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DES MOINES, IOWA,

August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order by General Walter S. Payne at 11:10 A. M., August 17th, 1887.

Colonel James D. Rowen, of Iowa, introduced Governor Larrabee, of Iowa, who in a short speech welcomed the Commandery-in-Chief to Des Moines and the State of Iowa, on behalf of the Iowa Division Sons of Veterans.

General Walter S. Payne thanked the Governor for his kind welcome. Three cheers and a tiger was given for the Governor as he retired from the hall.

On roll call, H. L. Wright, Maj. General; F. D. Eddy, Chief of Staff; Ed. C. White, Chaplain-in-Chief; and Geo. W. Penniman, C. M. O.; were found to be absent.

General Walter S. Payne then appointed Col. Frank M. Shackford, of New Hampshire, Maj. General; Frank Miller, of Ohio, Chaplain-in-Chief; Gen. G. B. Abbott, Serg't of the Guard; Capt. W. H. Hansche, of Indiana, Corporal of the Guard; and Adjutant W. F. Jenkins, of Illinois, Ass't. Adj't General.

Several members of the Grand Army of the Republic were duly obligated, and the Sixth Annual Encampment was opened in due form.

The following committees were then appointed:

ON CREDENTIALS.—T. G. Carlisle, Adj't Gen'l, Ohio; J. J. Speaker, Mo.; James I. Lyons, Ill.; J. H. Hinkley, Mass.; and H. M. Russell, Pa.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Col. M. E. Hall, Mich.; Col. Henry Frazee, Ohio; Col. E. J. Smith, Pa.; F. L. Eaton, Vt.; Col. R. H. Freer, W. Va.; and Joe B. Maccabe, Mass.

ON RITUAL.—Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Ill.; Capt. W. E. Bundy, Ohio; J. W. Anderson, Pa.; Capt. Fremont Garrett, Ind.; and C. J. Post, Mich.

ON RESOLUTIONS.—W. C. Reeme, Pa.; J. S. Martin, Pa.; Michael Crowley, N. H.; Col. Clay D. Herod, Kan.; and R. Loebenstein, Mo.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., in Encampment Assembled:

We, your committee on Credentials, report that we have duly examined the certified reports to the Adjutant Gen'l and the credentials handed us and we find the following entitled to seats and vote in this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Past Commanders-in-Chief Frank P. Merrill, Me.; A. P. Davis, Pa.; H. W. Arnold, Pa.; L. M. Wagner, Pa.

OFFICERS.

Gen'l, Walter S. Payne, Ohio; Lt. General, J. L. Rake, Pa.; Maj. Gen'l, H. L. Wright, Me.; Chief of Staff, F. D. Eddy, Mich.; Adj't Gen'l, T. G. Carlisle, Ohio; Q. M. G., O. T. Shutt, Ohio; Insp. Gen'l, G. B. Abbott, Ill.; C. M. O., G. W. Penniman, Minn.; J. A. Gen'l, L. J. Webb, Kan.; Surg. Gen'l, S. A. Spilman, Iowa; Chaplain-in-Chief, Ed. C. White, New Jersey.

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Colo., W. L. Murphy; Conn., G. B. Smith; Ill., E. T. Roe; Ind., J. F. Goodwine; Me., C. F. Hayford; Md., Jno. E. Foote; Mass., Joe B. Maccabe; Mich., C. J. Post; Minn., J. H. McKelvey; Mo., J. B. Davis; N. H., Michael Crowley; N. J., H. A. Donnelly; N. Y., Wm. Fraenkle; Ohio, I. I. Morrison; Pa., L. Johnston; Vt., F. H. Allen; West Va., E. H. Curtis; Wis., A. T. Leith; Dak., F. S. Webb.

DELEGATES.

COLORADO.—Past Col. F. C. McArthur; Col. H. D. Kendig.

Connecticut.—Past Col. L. F. Burpee; Col. Eugene Moorehouse; Del., D. E. Ford; Alt., W. E. Lewis.

Dakota.—Past Col's Hamilton Kerr and E. G. Worden; Col. J. R. Rockwell; Del., C. B. Cooke.

ILLINOIS.—Past Col's H. R. Bacon, R. V. Mallory, A. W. McFarland; Col. Frank McCrillis; Del's, Frank A. Gurney, James I. Lyons and W. F. Jenkins.

