           | 19               |
| Nov. 30--No. 21 St. Clair, E. Pa      | 29 | Feb. 1--No. 85, Hamden, O.               | 15               |
| Dec. 3--No. 77, Chillicothe, O        | 10 | Feb. 1--No. 58, Granville Centre, E. Pa  | 17               |
| Dec. 3--No. , Ks.                     | 14 | Feb. 1--No. 48, Orbisonia, W. Pa.        | 13               |
| Dec. 5--No. , Greenstown, Ind.        | 18 | Feb. 1--No. 57, Greenfield, Mass.        | 18               |
| Dec. 5--No. , Green Springs, O.       | 16 | Feb. 4--No. 86, Irouton, O               | 106              |
| Dec. 9--No. 79, Lafayette, O          | 20 | Feb. 4--No. 87, Deshler, O.              | 10               |
| Dec. 9--No. , Downs, Ks.              | 13 | Feb. 8--No. 4, York, Neb.                | 29               |
| Dec. 11--No. 15, Tracy, Minn          | 18 | Feb. 11--No. 35, Matoon Ill              | 24               |
| Dec. 11--No. 3, Wat-rtown, Minn.      | 13 | Feb. 11--No. 34, Eddyville, Ill          | 18               |
| Dec. 11--No. 14, Crookst-own, Minn.   | 18 | Feb. 11--No. 91, New Bloomfield, E. Pa.  | 17               |
| Dec. 11--No. 16, Dassel, Minn.        | 14 | Feb. 11--No. 88, Wauseon, O.             | 16               |
| Dec. 14--No. 4, Middleboro, N. J.     | 13 | Feb. 13--No. 89, Dayton, O.              | 43               |
| Dec. 15--No. 31, Monmouth, Ill.       | 14 | Feb. 13--No. 56, East Templeton, Pa.     | 11               |
| Dec. 15--No. 32, Braidwood, Ill       | 17 | Feb. 13--No. 80, Windham, O.             | 10               |
| Dec. 15--No. 33, Hartziburgh, Ill.    | 20 | Feb. 14--No. 49, Mendville, W. Pa.       | 17               |
| Dec. 18--No. 27, Napanee, Ind.        | 11 | Feb. 15--No. 3, Ritchie Ct House, W. Va. | 20               |
| Dec. 19--No. 81, Stauben, O.          | 21 | Feb. 20--No. 91, Alliance, O.            | 15               |
| Dec. 21--No. 28, Williamsport, Ind.   | 15 | Feb. 24--No. 57, Brookfield, Mass.       | 12               |
| Dec. 22--No. 81, Rock Camp, O.        | 21 | Feb. 24--No. , Frankfort, Ill.           | 29               |
| Dec. 22--No. 57, Boonshoro, Ia.       | 19 | Feb. 25--No. 31, Reading, Mich.          | 11               |
| Dec. 22--No. 47, Toledo, Ia.          | 21 | Feb. 24--No. 32, Covert, Mich.           | 13               |
| Dec. 22 No. 56, Lohrville, Ia.        | 15 | Feb. 21--No. 59, Pittsburgh, W. Pa.      | 20               |
| Dec. 22 No 41, Trace, Ia.             | 28 | Feb. 25--No. 58, Amherst, Mass.          | 19               |
| Dec. 22 No. 65, Moravia, Ia.          | 12 | Total--107 Camps.                        | 2294             |
| Dec. 22 No. , Winstead, Ia.           | 21 |                                          | Applicants, 2294 |

Colonels of Divisions will report at once to these headquarters the numbers, names or dates that are missing in the above list, that we may complete our record.

IV. Hereafter all charters will be dated the same date as that on which the Camp was mustered. As Camps rank according to date of charter, it is but justice that they should have the same date as their muster. Colonels of Divisions will carry out this order. Mustering officers mustering new Camps will be careful to date their report of muster the same date as the muster was made, that the charter can be dated from this report.

V. Captain B. W. Hawkins, of Camp 30, Beaver City, Neb., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from the 1st of March, 1886.

VI. The resignation of Colonel H. W. Clark, of the Nebraska Division, is hereby accepted to take effect March 1st, 1886. Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, is hereby ordered to take command of the Division of Nebraska until the Division shall meet and elect a successor to Colonel Clark. Colonel Hawkins will select his staff and take immediate command, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following Aids-de-Camp have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: W. R. Davis, of East Cambridge, Mass.; W. C. Harriman, of North Adams, Mass.; Edward A. Benjamin, of New Bedford, Mass.; C. F. Carling, of Woburn, Mass.; David O. Brown, of East Stoneham, Maine.; L. L. Johnson, of East Winn, Maine.; A. E. Hayes, of Buffalo, N. Y.; J. F. Kerr, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Frank McCrillis, of Camp No. 6, of Chicago, Ill. They will rank as Lieutenant Colonel from January 1st, 1886.

VIII. As the First and Third Grand Divisions made no report to these Headquarters for the quarter ending September 30th, and paid no per capita tax that quarter, the several Divisions who have not done so will immediately make reports to these Headquarters, and remit to the Quarter-master General the per capita tax. Blanks will be furnished by the Quartermaster General on application. This report must be made promptly, and all Divisions that have not sent in their reports for the last quarter in 1885 will do so at once, as we have a large printing bill that must be paid at once.

IX. Any Division having a surplus of funds in its treasury may reduce the per capita tax of Camps if the Division can pay the amount due the Commander-in-Chief without embarrassment.

X. The badge to be worn on the top of the cap of all Staff Officers who rank as Brigadier General is a Silver Crescent, not over  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide in widest place, the horns of the crescent turned up, and one gold star between the horns. They can be procured of General R. M. J. Reed, No. 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, at \$1 each.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief has just consummated an arrangement with the "opposition" in Missouri by which the whole Division of that branch of the Order is mustered into our Order. This gives us seven additional Camps and Colonel Frederick Neudorff and a number of his officers, who are earnest workers, and will be a valuable addition to our Order. This leaves only a small outside fraction in one State (New York) that is not mustered into the National Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. We are in communication with these good Brothers, and hope that they may see their way clear to join forces with us and work for one great and noble end.

XII. Frederick Neudorff, of St. Joseph, Mo., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from March 1, 1886.

Captain O. A. Sibley, of Brockwayville, Pa., and Wm. R. Hoffman, of Oregon, Mo., are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from March 1, 1886.

The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp, with rank of Major from March 1, 1886: Thos. J. Rice, of Rockport, Mo.; Ed. M. Klippel, of St. Joseph, Mo., and Joseph Graham, of Oregon, Mo. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters a complete roster of all the Camps in their Divisions, with number of Camp, date of muster, date of charter, and whether alive, suspended or charter surrendered. We are making a complete record of every Camp in the Order.



XIV. All applications for Charters must be sent to these Headquarters for approval.

XV. Colonels of Divisions will see that all Camps in their respective Divisions tender their services to the Grand Army of the Republic to assist in a proper observance of Decoration or Memorial Day.

XVI. Divisions will give notice immediately if they propose to offer any amendment to the Ritual at the next Encampment, as due notice must be given or it cannot be entertained.

XVII. The time for holding the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby fixed for August 31st and September 1st and 2nd, and Buffalo, N. Y., the place, as chosen at the last Encampment. Extensive arrangements are being made by the Brothers of U. S. Grant Camp, No. 33, of Buffalo, to entertain the members of this Order, and make it a pleasant and enjoyable occasion. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a full turn out.

XVIII. The National Tribune, published in Washington, D. C., is a valuable paper for every Brother to have; it is full of news of interest to the cause, and is rendering material aid to the Order.

XIX. Camps throughout the country are earnestly recommended to organize Ladies' Aid Societies as an auxiliary to the Camps. For information in reference to the same, address Miss Laura F. Martin, National President, Lancaster, Pa.

XX. Lay aside all contention or differences that may exist among the Brothers. Buckle on your full armor, and march forth to victory. "Quit you like men."

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE,

Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, OHIO, April 20th, 1886. }

*General Order No. 5.*

I. Arrangements have been completed whereby we are enabled to furnish to the different Divisions a blank book for Division Roster, with printed heading and proper ruling, nicely bound in leather, Russia ends and back, lettered on the back with gilt letters, "Roster of (name of State) S. of V., U. S. A." It will be arranged so that the record of Camp No. 1 will be on page 1; Camp No. 2 on page 2, etc., giving a whole page to a camp, which will keep its record from 1881 until 1910. There will be 700 pages in the largest books, which provides for 700 camps in a State. It will be the best of ledger binding, and cost \$5.75 each, no profit being charged to the Divisions. The Commandery-in-Chief will have eight of these books, keeping a roster of every camp in the Order, so that any Division losing its books by fire or other accident can replace the record from the books of the Commandery-in-Chief; or, if the Commandery books should be destroyed, the record can be replaced from the different Divisions. It is urged upon every Division Colonel to order one of these rosters. A sample page will be sent to any Colonel on application.

II. Blanks have been sent out to every camp to obtain the past record to enable us to fill out our roster. These sheets will be sent to the Colonels of Divisions as soon as the record is made in our books, and Colonels can enter the same record in their roster, so it will be an exact duplicate of the Commandery-in-Chief roster. In the front of each book will be pages for roster of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and also for Division Officers of that Division.

III. Divisions not having a representative in the Council-in-Chief will at their Encampment elect one to take his seat at the meeting of the Council-in-Chief, on the evening of August 30th, at 7:30 p. m. The Council is hereby ordered to assemble at that time that they may be through with their business before the session of the Encampment, on the morning of August 31st. This order is imperative.

IV. The Encampment will be opened promptly at 9 a. m. August 31st, and the business pushed to an early completion. Delegates are urged to report promptly to the committee on Credentials, Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle, Chairman, that they may be ready to take their seats in the Encampment at 9 a. m. This committee will be in session at 7:30 p. m. August 30th, and at 7:30 a. m. August 31st

V. At the organization of the Division of West Virginia, April 28th, they will elect their delegates and alternates, and also a member of the Council-in-Chief. The Maryland Division, which is expected to organize at about the same time, will do the same.

VI. The camps of the District of Columbia and of Virginia are hereby constituted a Provisional Division, and Colonel W. C. Farquhar, of Washington, D. C., (late Colonel of the Second Grand Division), is placed in command of the same. The camps in this Provisional Division are urged to more activity. Printed instructions will be furnished from these headquarters to any Son or to any comrade of the G. A. R. that will enable them to organize camps. Department Commanders of the G. A. R. are earnestly requested to send to these Headquarters a roster of the Post Commanders in their Departments, that we may communicate with them by letter.

VII. The following committee on transportation is hereby appointed, to arrange for rates and routes to and from San Francisco and return: General George W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn., Chairman; Colonel Lucien F. Burpee, of Waterbury, Conn.; General R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia; Capt. H. E. Gerry, of Chicago, Ills.; Colonel Frank C. McArthur, of Denver, Colorado; Colonel Louis D. P. Callahan, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Capt. J. B. Wilson, of Walla Walla, Washington Territory; Capt. J. A. Haley, of New Orleans, La.; and General George H. Norton, of Eustis, Florida. Camps and individual brothers can make the best possible arrangements by applying through this committee, and will be given all the necessary information as to best rates and routes. It is hoped there will be a large attendance of the Brothers at the G. A. R. Encampment in San Francisco Aug. 3, 4 and 5.

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief has had so many inquiries about the status of constitutional members, he desires to officially announce the names of those Comrades of the G. A. R., who, in the midst of almost universal opposition from the Posts at that time, succeeded in planting our Noble Order on a sure and solid foundation, and the Commandery-in-Chief, at its annual Encampment in Philadelphia, Pa., in August, 1884, did, by unanimous vote, constitute the following Comrades Constitutional life members of the Order, with past rank of Colonels of Divisions and Major Generals of Grand Divisions, (formerly "Commanders"), and giving them all the rights and privileges of any past officer of the same rank, except that of holding office in the future: Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; General Wm. E. W. Ross and Colonel John A. Thompson, of Baltimore, Md.; Colonel R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Colonel John A. Rodrigo, of Newark, N. J.; Colonel Wm. H. Pierpont, of New Haven, Conn., and Dr. Eldridge, of Auburn, Me. This was done in recognition of their valuable services, and they each have a right to vote in their respective camps and divisions and in the Commandery-in-Chief.

IX. Camp No. 73, of the division of Ohio, was by oversight left out of General Order No. 2. From March 1st to April 1st, the following applications

for camps have been approved at these headquarters since the issue of General Order No. 4:

|       |    | Applicants.                       |    |                                                                                                                      | Applicants. |                                  |                        |
|-------|----|-----------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| March | 2  | No. 59, S Farmington, Ma s.....   | 14 | March                                                                                                                | 20          | No. 53, Kittanning, W. Pa.....   | 22                     |
| "     | 3  | No. 92, Guadenhuten, Ohio.....    | 23 | "                                                                                                                    | 22          | No. 37, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.....  | 15                     |
| "     | 3  | No. 34, White Hall, Mich.....     | 22 | "                                                                                                                    | 21          | No. ...., Grafton, Dakota.....   | 20                     |
| "     | 3  | No. 31, Hastings, Mich.....       | 23 | "                                                                                                                    | 22          | No. 96, Carbon Hill, Ohio.....   | 11                     |
| "     | 4  | No. 57, Pottsville, E. Pa.....    | 16 | "                                                                                                                    | 23          | No. 41, Pottstown, E. Pa.....    | 20                     |
| "     | 5  | No. 51, Carmichael, W. Pa.....    | 17 | "                                                                                                                    | 23          | No. ...., Warren, Ind.....       | 10                     |
| "     | 5  | No. 52, Corry, W. Pa.....         | 16 | "                                                                                                                    | 25          | No. ...., Marshall, Minn.....    | 18                     |
| "     | 10 | No. 35, Morenci, Mich.....        | 27 | "                                                                                                                    | 25          | No. ...., Reno, W. Pa.....       | 30                     |
| "     | 19 | No. 36, Crystal Valley, Mich..... | 19 | "                                                                                                                    | 25          | No. 97, Ravenna, Ohio.....       | 12                     |
| "     | 12 | o. ...., Elmdale, Kan.....        | 15 | "                                                                                                                    | 26          | No. 49, Bluffs, Ill.....         | 18                     |
| "     | 13 | No. 93, Wes vllle, Ohio.....      | 13 | "                                                                                                                    | 26          | No. ...., Gardner, Id.....       | 11                     |
| "     | 13 | No. ...., Rochester, Vt.....      | 12 | "                                                                                                                    | 27          | No. 19, Burlington, Vt.....      | 14                     |
| "     | 15 | No. 91, Versailles, Ohio.....     | 22 | "                                                                                                                    | 27          | No. 40, Owego, N. Y.....         | 15                     |
| "     | 15 | No. ...., Phillipsburgh, Kan..... | 21 | "                                                                                                                    | 27          | No. 45, Utica, N. Y.....         | 17                     |
| "     | 15 | No. 92, Manheim, E. Pa.....       | 22 | "                                                                                                                    | 29          | No. ...., Udall, Kan.....        | 29                     |
| "     | 15 | No. ...., Lynn, Mass.....         | 18 | "                                                                                                                    | 29          | No. 42, Princeton, Ill.....      | 16                     |
| "     | 16 | No. 61, Holyoke, Mass.....        | 57 | "                                                                                                                    | 29          | No. 43, Coal Valley, Ill.....    | 16                     |
| "     | 18 | No. 27, Pontiac, Ill.....         | 16 | "                                                                                                                    | 30          | No. ...., New Lathrop, Mich..... | 21                     |
| "     | 18 | No. 9, E. Minneapolis, Minn.....  | 17 | "                                                                                                                    | 31          | No. ...., Lisbon, N. H.....      | 20                     |
| "     | 19 | No. 19, Beltecl, Minn.....        | 20 | "                                                                                                                    | 31          | No. 98, Rushton, Ohio.....       | 17                     |
| "     | 18 | No. 93, Coulton, Ohio.....        | 39 | And the whole Division of the Opposi-<br>tion in Missouri, consisting of seven<br>camps, making a total of 46 camps. |             |                                  | Total Applicants, 1066 |
| "     | 18 | No. 100, Wooster, Ohio.....       | 27 |                                                                                                                      |             |                                  |                        |
| "     | 18 | No. ...., New Albany, Ind.....    | 20 |                                                                                                                      |             |                                  |                        |
| "     | 19 | No. 93, Factoryville, E. Pa.....  | 18 |                                                                                                                      |             |                                  |                        |
| "     | 19 | No. 38, Kinnuindy, Ill.....       | 17 |                                                                                                                      |             |                                  |                        |
| "     | 19 | No. 39, Fairbury, Ill.....        | 14 |                                                                                                                      |             |                                  |                        |

X. The resignation of Thos. E. Knott, of Fort Chester, N. Y., is hereby accepted, to take effect from this date.

XI. On the recommendation of Colonel George J. Foster, commanding New York Division, Captain Julius Lehman, of Utica, N. Y., is hereby appointed Special Aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel, from and after April 1st. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XII. The following Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from April 1st: Sanford H. Manchester, of Providence, R. I.; W. A. Mitchell, of Minneapolis, Minn.; R. O. Philpot, of Owatonna, Minn. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. For the benefit of camps not already instructed in the formation of line and the order of march on Memorial Day, the following is promulgated: Form your lines in the usual manner, with the tallest man on the right. Count twos, then give the command, "Twos left, march!" This brings them in column. "Left in front." The Sergeant of the Guard will take his place in front of No. 2 of what is now the front file. The second Lieutenant will take his post on the left of the Sergeant of the Guard, and (under the orders of the captain) will direct the march. The other officers will fall in rear of the column, the lowest rank nearest the column, the Captain, Past Captains and higher officers in the rear. The Captain will direct the second Lieutenant to report with his camp to the Commander of the Post, and when assigned his place in line, will move his camp under the direction of the Post Commander and his Captain. In returning from the cemetery, the Captain will take command, and march them "right in front" with the Orderly Sergeant in front of No. 2 of the front file, and the Captain on his left, as in the regular company formation, remaining under the command of the Post Commander, until dismissed by him. [NOTE.—When faced to the front, and the order is given, "Twos left!" it brings the command "left in front." If the command is "Twos right!" it brings the command "right in front."]

XIV. Camps not under Division organizations are required to pay the same per capita tax as camps that are in Division organizations, viz: 12½ cents

per quarter. Camps that have failed to do this will remit the balance to Oscar T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, at Fostoria, Ohio.

XV. Great credit is due the Captains and Brothers of the following distant and isolated camps for their work and earnestness in holding their camps together and making progress in the face of so many difficulties: Captain Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Montana; Captain C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.; Captain J. B. Wilson, Walla Walla, W. T.; Captain J. A. Haley, New Orleans, La.; to General Geo. H. Norton, of the G. A. R., for his successful organization of a flourishing camp at Eustis, Fla.; also to Captain R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., W. Va. The Order owes much to these faithful officers and Brothers.

XVI. The Commander-in-Chief is satisfied that nearly all the Officers and Brothers of the Order are working together for the steady advance of our lines. There are always a few who lag in any advance movement; they do but little, expect but little and are not disappointed. Then let us march on, shoulder to shoulder, presenting a solid front, and we shall be victorious in our great and noble undertaking. Forward! By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commander-in-Chief.*

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., June 1st, 1886. }

*General Order No. 6.*

I. Since the issue of General Order No. 5, the following have been elected Colonels of Divisions:

Edward K. Gould, of Rockland, Me. Colonel of Maine Division.  
Geo. E. Terrell, of Underhill, Colonel of Vermont Division.  
Chas. T. Rain, of Cohoes, N. Y., Colonel of New York Division.  
Ed. C. White, of 115 Center St., Trenton, Colonel of New Jersey Division.  
Henry Frazee, of 213 Superior St., Cleveland, Colonel of Ohio Division.  
G. B. Abbott, of 163 State St., Chicago, Colonel of Illinois Division.  
L. J. Webb, of Topeka, Colonel of Kansas Division.  
R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., Colonel of W. Virginia Division.

II. It is earnestly requested that the Colonels of Divisions order supplies immediately, sufficient to last to the 1st of October, as during the change of administration it will be very difficult or impossible for Headquarters to issue supplies. The incoming administration will have plenty of other work to attend to in getting the run of the business, and furthermore it will save the expense of shipping supplies from one point to another when the Headquarters change. We have been careful in ordering supplies not to have any great quantity left over, and, if the Colonels of Divisions will take what they ought to have, there will be none left on hand.

III. By some oversight in our last General Order, the name of Gen. I. S. Bangs was omitted from the list of the "Constitutional life members." This was a great injustice to Gen. Bangs, for he has been one of our most faithful workers and assistants in the organization of the Sons of Veterans, and we ask his pardon for the seeming neglect in not publishing his name with the others. We have no worthier soldier or devoted worker in the Sons of Veterans than Gen. I. S. Bangs.