- CALIFORNIA.—Past Col. Louis Depew Callahan; Col. C. J. Callahan.
 INDIANA.—Col. E. S. Walker; Del., Capt. Fremont Garrett; Wm. H. Hanché.
 KANSAS.—Past Col's L. J. Webb and A. C. Dolde; Col., Clay D. Herod; Del., E. B. White and R. F. Stinson.
 KENTUCKY.—Col. Will K. West.
 MAINE.—Past Col's A. S. Libby, C. H. Rice. John C. Blake, E. K. Gould; Col. Thos. G. Libby.
 MARYLAND.—Col. Miles W. Ross; Past Col. G. W. Collier.
 MASSACHUSETTS.—Past Col's H. S. Crossman, C. F. Sargent, Geo. H. Cleveland; Col. J. H. Hinkley; Del., C. Wallis.
 MINNESOTA.—Past Col. E. N. Vancleve; Col. E. H. Milham; Del., Geo. W. Knowlton; Geo. W. Martin.
 MICHIGAN.—Past Col's H. Hodges and F. W. Rowlson; Col., M. E. Hall; Del.s, N. G. Cooper, M. J. Davis and C. A. Gurney.
 MISSOURI.—Past Col's C. S. Crysler, Frederick Neudorf and J. J. Speaker; Col. A. H. Vandivert; Del., R. Loebenstein.
 MONTANA.—Col. Geo. W. Gibbs.
 NEBRASKA.—Past Col. A. W. Coglizer; Col. B. W. Hawkins; Del.s, A. M. Appelget and F. E. Munn.
 NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Past Col's E. A. Badger, Frank Challis, F. E. Libby; Col., F. M. Shackford.
 NEW JERSEY.—Past Col. Ed. C. White; Col. E. E. Jefferis; Del., Harry A. Douglass.
 NEW YORK.—Past Col's C. J. Foster and C. T. Rain; Col. E. F. Fellows; Del., E. W. Hatch.
 OHIO.—Past Col's E. H. Gilkey, F. W. Myers, Geo. A. Ensign; Col. Henry Frazee; Del's, E. H. Archer, O. C. Springer, W. E. Bundy, Frank Miller and F. M. Kennedy.
 PENNSYLVANIA.—Past Col's C. J. Miller, H. M. Russell, A. K. Howard, Geo. P. Brockway and H. H. Hammer; Col. E. J. Smith; Del.s, E. R. Kennington, W. C. Recme, Chas. E. Derfenderfer, J. S. Martin, J. W. Anderson.
 TENNESSEE.—Col., A. R. McKenzie.
 VERMONT.—Past Col's Geo. E. Terrill, C. F. R. Jenney; Col. J. E. Fox; Del., F. L. Eaton.
 WEST VIRGINIA.—Col. Romeo H. Freer.
 WISCONSIN.—Past Col., S. F. Peacock; Col., F. J. Walthers.
 IOWA.—Past Col. P. V. Carey; Col. Jas. D. Rowan; Del.s, Cato Sells, Al. Sorter and G. L. Goodale; Alt.s, G. B. Sheetz and C. B. Hutchison.

Respectfully submitted,

In F., C. and L.,

T. G. CARLISLE, Chair.,
 J. J. SPEAKER,
 J. H. HINKLEY,
 JAS. I. LYONS,
 H. M. RUSSELL, Sec'y,

Committee.

Moved by Maccabe, of Mass., that this report be referred back to Committee on Credentials for changes and corrections and to report at some future time.

Substitute by Col. Rowan, of Iowa, I move that the report of the Committee be adopted as read and that the Committee be retained and their report continued; motion seconded by delegate. Motion put and declared carried.

By Col. C. D. Herod, of Kansas, moved to take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Motion put and carried, and recess declared.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUG. 17TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order by Gen'l Walter S. Payne in the chair at 2:45 P. M.

Several members of the Grand Army of the Republic were obligated and the Encampment declared opened for the transaction of business.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne then appointed the following Committee on Reports of Officers: Gen'l R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; Col. E. H. Millham, Minn.; Col. Miles W. Ross, Md.; W. E. Lewis, Conn.; G. W. Wallis, Mass.; and Col. E. S. Walker, Ind.

The Committee on Credentials offered the same report as they did at morning session with the following additions:

ADDITIONS TO REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS.

Gen'l Wm. E. W. Ross, Md.; Gen'l John A. Thompson, Md.; Col. R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; Maj. A. P. Davis, Pa.; Col. J. A. Rodrigo, N. J.; Gen'l I. S. Bangs, Me.; Dr. Eldrige, Me.; Gen'l Wm. H. Pierpont, Conn.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Gen'ls I. S. Bangs, Me.; F. P. Challis, N. H.; Horace P. Kent, Mass.; R. M. J. Reed, Pa.; J. A. Rodrigo, N. J.; Wm. E. W. Ross, Md.; John A. Thompson, Md.; Raphael Tobias, N. Y.; C. S. Crysler, Mo.; I. J. Webb, Kansas.

PAST COLONELS.

E. W. Alexander, Pa.; W. H. Smith, Pa.; J. H. Slosson, Pa.; E. Z. Dow, Conn.; W. A. Crawford, N. J.; H. E. Hatfield, N. J.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

T. G. CARLISLE, Chair.,
J. J. SPEAKER,
J. H. HINKLEY,
JAS. I. LYONS,
H. M. RUSSELL, Sec'y.

} Committee.

Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott that the Committee be instructed to add to their report the above names as reported in their additional report. Carried.

Moved by W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, that the name of Past Col. H. R. Bacon be added to the list and be given a vote. Carried.

Moved by Col. Rowen, of Iowa, that Gen'l W. H. Pierpont be given the rank of Past Grand Division Commander. Motion carried.

Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott that the report of the Committee and the supplemented report be adopted as a whole. Motion carried.

Moved by Col. E. H. Millham, of Minn., that Geo. W. Martin be given a vote as a delegate from Minn. Motion carried.

Moved by O. C. Springer, of Ohio, that the report of Committee on Credentials be re-considered. Motion lost.

Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., asked the privilege of appointing a delegate to fill a vacancy in his delegation.

Moved by Gen'l G. B. Abbott, seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that Pa. Division be granted the right to appoint another delegate to fill vacancy. Remarks were indulged in by Bros. Sells, of Iowa; Stinson, of Kansas; Crowley, of N. H.; against the motion, and by Bros. Bundy, of Ohio; Martin and Smith, of Pa.; for the motion. Motion put and lost.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

Gen'l Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, then submitted his annual address as follows:

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

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

Our army of the loyal Sons of the Boys in Blue, has been marching on and on with a solid unbroken front since we struck our tents at Buffalo, recruiting as we go, we have added strength to strength until the world is looking to us as a strong tower of defence for all of her sacred institutions. We have now arrived at one of those bridges which cross the stream of Time. The country on the other side is wholly undiscovered. We can safely say that no mortal eye has ever looked upon it. It is therefore important that we inspect and review our forces, choose a new and trusty General to lead us on, select our advance guards, and do all as though the battles of the coming year were to be of the sharpest, and the enemy and obstacles we are to meet the most obstinate, and I must say right here that no General ever led a more loyal or trustworthy command into action. With but one exception we have won every battle during the past year, and we could have overpowered them if they had been an enemy, but they were our own brothers, and all have extended the hand of friendship and brotherly love to them, and earnestly urged them to come into our camp and not remain on "post" any longer. But they are so brave and loyal that they believe it to be their duty to continue on "post." We prophecy that the time will soon come when they will be glad to come into camp.

OUR FATHERS.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic have shown such a feeling of pride in their sons and rendered us such valuable assistance in pitching our tents all over the country that our love for them has grown to adoration. Comrade George A. Manning, of Cœur D'Alene, Idaho, (District Attorney of Kootnai county,) drove one hundred miles to muster a Camp of Sons of Veterans at Moseow, Idaho, and would not accept a dollar for his trouble. I could name many more such comrades as George W. Miller, of Terre Haute, Ind., would be willing to live on quarter rations for a week if necessary to recruit and muster the boys into our camps. General Fairehild, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, and Colonel E. B. Gray, his gallant Adjutant-General, have rendered valuable assistance to our Order and recognized us as no others ever did.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

We look with a great deal of pride on the growth of our Order during the past year. Our last annual report showed a total membership of 16,250. We have chartered 615 new camps with 11,838 applicants. We have mustered into the old camps 5,438 members, which makes a total growth of 17,249, and a total membership of 32,821. What other order ever made such a rapid stride? Ohio alone has mustered 110 camps with a membership 2,071, and Pennsylvania, Illinois and other Divisions have kept close

behind. We have much improved our inspections during the past year by the untiring efforts of Gen. G. B. Abbott and his able assistants, and still many camps have been derelict in duty in these important matters. All orders and inspections must be carried out with a thorough military precision before we can expect to take our place by the side of military organizations. We have organized new Divisions in the following States and Territories: District of Columbia, Maryland, Montana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and new camps in Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas and Virginia. This gives our Order a solid footing in twenty-nine State, six Territories and the District of Columbia.

WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

For full detail of the work of the past year I refer with feelings of pride to the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. When you consider that we paid out \$3,424.30 for printing you can judge that the Quartermaster-General has been kept very busy packing and shipping in response to the many requisitions received from Divisions.

ARMS AND EQUIPMENTS.