IV. Since our last General Order, the following applications for charters have been approved:

| Applicants. |          |                             | Applicants. |          |                                |
|-------------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| April 1     | No. 70,  | Springfield, Iowa.....16    | April 26    | No. 6,   | Sedan, Kan.....19              |
| " 1         | No. 71,  | Villisca, Iowa.....25       | " 26        | No. ...  | Logan, Kan.....34              |
| " 1         | No. 72,  | Batavia, Iowa.....16        | " 27        | No. 104, | Piqua, Ohio.....19             |
| " 1         | No. 55,  | N. Bethelchem, W. Pa.....12 | " 27        | No. 105, | Wellston, Ohio.....41          |
| " 3         | No. 44,  | Stone Fort, Ill.....13      | May 1       | No. 47,  | Corlath, Ill.....11            |
| " 5         | No. 56,  | Three Springs, W. Pa.....21 | " 1         | No. 41,  | Olivet, Mich.....12            |
| " 5         | No. 1,   | Eustis, Fla.....13          | " 3         | No. 61,  | Plainfield, W. Pa.....12       |
| " 8         | No. ...  | Coleraine, Mass.....11      | " 3         | No. ...  | Eric, Kan.....16               |
| " 8         | No. 99,  | Bournaville, Ohio.....30    | " 3         | No. ...  | Sabetha, Kan.....27            |
| " 8         | No. 39,  | Sheboygan, Mich.....16      | " 6         | No. 43,  | St. Clair, Mich.....12         |
| " 12        | No. ...  | Stillwater, Minn.....12     | " 6         | No. ...  | Exter, N. H.....20             |
| " 14        | No. ...  | Pierceton, Ind.....18       | " 6         | No. ...  | Midland, Mich.....13           |
| " 14        | No. ...  | Osborne, Kan.....23         | " 6         | No. 95,  | Huntington Mills, E. Pa.....21 |
| " 15        | No. ...  | Emporia, Kan.....13         | " 8         | No. ...  | ....., Kan.....18              |
| " 15        | No. ...  | Salem, N. J.....27          | " 8         | No. ...  | Hammond, Ind.....11            |
| " 15        | No. 101, | Urbana, Ohio.....21         | " 12        | No. 76,  | E. Palestine, Ohio.....15      |
| " 17        | No. ...  | Dover, N. H.....19          | " 12        | No. 41,  | Plymouth, Mich.....13          |
| " 17        | No. ...  | Eau Claire, Wis.....30      | " 13        | No. 22,  | Mankato, Minn.....25           |
| " 19        | No. ...  | Abilene, Kan.....29         | " 14        | No. 33,  | Pecumseh, Neb.....13           |
| " 19        | No. ...  | Everett, Mass.....19        | " 14        | No. ...  | New Cumberland, Ind.....11     |
| " 19        | No. 49,  | Bronson, Mich.....23        | " 14        | No. ...  | Eden, Dak.....11               |
| " 19        | No. 58,  | Myersdale, W. Pa.....39     | " 14        | No. ...  | Bresford, Dak.....15           |
| " 19        | No. 102, | Cuttler, Ohio.....10        | " 15        | No. 62,  | Limesville, W. Pa.....10       |
|             |          | Oultman, Mo.....31          | " 17        | No. 61,  | Spencer, Mass.....18           |
|             |          | Oregon, Mo.....30           | " 18        | No. 45,  | Alpena, Mich.....20            |
|             |          | Macon, Mo.....32            | " 19        | No. ...  | Rochester, N. H.....17         |
|             |          | St. Joseph, Mo.....45       | " 21        | No. 27,  | Newport Centre, Vt.....17      |
| " 22        | No. 17,  | Thomaston, Conn.....11      | " 21        | No. 65,  | Athol, Mass.....25             |
| " 22        | No. 18,  | Putnam, Conn.....17         | " 22        | No. 68,  | Columbia, E. Pa.....21         |
| " 22        | No. 39,  | Mystic River, Conn.....21   | " 22        | No. 107, | Groveport, O.....13            |
| " 6         | No. 57,  | Mt. Pleasant, W. Pa.....21  | " 24        | No. 68,  | Urichsville, O.....12          |
| " 22        | No. 59,  | Elderton, W. Pa.....16      | "           | No. 39,  | Rockport, Me.....15            |
| " 22        | No. 94,  | Duncannon, E. Pa.....21     | " 26        | No. 109, | Guyssville, O.....12           |
| " 22        | No. ...  | Aspen, Col.....35           | " 26        | No. 170, | Palmsville, O.....18           |
| " 23        | No. 64,  | West Newton, W. Pa.....18   | " 27        | No. 62,  | Yates Centre, Kan.....24       |
| " 23        | No. 103, | Colton, Ohio.....21         | " 27        | No. 46,  | Bay City, Mich.....22          |
| " 21        | No. ...  | New Harmony, Ind.....18     | " 27        | No. 47,  | Fenton Rapids, Mich.....23     |
| " 21        | No. 95,  | Leheighton, E. Pa.....14    | " 31        | No. 39,  | Rockport, Mo.....21            |
| " 21        | No. 63,  | Holliston, Mass.....22      |             |          | Bethany, Mo.....20             |
| " 21        | No. 15,  | Elgin, Ill.....14           |             |          | Rockport, Mo.....18            |
| " 21        | No. 73,  | Logan, Iowa.....22          | " 31        | No. 48,  | Nuncia, Mich.....18            |
| " 21        | No. 74,  | De Soto, Iowa.....17        | " 31        | No. ...  | New Waverly, Ind.....13        |
| " 21        | No. 75,  | Council Bluffs, Iowa.....29 | " 31        | No. 3,   | San Francisco, Cal.....31      |
| " 21        | No. 78,  | Cresco, Iowa.....27         |             |          |                                |
| " 26        | No. 2,   | Santa Anna, Cal.....12      |             |          |                                |

Making a total of 88 camps, with a membership of.....1,720

Colonels of Divisions will furnish these Headquarters immediately with the missing "numbers" of camps in the above list.

V. Agreeable to Section 19, General Order No. 2, the Commanding Gen'l will present to Col. Geo. A. Ensign, of the Ohio Division, a sword and belt as a testimonial of his faithful work in organizing thirty-eight new camps in the time specified, from November 1st to June 1st, from Camp No. 73 to 110, inclusive.

Colonel P. V. Carey, of the Iowa Division, comes next in line, with thirty new camps.

Colonel F. W. Rowson, of Michigan, ranks next, with twenty-one new camps. E. Pennsylvania, W. Pennsylvania, Kansas, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and New York have done a splendid work, and last, but not least, New Jersey has come well to the front, in the face of much opposition. The Order may look for good things from the little state of "Jersey."

VI. We would again call the attention of the Order throughout the United States to the valuable assistance the Ladies' Aid Society will be to the camps. Their order is growing rapidly, and should be encouraged and built up by the camps of our Order. Wherever we have a camp, we should have a Ladies' Aid Society. Laura F. Martin, Lancaster, Pa., is National President.

VII. In our last General Order, we named a camp at Reno, Pa. It should have been Renovo, Pa.

VIII. The resignation of Col. E. W. McGuire, of the Indiana Division, has been accepted. The business of the Indiana Division will be transacted

at these headquarters for the present, until the books and reports are straightened out.

IX. The following Aides de-Camp are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief; John M. Jackson, of Rockland, Me, and John Northwood, of New Lothrop, Mich. They will rank as Lieutenant Colonels from May 8, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Colonels of Divisions who have not made their reports for the quarter ending March 31st must do so at once, as the records of these Headquarters are incomplete for the lack of these reports. You will give this your immediate attention. You are also charged to have your reports for the quarter ending June 30th handed in promptly, that we may ascertain the full strength of our Order before going to San Francisco.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief and party, consisting of Sons of Veterans and friends, will leave for California on July 8th. A printed time table of the route and stops to be made will be sent to the camps on the line of the route, as the Commander-in-Chief is anxious to meet as many of the brothers as possible, and as many of the Order as can possibly make it convenient to go are earnestly invited to join our party. Special rates and arrangements have been made with the railroad companies for this party, and we can assure the brothers of a pleasant trip, visiting the principal points of interest at a very small expense. Please make the number as large as possible.

XII. Negotiations are now pending looking to a united work of all Sons of Veterans in the United States, under the leadership of the National Body of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which, if consummated, will unite the Post system and "Earp" Branch in fraternal fellowship and work with us. Our modes may vary slightly, but it is all for one great purpose. Let us join heart and hand with all sons of Veterans, and bring our noble Order to the broad and high standard it deserves.

XIII. The Division of California is hereby constituted, composed of Camp No. 1 at Los Angeles, No. 2 at Santa Anna, No. 3 at San Francisco and other camps which are being organized in the state. Col. Louis De P. Callahan, of Camp No. 1, Los Angeles is hereby appointed Colonel of said Division. He will appoint his staff and assume command at once. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be named in a future General Order. A fine Division may be looked for in the Golden State.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE.

Commandery-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O, June 10, 1886. }

*General Order No. 7.]*

I. Colonels of Divisions will order an inspection of every camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between this date and the 20th day of July. They will see that Assistant Inspectors forward their reports to Division Inspectors not later than July 30th, and that the Division Inspectors forward their reports not later than August 5th.

II. Each Division will be supplied with six Inspector's blanks, and two Assistant Inspector's blanks for each camp in the Division. Assistant Inspectors will make duplicate reports of each camp inspected, and forward both within twenty-four hours after inspection to the Division Inspector, who will, on or before the 23rd day of July, make three consolidated reports—one to be retained by himself, one he will forward, with one set of assistant Inspector's reports, to his Division Headquarters, and the other one, with one set of Assistant inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

III. Colonels of Divisions will adhere strictly to the rule assigning Assistant Inspectors to duty, so that each camp will be inspected by one not a member of the same.

IV. Every question is inserted with an object in view, believed to be for the good of the Order, and must be answered in strict accord with the printed instructions on the inspection blanks.

V. Inspecting officers will satisfy themselves that all General Orders have been read to the camp and placed on file. Furthermore, that captains, in compliance with the obligation of office and the precepts of the Ritual, omit none of its entire service at each regular meeting of the camp.

VI. The marking and classification of camps, introduced in the last inspection, has proven very satisfactory, and will be continued with some alterations, which were deemed necessary to add to its effectiveness. Three classes are made—those whose markings sum up 75 or above are ranked as 1st class; those less than 75 and above 50 are ranked as 2nd class; those less than 50 are ranked as 3d class.

VII. An average camp numbers 25 members in good standing. A member is in good standing until he is either dropped, discharged, transferred, suspended or dead. Camp equipments include a bible, a charter, a drum, an altar and altar flag, a ballot box, two swords, five muskets, three rituals, cipher and key.

VIII. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters who fail to report to them within 48 hours after an inspection of a camp is ordered to take place.

IX. Inspecting officers are not entitled to compensation for their work, but each camp is required to meet the actual expenses of its inspection.

X. In states and territories having no Division Headquarters, captains of camps will apply to the Adjutant General for blanks, inspect their respective camps and report to the Inspector General direct. All inspection blanks are distributed from Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters at Fostoria.

XI. Colonels of Divisions are reminded that it is not only of vital interest to the Order, but to each Division, that this inspection be thorough and searching, for upon the reports from it will the standing of the camps and the Divisions be calculated for the officers' reports at the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Buffalo, and any neglect or delay will redound to the detriment of the Division in which it occurs and the camps composing it. The time is so limited that no opportunity can be allowed for supplementary reports and corrections. It will therefore be necessary to select competent, expert Inspectors to execute these orders.

XII. This order will be authority for Colonels of Divisions for making any and all necessary appointments and assignments or changes in previous appointments and assignments for the successful execution of the same.

XIII. The Commandor-in-Chief will be in attendance at the National encampment of the G. A. R., at San Francisco, Aug. 3rd, and must have a full inspection report that he may know the strength of the Order.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

G. B. ABBOTT, *Inspector General*,  
163 State St., Chicago, Ill.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDEBY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., July 3, 1886. }

General Order No. 8.

I. The supply of Constitutions, Rules and Regulations is exhausted, and as it is so near the time for holding the National Encampment, and as some change may be made at the meeting, it is thought best not to have any printed until after Sept. 1st. If any Division has an overstock and will notify us, we will have them sent to Divisions who need them.

II. Colonels of Divisions will make requisitions for blanks for quarterly reports of Orderly and Quartermaster Sergeants for the quarter ending Sept.

30th, before Aug. 10th, as no supplies will be issued after that date, except camp packages, which we will continue to furnish until Aug. 23th, unless our supply gives out.

III. Adjutants' and Quartermasters' blank quarterly reports will be mailed to all Colonels of Divisions Aug. 1st, for the quarter ending Sept. 30th, so that their reports may be made promptly to the newly elected officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, at the end of the quarter.

IV. Captain E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind., has been appointed Colonel of the Indiana Division; Captain Edward Muhl, of Richmond, Ind., Lieutenant Colonel; and E. Brooks, of Stockwell, Ind., Major of the Indiana Division, with rank from May 20th, 1886, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Captain A. E. H. Thompson, of San Francisco, Cal., is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and A. H. Ulm, of Santa Anna, Cal., Major of the California Division, with rank from June 1st, 1886. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Colonel Callahan will appoint a Chaplain on his Staff.

VI. On recommendation of the Division Council of Illinois, George V. Lauman, of Chicago, is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from June 1st, 1886. He will be assigned to special duty in the Order, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Surgeon M. Retel, of Buffalo, N. Y., who is Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the National Encampment, is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from June 1st, 1886. He is assigned to the special duty of making the necessary arrangements for the National Encampment, under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. On recommendation of the Colonel of New Jersey Division, L. S. Jackson is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, vice L. L. Drake, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from June 1st, 1886. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following additional Aid-de-Camps are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from June 1st, 1886: Willis N. Barber, of Meriden, Conn., R. Lobenstein, of Warrensburg, Mo., and G. L. Goodall, of Lenox, Iowa. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VIII. The following Brothers, having been chosen by the Divisions, are hereby confirmed as members of the Council-in-Chief: Henry A. Donnelly, of Trenton, N. J., and Edward A. Came, of Denver, Col.

IX. Camp No. 33, of Tecumseh, was noticed in General Order No. 6 as from Michigan; it should have been Nebraska. Camp No. 48 is located at Nuzica, instead of Nuncia.

X. Colonels will furnish at once a list of delegates and alternates to the National Encampment, and all Colonels, Past Colonels and delegates who are positive they will be in Buffalo by 6 p. m. Aug. 30th, will state the same to the Adjutant General at once, as we wish to select a Committee on Credentials that will begin work that evening. Other committees will be selected or nearly filled from these names.

XI. We fully expect to organize the following new Divisions during the month of July: Division of the District of Columbia; Division of Florida; Division of Maryland, and the Division of Washington Territory.

XII. Chas. S. Crysler, Judge Advocate General, has taken a vacation, and gone to the mountains in the east for recreation. He handed in his report, which is very full and complete, and the Commander-in-Chief desires to thank him publicly for his promptness.

XIII. The officers and brothers of the Order will all be pleased to hear that General H. W. Arnold is rapidly improving in health, and is enjoying the mountain air around Denver. His address is Denver, Col.



XIV. Great credit is due General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General for the prompt and business-like manner in which he settled up the business of the Indiana Division, when that matter was placed in his hands by the Commander-in-Chief.

XV. The following applications for camp charters have been approved since June 1st:

|                                       |    |                                           |                          |
|---------------------------------------|----|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| June 3. No. ... Hunts, N. Y. ....     | 13 | June 16. No. 82, Carroll, Ia. ....        | 20                       |
| " 3. No. 43, Crabb Orchard, Ill. .... | 12 | " 17. No. 14, Gloucester City, N. J. .... | 26                       |
| " 3. No. 41, Somerset, Ind. ....      | 10 | " 19. No. 65, Canonsburg, W. Pa. ....     | 21                       |
| " 6. No. 49, Elderado, Ill. ....      | 14 | " 19. No. ... Washington, D. C. ....      | 11                       |
| " 6. No. 63, Union City, Pa. ....     | 16 | " 21. No. ... Peckville, E. Pa. ....      | 18                       |
| " 6. No. 64, Edtuboro, W. Pa. ....    | 15 | " 21. No. ... South China, Me. ....       | 12                       |
| " 6. No. 24, New London, Conn. ....   | 21 | " 21. No. 10, Youngstown, O. ....         | 12                       |
| " 6. No. 21, Southington, Conn. ....  | 25 | " 21. No. 113, Cadiz, O. ....             | 28                       |
| " 11. No. 111, Mechanicsburg, O. .... | 17 | " 21. No. 114, Keystone, O. ....          | 15                       |
| " 6. No. 49, Woodhull, N. Y. ....     | 20 | " 21. No. 60, Coldwater, Mich. ....       | 28                       |
| " 11. No. 49, St. John's, Mich. ....  | 29 | " 23. No. 115, Mexahahala, O. ....        | 21                       |
| " 9. No. ... Vermillion, Kan. ....    | 26 | " 25. No. 66, Berlin, W. Pa. ....         | 23                       |
| " 11. No. ... Severy, Kan. ....       | 14 | " 25. No. 118, Kent, O. ....              | 18                       |
| " 11. No. 15, King ton, Mo. ....      | 26 | " 29. No. 50, Galesburg, Ill. ....        | 19                       |
| " 11. No. ... Hopkins, Mo. ....       | 20 | " 29. No. 61, Grand Crossing, Ill. ....   | 23                       |
| " 13. No. ... Sleepveyc, Minn. ....   | 27 | " 28. No. 22, Bristol, Conn. ....         | 21                       |
| " 14. No. 4, Eureka, Cal. ....        | 12 | " 28. No. 31, South Boardman, Mich. ....  | 17                       |
| " 15. No. 43, Webster, Ind. ....      | 16 | " 28. No. 2, Jacksonville, Fla. ....      | 15                       |
| " 16. No. 112, Bainbridge, O. ....    | 14 | " 29. No. 52, Charlotte, Mich. ....       | 27                       |
| " 16. No. 76, Sioux City, Ia. ....    | 37 | " 29. No. 62, Cornell, Ill. ....          | 20                       |
| " 16. No. 79, Hampton, Ia. ....       | 30 | " 29. No. 53, Cent'ralia, Ill. ....       | 21                       |
| " 16. No. 80, Porry, Ia. ....         | 28 | " 31. No. 51, Atlanta, Ill. ....          | 5                        |
| " 16. No. 81, Stuart, Ia. ....        | 14 | Total .....                               | 43 Camps, 882 Applicants |

XVI. During July and until Aug. 20th, all communications for the headquarters (except for the Quartermaster General's department) will be addressed to the Adjutant General.

XVII. The following is a list of discharges of soldiers of the late war in the hands of the Adjutant General. The owners can have them by addressing him and enclosing a two-cent stamp:

|                                               |  |                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------|
| Benj. J. Nichols .... Co. B, 3d U. S. Cavalry |  | Henry J. W. Baird. .... A, 21st O V I       |
| Jacob Snyder. .... E, 18th O V I              |  | Homer Millhouse. .... G, 8th O V I          |
| John 'arrant. .... B, 5th O V I               |  | William S. Kirby. .... C, 82d O V I         |
| Merwin 'lter. .... I, 19th U. S. Infantry     |  | Charles H. Reynolds. .... B, 123d O V I     |
| Albert Shellhouse. .... A, 175th O V I        |  | Daniel Wagner. .... D, 21st O V I           |
| James Dougherty. .... A, 186th O V I          |  | Wm. C. Elliott. .... B, 95th O V I          |
| William Ward. .... M, 1st O I A V             |  | James W. Keller. .... 25th 2d at V R C      |
| John Brown. .... F, 100th O V I               |  | Hesekiah Raufsuider. .... F, 12th Mich. V I |
| Jacob Clark. .... I, 82d O V I                |  | Joseph P. Walker. .... A, 11th O V I        |
| Silas W. Barnhouser. .... D, 49th O V I       |  | Jacob Gatchell. .... C, 15th O V I          |
| Joel Cole. .... K, 39th O V I                 |  | John Shollhouse. .... H, 61th O V I         |
| Samuel M. Ramsey. .... G, 178th O V I         |  | Daniel L. Irvlu. .... I, 128th O V I        |

XVIII. The Commander-in-Chief has made very satisfactory arrangements with the Nickleplate railroad for running an excursion train from Chicago, Bloomington and the west, so that the Sons of Veterans, Grand Army Comrades and their friends will have a special train to themselves from Chicago to Buffalo and return. Camps west of Buffalo are requested to get the best rates they can to the nearest station on the Nickleplate road, and write to Goo. W. Ponniman, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, Fostoria, Ohio, or to J. Y. Callahan, Passenger Agent, Fostoria, Ohio, letting us know at what point they can strike this line, when you will be informed at once what the fare will be for the round trip. It will not exceed \$7 from Bloomington, Ill., to Buffalo and return.

By order of

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. of V., U. S. A. }  
 FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 3rd, 1886. }

*General Order No. 9.*

1. The following changes in the Ritual are recommended by the several Divisions:

OHIO DIVISION.

That Nos. 6 and 7, page 25, be inserted between Nos. 4 and 5, page 25.

Also that the Orderly Sergeant call the roll of the entire camp after they have fallen in at the rear of the altar.

Also recommended the following Burial Service to be observed at the funeral of a brother of the Order.

BURIAL SERVICE—

Captain takes position at head of coffin.

Chaplain takes position at foot of coffin.

Camp in rear of Chaplain.

Officers and past Captains in rear of Captain.

1. Commanding Officer—"Assembled to pay our last tribute of respect to this dead brother of our Order. Let us unite in prayer. The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing."

2. Prayer by Chaplain—"God of Battles; Father of all. Amid these monuments of the dead, we seek Thee with whom there is no death. Open every eye to behold Him who changed the night of death into morning. In the depth of our hearts we would hear the celestial words: I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet he shall live. As brother after brother departs, we march on with ranks unbroken, help us to be faithful unto Thee, and to each other. We beseech Thee, look in mercy upon the widows and children of deceased brothers, and with Thine own tenderness, console and comfort those bereaved by this event which calls us here. Give them 'the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,' Heavenly Father bless and save our Country with the peace and freedom of righteousness, and through Thy great mercy, a Savior's grace, and Thy Holy Spirit's favor may we meet at last in joy before Thy Throne in Heaven, and to Thy great name shall be praise forever. Amen."