I have ordered arms and equipments for about twenty camps and I receive letters every week from brothers or camps who are anxious to join in this important military movement, which will make us Uncle Sam's standing army.

"WHY SUCH AN ORDER."

We are often asked, why such an Order as ours is necessary or for what principle or purpose are you working. One might as well ask, why are the ashes of our loved ones dear to us? Because the cause in which they fell was a sacred one. Because as our fathers have said there must be but one country and one flag, and that the beautiful stars and stripes, we are banded together to sustain and uphold that banner for which our fathers sacrificed so much, and that no power on earth, either high or low shall violate the patriotism which is our heritage. An order like ours that everybody knows, is full of that patriotism and zeal that inspired our fathers is the most effective insurance against a repetition of any treasonable or other outbreak in our country.

SUPPLIES.

We hear but little about profit on supplies now that the plan adopted two years ago has proven to work so well, at that time were hardly out of debt. We have paid every cent that we owed and have \$2,497.48 in our treasury. I earnestly recommend that this policy of no profit on supplies be strictly adhered to. There is but one fountain from which to draw our support and that is the pockets of our brothers, and whether it be as profit on supplies or per capita tax, it all comes out of the same pocket. With per capita tax we know just what we are to receive, with profit on supplies no one could estimate what they were to have. I think it would be a great mistake to allow Divisions to do their own printing or get it done. While some Division officers would adhere strictly to the prescribed forms, others would change them. If a few Divisions got their own printing done it would reduce the printing at headquarters so much that low estimates or prices could not be obtained on so small amount as would remain. No Colonel of a Division would think of letting one of his camps get their own printing done; why should a Division be allowed this privilege? If Colonels of Divisions would put in their orders or make requisitions for all the supplies they would need at one time the name of the Division could be printed in all of their blanks without extra expense. I am more and more convinced every day that there should be no profit on supplies.

EXPENSES.

The expenses for headquarters for the past year have been \$2,497.48. This includes about \$300 paid to the Council-in-Chief as voted to themselves at Buffalo. The expenses of the coming year should not exceed \$3,000.00, and with a membership 32,821 a per capita tax of 12 cents would then cover the amount required, I would therefore recommend the per capita tax be reduced to 12 cents.

BADGES AND CROSSES.

Our Chief Ordnance Officer, Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., has managed the badge and cross business so successful and with such universal satisfaction that I sincerely hope the office of Chief Ordnance Officer may be made permanent and that Father Davis may be allowed to discharge its duties while his health will admit of his doing so. He is faithful and takes a deep interest in this work, devotes his whole time to it. He merits the thanks and good will of the whole Order.

RANK STRAPS.

In my annual address one year ago I used these words: "I sincerely hope that for the next two years we will retain our miniature rank straps as so many of our officers are still very young." I have not changed my opinion as yet, and I think when one more year rolls round the Order will be so largely a military organization armed and equipped, that the "collar tag," as it is sometimes called, will be entirely done away with and the regulation shoulder strap or shoulder knot will be adopted. In the meantime I earnestly recommend that dispensations be granted to every camp that is armed and equipped to wear the regulation shoulder strap. Our constitution says: "All commissioned officers except Aides-de-Camp of Divisions may if they desire, wear the full dress uniform coat as prescribed by said regulation." The regulation officer's dress coat always has the shoulder strap on it indicating his rank. I earnestly urge this Encampment to change section 2, article 9, of the Commandery-in-Chief constitution which requires the Commander-in-Chief and Colonels of Divisions to wear the number of their camp on their cap. The Commander-in-Chief belongs to the whole Order and the Colonel of a Division belongs to a State and not to any particular camp while they hold that position. If the Captain of company A of any regiment should be promoted to the command of any regiment or brigade he would not continue to wear the letter A on his cap. Let us follow the army in their regulation as nearly as we can.

CAP MARKS.

I would earnestly recommend the changing of the cap mark adopted by this body from a star to a sun. The color to be between an old gold and red, to imitate as nearly as possible the sun, to be embroidered around the edge with gold and rays of light. Above it S. V. and below it U. S. A. One of our Divisions has adopted the star and at a short distance you cannot tell a brother of this Division from an officer of the national body. By making this change our next officers of this national body will represent that greatest light which not only illumines the day but gives us warmth and heat and we may expect them to let their light shine throughout the land and warm up the Order to new life and renewed vigor. Then for the immediate staff who rank as brigadiers give them the crescent and star as worn by our present Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. Those of the staff who rank as Colonels, give them Old Abe, the eagle, which was worn by the Third Grand Division, and the Lieutenant-Colonels of Staff the silver leaf. These insignia worn on the caps indicate that they are staff officers, while the officers of Divisions wear their own Division cap mark.