All brothers—"Amen."

3. Commanding Officer—"One by one, as the years roll on, we are called together to fulfill these last sad duties of respect to the Sons of Veterans of the war. The present, full of the cares and pleasures of civil life, fades away, and we look back to the time when, shoulder to shoulder, on bloody battle fields, or around the guns of our Man-of-Wars, their fathers fought for our old flag. We may indulge the hope that the spirit with which on land and sea, hardships, privations, dangers were encountered by those heroes—a spirit uncomplaining, nobly, manfully, obediently to the behest of duty, whereby to-day our Northern homes are secure and our loved ones rest in peace under the aegis of the flag, will prove a glorious incentive to the youth, who in the ages to come may be called upon to uphold the destinies of our Country. As the years roll on, we too have fought our battles through and be laid to rest, our souls following the long column to the realms above, as grim death, hour by hour, shall mark its victims. Let us all live that when that time shall come those we leave behind may say above our graves: 'Hero lies the body of a true-hearted, brave and earnest defender of the Republic.'"

First brother, (laying a wreath of evergreen or flowers upon the coffin)—"In behalf of the camp I give this tribute—a symbol of undying love for the brothers of the Sons of Veterans of the late war."

Second brother, (laying a rose or flower upon the coffin)—"Symbol of purity we offer at this lowly grave a rose. May future generations emulate the unselfish devotion of even the lowliest of our heroes."

Third brother, (laying a laurel wreath upon the coffin)—"Last token of affection from brothers in arms, we crown these remains with a symbol of victory."

Chaplain's Address—"The march of our brother is over, and he lies down after it in the house appointed for all the living thus summoned. This open grave reminds us of the frailty of human life and the tenure by which we hold our own. "In such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." It seems well we should leave our brother to rest, when over him will bend the arching skies. As he was there, so he is still, in the hands of the Heavenly Father. 'God giveth His beloved sleep.' As we lay him down here to rest, let us in great charity forget each fault of our deceased brother, as human, and cherish only his virtue. Reminded, also, forcibly by the vacant place so lately filled by our deceased brother, let each one be so loyal to every virtue, so true to friendship, so faithful in our remaining march, that we shall be ready to fall out here and take our places at the great review, not with doubt, but in faith. The merciful Captain of our salvation will call us to that fraternity which, on earth and in Heaven may be unbroken. (A firing squad of eight brothers, four on each side of the grave, and fire a volley of three rounds at this moment.) Jesus saith 'Thy brother shall rise again. I am the Resurrection and the Life.' (The body is deposited in the grave or tomb.) "Behold, the silver cord having been loosened, the golden bowl been broken, we commit the body to the grave where dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit to God, who gave it. Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for the Resurrection and the Life to come through our Lord Jesus Christ." Prayer.

## MISSOURI DIVISION.

The committee on Ritual recommend the adoption of a suitable Funeral and Memorial Service which was adopted by vote according to Section 1, Article X, Commandery-in-Chief.

## COLORADO DIVISION.

The committee on Ritual recommend no change, but indorse the one now in use.

## ILLINOIS DIVISION

1. That the command "Camp, attention," be given after the mustering hymn, instead of before it.
2. That the words "If objection be raised on good apparent cause, the muster may be postponed pending an investigation of the charges made, and if these be sustained a reconsideration of the vote of election shall be made," be inserted after the second line on page 15 of the Ritual, edition of 1884.
3. That the tune of the mustering hymn be changed to one of a martial character, as for instance, "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." "The Red, White and Blue," or "The Marseilles Hymn;" and that the original text be changed, if necessary, to that end.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

1. That the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to appoint a committee on Funeral and Memorial Service and report without fail at the present Encampment.
2. That the Division Encampment recommend a change in the obligation of a comrade of the G. A. R. (Ritual, page 28.) Insert after the words: "A comrade in good standing of the Grand Army of the Republic," the words, "or a comrade of the Veteran Legion."
3. That it be the sense or this committee that the words, (Ritual, page 13,) "I now declare . . . . Camp, No. . . . Division of . . . . Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., duly closed until our next meeting," should be transposed to the last part of the Captain's closing charge.
4. That we suggest that the Ritual be securely bound.

## MICHIGAN DIVISION.

1. On page 24, line 3, after the word dress, insert "front," "order arms."
2. That a proper burial service be devised and added to present Ritual.
3. That a committee of three be appointed by the Colonel to draft such burial service and submit the same through their chairman to the consideration of the Commandery-in Chief.
4. That the Colonel appoint a standing committee of three, who may receive suggestions from any brother as to changes in the Ritual, and submit the same, through their chairman, to the next annual Encampment at Buffalo.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

The Ritual to be so changed as to require the S. of G. in command of the mustering detail to command an order arms when halting at the stations of the First and Second Lieutenants.

II. The following changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are recommended by the several Divisions:

## OHIO DIVISION.

Article XI, Section 4, R. & R.—Strike out the remainder of the section beginning with the word "All," and substituting therefor "All past officers of the rank of Captain or higher, shall be entitled to wear the proscribed silver cross of the Order, and all past officers of the grade of Colonel or higher shall be entitled to wear the proscribed golden cross of the Order, with their respective appropriate ribbons attached. Past General officers only shall be entitled to wear the proscribed golden star of the Order."

Add to Article XI, of Division Constitution, the following, to constitute Section 4 of the same: "The Committees on Ritual and Con., R. & R. shall be appointed as above proscribed, at the regular annual encampment preceding the one at which said committee shall report."

Amend Rule 23 of Rules of Order, by striking out the clause, "during the same session," and substitute therefor, "within three meetings after the regular session of the Order at which proposed."

## DAKOTA DIVISION.

Chapter 1, Article V, Section 1: "Also upon attaining the age of 21 years all sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations," so as to read, "Also upon attaining the age of 18 years, all sons of members of the Order and all sons of deceased sons, or deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, etc., in succeeding generations."

Chapter 3, Article II, Section 1, fourth clause. Change "ratio of one for every one hundred members," so as to read, "ratio of one for every five hundred members."

Chapter 4, Article II, Section 1, sixth clause. Change "ratio of one for every one thousand members," so as to read, "ratio of one for every five hundred members."

## MAINE DIVISION.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Encampment that so much of Section 1, Article III, page 58, as relates to the per capita tax payable to the Commandery-in-Chief, be amended so that said sum be reduced, and the delegates from this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief are hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to this end.

*Resolved*, That we deplore the action of the Commandery-in-Chief in reducing the retail price of supplies furnished camps through Division Headquarters as detrimental to the best interests of the Divisions, by causing a great loss by the sale of supplies already on hand, and we earnestly request

that means be taken at an early day by the Commandery authorities to authorize Divisions to furnish camps with supplies at a price that will permit a fair profit.

COLOBADO DIVISION.

Camp Commanders have power to declare an office vacant when the brother holding the same is absent two consecutive meetings; provided, however, that said absence was unavoidable.

To amend Article II, Section 1, part third, by inserting the words "All Captains."

To amend Chapter I, Article V, Section 1, by inserting "Sixteen" instead of the word "Eighteen."

IOWA DIVISION.

Be it Resolved, That Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 5, be amended by striking out the word "Fifteen," in the last line and insert in lieu thereof the word "Twenty," so that the Article will read as follows: "The charter fee for camps of Iowa Division shall be not less than Ten (10) Dollars, and not more than Twenty (20 Dollars)."

MISSOURI DIVISION.

1. We recommend that Section 8, Article II, of the Constitution, be altered and amended as follows: By striking out the words "One Dollar," and inserting "One Dollar and Fifty Cents," which shall entitle him to a Regular Badge, presented by the mustering camp, the fee to accompany the application." And in Section 1, Article IV, in lieu of the words "Six Months" there be inserted the words "One Year."

ILLINOIS DIVISION.

1. That the office of Surgeon be revived.
2. That the amendment of Article XI, Chapter 6, Section 4, to read as follows after the word "button-holes." A miniature U. S. shield, five-eighths of an inch wide, and three-eighths of an inch high, made of bronze or gold, with regulation S. of V. monogram on its face and overlaying the regulation tricolor ribbon of the Order." Striking out the words "The prescribed red, white and blue bar button-hole decoration of general membership." The first mentioned device being the one designed by inspector General Geo. B. Abbott.

MICHIGAN DIVISION.

1. The adoption of U. S. Army regulation rank straps for commissioned officers, and chevrons for non-commissioned officers.
2. That Captains and Lieutenants of camps MAY wear full dress uniform coat as prescribed by the U. S. Army regulations.
3. That a password and countersign shall, by means of cypher, be sent by the Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., to the Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R., semi-annually, at same date of distribution of the S. of V. semi-annual password and countersign, to differ from the same, and to be distributed by the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. by cypher throughout the United States to Post Commanders, and that to gain admission to S. of V. meetings visiting comrades must possess the same (or be vouched for by a member of the camp) to be entitled to which, they must be in good standing in their Posts.
4. That all redundancies and conflicting clauses be stricken out.
5. That in Article I, Section 3, page 945, the words "so recommend to the Commander-in-Chief, and on approval by him shall" be stricken out.

III. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since July 1st, except those from July 1st to 7th, which will appear in next General Order:

|        |                                 |    |            |                                 |    |
|--------|---------------------------------|----|------------|---------------------------------|----|
| July 8 | No. ., Washington, D. C.....    | 12 | July 23    | No. 54, Corrunna, Mich.....     | 32 |
| " 8    | No. 120, Sedan, O.....          | 24 | " 23       | No. 55, Cheshire, Mich.....     | 26 |
| " 9    | No. 34, St. Edwards, Neb.....   | 30 | " 28       | No. 41, Madison, Me.....        | 19 |
| " 10   | No. 121, Lodi, O.....           | 14 | " 23       | No. 42, Morway, Me.....         | 17 |
| " 10   | No. 123, Woodstock, O.....      | 10 | " 23       | No. 43, Belfast, Me.....        | 15 |
| " 10   | No. 123, Betsville, O.....      | 23 | " 23       | No. 41, Winthrop, Me.....       | 12 |
| " 10   | No. 624, Forest, O.....         | 35 | " 23       | No. 83, Algona, Ia.....         | 16 |
| " 10   | No. 63, Union City, W. Pa.....  | 15 | " 23       | No. 84, Libertyville, Ia.....   | 13 |
| " 10   | No. ., Mound Spring, Ks.....    | 15 | " 23       | No. 86, Osage, Ia.....          | 19 |
| " 10   | No. 67, Pittsburg, W. Pa.....   | 12 | " 23       | No. 87, Lake City, Ia.....      | 21 |
| " 12   | No. 125, West Rushville, O..... | 11 | " 23       | No. 88, Fort Madison, Ia.....   | 21 |
| " 13   | No. 5, Cincinnati, O.....       | 31 | " 23       | No. 89, Clarinda, Ia.....       | 33 |
| " 13   | No. 23, Apleton, Minn.....      | 15 | " 23       | No. 77, Kingsley, Ia.....       | 10 |
| " 13   | No. 20, Waterville, Minn.....   | 31 | " 26       | No. 69, Coudersport, W. Pa..... | 25 |
| " 14   | No. 53, Urbana, Ills.....       | 21 | " 26       | No. 130, Bucyrus, O.....        | 19 |
| " 14   | No. 93, Bristol, E. Pa.....     | 21 | " 27       | No. 129, Waterloo, O.....       | 23 |
| " 14   | No. 4, Caln, W. Va.....         | 12 | " 28       | No. 51, New York, N. Y.....     | 11 |
| " 15   | No. 56, Oak Grove, Ill.....     | 16 | " 28       | No. 52, Syracuse, N. Y.....     | 22 |
| " 15   | No. 126, Belle Center, O.....   | 31 | " 28       | No. 53, Machiar, N. Y.....      | 12 |
| " 15   | No. 24, Redwood, Minn.....      | 21 | " 28       | No. 68, Cedar Vale, Ks.....     | 15 |
| " 17   | No. 28, Chelsea, Vt.....        | 15 | " 28       | No. 13, Canton, Dak.....        | 13 |
| " 17   | No. 127, Chillicothe, O.....    | 16 | " 28       | No. 14, Mitchell, Dak.....      | 16 |
| " 17   | No. 10, Gloucester, N. J.....   | 31 | " 30       | No. 5, Auburn, W. Va.....       | 12 |
| " 19   | No. 138, McComb, O.....         | 10 | " 31       | No. 45, Garrett, Ind.....       | 14 |
| " 19   | No. 53, Elm Hall, Mich.....     | 23 | " 31       | No. 70, Verona, W. Pa.....      | 14 |
| " 20   | No. ., Winchester, Ind.....     | 35 | Aug. 2     | No. 131, Antioch, O.....        | 15 |
| " 21   | No. 68, Scottdale, W. Pa.....   | 10 | " 2        | No. ., Cambridgeport, Mass..... | 15 |
| " 22   | No. 13, Vineland, N. J.....     | 30 | Total..... | 55 Camps, 1002 Applicants       |    |

IV. A rate of one and one-third fare from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and other points east of Buffalo has been obtained for the round trip for those attending the Annual Encampment at Buffalo and from Chicago, west and southwest the delegates will be returned for one-third fare. It has been impossible up to date to make any reduction from the regular fare over the lines in the Central Pool Association, including the points between Chicago and Buffalo. If arrangements of a more favorable nature are made later, the fact will be so stated in a special circular to the various Divisions. The New England delegation, or the greater portion thereof, will leave Boston Sunday, August 29th, at 3 p. m., via the Fitchburg, Boston, Hoosac Tunnel & Western and West Shore roads, reaching Buffalo at 6 a. m. Monday, August 30. New England delegates can learn of the reduced rates and other particulars by writing to Horace P. Kent, 48 Prospect street, Cambridgeport, Mass., or Walter S. Eldrige, Auburn, Me. In relation to reduced rates over the various lines in the country, write George W. Penniman, Chairman, Quincy, Mass.

V. M. E. Hall, of Hillsdale, has been elected Colonel of the Michigan Division. Colonel F. W. Rowison was re-elected, but declined to serve.

VI. General G. B. Abbott, 163 State street, Chicago, Ills. can spare from 300 to 400 Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, and Colonel Cleveland, of Worcester, Mass., 200. Any Division Commander needing them will write direct to the Colonels named.

VII. Blanks for reports for term ending September 30th have been mailed to all Colonels of Divisions and Captains of camps who report direct to the Commandery-in-Chief, who will report to the Adjutant General named in General Order No. 1, next administration. Attention is called to printed instructions on all blanks.

VIII. Divisions whose reports for term ending June 30th, 1886, are not received at these headquarters will not be entitled to representation in the Annual Encampment, at Buffalo, August 31st, September 1st, 2nd and 3rd. (See Constitution, Rules and Regulations, page 48, Article IV, Section 1.)

IX. Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Beaver City, Nebraska, is re-appointed Colonel of the Nebraska Division; W. E. Miller, of Friend, Nebraska, Lieutenant Colonel; F. L. S. Panloge, of Red Cloud, Major and G. M. Bosswoil, Arapahoe, Chaplain, with rank from July 10th, and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. August 6th—Gen'l G. B. Abbott writes he has secured an \$18.50 rate

over the B. & O. Short-line, from Chicago to Buffalo, good for everybody, limit 30 days, with a promise of better rates, which will be promulgated to special circular. Let all who can join Gen'l Abbott and the Illinois Division.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjt. General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
FOSTORIA, O., Apr. 15, 1886. }

*Comrades of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans:*

GENTLEMEN:—It gives me sincere pleasure to address you in behalf of the organization known as the *Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*, and to ask your earnest, candid consideration of its claims upon your time and attention.

In the prosecution of our work we need your help, and hope that this circular may be the means of interesting you in our behalf.

Our Order was founded in Pittsburg, Pa., in November, 1881, by Maj. A. P. Davis, a prominent member of the G. A. R. The charter for the first camp was granted by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and from this camp there has radiated an influence which has extended throughout the length and breadth of our land; from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Louisiana and Florida. Our tree has grown to such massive proportions that its branches are found in 30 states, 4 territories and in the District of Columbia and to-day we number nearly 40,000 members.

The components of the Order are—

1st. Local organizations, known as camps.

2d. State organizations, known as divisions.

3d. The National Organization, known as the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Order is military in its character and ceremonial work, and is officered in accordance with army regulations.

Camps maintain the same order and work as companies. Divisions correspond to regiments, and the Commandery-in-Chief to the army.

The principles and objects of the Order may be briefly stated as follows:

PRINCIPLES.

A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a recognition of His beneficent guidance in the preservation of the life and integrity of the Nation.

True allegiance to the government of the United States of America, a respect for and fidelity to its constitution and laws and opposition to any system or power that in any manner tends to impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

OBJECTS.

To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices to maintain the Union, and to promote their interests and welfare as opportunity may offer or necessity may demand; to aid and assist in caring for their helpless and disables veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day; to aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order; to inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only amongst our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

MEMBERSHIP.

The sons, not less than 18 years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-5, and the sons of members of the Order, not less than 21 years of age, are eligible to membership.

## HOW TO ORGANIZE A CAMP.

Camps are organized by authority of the Division Colonels, and are mustered by a staff officer of the Division, or a member of the G. A. R., selected for that purpose.

If you are not in possession of the address of the Division Colonel in your state, write to headquarters and the information will be cheerfully given you. Upon receipt of the application for a charter you can proceed as follows: secure the names of at least ten eligible men, and obtain their fathers' record while in the army. This may be done by reference to the Descriptive Book of the Post, if he is a member of the G. A. R. If he is not, the record may be obtained from the Adjutant General of the state in whose regiment or regiments he served during the war, or from his honorable discharge papers. Make the record complete, and then call a special meeting for consultation, the selection of a camp name, election of officers, etc. Collect the charter fee, and the amount for supplies, and forward the same, with the information that you are ready for muster, to the Colonel of the Division, and he will detail an officer to do the work and notify you of the date of muster. The charter fee is \$10 and the cost of camp supplies \$237. The expenses of the mustering officer,—i. e., his traveling expenses and hotel bills—must be paid by the camp mustered.

In states where there are no regular Division officers, the work will be done from the office of the Commander-in-Chief.

## IN GENERAL.

After organization, camps will be required to pay a per capita tax of 12½ cents per quarter, upon each member in good standing, to the Division, for the support of its routine work. This tax will undoubtedly be reduced next year.

All supplies are sold to camps at cost price. Uniforms may be procured of Col. R. M. J. Reed, 823 Arch St., Philadelphia, at reasonable rates, and badges may be ordered in regular manner from Major A. P. Davis, 67 4th ave., Pittsburg, Pa., at \$6 per dozen.

Our Constitution provides that Posts may select 5 comrade of the G. A. R. an advisory committee to assist the Sons in their work, and in the practical management of affairs. These comrades are given certificates of honorary life membership in our Order. All members of the G. A. R. are privileged to visit any camp in the Order, and may remain during the entire ceremony. We always give them a cordial welcome.

Our ceremonies are simple, yet they are impressive and helpful. The lessons presented and inculcated are very beneficial, and aim not only to teach true patriotism and the highest duties of citizenship, but seek the development of all the inherent and essential qualities of a true and symmetrical manhood.

We have built upon the firm foundations of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, and aim to make our work practical by devoting our best energies to the welfare and happiness of the men who fought and bled that we might enjoy life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness in a land of freedom, where equal rights and equal justice are guaranteed to all.

The "boys of 61-65" are one by one crossing the pontoon bridge to the other shore, joining their comrades who have gone before. In a few years the ranks will be thinned by the "Great Reaper," and but a remnant of the nation's defenders—who upheld our flag from the shadow of Sumt-r to the sunlight of Appatamax—will be left. Who will take their place to preserve the principles for which they fought? Who are better fitted for this work than their sons? Who appreciate the true value of their services better than we? We ought to have a camp in every community where there is a Post of the G. A. R., and in 5 years we ought to have 250,000 members. Like the G. A. R., the Order of Sons of Veterans is not a political organization. It is not our province or work to have anything to do with sectarianism in religion or partisanship in politics. We do believe, however, that the government of the United States is



under lasting obligations to the veterans of the civil war. and that, other things being equal, they should be recognized in a material and practical manner in the service of that Nation which they did so much to preserve and maintain.

I have endeavored to explain our work, briefly and concisely. If I can give you any other information, it will be my great pleasure to do so. If you desire extra copies of this circular, constitutions, applications; etc., please write me, and they will be forwarded immediately.

GEO. W. PENNIMAN,  
*Chief Mustering Officer of the U. S.*  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE  
*Commander-in-Chief.*  
 16 Wood St., Fostoria, O.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }  
 PORTLAND, OR., August 18th, 1886. }

*General Order, No. 10.*

I. The Comander-in-Chief is pleased to announce to the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic commended our Order to their National Encampment, and the committee on Officers' reports reported favorably on his report. Your Commander-in-Chief had the privilege of addressing four different assemblages of Grand Army men and their ladies (one audience of three thousand), and from the eagerness of the comrades to obtain necessary papers for organizing camps (by those who said they had been opposed or had never understood it properly) we are satisfied that this National Encampment of the G. A. R. has marked a new progressive era in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

II. We are pleased to announce that while in San Francisco we received the final decision of General Louis M. Wagner and the whole of his Grand Division, accepting our proposition for consolidation of all his command under our banner. This unites all camps of Sons of Veterans of the United States under one head, that of our National Organization, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

III. General L. M. Wagner's former command of Grand Division is hereby constituted a Provisional Division in our National Body, its present officers retaining their commands and positions. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Commissions will be issued from these headquarters to the several officers and past officers as soon as General Wagner furnishes names and rank of each. Charters will be furnished to camps free, and camp supplies will be furnished at cost (\$2.37 per camp for camp package.) This Provisional Division will send their delegates, their past and sitting Colonels, to our National Encampment, at Buffalo, August 31st, 1886.