By this means we can readily distinguish a field officer from a staff officer who happens to hold the same rank.

FUNDS OF THE ORDER.

The amount of money passing through the hands of the Commander-in-Chief during the year has been about eight thousand dollars, more or less, and the coming year it will be still more. I therefore repeat my recommendation of last year that the Commander-in-Chief be required to give good and sufficient bond in such sum as you may decide upon, and let him exact a bond from his Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. They are the creatures of his will and if they had five thousand dollars in their hands beccould with the stroke of his pen relieve them and require them to turn the money over to any one he would name. This body has nothing to do with staff officers and therefore should look to the Commander-in-Chief.

CONSOLIDATION.

The United Divisions of Pennsylvania, comes to-day a unit not only in name, but in heart and work, and it is a Division that this National Encampment will always feel proud of. She has good live camps and a Colonel that knows how to fight and how to work. I made a proposition to the Post system that if they would elect delegates to our National Encampment we would give them seats in this convention and appoint a committee of equal number from our body to confer with them on the subject of consolidation and if a plan was agreed upon by the joint committee we would bring it before the Encampment and act upon it. I have read a report of their Encampment held at Newburg, N. Y., a few days since and find nothing in it relating to my proposition, but find that they organized a national body out of their New York department and three Posts in New Jersey.

VISITATIONS.

My business relations during the past year have kept me pretty closely at home. I attended the Encampments of the following Divisions; Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, and I found them full to the brim of that zeal for the cause, and that same patriotism that inspired our fathers which made them ready to move at a moment's notice to where duty calls. I have visited quite a number of camps of the Order and had the pleasure of delivering the Memorial Day address at Payne, Ohio. I visited the reunion of Davis Camp in Pittsburg, and attended a very enthusiastic meeting of the G. A. R., and Sons of Veterans at Youngstown, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1886, when Gens. Logan, Fairchild, Conger, and other prominent men of the G. A. R. were present, and our Order through its representation received all the recognition we could ask. I can assure you the Sons of Veterans have staunch friends and supporters in General Lucius Fairchild, of the Grand Army, and many Department Commanders that I could mention. I also visited officially the headquarters of the Missouri Division, which will, I am sure, prove beneficial to the Order in that locality.

DECISIONS.

I have rendered a number of decisions during the past year, all relating to eligibility for membership. Copies of these are in the letter press copy book. As you are acquainted with the many questions that arise from this source, I would recommend that the Constitution be so amended in reference to this, that there could be no misunderstanding as to who were eligible.

FUNDS.

I am happy to report that the financial condition of our Order is as good as we could expect, if not as good as we could ask. Although at the begin-

ning of this year we were in debt over \$300, we now have cash on hand, \$2,197.68, and are now out of debt.

FINALLY.

I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to the Division officers and members for uniform and useful loyalty to the Order and myself, as well as to the cause for which we are organized. I am under many obligations to the Adjutant General, T. G. Carlisle, and Quartermaster General, O. T. Shutt, for untiring faithfulness in the discharge of their duties, and to the Inspector General, G. B. Abbott, for the faithful inspection of the Order which have been the means of bringing about more system and completeness in all our work. Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, earned the first prize, a fine sword, for mustering the most camps within a given time, and Col. G. B. Abbott the second prize, a gold headed cane. I believe that this prize money has brought back treble the amount expended in the good it has done the Order. And now, as I am about to turn over my command to another, I feel as though I was parting with my best friend, the Order, above all others, that is wound around my heart, and if I could not continue to be with you in this great and glorious work I could not restrain my grief. But I thank God that I can still be with you and lend my feeble efforts toward the ultimate and grand success which is sure to come to this Order and in the words of our very worthy Judge Advocate, General Leland Webb, "Do what you like, I am with the boys." Let us as true patriots remember that our first duty is loyalty to ourselves, for if we are lacking in this we will not be in condition to be loyal to God, to our country and to those brave patriots, our fathers, who saved us as a nation and made it possible for us to have such an Order and such glorious principles to uphold and perpetuate. May God bless you all and prosper all your laudable undertakings.

GEN. WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

Which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Officers.

The report of the Chief of Staff was read by the Adjt. Gen'l, as follows:

REPORT OF STAFF.

LOWELL, MICH., AUGUST 6, 1887.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The appointment received by me at your hands soon after the National Encampment at Buffalo, N. Y., was received with gratitude. I appreciated the honor and had the position given greater opportunities for work, should have been quite as well satisfied.