IV. General L. M. Wagner will be mustered into our Order, and will then superintend the mustering in of the several camps of his command, and for this special duty is appointed a Special Aid on the Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, to rank from the date of said muster into our Order, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The Division of Florida is hereby constituted, and Captain M. E. Bishop, of Camp No. 1 Eustis, Florida, appointed Colonel of the same, with rank from August 16th, 1886. He will appoint his staff and assume command, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be selected from the other two camps of the Division, and announced in a future General Order. The Commander-in-Chief congratulates the Order on having a thriving Division organized so far south of the old line, and would suggest the cultivation of a sufficient number of "sour apple trees," that there may be no lack if occasion should require.

VI. The Division of the District of Columbia is hereby constituted, composed of Camps Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Colonel W. C. Farquhar will call a special meeting of the camps at the earliest possible moment, directing them to elect delegates to the Division Encampment, to be held August 25th if possible, at which time Division officers will be elected and delegates and alternates to the

National Encampment, to be held in Buffalo August 31st. The Colonel of the Division of Florida will have a seat in the National Encampment, as will also the delegates if they have time to elect or appoint them.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief takes pride in stating to the brothers that he had the pleasure of organizing Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the city of Portland, Oregon. It is a live Camp, and will be "heard from." It numbers with its membership General F. H. Lamb, who is honored with a second term as Department Commander of the G. A. R. Department of Oregon. This alone is a sufficient guarantee of the success of this camp, as Commander Lamb is a worker. He is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from this date.

VIII. James L. McKelvey, of St. Paul, Minn., is hereby appointed Special Aid on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, vice E. H. Milham, promoted. He will rank as Colonel from and after July 1st, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IX. Captain Leo W. Kennedy, of Denver, Col., has been appointed delegate-at-large from Colorado Division. His appointment is hereby approved, as the Division failed to elect.

X. Your Commander-in-Chief has had special courtesies extended to himself and party by the Nickelplate, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Union Pacific; Denver & Rio Grande, and Central Pacific railroads, and in this General Order extends to them the thanks of our Order for uniform kindness and every effort on the part of their employes for the comfort and welfare of the whole party. No more obliging officials, or more gorgeous scenery, can be found on the Continent than on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad between Denver and Salt Lake City. It is beyond description.

XI. The Commander-in-Chief desires to return his sincere thanks to the Brothers for the most cordial receptions tendered himself and party on their journey, in the following cities: Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Topeka, and San Francisco; and to Colonel J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for his kind attention and hospitality. The exhibition drill of St. Paul Camp, No. 1, under command of Captain (and Colonel) E. H. Milham, was perfection, and cannot be surpassed, if equaled. Such work deserves great credit.

XII. We find in our journey across the Continent from New York to California that our noble Order is in a very flourishing and prosperous condition, and we desire to thank the officers of Divisions and Camps for the good work they have done in bringing the Order so rapidly to the front. We wish we could call them all by name, but the list of faithful ones would fill too many pages. And now, that the Grand Army has said, "God bless you, boys," we shall go on and on, till we are the grandest organization under the sacred old flag, surpassed by none but the Grand Old Army of the Republic.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

*Commander-in-Chief.*

I also append a roster of all Division Commanders and Captains commanding camps who report direct to the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

California—Colonel Louis De P. Callahan, Los Angeles. Colorado—Col. Frank C. McArthur, Denver. Connecticut—Col. Lucien F. Burpee, Waterbury. Dakota—Col. E. G. Worden, Eden. District of Columbia and Virginia—Col. W. C. Farquhar, 1235 7th St. n. w. Washington, D. O. Florida—Col. M. E. Bishop, Eustis. Illinois—Col. G. B. Abbott, 163 State Street, Chicago.

Indiana--Col. E. S. Walker, West Lebanon. Iowa--Col. James D. Rowen, Des Moines. Kansas--Col. L. J. Webb, Topeka. Louisiana--Captain J. A. Haley, New Orleans. Maine--Col. E. K. Gould, Rockland. Maryland--Col. Miles W. Ross, Baltimore. Massachusetts--Col. Geo. H. Cleveland, Worcester. Michigan--Col. M. E. Hall, Hillsdale. Minnesota--Col. E. H. Milham, St. Paul. Missouri--Col. J. J. Spenker, Independence. Nebraska--Col. B. W. Hawkins, Beaver City. Nevada. New Hampshire--Col. Frank M. Shackford, Lake Village. New Jersey--Col. Ed. C. White, 115 Center St., Trenton. New York--Col. Chas. T. Rain, Cohoes. Ohio--Col. Henry Frazee, 213 Superior Street, Cleveland. West Pennsylvania--Col. Geo. P. Rockway, Titusville. East Pennsylvania--Col. Chas. J. Miller, Philadelphia, P. O. box 100. Rhode Island--Col. John W. Sayles, Providence, care Low's Opera House. Tennessee. Texas. Vermont--Col. Geo. E. Terrill, Underhill. Washington Territory--Capt. C. J. Stearns, Walla Walla. West Virginia--Col. R. H. Freer, Richie C. H. Wisconsin--Col. F. J. Walthers, Madison.

CAPTAINS.—J. F. Meads, Tacoma, Washington Territory, camp dead. N. H. Lattiner, Seattle, Washington Territory, never mustered. C. J. Stearns, Walla Walla, Washington Territory. W. B. King, Baltimore, Maryland, and Daniel E. Barres, Frederick, Maryland. Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Montana. Joseph S. Watts, Norfolk, Virginia. J. A. Haley, New Orleans, Louisiana.

I have been unable at any time during the year to show the actual membership of the Order, by reason of camps failing to report to their Division, and the failure of Division Commanders to estimate the number of members in those camps which did not report and note it in their reports to me. There has been organized throughout the United States since Oct. 1, 1885, 413 camps with 8,105 applicants. This does not show the number of camps or members from the opposition in Pennsylvania. To accomplish this there has been good and faithful word done. Not only by yourself and staff but all of the Division commanders and their efficient corps of staff officers.

The correspondence has been very heavy, and so far as my office is concerned, there is not one letter unanswered that called for an answer. In closing the affairs of my office I will here give you the best report I have been able to consolidate from the reports I have received from the several Divisions, but it does not show the strength and membership of our Order and unless the report of the Inspector General's of Inspection, held in the month of July, will show it, and I know it will not for I have had letters of camp officers complaining of being neglected by their Division commander, and saying that they were not inspected, etc. These cases are few and these camps may have been suspended for irregularities of their own and still working right along and the Division commanders are not to blame and should not be held responsible. I have also learned that New Jersey Division held no inspection in their Division on account of not receiving inspection blanks on time. This would look as if I was to blame for this, but I would say all blanks for inspection were forwarded by me the same day, by express, to all Division Commanders, and in the transfers from one company to another the New Jersey package went astray. So my report as well as the report of the Inspector General will not show our membership. My report which I will now read, is consolidated from the reports received for term ending June 30, 1886, from the several Divisions:

## CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

| FULL NAME OF DIVISION.    | No. in good standing at last report... | Gain .....  | Aggregate ..... | Loss ..... | No. remaining in good standing ..... |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ohio .....                | 1532                                   | 654         | 2186            | 41         | 2145                                 |
| East Pennsylvania .....   | 1503                                   | 407         | 1910            | 132        | 1773                                 |
| West Pennsylvania.....    | 909                                    | 386         | 1295            | 55         | 1240                                 |
| Massachusetts.....        | 1267                                   | 260         | 1332            | 71         | 1261                                 |
| Michigan .....            | 631                                    | 379         | 1001            | 52         | 949                                  |
| Illinois .....            | 633                                    | 355         | 988             | 60         | 928                                  |
| Connecticut .....         | 527                                    | 167         | 694             | 61         | 633                                  |
| Minnesota .....           | 399                                    | 85          | 484             | 56         | 428                                  |
| Iowa .....                | 965                                    | 257         | 1252            | 205        | 1047                                 |
| Kansas .....              | 711                                    | 432         | 1143            | 209        | 934                                  |
| New York .....            | 558                                    | 146         | 704             | 73         | 631                                  |
| New Hampshire.....        | 477                                    | 120         | 597             | 78         | 491                                  |
| Maine .....               | 364                                    | 95          | 459             | 47         | 412                                  |
| Vermont .....             | 266                                    | 85          | 351             | 9          | 342                                  |
| Indiana .....             | 176                                    | 59          | 235             | 7          | 228                                  |
| Missouri.....             | 102                                    | 136         | 238             | 32         | 206                                  |
| New Jersey .....          | 224                                    | 50          | 274             | ...        | 274                                  |
| Colorado .....            | 57                                     | 23          | 80              | 2          | 78                                   |
| Dakota .....              | 43                                     | 109         | 153             | ...        | 153                                  |
| Wisconsin .....           | ...                                    | ...         | ...             | ...        | 190                                  |
| Nebraska .....            | 118                                    | ...         | 118             | 4          | 114                                  |
| West Virginia.....        | 52                                     | ...         | 52              | ...        | 52                                   |
| California .....          | 10                                     | 56          | 66              | 2          | 64                                   |
| Maryland.....             | 52                                     | 5           | 57              | 1          | 56                                   |
| Washington Territory..... | ...                                    | ...         | 21              | ...        | 21                                   |
| Montana .....             | 25                                     | 7           | 32              | ...        | 32                                   |
| Florida .....             | ...                                    | ...         | 15              | ...        | 15                                   |
| District of Columbia..    | 17                                     | 3           | 20              | 4          | 16                                   |
| Oregon.....               | ...                                    | 16          | 16              | ...        | 16                                   |
| <b>Total .....</b>        | <b>12307</b>                           | <b>4160</b> | <b>16467</b>    | <b>917</b> | <b>15550</b>                         |

NOTE—There has 539 Camps reported, and about 200 failed to report, with a membership of about 700.

I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me. All of which is respectfully submitted in

Friendship, Charity and Loyalty,

T. G. CARLISLE,

Adjutant General, S. of V., U. S. A.

General Horace P. Kent, being on the platform, was asked to arise, and upon so doing, was addressed by Col. J. B. Maccabe in some very appropriate remarks, in the course of which he presented General Kent with a gold cross of the Order. General Kent, being taken by surprise, was unable to reply.

There being no objections, Lt. Col. Hayes, of Buffalo, was given the privilege of the floor, he asking the request that the New York Division be allowed

to be represented by proxy, as the regular delegates were not present. The subject was then discussed by Bros. Maccabe of Massachusetts, J. T. Rake of Pennsylvania, J. D. Rowen of Iowa, and Crowley of New Hampshire. Bro. Rowen moved that the representation of the New York Division be allowed to fill the vacancies in their delegation. This motion was seconded and warmly debated by Bros. Wobb of Kansas, Hayes of Buffalo, Hammer and Morton of Pennsylvania, Worden of Dakota, Maccabe of Massachusetts, Brown of Ohio, Rudy and Cott of Pennsylvania, Myers and Frazee of Ohio, and Crowley of New Hampshire. The Adjutant General stated he had received a letter from Col. Rain, of the New York Division, saying that the delegates would be present to-morrow. The motion was then put and lost.

Quartermaster General O. T. Shutt then submitted the following report

### REPORT OF QUARTER-MASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
August 28th, 1886. }

*To General Walter S. Payne.*

DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER: I herewith submit my report for the year ending Aug. 31, 1886. It has been impossible each quarter to procure full reports. Reports are often overdue, camps not having been made to see the necessity of promptness in this regard. The reports of Divisions and per capita tax are the life of the Commandery-in-Chief, and must be made. A large stock of supplies was turned over to Gen. Payne by Gen. Arnold. It soon disappeared ere we were aware of it our stock was depleted. We had nothing to guide us. We did not have a full conception of the needs of the Order, and had to profit by experience.

Gen. Payne contracted for a set of books—five hundred (500) of each—for camp use. We were not able to supply camps until February. Since then we have been able to push things, no Division being required to wait any unreasonable length of time. A large stock of supplies have been destroyed to save cost of transportation and storage, it consisting of Grand Division matter. I would call the attention of Division Colonels to printed instructions on blanks. Requisitions must be made on Quartermaster General, not on Commander-in-Chief or Adjutant General. Remittances must be made payable to the order of Quartermaster General for per capita tax, charter fees and supplies, not to the General or Adjutant General.

Camps must draw on their Division officer for supplies. Requisitions must be made on forms furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, and not on letter paper.

I would recommend that the camp constitution, bound and unbound, be dropped from the list of supplies, and the Constitution Rules and Regulations be furnished bound and unbound. That the requisition book and receipt book be so worded and left in blank, that they can be used by the Commandery-in-Chief, Divisions and camps. That the procuring of supplies from any other source than the Commandery-in-Chief, be made the subject of discipline. That the Commander-in-Chief be directed to re-imburse Divisions by cash or new blanks, for any loss that may hereafter occur, by the changing of form of blanks. Divisions to pay cost of sending of old blanks and receiving new ones. That camps be required to pay per capita tax on reinstated members for the time of Suspension. That the Quartermaster General receive a salary in proportion to his labor.

I have the honor to submit the following financial statement of the Order during my term of office as Q. M. General:

|                                      |          |            |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Rec'd from all sources .....         |          | \$4,760 99 |
| Supplies from Gen. H. W. Arnold..... | \$ 96 07 |            |
| From Divisions for supplies.....     | 2,237 51 |            |
| "    "    Per capita tax .....       | 1,766 41 |            |
| "    "    Charter fees.....          | 661 09   | 4,760 99   |

|                                                         |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| I have expended the same as per your order, for which I |            |            |
| hand you vouchers.....                                  | \$3,900 78 |            |
| By error (Cr. over charge to Div.).....                 | 32 84      |            |
| Value of supplies on hand .....                         | 328 62     |            |
| Cash on hand .....                                      | 498 75     | \$4,760 99 |

NOTE—Finding a mistake in one or two footings of Divisions, I had a new statement made. The reports as handed in at Buffalo will be presented with the new statement at next annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines.

I hereby extend my thanks to all members for their courtesy and co-operation. My relation with them has been pleasant and profitable to myself.

Submitted in F. C. and L.

OSCAR T. SHUTT.

*Quartermaster General.*

General G. B. Abbott, Inspection General, then submitted the following report:

#### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

CHICAGO, ILLS., August 28, 1886.

*General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

SIR—I herewith submit my report as Inspector General: In assuming the responsibility of the important trust you placed in me, I little realized the many trials and unceasing labor in store for me, or I fear my soldierly spirit would have ignominiously deserted me before the first engagement. Of my battles I assure you I have had many—with pen and ink—of my defeats and victories I leave you to judge.

In commencing my labors I had nothing to guide me; I was entirely inexperienced in the requirements of the office; none of my predecessors had ever been known, in the history of the Order, to have succeeded in presenting his chief with even the most meager report, owing to the complications, labyrinths intricacies of the various bodies of the Order, but more especially to the same causes and obstacles which I found in my pathway, namely, a disposition on the part of commanding Colonels to ignore the importance of the Inspector's Department, a lack of push and ability on the part of many Division Inspectors, and last, but not least, marvelous incongruity, incompatibility and general domestic infelicity existing between the many and varied blank forms for inspection, roaming untamed in the land, seeking whom they might entangle and drive mad. Nor was the December Inspection of your administration free from this latter difficulty—not through the fault of any one in particular but principally on account of a lack of time to properly arrange the questions.

The present Inspection has proven much more satisfactory in results than any former one, (yet, owing to many imperfections in the previous one, no comparative figures are here given,) showing a wholesome advancement in the condition of camps, some credit of which is due to the fact that the Colonels commanding and their Division Inspectors are becoming more and more aroused to the important bearing and the immediate good resulting from these inspections. And the camps themselves are exhibiting a lively interest in the

standing and classification they can earn. All this to a casual observer can bring only enthusiasm and work to the Order—and what we stand most in need of.

To this General Inspection sixteen Divisions have responded, West Pennsylvania being the first, namely: California, Connecticut, Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Vermont and Potomac, to which is added Maryland and Montana for convenience. The following failed to forward reports: Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, West Virginia and Florida. However, New York, New Jersey and Nebraska responded to the December Inspection.

In the sixteen inspected Divisions we have 431 camps inspected, and 159 not inspected; and a membership in good standing, of 12,182. And in the entire organized Divisions an approximate membership of 20,000.

The average camp in our Order numbers 28 men.

East Pennsylvania leads the order with 2,280 men; Ohio close second with 2,079 men; Massachusetts third, with 1,518 men; Illinois fourth, with 1,181 men; West Pennsylvania fifth, with 1,021 men.

In question No. 2, one hundred and twenty-seven camps have work committed; 84 camps have work partly committed; 224 camps have work not committed. Maine leads with 56 per cent of her work committed.

No. 3. Officers are uniformed in 205 camps; partly uniformed in 38 camps; not uniformed in 188 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with officers uniformed in 42 camps; Indiana last with officers uniformed in one camp. Maine leads with 69 per cent of her camps whose officers are uniformed.

No. 4. Officers wear raul straps in 170 camps; partly in 18 camps; not any in 243 camps. Massachusetts leads with 30 camps; Indiana last with two camps. Maine leads with 81 per cent of her camps.

No. 5. 123 camps have relief funds; 303 have not. Ohio leads with 30 camps which have relief funds; Dakota last, with one camp which has relief fund. Connecticut leads with 60 per cent of her camps which have relief funds.

No. 6. Officers wear side arms in 144 camps; do not in 305 camps; partly in 12 camps. Massachusetts leads with 28 camps whose officers wear side arms. Iowa and West Pennsylvania with 2 camps each whose officers wear side arms. Connecticut leads with 65 per cent of her camps.

No. 7. Number of men uniformed in the order 5,635; partly uniformed 39; not uniformed 6,508. East Pennsylvania leads with 1,445 uniformed men; Dakota last with 4 uniformed men. Massachusetts and Connecticut lead with 75 per cent of uniformed men.

No. 8. Number of armed men in the order 1,793; not armed 10,389; Ohio leads with 397 armed men; Dakota and Indiana not any; Minnesota leads with 27 per cent of her men armed.

No. 9. Number of members with badges 9,800; without 2,382. East Pennsylvania leads with 1,851 members who have badges; Dakota last, with 40 members who have badges. Connecticut leads with 99 per cent who have badges.

No. 10. Badge is presented at muster in 314 camps, not presented 117 camps. Ohio leads with 58 camps; Dakota last with 4 camps. Connecticut leads with 100 per cent—all her camps.

No. 11. Officers attend meetings regularly in 353 camps; partly in 9 camps; not at all in 69 camps. Ohio leads with 60 camps whose officers attend regularly. Dakota least with 8 camps whose officers attend regularly. Connecticut and Dakota lead with 100 per cent of their officers who attend regularly.

No. 12. Members are regular in attendance in 290 camps; fairly in 31; not in 110 camps. Ohio leads with 46 camps; Dakota last with 7 camps. Dakota leads with 87½ per cent.

No. 13. Records are complete and well kept in 381 camps; partly in 4 camps; not kept in 46 camps. E. Pennsylvania leads with 67 camps; Dakota last with 6 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 98 per cent.

14. The Quarter-Master Sergeant's bond is filed in 251 camps; not filed in 180 camps: Ohio leads with 46 camps; Vermont last with 6 camps. Michigan leads with 84 per cent.

No. 15. Dues are promptly collected in 376 camps; partly in 5 camps; not in 50 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 66 camps; Dakota last with 6 camps. East Pennsylvania leads with 99 per cent.

No. 16. Incorporated 76 camps; not incorporated 353; Massachusetts leads with 28 camps; Iowa and Michigan last with one camp. Massachusetts leads with 60 per cent.

No. 17. General Orders are read regularly in 410 camps; not in 21 camps. Ohio leads with 72 camps; Dakota last with 7 camps. Michigan leads with 97 per cent.

No. 21. During the past 6 months 549 meetings have been omitted by all the camps.

No. 22. Free from indebtedness 377 camps; not free, 54 camps. Ohio leads with 71 camps; Potomac and California last with 2 each. Ohio and East Pennsylvania lead with 96 per cent.

No. 23. Six hundred and five special meetings have been held in the past 6 months in the Order.

No. 24. The total muster fee charged by all camps is \$746.96. Average muster fee in the United States is \$1.74. Connecticut leads with largest average, \$2.46; Illinois last with smallest average, \$1.22.

No. 25. Total amount dues levied by all camps, \$1,018.01. Average dues in the United States \$2.36. East Pennsylvania leads with the largest average dues of \$3.51; Dakota last with smallest, \$1.06.

No. 26. Total amount cash in treasury of all camps over indebtedness, \$15,039.80; average amount for each camp in the United States, \$34.90. East Pennsylvania leads with largest amount, \$6,511.07; East Pennsylvania leads with largest average camp, \$95.75; California with smallest amount in Division, \$16.05; Dakota with smallest average in camp, \$7.42.

No. 27. Stated weekly benefits are paid in 68 camps; not any 363 camps. Pennsylvania leads with 26 camps; Dakota Indiana, Vermont and Potomac, not any. East Pennsylvania leads with 39 per cent.

No. 28. The 431 camps pay \$187.87 weekly benefits; average in U. S., 43½¢ per week. East Pennsylvania leads with \$85 per week, also largest average \$1.25 per week.

No. 29. Two hundred and seventeen camps have relief committees; 214 camps do not: East Pennsylvania leads with 42 camps; Connecticut leads with 75 camps.

No. 30. Camp-rooms are equipped in 325 camps; partly equipped 3; not equipped 103; Ohio leads with 58 camps, Dakota last with 1; Connecticut leads with 75 per cent.

No. 31. Amount of money in camp relief fund, \$2,674.60; average amount in each camp in U. S., \$6.20; Massachusetts has largest relief fund, \$1,058.51, average 22.52; Indiana with smallest average 27 cents.

No. 32. Two hundred and four members have been relieved in the past 6 months.

No. 33. Amount expended for charity, \$1,397.77

No. 34. There are 34 Ladies' Aid Societies in the U. S.

No. 35. Camp-fires and open meetings held in 162 camps; not any held in 269 camps; East Pennsylvania leads with 31 camps; Indiana last with one camp; Maine leads with 69 per cent.

No. 36. There are 151 camps armed as infantry, 2 as cavalry and 6 as artillery; Ohio leads with 72 infantry camps.

No. 37. Total mark of all camps amount to 24,069; average camp in U. S., mark 56.

No. 38. There are 97 1st class camps in order; 175 2d class and 159 3d class. East Pennsylvania leads with 13 1st class camps.

In the per centage Connecticut leads with 68 per cent 1st class camps;



Massachusetts 36 per cent. Maine 31 per cent. E. Pennsylvania 26 per cent. Illinois 20 per cent. Michigan 13 per cent.

On general average our Divisions rank as follows, omitting California and Potomac: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, East Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, Iowa, Vermont W. Pennsylvania, Dakota, Indiana.

The following camps are especially mentioned as passing very fine inspections, and being leading camps in the order: Daniel Ritter Camp No. 24, Ohio, 98; Edward M. Ruhl Camp No. 33, E Pennsylvania, 97½; Buckingham Camp, No. 3, Connecticut, 97½; Daniel Chapin Camp, No. 3, Maine, 97½; Anna M. Ross Camp, No. 1, East Pennsylvania, 95; J. L. Crane Camp, No. 4, Illinois, 95; St. Paul Camp, No. 1, Minnesota, 90.

(While there are one or two camps not mentioned which out-rank St. Paul in inspection, still it is justice to give it mention, as it lost 10 on Question No. 5, and was perfect in all others, and is conceded to be the best camp in the Order.)

In submitting this report it is not expected that it will be complete in showing the exact condition of each Division for two reasons: First, that many Division reports themselves, were incomplete, and second, the impossibility to frame an inspection blank which will do exact justice to each Division in this vast extent of territory. Therefore, this report can only be an approximation, but as all large structures must first be outlined, it is hoped that this will be the small thread, the line of demarcation upon which will be built a much more imposing structure.

Of all the reports received from Division Inspectors, not one was perfect in its footings, averages and per centages. The most complete was from the Division of Ohio, the next from East Pennsylvania, and the next from Connecticut, and Brothers E. H. Archer, Chas. H. Stees and D-witt E. Ford of these Divisions respectively, deserve special mention for their faithfulness, and receive the grateful thanks of the Inspector General.

It is hoped that, in a measure, this report will point out to us our deficiencies that we may apply what remedies we can to remove them, to the good of our Order.

It is respectfully recommended that hereafter there be but one general inspection each year, and that it occur in the month of April.

That we may have uniformity, it is recommended that the Chaplain of Divisions be appointed to be in accord with the corresponding office in the Commandery-in-Chief and the camp.

That, owing to the military advancement of our Order, that the office of Ordnance officer be created for the Commandery-in-Chief, and the Division and Ordnance Sergeant for the camp.

That the office of Division Chief-of-Staff be established.

That the Constitution be amended to define "territorial limits" and jurisdiction.

That the proper observance of the 4th of July and Thanksgiving Day be added to the objects of the Order.

That camps be provided with 4 rituals instead of 3.

That camp packets include a gavel and ballot-box.

That the members of the Division Staff shall rank as Captains.

That Colonels Commanding Divisions be given the power to revoke charters of camps six months in arrears for per capita tax.

That commanding officers be granted the power by constitution to revoke the commissions of their appointees respectively

That the Key and Cypher of the secret work be revised and simplified.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and I.

G. B. ABBOTT.

Col. Ed. C. White moved that the Chief Mustering Officer make his report at the public meeting this evening. Bro. Webb, of Kansas, rose to a point

order, stating that the report was for the Commandery-in-Chief and not for the public. Point of order well taken and sustained. Chief Mustering Officer G. W. Penniman then submitted the following report :

### CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 31, 1886.

To General Walter S. Payne, *Commander-in-Chief S. of V., U. S. A.:*

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report as Chief Mustering Officer for the past year.

The position of Chief Mustering Officer is, in many respects, an honorary one, and its duties are not clearly defined by our rules and regulations.

However, the Commandery-in-Chief has afforded me the opportunity to be busy during the past three or four months.

In obedience to his direction and order, I have visited the following Division encampments during the year:

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, West Pennsylvania and Illinois.

During the term I have addressed public meetings and visited camps in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, West Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, endeavoring to create a new interest in the order and its practical work.

I spent a week in April in that loyal border state, West Virginia. Receiving cordial support from the members of the G. A. R. I was enabled to organize the Division of West Virginia, April 28, 1886, with Brother Romeo H. Freer of Ritchie Court House as Colonel, and an efficient staff of officers. I am sure, sir, that Colonel Freer will bring his Division rapidly to the front.

The most encouraging feature I have noticed in connection with the work of the past year is the growing interest in our order manifested by the members of the G. A. R. This fact has tended to strengthen our members in the faith we hold and to give them greater courage in presenting our claims to the general public. Yet all does not depend upon the G. A. R., for we each have obligations to the order and ourselves that make it necessary to give our most earnest and hearty endeavors in its behalf. I have found that camps that complain they do not receive the recognition they think due them from the community, generally have "a skeleton in the closet" somewhere. I lay down this axiomatic truth for your consideration. Camps do not deserve to be respected until they have learned how to respect themselves. Let us reach out beyond our own selfishness and personality, and lose those characteristics in our whole-souled devotion to the best interests of the order, and the mighty principles it represents.

I have no special recommendations to make relative to the work of the C. M. O. department, or the legitimate duties of the Division M. O. The plan adopted by Col. Rowison, of Michigan, and others, to send a mustering officer, for new camps, one who thoroughly understands his duties and knows how to perform them, I believe to be a good one. I think that it is a little less than farcial to attempt to muster a new camp in two or three hours as is commonly done. An entire evening gives us not more than enough time to do the regular work of muster in, and the mustering officer ought not to leave the camp until the books are opened properly, and the camp fully prepared to do its work in an appropriate manner.

I believe that the mustering officers of Divisions should report to the C. M. O. as fast as camps are organized in their several Divisions, in order that that officer may make a consolidated report to each encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. This will give the C. M. O. something definite to do, and I recommend the adoption of this suggestion by this encampment.

I believe that applications for camp charters should be approved simply by the Division headquarters before mustering in the camp, and not sent to

the Commandery-in-Chief. This will save much delay in the organization of new camps and make the Division commander the sole judge of the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates.

Blanks for reports of the mustering officer should be provided, and as fast as camps are organized a copy of such report should be immediately forwarded to the C. M. O., Commander-in-Chief and Division Colonel.

I have been the recipient of many fraternal and official courtesies during the year from the members of the Order, and the closing fiscal year will be most kindly remembered by me as one full of pleasant experience and work.

With best wishes for the success of the Encampment and Order, I am, sir,  
Fraternally F. C. and L.

GEO. W. PENNIMAN,  
Chief Mustering Officer.

Bro. Webb, of Kansas moved that the following telegram be sent to Lucian Fairchilds, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Buffalo, N. Y., August 31, 1886.

*Gen'l Lucian Fairchilds, Commander-in-Chief Grand Army of the Republic Madison, Wisconsin:*

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in 5th Annual Encampment assembled, congratulate you upon your election. Please say to the Grand Army of the Republic that their heroic deeds and sacrifices will ever be remembered and revered by us. And, as a token thereof, we shall see that "the picket line is manned," and that "the Color of the Uniform is Blue."

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,  
Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Carried unanimously.

Bro. Morton, of Pa., moved that the Commandery-in-Chief take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A communication from Col. R. H. Freer, of W. Va., was read:

Ritchie C. H., W. Va., Aug. 17, 1886.

*Gen'l O. T. Shutt, Buffalo, N. Y.:*

MY DEAR GENERAL: It is impossible for me to meet you at Buffalo, as I had hoped, for reasons which will be explained to you by the bearer of this, our very worthy chaplain. Rev. W. G. Miller, whom I recommend to you as one of the good and true men and brothers of the G. A. R. and S. of V., and none stand higher in the estimation of Comrades and Brothers than Bro Miller. Take him under your brotherly wing and see that W. Va. Division loses nothing by my absence. No one knows how disappointed I feel in my enforced absence from the Encampment, but there is a future, thank God, and in it I hope to see you and all the kind Brothers of Headquarters and return my personal thanks for many favors.

Hoping that you will care for our chaplain and make him feel at home,  
I am yours in the work of F., O. and L.,

R. H. FREER,  
Col. W. Va. Div.

Motion to take a recess was seconded and carried, and recess declared accordingly.

T. G. CABLISLE,  
Adjutant General.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 1ST, 1886.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 9.30 A. M., with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair. On account of so much noise outside of the Encampment, Bro. Penniman moved that we adjourn to some Grand Army hall for further transaction of business. Motion put and carried.

The Commandery-in-Chief then marched in a body to the Post room of Chapin Post No. 2, on Washington St., and called to order at 10.30 A. M. Major A. P. Davis, Chief Ordnance Officer, then submitted the following report:

### SPECIAL ORDNANCE OFFICER.

OFFICE SPECIAL ORDNANCE OFFICER, }  
PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 17, 1886. }

*General Waller S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A., Fostoria, Ohio:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to submit my report as follows:

Under your General Order No. 1, issued Oct. 1, 1885, I assumed, at that date, the duties of my office. During the year, I have, to the exclusion of my private business, been actively engaged in the performance of the official labor incidental to my position. These duties have, from month to month, steadily increased to an extent that, in substance, requires my entire attention, as well as considerable assistance.

I have distributed direct to Divisions and camps a large number of badges and other kindred supplies, such as ribbons, crosses, etc., and have conducted an extended and voluminous correspondence in the interests of the Order.

I have, from time to time, endeavored to so perfect the system of distribution of the supplies in my hands, that all calls could be promptly met, and, at this writing, such arrangements have been consummated that the growing wants of the Order and the future are amply provided for.

I regret to be obliged to state that, after a most diligent and extended search, it has been found impossible to secure improved and desirable arms and accoutrements at prices within the limits of the means of many of the camps that desire to obtain the same.

I am pleased to state that, during the year, I have been able to obtain for and furnish the Ladies' Aid Societies with much needed supplies, and that, at this date, they have a full and complete outfit of all necessary printed matter, as well as elegant badges, insignia of office, and other articles of a decorative character, also seals, electrotypes and all other required equipments.

With full knowledge and understanding of the situation before me, coupled with the able efforts and management of the National head of the association, Miss Laura F. Martin, of Lancaster, Pa., and her efficient lady associates, and having in mind the experience and early progress of four honorable orders, I can, with safety, predict for the Ladies' aids a healthy and reasonably rapid growth from this on.

In conclusion, I would beg leave to say, that no measures have been omitted by this office to promptly and faithfully carry out all of its duties, as well as to promote the general interests and welfare of the Sons of Veterans as a whole.

With sentiments of high personal regard, I have the honor to be, General, very respectfully

Your obedient servant,

A. P. DAVIS,  
*Special Ordnance Officer.*

A communication from the Maryland Division of Earp Faction, S. of V., was received and read, saying that they ratified the terms of consolidation and were now with us.

The Roll of States were then called, when the following changes in the Ritual and Constitution Rules and Regulations were offered: (See pages 38, 39, 40, 41 in General Order No. 9 of Adjutant General's Report.)

Col. Jas. D. Rowen, of Iowa, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Sidney Pruyn, of Iowa, be made a life member of the Commandery-in-Chief, with all the rights and privileges of the Order. Re-

ferred to the Committee on Resolutions with instructions to make such recommendations as they think proper.

Col. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri: I wish to endorse the recommendations of the Minnesota Division in regard to regulation shoulder straps.

Col. Chas. T. Rain, of New York Division, said he wished to announce that he was present with his delegates to represent the New York Division.

The following resolutions were offered by Bro. C. M. Cott, of West Pennsylvania:

*Resolved*, That a separate password be promulgated to the members of the G. A. R., under proper regulations, which will establish their qualifications to admittance to all our camp rooms.

*Resolved*, That the Commandery-in Chief favor the establishing, as soon as practicable, a beneficial association in connection with the Order. Referred to Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations.

A protest from East Pennsylvania Division was received, as was also a communication. The former was not considered by the Commandery-in-Chief, while the communication was read by the Adjutant General, as follows:

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 25th, 1886.

*Walter S. Payne Esq., Commander-in-Chief.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Committee on Consolidation with West Pennsylvania, appointed by order of the encampment at Shamokin, met a similar committee appointed by Col. Brockway, of West Pennsylvania, and agreed upon the conditions etc., named in attached exhibit.

When I promulgated this work of the committee I issued at the same time a special order, copy of which is also attached.

In response to my request that all camps having any objections to the proposed union send them to me, I received as follows:

FROM CAMP 4, PHILADELPHIA: They contend that numbering two camps "1" is illegal; they claim that Past Col. Closson, who commanded the Division at the time of its consolidation in 1883, promised them that neither their name or number should be taken from them. They threaten to disband if the change is insisted upon.

Now I think the protests of this camp are just, knowing that these promises were made. They were mustered in 1880, several years before the W. Pa. camp 4. They are in good condition financially and number 42 members. It would be best to allow them to retain their number and let the W. Pa. camp change to 10. I understand from several of their members that they do intend to disband or withdraw unless they are let alone.

NEXT COMES CAMP 19:—This change is but slight, from 19 to 20, and in consideration of the united Divisions paying for all changes, I think that they should be satisfied.

NEXT COMES CAMP 33:—This is one of my best camps and was rated No. 1 at head of list on my inspector's report. If any arrangement can be made by which they can retain their number I would be very glad to have it so, as I fear the change will dishearten their most active and useful members and cause ultimate dissolution.

CAMP 52:—This is a colored camp, or, rather, its members were born black; for a colored camp it is a good one, which, however, is not saying much. They would like to have No. 80 instead of 109; I would recommend that this be left to the discretion of the Division.

CAMPS 5 AND 13:—Both these camps were fortunate in escaping without any change, but not satisfied with that, they kick because neither of the No. 1 camps were less lucky than themselves; they don't quite understand the situation. If the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment legalizes the 2 camps having the same number their objections are of no account. They are childish—pass them.

This is all, and I am glad of it. Now, General, Bro. C. C. Mortou, dele-

gate from the Division, has the protests in his possession and I think he had better be requested to read them when the matter comes up for action. To sum up—there were 10 changes made in the numbers of my camps and only four (4) protests entered, which shows that the majority are inclined to approve of the consolidation under the terms published. I ho heartily approve of the arrangements made, and, so far as I am concerned, think that, if this consolidation is not effected now, it will never be.

Yours Fraternally,  
 CHAS. J. MILLER,  
*Colonel.*

P. S.—The reason I did not attach the protests is because they are Division property and will be needed for information of the Division Encampment in 1886.  
 C. J. M.

### ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION.

Entered Into Between the Divisions of East and West Pennsylvania,  
 Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Terms of consolidation, drawn and agreed upon at Altoona, Pa., July 31, 1886, of the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, consolidating the two said divisions into one division to be known as Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

WHEREAS, During the month of March, 1883, in the mustering in of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans in Eastern Pennsylvania, into the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., certain differences as regards the numbering of the Camps of the two sections of the State, to-wit: in and in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, and those in and in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, existed, which could not be adjusted by making one division of the State; and

WHEREAS, the matter was finally compromised by establishing a dividing line and the Commandery-in-Chief recognized said dividing line by making two divisions, one east and the other west of said line, known since then as the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; and,

WHEREAS, There is now a desire on the part of many to form one division in the State of Pennsylvania by consolidating these two divisions into one; on account of the large expense attached to the running of the two divisions in one State, and on account of the barrenness of the treasuries of the two divisions which are now not able to pay sufficient salaries to their Adjutants and Quartermasters, recognizing that the running of one division headquarters in Pennsylvania would cost little more than half the amount required at the present time to run the two separate headquarters, thus the whole material welfare of the Order in this State being involved; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the divisions of the Order, located in other States, are complaining of the injustice done them by reason of the fact that Pennsylvania is annually getting two life members of the Commandery-in-Chief and they are getting but one; and of the fact that Pennsylvania has annually two delegates-at large to the Commandery-in-Chief and they have but one; and said complaints being just by reason of the fact that the only just territorial demarcations of divisions are State lines as established by the different States of the Union among themselves and the general government. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the two divisions be consolidated into one division on the following basis, to-wit:

That hereafter there be but one Division in the whole State, the Commandery-in-Chief being and is hereby petitioned to amend the second paragraph of Article IV, Chapter I, page 5, (edition of 1885), Constitution, Rules and Regulations, so as to carry this resolution into effect.

That the present Division Officers of Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Divisions be allowed to retain their present commands until the time of the

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next annual Division Encampments and that then the two Divisions meet on the second Tuesday, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following said second Tuesday of June, 1887, in Altoona, Pa., each in encampment by itself until its business is wound up, and that then the two divisions meet in one encampment and elect officers to succeed the present officers of the two divisions and to assume command of the whole State of Pennsylvania.

That the numbers of all Camps at present in existence in Pennsylvania be as follows :

| Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.      | Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.        |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|
| Anna M Ross,        | 1   | Philadelphia   | Gen McPherson,      | 62  | New Albany       |
| Davis,              | 1   | Pittsburg      |                     | 63  | Union City       |
| Lysle,              | 2   | Allegheny      | Gen J R Brook,      | 64  | Birdsboro        |
| O H Emery,          | 3   | Lockhaven      | Capt H K Ritter,    | 65  | McClure          |
| H B Hayes,          | 4   | Pittsburg      | Corp Syl Smith,     | 66  | Kennet Square    |
| Gen U S Grant,      | 5   | Philadelphia   | Ely,                | 67  | Parsons          |
| J K Housel,         | 6   | Montgomery Sta | Gen John Welsh,     | 68  | Columbia         |
| Col O H Ripley,     | 7   | Pittsburg      | True Blue,          | 69  | Williamstown     |
| Ezra Griffin,       | 8   | Scranton       | R Gutrie,           | 70  | Stratonsville    |
| Sam Clegg,          | 9   | Roxborough     | Beaver Valley,      | 71  | Beaver Falls     |
| Gen J E Reynolds,   | 10  | Philadelphia   | Gen G Washington,   | 72  | Shamokin         |
| R R Means,          | 11  | Brookville     | Amos W Hetrick,     | 73  | Liverpool        |
| Lt S C Potts,       | 12  | Altoona        | Mehally,            | 74  | Maricuta         |
| Gen D B Brucey,     | 13  | Philadelphia   | Watkins,            | 75  | Towanda          |
| Speer Orr,          | 14  | Johnstown      | Lt G E Hackenberg,  | 76  | Middleburg       |
|                     | 15  | Harrisburg     | Wm H Bates,         | 77  | Nauticoke        |
| Gen G G M ade,      | 16  | Reading        | Coleman,            | 78  | Annville         |
| D Patton,           | 17  | Grove City     | Gen John W Geary,   | 79  | New Cumberland   |
| J N McCauley,       | 18  | West Chester   | John Jenkins,       | 80  | Girardville      |
| Thomas L Kane,      | 19  | Titusville     | H C Wagner,         | 81  | Frankville       |
| Gen G H Thomas,     | 20  | Lancaster      | Capt S M McDowell,  | 82  | Chambersburg     |
| S H Pollock,        | 21  | Milton         | Lafayette Hughes,   | 83  | Hughesville      |
| Henry Yeager,       | 22  | Pine Grove     | Wescman,            | 84  | Balubridge       |
| James McKellip,     | 23  | Coalsca        | I W Forrest,        | 85  | East smithfield  |
| Lt H C Jackson,     | 24  | St Clair       | John Whittaker,     | 86  | Rome             |
| Lt J H Styer,       | 25  | Berwick        | sgt Watson,         | 87  | Carlisle         |
| Ph Sheridan,        | 26  | Danville       | Lt S H Brown,       | 88  | Millintown       |
| Gen John W Moore,   | 27  | Philadelphia   | D C Bronson,        | 89  | Great Bend       |
| Line,               | 28  | Deeford        | Deegan,             | 90  | Dushore          |
| Lieut Waltz,        | 29  | Saxton         | Corp F W Witherow,  | 91  | New Bloomfield   |
| Capt John Griffith, | 30  | Athens         | Gen W S Hancock,    | 92  | Manheim          |
| Sgt J B Kelley,     | 31  | Homestead      | Capt A G Carpenter, | 93  | Factoryville     |
| Jesse Dial,         | 32  | Ursina         | Lt John T Miller,   | 94  | Duncaunon        |
| Col J I Nevin,      | 33  | Allegheny      | Col Lentz,          | 95  | Lohlighton       |
| Gen Jas A Garfield, | 34  | Mt Carmel      | S H Telle,          | 96  | Hunting Mills    |
| Capt Beatty,        | 35  | Carlisle       | Lt J T Stevens,     | 97  | Peckville        |
| Gen Paul Kearney,   | 36  | Reynoldsville  | Col J M Gosline,    | 98  | Bristol          |
| Gen Rich'd Coultre  | 37  | Greensburg     |                     | 99  | Seelton          |
| Maj S Payne,        | 38  | Oil City       | Edgar M Rubl,       | 100 | York             |
| E A Maberson,       | 39  | South Oil City |                     | 101 | Franklinville    |
| Chas H Ribbet,      | 40  | Erie           | Union Volunteer,    | 102 | Meadville        |
| Col A H Hippen,     | 41  | Pottstown      | Amos B Rhoads,      | 103 | Williamsport     |
| Schwick,            | 42  | Lebanon        | Maj E A Moon tooth, | 104 | Pittsburg        |
| Capt Jas Henchman,  | 43  | Somerset       | D K Stevenson,      | 105 | Carmichaels      |
| Rochester,          | 44  | Rochester      | H C Steadman,       | 106 | Mullinburg       |
| Henry Cooke,        | 45  | Wasnesburg     | Capt T A Roberts,   | 107 | Renova           |
| Lt Fran Stevenson,  | 46  | Stoimstown     | Sergt Wyatt,        | 108 | N Bethlehohm     |
| Gen Custer,         | 47  | Brockwayville. | Gen Robt Bryan,     | 109 | Philadelphia     |
|                     | 48  | Orbisonia      | Mt Pleasant,        | 110 | Mt Pleasant      |
| Harry Horncastle,   | 49  | Shenandoah     | T L Martin,         | 111 | Elderton         |
| Gen W S Mitchell,   | 50  | Lewisstown     | Gettysburg,         | 112 | Gettysburg       |
| John H Brautigan,   | 51  | Northumberland | Geo E Williams,     | 113 | Penfold          |
| Alexander Newell,   | 52  | Corry          |                     | 114 | Linesville       |
| Jas T Crawford,     | 53  | Kittaning      | Frank Bunyan,       | 115 | Grandville Centr |
| E O C Ord,          | 54  | Mahanoy City   |                     | 116 | Elinboro         |
| Gen Joe Hooker,     | 55  | Ashland        | Geo Hyles,          | 117 | Canonsburg       |
|                     | 56  | Three springs  |                     | 118 | Berlin           |
| Col Wm Wetherill,   | 57  | Pottsville     | (formerly 66 W Pa)  | 119 | Pittsburg        |
| Wilson C Hicks,     | 58  | Myersdale,     |                     | 120 | Scottdale        |
| Thaddeus C Rider,   | 59  | Newport        |                     | 121 | Coudersport      |
| Andy Neff,          | 60  | West Newton    | Col McKeage,        | 122 | Holidaysburg     |
| Lt W H Fulton,      | 61  | Mauch Chunk    |                     |     |                  |

That hereafter until one division is formed in Pennsylvania, the Commandery-in-Chief fix all charter members in the two present divisions, commencing at "No. 123."