It is not my desire to be a mere "thing of beauty and uselessness." I craved and hoped for work that would add to the glory of our noble Order. That the opportunity to show my willingness failed to materialize, is a sore disappointment to me and will ever be a lasting regret. Could I have had but a small portion of the glory attached to your very successful administration, I would be content. I can say with the thousands of other brothers equally ready and willing to do all that needs be done, that the failure to individually advance our interests as an Order is only from lack of opportunity. I shall lay down my title with grateful, pleasant memories of the many courtesies extended me by yourself and brothers, and will take my place in the ranks with intensified loyal love and respect for the Order and those so fortunate as to be numbered among its members.

With kindest wishes for your future and an unlimited confidence in the

stability and future of the Order, whose affairs you have so well conducted during your term of office, I am, General,

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

F. D. EDDY,

Chief of Staff.

Which was referred to the Committee.

The report of the Adjutant General was then read by himself and referred to Committee on reports of Officers.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 10, 1887.

To Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The time for holding the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is rapidly approaching and I am reminded of one of my last duties, that of submitting to you my annual report. And I hope and trust the way in which I have performed the duties of my office has been satisfactory to you and the brothers throughout the Order. You are aware that I have given the whole of my time to the work of my office during the past year and have worked to advance the interest of the Order wherever opportunity offered, and while in the performance of my duties I have been ably assisted by the Colonels of the several Divisions and their Staff. We have worked together during the year in perfect harmony, and with the best of feelings toward each other, and I know of nothing to-day but that we meet as brothers all ready to work together for one common interest, "the good of the Order." My labors during the past year in the interest of the Sons of Veterans have been the most pleasant of my life. They have been the means of forming the acquaintance of many of my brothers and I trust everlasting friendship.

You will see by my report that the Order in some localities have grown quite rapidly and that the lines have been extended into the South. You will also see that the Order has grown from a babe to a good sized boy during the past year, and with the proper management and the co-work of all the brothers it will show itself a full grown man before many years, its power for good felt throughout the whole world, and the people of these United States can say, this country is safe while we have such an army of loyal young men, Sons of Veterans of one of the greatest wars ever known in the history of man. Sons of Veterans who have of their own free will and accord sworn to bear true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and to the flag under which so many of their fathers gave their lives to protect, and may we not to-day rejoice with each other on the growth and strength to which we have attained during the last year, and to know that our fathers, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, are still urging us on in the good work began, and are giving us their assistance and advice which we so much need.

I had intended in this report to give you a short history of each Division, of their growth and work the past year as they came under my notice, but for reasons which is not necessary for me here to explain; I will only give you the number of new Camps organized in each, with the number of applicants, you will see by that where the work has been performed. There have been 616 new Camps organized during the year and approved and charters issued with applicants and are divided with the Division as follows:

Division.	Camps.	Applicants.	Division.	Camps.	Applicants.
California	7	122	New York	20	354
Colorado	5	78	Ohio	110	2971
Connecticut	8	156	Pennsylvania	65	1265
Dakota	11	212	Tennessee	3	67
Illinois	73	1470	Vermont	6	97
Iowa	41	824	West Virginia	7	125
Indiana	45	874	Wisconsin	11	235
Kansas	36	703	Florida	1	10
Kentucky	4	67	Arizona	1	16
Maine	5	106	Oregon	1	15
Maryland	2	55	Idaho	1	15
Massachusetts	25	691	Texas	1	11
Michigan	59	857	Rhode Island	3	60
Minnesota	12	266	Arkansas	1	76
Missouri	40	677	Washington, D. C.	1	17
Montana	2	24	Virginia	1	13
Nebraska	7	142	Washington, Ter.	1	13
New Hampshire	2	37			
New Jersey	7	142	Total	615	11,858

Increase in Camps 20; Increase in members 3,728.

There have been Divisions organized in Maryland, Tennessee, Kentucky and Montana during this year and we expect good results from these Divisions during the coming year. The three Divisions of Pennsylvania, viz.: East, West and Provisional, are no more, but in their stead we have the Pennsylvania Division, composed of the above named Divisions which met in Altoona, Pa., June 14th, and elected officers and ratified the action of the committees on consolidation and there obeyed the orders of the Commandery-in-Chief, issued at Buffalo, N. Y., while in Fifth Annual Encampment. Thereby making them at the time the largest Division in the Order, both in Camps and members. The Division of Washington, D. C., and Potomac has been abolished by reason of only one Camp being in existence at the time and the remaining Camp with the one organized during the year were by special order made a part of the Maryland Division which is made up of the two original Camps of Maryland, two Camps from the Philadelphia branch of the Order and known as the "Earp" branch and two Camps of Washington City. This Division was organized June 14th by myself under your direction and by the request of the brothers of the Division at Baltimore, with every Camp represented with all their legal representatives except John A. Logan Camp, No. 2, of Washington, D. C. The Captain and the Camp refusing to obey your special order to that effect. The officers of this Division were elected and installed and charter issued to them, with date of June 14, 1887. I was in hopes of reporting a Division organization in Rhode Island and Washington Territory and Oregon, but from some cause the Camps we expected to muster have not been reported to us by those having the matter in charge. Therefore we have only the two Camps in each of the above named territories and three Camps in Rhode Island. There have been eight General Orders and three circulars issued during the year by your directions of which I enclose a complete file.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 NO. 16, WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, SEPT. 10, 1886. }

General Orders No. 11.

I. The number of this General Order indicates that there is no change of administration, and as the orders number right along, so will the good work go on uninterrupted for another year, and we trust with additional vigor. The National Encampment held at Buffalo did by unanimous vote direct that I should remain at the helm. I hereby tender my sincere thanks for the high compliment paid me. It was entirely unsought, and bestowed with such fervency and zeal that I could not well decline the honor. No one can discharge the duties of this office alone. I therefore call upon every

Officer and Brother in the Order to add new zeal and inspiration to their already good work, and we shall see the column of Loyal Boys in Blue pushing forward with "Excelsior!" as their motto.

II. J. L. Rake, of Reading, Pa., was elected Lieutenant General, and Horace L. Wright, of Auburn, Me., Major General.

III. All officers heretofore appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby relieved, and will report to their several Camps for duty.

IV. The following appointments are hereby made on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, to rank from Sept. 3d, 1886:

- F. D. Eddy, of Lowell, Mich., Chief of Staff.
- T. G. Carlisle, of Fostoria, Ohio, Adjutant General.
- O. T. Shutt, of Fostoria, Ohio, Quartermaster General.
- G. B. Abbott, of Chicago, Ills., Inspector & General.
- Geo. W. Penniman, of Minneapolis, Minn., Chief Mustering Officer.
- L. J. Webb, of Topeka, Kansas, Judge Advocate General.
- Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., Chief Ordnance Officer.
- Jos. Maccabe, of Boston, Mass., Commissary General.
- Dr. S. A. Spilman, of Ottumwa, Iowa, Surgeon General.
- Ed. C. White, of Trenton, N. J., Chaplain-in-Chief.

They will rank as Brigadiers General, and be obeyed and respected accordingly.

On the recommendation of the Inspector General, Leroy T. Stewart, of Chicago, Ills., is hereby appointed Assistant Inspector General, with rank of Colonel from Sept. 3d, 1886. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The following Brothers were elected members of the Council-in-Chief: Maine, C. F. Hayford; New Hampshire, Michael Crowley; Vermont, Frank Allen; Massachusetts, Joseph B. Maccabe; Connecticut, G. B. Smith; New York, William Traenkle; New Jersey, Harry A. Donnelly; Pennsylvania, Lafayette Johnson; Ohio, O. B. Brown; Illinois, E. T. Roe; Michigan, C. J. Post; Missouri, J. B. Davis; Dakota, F. S. Webb; Colorado, W. L. Murphy; West Virginia, E. H. Curtis; Minnesota, J. S. McKelvey; Wisconsin, A. T. Leith.

VI. The Division of Ohio, having the Commander-in-Chief, Adjutant General and Quartermaster General, the Colonel will recommend the names of three brothers only, for the position of Aides-de-Camp. The Division of Pennsylvania, having the Lieutenant General and Chief Ordnance Officer, Colonel Miller will recommend the name of one brother, Colonel Brockway one, and Colonel Russell one for Aides-de-Camp. The Division of Maine, having the Major General, the Colonel will recommend the names of three brothers for appointment as Aides-de-Camp. The Divisions of Massachusetts, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota, each having a Staff Officer ranking as Brigadier General, the Colonel of each will recommend only three brothers for positions as Aides-de-Camp. The Division of New Jersey, having the Chaplain-in-Chief, the Colonel will recommend only two names for Aides-de-Camp. The Colonels of the following Divisions will recommend for Special Aides and Aides-de-Camp as indicated below:

Special Aides. Aides-de-Camp.			Special Aides. Aides-de-Camp.		
California	1	1	Nebraska	1	1
Colorado	1	1	New Hampshire	1	2
Connecticut	1	2	New York	1	3
Dakota	1	2	Oregon	1	1
Florida	1	1	Rhode Island	1	1
Indiana	1	3	Vermont	1	2
Louisiana	1	1	Washington Ter	1	1
Maryland	1	1	West Virginia	1	1
Missouri	1	2	Wisconsin	1	1
Montana	1	1	Wyoming	1	1

VII. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issue of General Order, No. 9:

Applicants.	Applicants.
Aug. 5—No. 57, Kankakee, Ill. 18	Aug. 23—No. 56, Paw Paw, Mich. 15
" 5—No. 124, Trevorton, E. Pa. 29	" 24—No. 139, Phillipsburg, W. Pa. 32
" 9—No. Lynn, Mass (opposition) 24	" 25—No. 131, Blairsville, W. Pa. 24
" 9—No. 182, Monroeville, O. 14	" 25—No. 61, Chalsea, Mich. 25
" 9—No. 56, Frontier, Mich. 15	" 26—No. 62, Ashley, Mich. 11
" 13—No. 125, Clark's Green, E. Pa. 10	" 26—No. 30, Northfield, Vt. 11
" 13—No. 133, Adamsville, O. 17	" 26—No. 1, Portland, Or. 14
" 14—No. 134, Lavendar, O. 18	" 27—No. 136, Batesville, O. 12
" 14—No. 127, McKeesport, W. Pa. 13	" —No. 2, Frederick, Md. 15
" 17—No. 58, Clinton, Ill. 16	" 27—No. 54, Springvale, Me. 24
" 17—No. 135, Jefferson, O. 17	" 27—No. 44, Somesville, Me. 17
" 17—No. 128, Oliphant, E. Pa. 10	" 27—No. 126, Butler, W. Pa. 15
" 18—No. 59, Negga, Ill. 19	" 28—No. 137, Canal Winchester, O. 13
" 19—No. 129, Uniontown, W. Pa. 19	" 28—No. 138, Shiloh, O. 12
" 20—No. 66, Belvidier, Ill. 18	" 28—No. 139, Carrollton, O. 19
" 20—No. 25, Morris-town, Minn. 35	" 39—No. 61, Moline, Ills. 22
" 21—No. 25, New Milford, Conn. 21	" 39—No. 55, Dunkirk, N. Y. 11
" 21—No. 58, St. Joseph, Mich. 14	" 30—No. 46, Middleton, Ind. 24
" 23—No. 26, Austin, Minn. 12	" 31—No. 140, Mt. Blanchard, O. 27
" 23—No. 56, Camden, Mich. 14	" 31—No. 54, Webster N. Y. 19
" 23—No. 60, Shelby, Mich. 25	Sept. 2—No. 21, Winchester, N. H. 14
Total 42 Camps—742 Applicants.	

In addition to the above, we have added 30 Camps from what was the Earp faction, with a membership of about 1000.

This makes a total during the past year from October 3d, 1885, to September 3d, 1886, of 443 Camps and 9105 applicants.

VIII. There will be a little delay in filling requisitions for Camp packages, on account of not having a full stock of books. These will be filled in three weeks.

IX. Hereafter no supplies will be furnished by the Quartermaster General or Quartermasters of Divisions unless regular requisitions are made on blank form No. 1, and a draft or money order payable to O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, or Division Quartermaster, for the amount, accompanies the requisition. Checks on local banks will not be received.

X. Blanks for reports from Divisions to these Headquarters will be furnished free on application to the Adjutant General.

XI. The Constitution makes no provision for Divisions paying less than a full quarter's per capita tax on members received during the quarter. Division officers will therefore remit full quarter's tax on all in good standing at the end of the quarter.

XII. All applications for Camp Charters and all other communications for these Headquarters will be addressed to T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General, No. 14½ Main street, and all communications and remittances for the Quartermaster General, will be addressed to O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General, Lock Box 121, Fostoria, Ohio. Communications for the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General must be written on separate sheets, that they may be properly filed in their respective offices.

XIII. Applications for Camp Charters must be accompanied by the charter fee of two dollars, and the number assigned to the Camp must be placed on the application, that it may be properly entered in our Roster. The charter will be returned with the approved application. In making remittance or charter fees now due, be sure and state the number of charter that the fee is for.

XIV. Captains of Camps will order Badges, Ribbons and Iron Crosses direct from Major A. P. Davis, Ordnance Officer, 67 4th avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., using regular requisition form No. 1, and sending money order or draft for enough to cover price and postage, or they will be sent by express and charges collected. No badges will be forwarded unless the money is sent with the requisition.

XV. The proceedings of the Fifth Annual Encampment held at Bugalo, N. Y., will be sent to Divisions in a few days. Also a new Cypher, as some important changes have been made in the