That any camp, the changing of whose number shall cause financial loss, owing to the necessary alterations to be made in flags, drums, or other camp property of whatsoever kind, shall be recompensed for such loss by the consolidated State Division, further than the Captain and Orderly Sergeants of such Camps shall send a probated and itemized account of such losses sustained by their Camps to the Colonel of the Division, who after such accounts, or bills, have been duly approved by the Division Council, shall be authorized to pay the same.

That after the meeting at Altoona, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 1887, the Division Encampment meet for four years alternately east and west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located.

That the Colonel of the proposed Pennsylvania Division be not elected for more than two consecutive terms from the same section east or west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located, and that this resolution be in effect until repealed by a two-thirds vote of the proposed Pennsylvania Division Encampment.

That in case either Division is encumbered with a debt at the time of consolidation the combined Division assume the responsibility, and if a surplus exists it shall be passed into the treasury of the united division.

That the united Pennsylvania Division adopt as its Division mark the Keystone with a red field and a yellow border the same as is now worn by the Eastern Pennsylvania Division, and that Davis Camp, No. 1, be allowed to wear a Keystone with a yellow field and a red border as the distinguishing mark from Ross Camp, No. 1. of Philadelphia; and that camps be allowed to wear upon and in the centre of the Keystone any device they may wish as a separate camp mark.

That the name Gen. G. G. Meade be taken from Camp No. 42, Orbisonig, Western Pennsylvania, and this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. James A. Garfield be taken from Camp No. 56, Three Springs, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. U. S. Grant be taken from Camp No. 42, Franklinville, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

E. J. SMITH, Chairman.

H. H. HAMMER,

R. E. HOPKINS,

CHARLES O'DONNELL,

L. V. RAUSCH,

COMMITTEE EAST PA. DIVISION.

CHARLES J. MILLER, *ex-Officio*.

Col. Com. East Pa. Division.

R. M. LINTON, Chairman.

W. E. LLOYD,

J. B. ANDREWS,

W. D. THOMAS,

J. N. WOODBURN.

COMMITTEE WEST PA. DIVISION.

G. B. BROCKWAY, *ex-Officio*.

Col. Com. West Pa. Division.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION, S. OF V., U. S. A.,

723 North Third Street.

PHILADELPHIA, August 9, 1886.

*Special Order No. 1.*

Herewith is promulgated the Articles of Agreement entered into by the Committees on Consolidation of East and West Pennsylvania Divisions, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

E. W. Alexander, Camp 16, and C. C. Morton, Camp 1, being unable to attend the meeting of the committee, Brothers H. H. Hammer, Camp 16, and Chas. O'Donnell, Camp 15, were substituted in their places.

While some of the provisions may prove objectionable, the terms, in the main, are much more satisfactory than we anticipated could be made. Your committee has acted with an eye single to produce the "greatest good for the largest number," and while we are called upon to make some sacrifices, we trust they will be met in the same spirit of loyalty which animated our fathers in their great struggle to maintain our national Union, one and indivisible, re-



membering also that the longer this consolidation is postponed the greater becomes the obstacles to its accomplishment. The end to be accomplished is a great one, much greater than at first thought is apparent. It guarantees to the Pennsylvania Division leadership in the ranks of our Order. It will enable future administrations to build up a treasury which will permit its officers to prosecute the great work in which we are engaged without the pecuniary embarrassment which has always hindered the efforts of your Division Officers in the past. It prevents the error so many have made, (especially comrades of the Grand Army), of supposing that East and West Pennsylvania are two distinct orders. It will have a great tendency to hasten the time when all Sons of Veterans in this State, will march under the same banner and work under the same laws. In short, the good this consolidation will accomplish is incalculable, therefore we trust that the judgment of our Camps on the work of the committee will not be hastily pronounced but only after full consideration of the advantages to be derived from the fulfillment of the agreement.

The comparatively few changes which have been made in our numbers were unavoidable, else your committee would not have consented to them, recognizing as we do, that East Pennsylvania is the home of the Order, and that in consequence it is entitled to more consideration than the younger and weaker branch. A careful review of the conditions of the Union cannot fail to impress on your minds that this circumstance was taken into full deliberation when they were drawn up.

These terms of consolidation will be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief in convention assembled at Buffalo, on August 31, 1886. Such camps as object to the confirmation of this agreement will send their protests to these headquarters, properly drawn and stating in detail their reason for such objections, not later than Friday, August 20, 1886, so they can be presented to the convention at the same time.

The extra copies of agreement sent herewith are intended for distribution among the camp members. If more are needed they will be furnished upon application of camp to these headquarters. By order of

JOHN B. MYERS,  
*Adjutant.*

CHAS. J. MILLER,  
*Col. Commanding.*

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, moved that a committee of five (5) be appointed as a committee on grievances. Carried. The committee was then appointed as follows: O. B. Brown, of Ohio; Col. Lauman of Ill.; Gen. G. W. Penniman, of Minn.; Col. L. F. Burpee, of Conn.; and Col. Horace L. Wright, of Maine.

The communication from East Pennsylvania was referred to grievance committee.

Col. E. G. Wordon, of Dakota, asked that Bro. Beckler be given past rank of Col. Referred to committee on grievances.

The minutes of the preceding sessions were then read by Adjutant General Carlisle, and on motion were adopted as read.

There being some misunderstanding as to who was chairman on some of the committees, Col. Frazee, of Ohio, proposed that each committee select their own chairman. Bro. C. M. Cott desired to bring before the committee on grievances a little matter. After stating the matter Gen. Payne ruled that there was no grievance.

Bro. Wordon asked if this was a smoking room, and said: I see the Bro's are not paying the proper respect for the G. A. R., and I think the smoking should be stopped. Commander-in-Chief declared that hereafter no smoking would be allowed during the sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief then submitted a supplementary report:

#### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

It seems that the Commander-in-Chief, nor any of the Staff, gave the financial condition of the Order as it came to me from our predecessors. Gen'l

H. W. Arnold's Q. M. Gen'l reported cash on hands \$334.00 and did not report any indebtedness. We thought we were assuming command under favorable circumstances, but upon due examination we found that there was not one cent in the treasury, and the following bills remaining unpaid:

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| General H. W. Arnold.....       | \$ 33 85        |
| General F. P. Merrill.....      | 114 00          |
| Major A. P. Davis.....          |                 |
| White and Graham, printers..... | 284 25          |
| <b>Total.....</b>               | <b>\$432 10</b> |

In addition to this indebtedness the Commandery-in-Chief was obliged to assume the indebtedness of the Third Grand Division, and have paid on this account \$116.00 of the indebtedness of the former administration. All there remains unpaid, \$40.00, which shows that we have wiped out an indebtedness of \$509.10, and have a balance in the treasury of a little over \$500 00

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE.

Bro. Crowley, of N. H., moved to pay the \$40.00 referred to in the report. Commander-in-Chief said that it was not necessary as the bill had been allowed and voted upon, and all that was necessary was to pay the bill, which would be done at once.

Reports of committees calling for a communication from Bro. R. V. Malory in regard to proceedings of Grand Rapids meeting, was read by the Adj't Gen'l.

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, offered the following resolution No. 4, and asked that it be referred to the proper committee, which was done:

*Resolved.* That any Brother of the Sons of Veterans using the name of the Order as a sign for a place such as a saloon, sample room, billiard room or for any business where intoxicating liquors are sold, shall be expelled from the Order, and any person eligible to become a member of this Order shall forfeit his rights of membership by committing the foregoing offence. Referred to committee on resolutions.

Bro. Ed. C. White moved that we take a recess until 2 P. M. Amended by Bro. James D. Rowen to 1.30 P. M. Bro. Brown moved to take a recess for 15 minutes. Bro. L. J. Webb: There is no necessity of a recess. The motion then to take a recess until 2 P. M., was put and lost.

The committee on officers' reports, through their chairman, submitted the following report, which was acted upon by section by motion of Holmes of New York:

Your committee on reports of officers beg leave to submit the following report: On report of Commander-in-Chief, we disagree with the Commander in regard to the profit on supplies and per capita tax. Cognizant of the fact that resolutions bearing on the same subject will come before the Commandery and should receive full discussion, therein we refrain from making any recommendations.

**RANK STRAPS**—We recommend that a strict compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Order relating thereto. Adopted by motion of Bro. C. C. Morton of Pennsylvania.

**CROSSES, STARS AND RIBBONS**—We recommend that past Captains be allowed to wear the Iron Cross suspended on camp officers' ribbon; Past Colonels, the Silver Cross suspended on Division ribbon; Past Commander-in-Chief be allowed to wear the Gold Star suspended on Commandery-in-Chief ribbon.

After debate by Bro's Morton, of Pa., Reed, Payne, Hendoe, Holmes and Crowley, the recommendation was referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

**ORGANIZATION**—We disapprove of the subdivision of Divisions into Brigades and Battalions for the present. By motion of Bro. Hammer, of Pa., the report of the committee was adopted.

**LADIES' AID SOCIETIES**—We, as a committee, do not favor the endorsing of

the Ladies' Aid Society by this body, thinking that there can be more good accomplished by the working of one society of women, and would recommend that no legislation be attempted by this body. Adopted as read by the Committee.

**INSURANCE**—We heartily endorse the recommendation of our Commander-in-Chief regarding the question of insurance organizations. Adopted.

**OFFICIAL ORGANS**—We do not approve of any paper printed in the interest of the Order being recognized as the official organ by vote of the Commander-in-Chief, but think that each paper should stand on its own merits and receive equal courtesies at the hands of the Commanders of Divisions. This section was adopted as read.

**CHIEF M. O. REPORT**—The committee concur in the recommendations of the Chief Mustering Officer. Adopted as read.

**INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**—The committee recommend that R. R. be changed to conform to suggestions of Inspector General in regard to having but one inspection a year, and that in April. Adopted as read.

We do not agree with his suggestions in regard to creating the office of Division Ordnance Officer and Chief-of-Staff nor establishing territorial limits. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Neither do we think that the observation of the 4th of July and Thanksgiving day should be made special objects of our Order. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We do not concur with the recommendation to allow camps 4 Rituals, but advise the continuance of present custom with a suitable set of camp service cards in each set of supplies. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

We submit a negative report in regard to Gavel and Ballot-box. Adopted as read.

We do not concur with recommendation in giving members of Division staff the rank of Captain. Adopted as read.

We concur in recommendation granting Colonels of Divisions power to revoke charters of camps 6 months in arrears for per capita tax. Referred to Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Inasmuch as all commanding officers have the power to remove members of their staff we recommend no action. Adopted as read.

We do not concur with recommendation to change Key and Cypher. Adopted as read.

[Signed]

FRANK P. MERRILL.  
H. F. GUEBIN.  
R. M. J. REED.  
W. C. FARQUHER.  
H. P. KENT.

Committee.

The report of the Committee was then adopted by motion of O. B. Brown of Ohio.

Bro. Rowlson moved to take a recess until 2 p. m.

Bro. Brown, as Chairman of Committee on Grievances, was allowed to make the following report: The Committee on Grievances respectfully report in regard to the communication from Col. Chas. J. Miller, of East Pennsylvania Division, referred to us. We recommend that the papers be returned to Col. Chas. J. Miller, of East Pennsylvania, without action on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief; for the action of the Committee on Consolidation of the East and West Pennsylvania Divisions, with the suggestions thereunder, may be reported to the next Commandery-in-Chief.

[Signed]

O. B. BROWN, (Ohio)  
G. V. LANMEN, (Ills.)  
L. F. BURPEE, (Conn.)  
H. L. WRIGHT, (Maine)  
G. W. PENNIMAN, (Minn.)

Committee.

Bro. E. G. Worden moved that the report be adopted. Remarks by Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania. Bro. Hammer moved to lay the report on the table until after dinner. Carried.

Bro. L. J. Webb—I move to take a recess until 3 P. M. Motion put and carried.

3:00 P. M.—Commandery-in-Chief called to order, with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Lanman of Illinois:

*Resolved*, The Sons of Veterans realizing that a nation's great blessing is peace, but recognizing the fact that it is at times necessary for the nation to assert itself on questions of right, and feeling that to preserve its rights it must at all times be able to defend them; and confident that any other course would be detrimental to the fair fame of our Government and to the preservation of the noble patrimony bequeathed us by our fathers, declare the defenseless condition of our sea coasts to be one of the most important questions of public concern of the day, demanding immediate attention. That we view with regret the neglect of Congress at the session just ended to make appropriation for the proper fortification of our maritime ports, and demand of the representatives of all sections their earnest endeavors to this end.

Bro. Lanman, of Illinois, moved the adoption of the resolution. Bro. James D. Rowen, of Iowa moved to refer them to the Committee on Resolutions. Col. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, moved to lay the resolution on the table. The motion was seconded by a delegate, and question called, the motion was put and declared carried.

Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, called up the report of the Committee on Grievances, which was laid on the table before recess, and the question was debated by Bros. Rake and Hammer of Pennsylvania. Bro. Hammer was called to order on account of there being no question before the house.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas—I move to lay this matter on the table until after the matter of consolidation is settled by the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Col. Frank C. McArthur, of Colorado, as chairman of Committee on Resolutions, offered the following report on resolution: On resolution No. 8, offered by Col. James D. Rowen, of Iowa; we recommend that it be not adopted as read, but that we recommend that Sydna Pruyn, of Iowa, be appointed to the rank of Past Division Commander.

By O. B. Brown, of Ohio—I move that the rank of Past Division Commander be given Sydna Pruyn, of Iowa. Seconded by a delegate. The question was then debated by Bros. Miller, Rudy, Worden, Rowen, Kent, Cott, and Frazee. The question was then put and declared lost.

The Commander-in-Chief stated he had a little matter of business with the officers and staff and declared a recess of a few minutes for that purpose.

Commandery-in-Chief again called to order at 4.15. Gen'l Payne stated that he was requested to state for the benefit of members of the G. A. R., that there would be a muster, and, later in the evening there would be a camp-fire held in the Post room of Bidwell Wilkins Post No. 9, G. A. R., to which we are all invited.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move we accept the invitation and the Commandery-in-Chief go in a body. Carried.

The balance of the report of the Committee on Resolutions were then presented and acted upon by sections.

The Resolution No. 2, from Dakota, offered by Brother E. G. Worden, was withdrawn.

On Resolution No. 4, Offered by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, your Committee report favorably and recommend its insertion in the by-laws.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried, and so ordered.

On Resolution No. 5, your Committee recommend that it be not adopted, as unnecessary. By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the report of the Committee be concurred in. Motion carried.

On Resolution No. 6, your Committee disapprove, and recommend that it be inserted in the Constitution, that hereafter no person not a Son of a Veteran of a Union soldier or a lineal descendant of a Son of a Veteran shall be eligible to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans.

By Bro. Rudy, of Pa.: I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Remarks by Brown of Ohio. The question was then put and declared carried and so referred.

On Resolution No. 7, which is as follows: That we voice the sentiments of 15,000 Sons of Veterans in asking of Congress that a pension be granted to all survivors of ex-Union prisoners of war, your Committee report favorably. By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried.

On Resolution No. 8, your Committee recommend that the resolution in regard to giving a separate password to members of the Grand Army be not adopted. By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move the report of the committee be concurred in. After some very appropriate remarks by Gen'l Payne, the question was put and declared carried.

On resolution No. 9, your committee recommend that the resolution concerning the Beneficiary Association to be connected with the Order be not adopted.

By Bro. Hammer, of Pennsylvania: I move the report of the committee be adopted. The question was put and declared carried.

On resolution No. 10, recommended by West Pennsylvania Division for favorable consideration by the Commandery-in-Chief, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Mr. John Kitterly was mustered a member of Lieut. James M. Lysle Camp No. 2, S. V., U. S. A., on February 8, 1882, before our organization had attained a State or National existence, and from the date of his muster to the time of his discharge he was one of its most earnest workers, having spent time, money and labor for the interest of his Camp, the Division, and the Order in general. During his connection with our Order he held the offices of sergeant of the guard, first lieutenant, quartermaster sergeant, member of camp council, and two terms as captain of his camp, and as ordnance officer, member of division council, and major of the division, all of which positions were filled with credit to himself and honor to our Order; not alone in his own camp, but in many others his voice was raised in advice and counsel, thereby rendering great assistance in the unwritten work at a time when the Order was sadly needful of it; and

WHEREAS, At the date of his muster the constitution and laws had not been promulgated, and in its extreme infancy - the Order then being but a venture - the fact of his being an "adopted" Son of a Veteran was considered no bar to his being mustered as a member by the then authorities of the Order, but by a change of circumstance brought to bear against him, he was discharged from our Order, by General Order No. 3, emanating from Division Headquarters, Col. A. K. Howard, commanding; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this, the Western Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in its annual encampment, convened in Allegheny City, Pa., June 8, 1886, take such steps as will give the above named John Kitterly an honorary life membership in Lieut. James M. Lysle Camp, S. V., U. S. A., and to admission to all other Camps within the jurisdiction of the Western Pennsylvania Division, and by reason of such membership he shall not be entitled or eligible to vote or hold office in either Camp or Division; and be it

*Resolved*, That the delegates to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be and are hereby instructed to use all honorable means to secure the adoption of the foregoing resolutions.

Your committee would report without any recommendation.

By Bro. Miller: I move that this resolution from Pennsylvania be not adopted. Remarks by Bros. Myers of Ohio, and Miller of Pennsylvania. Bro. Coit submitted the decision of a lawyer who was a member of the Order, stating that the Brother could not be legally expelled from the Order. Remarks by

Bros. Webb of Kansas, Hammer of Pennsylvania, Gen. Payne and Rowison. A question of privilege was asked for by Brother Cott. By Gen. Payne: State your question of privilege.

By Bro. Cott: I want it understood that I am sincere in this matter. The question was then put by the chair and declared lost.

By Bro. Webb: I understand we have done just what we did not want to do. The report of the committee asked for and read. Bro. Miller, of Pa.: I move to reconsider the vote just taken. Bro. Morrison, of Ohio: I arise to a point of order. The point of order not sustained. The question was then put on reconsideration and declared carried.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the request from W. Pa. be rejected. Seconded and declared carried.

On Resolution No. 11 as follows:

*Resolved*, That any meeting of a state Division encampment or at any session of a camp of the S. of V., by a special vote of that encampment or camp, the votes for all offices to be filled may be written or printed on one slip of paper (the right to change the ticket by substituting other names not being denied) and the entire ticket being voted for at one time. Your committee recommend that it be not adopted.

By Bro. Hammer: I move to adopt the report of the committee. Remarks by Bro. Webb, of Kansas. Point of order risen to by Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio. The point not sustained. By Bro. Webb: I move to concur in the report of the committee. Seconded by a delegate. A point of order risen to by Bro. Miller of Pa. Point not sustained. Question called for and declared carried.

On Resolution No. 12: "*Resolved*, That the ritual be so changed as to cause the Sergeant of the Guard in command of detail during muster to command an order arms when halting at stations of the 1st and 2nd Lieutenants. Your committee recommend that it be referred to Committee on Ritual; there being no objection it was so referred.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK C. McARTHUR, (COL.)  
HENRY FRAZEE, (OHIO.)  
E. T. ROE, (ILL.)  
M. CROWLY, (N. H.)  
F. WHITE.

Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was then adopted as a whole, as corrected by section.

Gen. G. B. Abbott, as chairman of Committee on Ritual, read their report as follows:

*To the Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

Your Committee on Ritual beg leave to report as follows: only a few changes have been made for the purpose of simplification and explanation. There is much in the ritual which ought to be changed; to this end we recommend that the Commander-in-Chief appoint a committee of three who will carefully go through the ritual and make all desirable changes in the wording and punctuations. To this committee should be referred the preparation of a burial service, memorial service, public installation service and some ceremony for receiving inspectors, and we further recommend that when the burial service has been prepared by the committee and approved by the Commander-in-Chief, it shall be promulgated at once for immediate use. The changes in the ritual are as follows: the word "Brothers" to be omitted where used before addressing officers, also the word "salute" to be changed to "sign" when used in connection with the word "alter" and the word "O. S." to first Sergeant and the words "Commanding Officer" to the word "Captain.

C. J. POST.  
LUCIAN F. BURPPE.  
JAMES D. ROWEN.  
G. B. ABBOTT.  
LELAND J. WEBB.

Committee.

By Gen. Payne: Shall the chair appoint a committee on revising the ritual? The first section was then called for and read. By Bro. E. G. Worden: I move that the report of the committee thus far be adopted. Carried.

The chair then stated the question. The question was then put and declared carried. Chair appointed G. B. Abbott, Lawman and Rowson. The second section was then read, and by motion of Bro. O. E. Holmes of New York, was adopted. Third section read.

By Bro. O. E. Holmes, of New York: I move to strike out the word "officer" and insert the word "staff." The General then called the Major General to the chair and retired to the ante-room on other business. A point of order risen to by Bro. C. M. Cott of Pennsylvania, he desiring to know if the matter had been submitted by a division and published in General Order as the law provides. Remarks by Bros. M. Retel of New York, and O. B. Brown of Ohio.

A point of order risen to by Bro. L. J. Webb of Kansas, on the remarks of O. B. Brown. The chair, through ignorance of the subject, was unable to render a decision. Remarks by Bro. Holmes of New York. A question was asked of Bro. O. B. Brown by Bro. L. J. Webb.

Gen. Payne returned and assumed the chair.

A point of order risen to by J. J. Speaker of Missouri, to the effect that this debating is entirely out of order. Remarks by Gen. Payne.

Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move to lay the report of the Committee on Rituals on the table. I also give notice that if this motion prevails, I will offer an additional section, to be No. 11, at the next Commandery-in-Chief. No action.

The following telegram was then offered by Bro. Horace P. Kent, of Massachusetts:

H. W. Arnold, care of the Headquarters of the G. A. R., Denver, Colo.:—"The Sons of Veterans in National Encampment are pained to learn of your continued illness, and hope that your sojourn in Colorado will prove beneficial and that your recovery may be speedy. By vote of the Encampment.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,

*Commandery-in-Chief."*

Remarks by Gen. Payne, in which he asked the Commandery-in-Chief to send him (\$25) twenty-five dollars.

Moved by Bro. James D. Rowen of Iowa, that the message be wired and the Commandery-in-Chief forward to him the sum of (\$50) fifty dollars. Carried unanimously.

By Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the Commandery-in-Chief take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Carried.

SEPTEMBER 2—9:25 A. M.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order, with Gen. Walter S. Payne in the chair.

Gen. G. B. Abbott, chairman of Committee on Ritual, asked to postpone the report of that committee for the present.

Minutes of the preceding session read by Adjutant General and adopted as read.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, through their Secretary, E. J. Smith of Pennsylvania, submitted their report by section and acted on in that manner.

Section 1, read. By Bro. G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I move its adoption. Carried.

Section 2, read. By Bro. G. B. Abbott of Illinois: I move not to concur with the report of the committee on this section. Remarks by Bro. Webb of Kansas.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move as an amendment that we recommit this section to the Committee on Rules and Regulations. The question was

debated by Bros. Webb of Kansas, Hendee of New York, Brown of Ohio, Smith of Pennsylvania, Rowen of Iowa.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I now call for the question.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I think it proper to take up the final report of the Committee on Ritual. Remarks were made by Bros. Smith of Pennsylvania, and Maccabe of Massachusetts.

By Bro. Hendee: I withdraw my motion in order to allow the Committee on Ritual to proceed.

By Bro. Hammer of Pennsylvania: I move that the Committee on Ritual proceed with their report. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: To save time we will consider each section. Adopted, unless their is objection.

By Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania: I move that the rule be suspended which requires recommendation to go to Divisions before they can be acted on. Carried.

Section 1 read. By Bro. Holmes, of New York: I move to strike out the word "officers" and insert the word "staff." Carried.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 were read and passed without objection.

Section 5 read. Bro. Frazee, of Ohio, objected to striking out the word "attention," before singing the odes, as they could not be sung while at a parade rest, as parade rest meant perfect immovability. After remarks by Bro. Speaker of Missouri, and Gen. Payne, section 5 was passed.

Section 6 read: Objected to by Bro. Hendee of New York.

Bro. Webb, of Kansas, thought that in the installation of officers of a new camp, if the charter was not in the hands of the installing officer, he could say "you will receive the charter, prize it," etc.

Bro. Worden, of Dakota, objected to the words "standing at the altar" being inserted before the word "sir," when the S. of G. makes his report to the captain, after returning to the ante-room.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move that the report of the committee on this section be adopted.

By Bro. Morton, of Pennsylvania: I move as an amendment that the ritual be altered so as to read, "the hour for meeting having arrived and a quorum present, the officers will take their respective stations, and by direction the musicians will take position on the floor in front of the captain and sound the assembly or any suitable call. The staff, under the direction of the 1st sergeant will form in line in the rear of the altar," etc. Carried.

The Section in regard to striking out the words in the general instructions, "singing the hymns." Adopted.

By Bro. Rowen, of Iowa: I move that we do not concur with the report of the committee in regard to striking out the words in the obligation of the officers in regard to sending in their reports. Carried.

Bro. Frazee, of Ohio, called the attention of the committee to the fact that they had neglected to act upon Ohio's recommendation in the change of numbers of the Secret Work, and asked that their recommendation be adopted.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move that the recommendation from Ohio, changing No. 5 to No. 7 of Secret Work be adopted. Carried.

Question asked by Bro. Worden, of Dakota: Is it intended to prohibit the use of the grip in the camp-room?

By General Payne: Yes, except in the instructions to a new recruit.

By Bro. Webb, of Kansas: I move in case the mustering officer does not have the charter he shall use the words, "You will receive the charter," in lieu of the words, "Take this charter." Carried.

By Bro. Frazee, of Ohio: The committee have overlooked another recommendation from Ohio, as follows: "Also the 1st Serg't shall call the roll of the entire camp."

By Bro. Guerin: I move the recommendation from Ohio be concurred in. Bro. Johnston thought it a matter of camp affairs, and not of the Commandery-in-Chief.



Previous question called for. Bro. Webb, of Kansas, thought it not right to call for the previous question when a Brother had the floor. Question put; and the chair unable to decide, a rising vote was taken, resulting 36 in favor, and 16 against.

The motion was declared carried.

By Bro. Worden: I move that the report of the Committee on Ritual be adopted. Remarks by Brothers Rake, of Pa., and Webb, of Kan. Motion put and carried.

By Bro. Smith, of Pa., in behalf of the representatives of Pa.: I desire to have this Encampment take up the matter of Consolidation.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move we take up the matter of Consolidation. Carried. The Terms of Consolidation were read by Bro. Smith, as follows:

### ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION.

Entered Into Between the Divisions of East and West Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Terms of consolidation, drawn and agreed upon at Altoona, Pa., July 31, 1886, of the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, consolidating the two said divisions into one division to be known as Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

That during the month of March, 1883, in the mustering in of the Camps of the Sons of Veterans in Eastern Pennsylvania, into the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., certain differences as regards the numbering of the Camps of the two sections of the State, to-wit: in and in the neighborhood of Philadelphia, and those in and in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, existed, which could not be adjusted by making one division of the State; and

WHEREAS, the matter was finally compromised by establishing a dividing line and the Commandery-in-Chief recognized said dividing line by making two divisions, one east and the other west of said line, known since then as the Eastern and Western Divisions of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; and,

WHEREAS, There is now a desire on the part of many to form one division in the State of Pennsylvania by consolidating these two divisions into one; on account of the large expense attached to the running of the two divisions in one State, and on account of the barrenness of the treasuries of the two divisions which are now not able to pay sufficient salaries to their Adjutants and Quartermasters, recognizing that the running of one division headquarters in Pennsylvania would cost little more than half the amount required at the present time to run the two separate headquarters, thus the whole material welfare of the Order in this State being involved; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the divisions of the Order, located in other States, are complaining of the injustice done them by reason of the fact that Pennsylvania is annually getting two life members of the Commandery-in-Chief and they are getting but one; and of the fact that Pennsylvania has annually two delegates-at large to the Commandery-in-Chief and they have but one; and said complaints being just by reason of the fact that the only just territorial demarcations of divisions are State lines as established by the different States of the Union among themselves and the general government. Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the two divisions be consolidated into one division on the following basis, to-wit:

That hereafter there be but one Division in the whole State, the Commandery-in-Chief being and is hereby petitioned to amend the second paragraph of Article IV, Chapter I, page 5, (edition of 1885), Constitution, Rules and Regulations, so as to carry this resolution into effect.

That the present Division Officers of Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Divisions be allowed to retain their present commands until the time of the

next annual Division Encampments and that then the two Divisions meet on the second Tuesday, and the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday following said second Tuesday of June, 1887, in Altoona, Pa., each in encampment by itself until its business is wound up, and that then the two divisions meet in one encampment and elect officers to succeed the present officers of the two divisions and to assume command of the whole State of Pennsylvania.

That the numbers of all Camps at present in existence in Pennsylvania be as follows :

| Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.      | Name of Camp.       | No. | Location.        |
|---------------------|-----|----------------|---------------------|-----|------------------|
| Anna M Ross,        | 1   | Philadelphia   | Gen McPherson,      | 62  | New Albany       |
| Davis,              | 1   | Pittsburg      |                     | 63  | Union City       |
| Lysle,              | 2   | Allegheny      | Gen J R Brook,      | 64  | Birds-boro       |
| O H Emery           | 3   | Lockhaven      | Capt H K Ritter,    | 65  | McClure          |
| H B Hayes,          | 4   | Pittsburg      | Corp Symbath,       | 66  | Kennet Square    |
| Gen U S Grant,      | 5   | Philadelphia   | Ely,                | 67  | Parsons          |
| J K Housel,         | 6   | Montgomery Sta | Gen John Welsh,     | 68  | Columbia         |
| Col O H Ripley,     | 7   | Pittsburg      | True Blue,          | 69  | Williamstown     |
| Ezra Grithn,        | 8   | Scranton       | R Guthrie,          | 70  | Stratonsville    |
| Sam Clegg,          | 9   | Roxborough     | Beaver Valley,      | 71  | Beaver Falls     |
| Gen J F Reynolds,   | 10  | Philadelphia   | Gen G Washington,   | 72  | Shamokin         |
| R R Means,          | 11  | Brookville     | Amos W Herrick,     | 73  | Liverpool        |
| Lt S C Potts,       | 12  | Altoona        | Mchally,            | 74  | Marleta          |
| Gen D B Birney,     | 13  | Philadelphia   | Watkins,            | 75  | Towanda          |
| Speer Orr,          | 14  | Johnstown      | Lt G E Hackenberg,  | 76  | Middleburg       |
|                     | 15  | Harrisburg     | Wm H Bates,         | 77  | Nantcoke         |
| Gen G G M ade,      | 16  | Reading        | Coleman,            | 78  | Ansville         |
| D Patton,           | 17  | Grove City     | Gen John W Geary,   | 79  | New Cumberland   |
| J N McCauley,       | 18  | West Chester   | John Jenkins,       | 80  | Girardville      |
| Thomas L Kane,      | 19  | Titusville     | H C Wagner,         | 81  | Frackville       |
| Gen G H Thomas,     | 20  | Lancaster      | Capt S M McDowell,  | 82  | Chambersburg     |
| S H Pollock,        | 21  | Milton         | Lafayette Hughes,   | 83  | Hughesville      |
| Henry Yeager,       | 22  | Pine Grove     | Weldon,             | 84  | Bainbridge       |
| James McKellip,     | 23  | Corsica        | L W Forrest,        | 85  | East Smithfield  |
| Lt H C Jackson,     | 24  | St Clair       | John Whittaker,     | 86  | Rome             |
| Lt J H Styer,       | 25  | Berwick        | Sgt Watson,         | 87  | Carlisle         |
| Ph Sheridan,        | 26  | Danville       | Lt S H Brown,       | 88  | Millloutown      |
| Gen John W Moore,   | 27  | Philadelphia   | D C Bronson,        | 89  | Great Bend       |
| Line,               | 28  | Bedford        | Deegan,             | 90  | Dushore          |
| Lieut Waltz,        | 29  | Saxton         | Corp F W Witherow,  | 91  | New Bloomfield   |
| Capt John Griffith, | 30  | Athens         | Gen W S Hancock,    | 92  | Manheim          |
| Sgt J B Kelley,     | 31  | Homestead      | Capt A G Carpenter, | 93  | Factoryville     |
| Jesse Dial,         | 32  | Ursina         | Lt John T Miller,   | 94  | Duncannon        |
| Col J I Nevin,      | 33  | Allegheny      | Col Lentz,          | 95  | Leighton         |
| Gen Jas A Garfield, | 34  | Mt Carmel      | S H Telle,          | 96  | Hunting Mills    |
| Capt Beatty,        | 35  | Carlisle       | Lt J T Stevens,     | 97  | Peckville        |
| Gen Paul Kearney,   | 36  | Keynoldsville  | Col J M Gosline,    | 98  | Hristol          |
| Gen Rich'd Coultre  | 37  | Greensburg     |                     | 99  | Steelton         |
| Maj N Payne,        | 38  | Oil City       | Edgar M Ruhl,       | 100 | York             |
| E A Maberson,       | 39  | South Oil City |                     | 101 | Franklinville    |
| Chas H Ribbet,      | 40  | Erie           | Union Volunteer,    | 102 | Meadville        |
| Col A H Lippeu,     | 41  | Pottstown      | Amos B Rhoads,      | 103 | Williamsport     |
| Sedgwick,           | 42  | Lebanon        | Maj E A Mootooth,   | 104 | Pittsburg        |
| Capt Jas Henchman,  | 43  | Somerset       | D K Stevenson,      | 105 | Carnichaels      |
| Rochester,          | 44  | Rochester      | H C Staudman,       | 106 | Millinburg       |
| Henry Cooke,        | 45  | Waynesburg     | Capt T A Roberts,   | 107 | Renova           |
| Lt Fran Stevenson,  | 46  | Stormstown     | Sergt Wyant,        | 108 | N Bethlechem     |
| Gen Custer,         | 47  | Brookwayville  | Gen Robt Bryan,     | 109 | Philadelphia     |
|                     | 48  | Orbisonia      | Mt Pleasant,        | 110 | Mt Pleasant      |
| Harry Horncastle,   | 49  | Shenandoah     | T L Martin,         | 111 | Elderton         |
| Gen W S Mitchell,   | 50  | Lewisstown     | Gettysburg,         | 112 | Gettysburg       |
| John H Brantgan,    | 51  | Northumberland | Geo E Williams,     | 113 | Penfield         |
| Alexander Newell,   | 52  | Corry          |                     | 114 | Lewisville       |
| Jas T Crawford,     | 53  | Kittaning      | Frank Buayan,       | 115 | granville Centre |
| E O C Ord,          | 54  | Mahanoy City   |                     | 116 | Eduboro          |
| Gen Joe Hooker,     | 55  | Shiland        | Geo Hyles,          | 117 | Canonsburg       |
|                     | 56  | Three Springs  |                     | 118 | Berlin           |
| Col Wm Wetherill,   | 57  | Pottsville     | (formerly 67 W Pa)  | 119 | Pittsburg        |
| Wilson C Hicks,     | 58  | Myersdale      |                     | 120 | Scottdale        |
| Thaddeus C Rider,   | 59  | Newport        |                     | 121 | Coudersport      |
| Andy Neff,          | 60  | West Newton    | Col McKeage,        | 122 | Holidaysburg     |
| Lt W H Fulton,      | 61  | Mauch Chunk    |                     | 123 | Houlton.         |

That hereafter until one division is formed in Pennsylvania, the Commandery-in-Chief fix all charter members in the two present divisions, commencing at "No. 123."

That any camp, the changing of whose number shall cause financial loss, owing to the necessary alterations to be made in flags, drums, or other camp property of whatsoever kind, shall be recompensed for such loss by the consolidated State Division, further than the Captain and Orderly Sergeants of such Camps shall send a probated and itemized account of such losses sustained by their Camps to the Colonel of the Division, who after such accounts, or bills, have been duly approved by the Division Council, shall be authorized to pay the same.

That after the meeting at Altoona, to be held on the second Tuesday of June, 1897, the Division Encampment meet for four years alternately east and west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located.

That the Colonel of the proposed Pennsylvania Division be not elected for more than two consecutive terms from the same section east or west of the meridian upon which Bellefonte is located, and that this resolution be in effect until repealed by a two-thirds vote of the proposed Pennsylvania Division Encampment.

That in case either Division is encumbered with a debt at the time of consolidation the combined Division assume the responsibility, and if a surplus exists it shall be passed into the treasury of the united division.

That the united Pennsylvania Division adopt as its Division mark the Keystone with a red field and a yellow border the same as is now worn by the Eastern Pennsylvania Division, and that Davis Camp, No. 1, be allowed to wear a Keystone with a yellow field and a red border as the distinguishing mark from Ross Camp, No. 1 of Philadelphia; and that camps be allowed to wear upon and in the centre of the Keystone any device they may wish as a separate camp mark.

That the name Gen. G. G. Meade be taken from Camp No. 48, Orbisonig, Western Pennsylvania, and this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. James A. Garfield be taken from Camp No. 56, Three Springs, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

That the name Gen. U. S. Grant be taken from Camp No. 42, Franklinville, Western Pennsylvania, and that this Camp be requested to choose a new name.

E. J. SMITH, Chairman.

H. H. HAMMER,

R. E. HOPKINS,

CHARLES O'DONNELL,

L. V. RAUSCH.

COMMITTEE EAST PA. DIVISION.

CHARLES J. MILLER, *ex-Officio*.

Col. Com. East Pa. Division.

R. M. LINTON, Chairman.

W. E. LLOYD,

J. B. ANDREWS,

W. D. THOMAS,

J. N. WOODBURN, (*A. L. Musselman*.)

COMMITTEE WEST PA. DIVISION.

G. B. BROCKWAY, *ex-Officio*.

Col. Com. West Pa. Division.

By Bro. Webb, of Kan.: I move the action of East and West Pa. Divisions be concurred in and the appeals laid on the table. Remarks by Bro's Hammer, Miller, Rake, Major A. P. Davis, all of Pa. By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I offer the following as a substitute: That the Commandery-in-Chief order the consolidation with such alterations of the terms of such, the same to meet the approval of the Commandery-in-Chief, as the committees may agree upon. Carried unanimously, and three cheers and a tiger given for the Division of Pa.

By Bro. Hammer of Pa.: I move that Davis Camp No. 1, of Pittsburg, be allowed to drop their No. 1, and designate the same by a star. Carried.

Report of Committee on Grievances called for, and read by O. B. Brown, of Ohio, chairman of said committee. (See report as read in second day's proceedings.)

Committee on Resolution's supplementary report as follows:

"Resolved, By the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief assembled: That we tender to U. S. Grant Camp No. 33, of Buffalo, N. Y., our heartfelt thanks for the never-ceasing efforts

to make our meeting pleasant and agreeable. We will ever remember with pleasure the evidence of brotherly love shown by members of U. S. Grant Camp No. 33. We also return our thanks to the various posts of the Grand Army of the Republic; to the Women's relief Corps; the city officials; the local press and the citizens generally for the hospitable reception given us; and we shall always recall with pleasure our visit to the Queen City of the Lakes.

*Resolved*, That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief assembled, hereby return to Gen. Walter S. Payne and all members of his Staff our sincere thanks for their valuable services and unselfish devotion and very valuable services rendered by them during the past year on behalf of the Order.

COL. FRANK C. McARTHUR.

" HENRY FRAZEE.

" F. W. WHITE.

" E. T. ROE

" MICHAEL CROWLEY.

Committee on Resolutions.

All of which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations through Bro Smith submitted the following report, which was acted on by section, and after certain amendments was adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief.

By Bro. Brown: I move we take a recess until 7.45 P. M. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: It is ordered that we assemble in front of this hall at 2.30 for the parade.

At 2.30 P. M. the Commandery-in-Chief formed in line with Col. E. H. Milham in command, assisted by Col. Rain, of N. Y., and Col. Webb, of Kan., and made a fine showing along the line of march. When the parade was dismissed, the Commandery-in-Chief was again called to order at 5.15 P. M., by Gen. W. S. Payne in the chair. The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations proceeded with their report. The remainder of the report was acted upon section by section and adopted as follows:

Sec. 3, Art. XI, p. 57, was adopted as follows: All Past Camp Commanders only who have served a full term or filled a vacancy to the end of a term shall be entitled to wear the prescribed iron cross of the Order attached to the regulation camp officers' ribbon; this, however, shall not debar Past Division Commanders, Past Grand Division Commanders or Past Commanders-in-Chief now possessing said decoration by virtue of rank held previous to August 31, 1886, from wearing them. All Past Division Commanders only shall be entitled to wear the prescribed silver cross of the Order attached to the regulation division officers' ribbon. All Past Commanders-in-Chief shall be entitled to wear the prescribed golden star of the Order attached to the regulation Commandery-in-Chief ribbon; for meritorious service the Commandery-in-Chief may award by vote the prescribed golden cross of the Order, to be attached to the regulation Grand Division ribbon.

Sec. 23, Rules of Order, p. 72, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 23. A motion to reconsider any resolution shall only be in order within three meetings after the regular session of the Order at which proposed, and the same must be made by those voting in the negative in the case of an equal division.

Chap. I, Art. V, Sec. 1, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 1. The sons, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the civil war of 1861-65, shall be eligible to membership; also upon attaining the age of twenty-one years, all sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations.

Chap. III, Art. IV, p. 26, was amended to read as follows: The officers of the Division shall consist of a Colonel, a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major.

Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 1, p. 26, was amended by striking out the words "and chaplain" in the second line.

Chap. III, Art. VI, Sec. 4, p. 27, was amended so as to read as follows: The Colonel shall, on his accession to office, appoint a Surgeon with the rank

of Major, a Chaplain with the rank of Captain, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, an Inspector, a Mustering Officer, a Judge Advocate with the rank of First Lieutenant, and as many Aides with the rank of Second Lieutenant as he may deem necessary.

Chap. I, Art. 4, p. 5, second paragraph, was amended so as to read as follows: Second—Of State organizations known as Divisions.

Chap. II, Art. II, Sec. 8, p. 9, was amended by inserting the words "exclusive of badge," after the words "the application," in the fourth line.

Chap. II, Art. VI, Sec. 1, p. 12, was amended by striking out the words "orderly sergeant" and inserting "first lieutenant" in lieu thereof; also, wherever the same change is necessary throughout the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Chap. III, Art. III, Sec. 1, p. 25, was amended to read as follows: There shall be an annual meeting of each Division Encampment between April 1st and July 10th. of each year.

Chap. III, Art. VIII, was stricken out.

Chap. III, Art. IX, p. 28, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 1. The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, the Lieutenant Colonel, the Major, the staff of the Colonel, excepting Aides-de-Camp, and three elective.

The former section 1 of this article was made section 2; section 2 made section 3, after inserting before the word "division" the words "elective members of the."

That Chap. IV, Art. II, Sec. 1, "first," was amended so as to read as follows: First—Its own elective and appointive officers, except special Aides and Aides-de-Camp.

That Chap. IV, Art. II, Sec. 1, "sixth," was amended by dropping all after the word "providing," and inserting in lieu thereof, "that each Division having less than one thousand members, in addition to its delegate at-large, shall be entitled to one representation.

That Chap. IV, Art. IV, was amended so as to read as follows: The list of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be made up as follows: First, General and Commander-in-Chief; second, Lieutenant General; third, Major General; fourth, Chief-of-Staff; fifth, Adjutant General; sixth, Quartermaster General; seventh, Commissary General; eighth, Inspector General; ninth, Chief Mustering Officer; tenth, Chief Ordnance Officer; eleventh, Judge Advocate General; twelfth, Surgeon General; thirteenth, Chaplain-in-Chief.

Chap. IV, Art. VI, Sec. 3, p. 37, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 3 Any vacancies which may occur in the elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be filled by the next officer in rank, who shall assume the vacant chair and perform the duties of the office.

Chap. IV, Art. VI, Sec. 4, p. 37, was amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 4. The Commander-in-Chief shall, on his accession to the office, appoint a Chief-of-Staff, an Adjutant General, a Quartermaster General, a Commissary General, an Inspector General, a Chief Mustering Officer, a Chief Ordnance Officer, a Judge Advocate General, a Surgeon General, a Chaplain-in-Chief, and as many Aides-de-Camp as he may deem necessary, not exceeding, however, four for each Division in the Order.

That Chap. IV, Art VIII, Sec. 1, p. 38, be amended so as to read as follows: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers, the Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant General, the Quartermaster General, the Inspector General, the Chief Mustering Officer, the Judge Advocate General, the Surgeon General, the Chaplain-in-Chief, and one member from each Division to be elected yearly by their respective Divisions.

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 1, p. 44, the word "chief commander" was made "commander-in-chief."

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 4 p. 45, changed word "may" to "shall."

In Chap. VI, Art. 1, Sec. 5. p. 45, the words "and grand division" were dropped.

In Chap. VI, Art. 5, Sec. 1, p. 50, was amended by dropping words "at least once in six months," and instead thereof were inserted "during the month of April of each year."

In Chap. VI, Art. V, Sec. 2, p. 50, drop the words "and grand divisions," and insert before the word "divisions" the word "and."

In Chap. VI, Art. VIII, p. 54, drop words "of \$100 per annum" and add the words, "the sum to be fixed in advance by the annual meeting of the Commander-in-Chief, not to exceed \$1,000 for each."

In Chap. VI, Art. IX, p. 55, drop the words "and all officers above the rank of captain," and insert in lieu thereof "and all commissioned officers, except aides-de-camp of divisions."

In Chap. VI, Art. X, Sec. 1, p. 55, drop the words "from 1861 to 1865," after the words "United States service."

In Chap. VI, Art. X, Sec. 3, p. 57, drop the words and "grand divisions," after the word "divisions."

In Chap. VI, Art. XI, p. 58, that the following be made the fifth section of said article: There shall be four prescribed ribbons in the Order; all officers of the Commander-in-Chief, including all members of the Council-in-Chief, shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a ribbon, the centre a broad stripe of old gold with a narrow border of red, white and blue on each side, the same as is now worn; all Division officers, including all elective members of the Division Council, and excepting Assistant Inspectors, shall be entitled to wear a ribbon with a red center and a red, white and blue border on each side, the same as is now worn and in use; the Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant shall be entitled to wear a ribbon with a blue center and red, white and blue border on each side, the same as is now worn; the members shall wear, attached to their regulation badge, a ribbon of red, white and blue stripes of equal width, the same as is now worn. The Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon, the Division officers' ribbon and the Camp officers' ribbon, shall be worn, attached to the regulation badge, by officers only while holding office.

The following was made the sixth section of Chap. VI, Art. XI: As an evidence of past rank a single miniature rank strap shall be worn diagonally upon the left breast above and to the left of the regulation badge, indicative of the highest past rank. This shall apply to all officers, whether Commandery-in-Chief, Division or Camp officers.

The former Sec. 5 of Chap. VI, Art. XI, was made Sec. 7.

Chap. I, Art. IV, paragraph first, p. 5, was amended by adding to said paragraph, "excepting Davis Camp of Pittsburg, which is to be without number."

The following was made Sec. 2 of Art. IX, Chap. III, p. 55: Sec. 2. Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and Divisions shall not omit to wear the numbers of their camp within the wreath; officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be permitted to wear the proscribed Commandery-in-Chief mark only while holding office.

By Bro. Worden: I move to adopt the report of the committee as it now stands amended. Carried.

By Bro. Carlisle, Adjutant General: I move that Bro Smith take this report of the committee and put it in proper shape for publication. Carried.

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move to strike out the last paragraph on page 43. Remarks by Bro's Cott and Crowley. By Bro. Smith: I move to take a recess until 8.30 this eve.

By Bro. Worden: I move as an amendment that we take a recess until 8 P. M. Question as amended put and carried.

8.15 P. M.—Commandery-in-Chief called to order by General Payne in the chair.

By Bro. Abbott; I move as an amendment that the last paragraph on page 43, (R. & R.) be stricken out. Motion lost.

The proprietor of the hall notified the Commandery-in-Chief that no provisions were made for the use of the hall that eve. The Q. M. General was instructed to make arrangements for the hall. He reported he had done so and could get it for \$5.00. The hall was accepted at the price named.

General L. M. Wagner read a financial statement of the Grand Division of the Earp faction, showing assets and liabilities.

By Bro. Smith, of Pa: I move that the S. of V., U. S. A., assume the assets and liabilities of what was the Grand Division of the Earp faction of Pennsylvania. Carried.

By Bro. Rowlson, of Mich: I move that the salaries of the Adj't Gen'l and Q. M. Gen'l be fixed at \$400 and \$300 each respectively. Carried.

By Gen. Payne: It has been decided that a Brother of Camp No. 7 of the Michigan Division, at Detroit, has won the prize offered by Col. E. A. Hayes. Capt. McDonel was called for, and not responding to his name, Col. F. W. Rowlson, of the Mich. Div., stepped forward and received the medal for the camp, thanking Colonel Hayes in behalf of the camp, in a few well-chosen remarks.

Lt. Col. E. A. Hayes asked for the privilege of the floor, but owing to the amount of business yet to be done, the privilege was denied.

By Bro. Webb, of Kan.: I move that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Carried.

By Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire: I demand that the house be divided. By Gen'l Payne: The Brothers entitled to vote will take seats on my right and those not so entitled on my left.

By Bro. Brown, of Ohio: I move to reconsider the question of an informal ballot. By Bro. Webb: I move to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Carried.

The chair appointed Col. J. J. Speaker, of Mo., Gen. W. D. Thomas, of W. Pa., and Col. Hammer, of E. Pa., as tellers. The roll of the Commandery-in-Chief was called, each Bro. present stopping to the altar and voting as his name was called. Gen. W. D. Thomas announced the result of the informal ballot as follows:

Gen. W. S. Payne 52; Gen. G. B. Abbott 10; Col. L. J. Webb 4; Col. H. H. Hammer 1; O. B. Brown 2; H. P. Kent 1.

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move that Gen. G. W. Penniman acting assistant Adj't Gen. cast the unanimous ballot of the 5th Annual Encampment of Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans for Walter S. Payne as Commander-in-Chief. Carried unanimously, amidst great cheering and throwing of hats, led by Col. Hammer, of Pa.

Ballot cast as directed by Gen'l G. W. Penniman Ass't Adj't Gen'l for Walter S. Payne.

Bro. W. C. Farquher then stepped forward and presented the Gen'l with an easel, on which rested a panel covered with velvet and beautifully lettered, on which was a horse shoe found on the site of the Washington monument and placed on its top. Col. Farquher took this horse shoe from the top of the monument and had it nicely gilded and brought it to Buffalo for the purpose of presenting it to the next Commander-in-Chief.

And before Gen. Payne could respond, Col. Lauman, of Illinois, stepped forward and presented Gen. Payne with an elegant gold star of the Order, studded with four diamonds, two sapphires and two rubies. Colonel Lauman said that he had the pleasure of presenting this gold star as an emblem of the esteem with which he is held by his subordinates. The Gen'l was nearly unmaned at this show of regard, and was unable to respond as he is wont to do but promised to thank them at the next encampment.

By Bro. Rowen: I move that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Lt. Gen. Carried.

Roll of Commandery-in-Chief called, members voting as their names were called. Result of ballot:

J. L. Rake 54; L. J. Webb 2; G. B. Abbott 5; H. P. Kent 1; Joe B. Maccabe 1; M. Retel 1; W. Fraenkle 1.

By Bro. Smith, of Pennsylvania: I move the Adjutant General cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for J. L. Rake as Lieutenant General. Carried unanimously, and the ballot was so cast by T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, and J. L. Rake declared elected Lieutenant General for the ensuing year.

By Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio: I move that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for Bro. Horace Lyman Wright, of Maine, for Major General. Carried unanimously, amid great cheering.

A vote of thanks was voted the tellers and they were discharged.

By Bro. Rowen, of Iowa: I move that the next Annual Encampment be held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa. Remarks by Bro. G. W. Penniman, in which he offered the name of Minneapolis as the place for holding the next Annual Encampment.

Bro. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, suggested that the place be chosen by ballot. The nominations were then closed and ballot taken, with the following result: Des Moines, Iowa, 52; Minneapolis, Minn., 11. Des Moines declared the choice of the Encampment.

By Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire: I move that the next Encampment be held between the 10th and 20th day of August, 1887. Carried.

By Bro. Brown: I move we have a committee of three on transportation appointed, with Col. James D. Rowen as chairman. Carried. The chair appointed the following Brothers as a Committee on Transportation: James D. Rowen, Frank Johnson and Fred. S. White.

Gen. L. M. Wagner, in behalf of the Earp faction, thanked the Commandery-in-Chief for courtesies extended to him and members of that branch who were present.

By Bro. O. B. Brown, of Ohio: I move you that a vote of thanks be tendered Bro. J. W. Mitchell, editor of the Camp Fire, published at Portsmouth, Ohio, for his attendance to business. Remarks by the Adjutant General, in which he stated the Camp Fire was one of the great sources of success in the Ohio Division. Motion put and carried.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed:

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due and are herewith extended to the National Tribune for the aid and encouragement it has given to our Order.

The Council-in-Chief then submitted the following report:

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1886.

The Council-in-Chief reports that the vouchers are correct. It is recommended that the inventory of supplies as handed to the Council-in-Chief be referred to the incoming Quartermaster General for verification. The council find that the books are in a somewhat confused state, and while they find no errors in the balances, they recommend that a more complete and clear system of keeping the accounts be devised.

The following bills were allowed and ordered paid:

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| Gen. W. S. Payne, expense to Buffalo and room for Headquarters .....                                        | \$10 | 00 |
| Adj. Gen. T. G. Carlisle, expense to Buffalo .....                                                          | 25   | 00 |
| Q. M. Gen. O. T. Shutt, " " .....                                                                           | 25   | 0  |
| H. L. Guerin, as member Council-in-Chief to Grand Rapids .....                                              | 20   | 00 |
| C. E. Holmes, R. R. fare as member Council-in-Chief from New York ...                                       | 12   | 30 |
| F. W. Koler, " Major General " " Utica, N. Y. ...                                                           | 8    | 25 |
| G. B. Abbott, " Inspector General " " Chicago .....                                                         | 18   | 50 |
| A. T. Leith, " " " " Wisconsin ...                                                                          | 26   | 50 |
| F. M. Shackford, " " " " N. Hampshire .....                                                                 | 15   | 00 |
| H. L. Guerin, " " " " Ohio .....                                                                            | 13   | 25 |
| C. J. Post, " " " " Michigan ...                                                                            | 18   | 50 |
| W. D. Thomas, " Chief of Staff " " Pennsylvania .....                                                       | 7    | 25 |
| E. T. Roe, " " " " Illinois .....                                                                           | 27   | 05 |
| O. F. Hayford, " Chaplain-in-Chief " " Maine .....                                                          | 14   | 00 |
| M. L. Wright, " Council-in-Chief " " Maine .....                                                            | 14   | 00 |
| G. W. Penniman, " Chief M. O. " " Minnesota ...                                                             | 14   | 2  |
| Geo. D. Jones, " " " " Dakota .....                                                                         | 47   | 1  |
| Otis E. Conway, services as stenographer .....                                                              | 10   | 0  |
| E. G. Worden, R. R. fare and expense as delegate-at-large from third Grand Div. to Grand Rapids, Mich. .... | 25   | 00 |
| Harry. A. Donally, R. R. fare as Council-in-Chief from New Jersey .....                                     | 12   | 50 |



Bill of M. R. Wright, for printing..... 60 00  
 Maj. A. P. Davis, stationery, etc..... 50 00

Respectfully submitted.

[Signed] FRED. W. KOLER, Chairman. H. A. DONELLY, (N. J.)  
 C. J. POST, (Mich.) F. M. SHACKFORD, (N. H.)  
 H. L. GUEBIN, (Ohio) H. L. WRIGHT, (Me.)  
 G. B. ABBOTT, (Ills.) A. T. LEITH, (Wis.)  
 C. F. HAYFORD, (Me.) G. W. PENNIMAN, Sec'y (Minn.)  
 C. E. HOLMES, (N. Y.) W. D. THOMAS, (Pa.)  
 GEO. D. JONES, (Dakota)

Council-in-Chief.

By Bro. Hendee, of New York: I move the adoption of the report of Council-in-Chief. Carried.

By Bro. Smith: I move that we proceed to elect a new Council-in-Chief, and that the delegates from the several divisions recommend the names to this Encampment. Remarks by Bros. Speaker, Abbott, Crowley and Brown. Question put and carried.

The following resolution was offered by E. T. Roe, of Illinois, and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we tender to all the Grand Army Posts in Buffalo our heartfelt thanks for their generous recognition of the Sons of Veterans, as manifested in their liberal participation in the parade of this Encampment, and their kindly treatment and hospitality shown the Sons during the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Buffalo.

The roll of Divisions was called by the Adjutant General, and the following names announced for members of the Council-in-Chief:

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| Maine—C. F. Hayford,            | Ohio—O. B. Brown,           |
| New Hampshire—Michael Crowley,  | Illinois—E. T. Roe,         |
| Vermont—F. H. Allen,            | Michigan—C. J. Post,        |
| Massachusetts—J. B. Maccabo,    | Missouri—J. B. Davis,       |
| Connecticut—G. Brainard Smith,  | Dakota—F. S. Webb,          |
| New York—Wm. Traenkle,          | Colorado—W. L. Murphy,      |
| Pennsylvania—Lafayette Johnson, | West Virginia—E. H. Curtis, |
| New Jersey—Harry A. Donolly,    | Minnesota—J. H. McKelvey,   |
| Wisconsin—A. T. Leith.          |                             |

By Bro. G. B. Abbott: I move that the Adj't Gen'l cast a vote for the Bros. just named to constitute the Council-in-Chief for the coming year. Carried.

The Adjutant General cast the vote as directed and they were declared elected.

By Bro. J. J. Speaker: I move that the Commander-in-Chief be empowered to accept and approve the selection of any representatives from Divisions when they shall be named to him by Divisions not already represented. Carried.

By Bro. Rowson, of Mich.: I move that this Encampment vote the Adj't Gen'l and Q-M. Gen'l the respective sums of \$75 and \$40 as an extra compensation for the past year. Seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio. By Bro. Holmes, of N. Y.: I move as an amendment that they each receive \$75. Amendment agreed to and motion put and carried.

By Bro. Hendee, of N. Y.: I move that the privilege of the floor be given to Bro. Hayes, of Buffalo. Carried. Bro Hayes then took the floor and thanked the Commandery-in-Chief for the courtesy, and among other things he said he felt as if he had been sat down upon by the cowboy from Kansas, but, owing to the amount of business on hand it was all right.

By Bro. J. J. Speaker: I move that we proceed to the installation of officers. Carried.

The General, W. S. Payne; Lt. Gen., J. L. Rake and Maj, General H. L. Wright were duly installed and escorted to their respective stations by Bro. G. B. Abbott, Inspector General.

The following members of the Council-in-Chief were then obligated:

Wm. Traenkle, of N. Y., Johnston, of Pa., Post, of Mich., and Murphy, of Colorado.

By Bro. W. D. Thomas. I move that the Commander-in-Chief have such a number of proceedings printed as he may deem necessary. Carried.

The following telegrams were then read:

NEW YORK, Aug. 30 1883.

To the Officers and Delegates National Encampment, Sons of Veterans, Buffalo:

Greeting: May the Encampment be harmonious and conductive to the great principles which are the strong pillars of our noble Order. That every act accomplished may tend to promote friendship, to establish charity and to enhance loyalty.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS.

WATERVILLE DEPOT, ME., Aug. 31st, 1886.

To Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief:

A hearty greeting to the Sons of Veterans of the United States. May fraternity and harmony characterize the deliberations in national council and the fathers' legacy of liberty and peace bless their lives.

ISAAC S. BANGS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Aug. 31, 1886.

To E. T. Roe, Illinois Delegation Sons of Veterans, Genesee House.

Can't come; if legal, appoint my proxy, or act yourself.

GEO. B. STODDEN.

BROOKWAYVILLE, Pa., Sept. 1, 1886.

To Gen. Walter Payne, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, care J. O. Kernahan, 177 Pine St.:

I send fraternal greetings and best wishes to the officers and members of the Commandery.

J. P. KEYS,  
Chief-of-Staff W. Pa. Div.

The muster ceremony and exemplification of the unwritten or secret work was performed with Gen'l G. B. Abbott Acting Captain; Gen. J. L. Rake 1st Lieutenant and Gen'l H. L. Wright 2d Lieutenant; Col. F. W. Rowson, S. of G. and Q. M. Gen'l O. T. Shutt, Corp. of the G. The work was done in a systematic manner. The way in which the altar sign was given during the instructions of the recruit, was a cause for considerable discussion, many taking sides with the Serg't of the Guard, claiming he gave it correct, a greater number claiming not correct. Gen. G. B. Abbott, Inspector Gen'l interpreted it as given by the Serg't of the G.

By Bro. J. J. Speaker: I move that the interpretation put upon the work by Gen. Abbott be adopted. Motion put and lost.

By Bro. E. G. Worden: I move that the altar sign be abolished and the military salute, as given by Upton's Tactics, be adopted. Carried.

By Bro. Smith, of Pa.: I move that the minutes of this Encampment be approved and accepted when corrected by the Adj't Gen'l. Carried.

By W. D. Thomas, of Pa.: I move we adjourn *sine die*, to meet in Des Moines, Aug. 10-12, 1887. Carried.

The Commandery-in-Chief then closed in due form.

GEN'L WALTER S. PAYNE,  
Commander-in-Chief.

OFFICIAL:

T. G. CARLISLE, Adjutant General.

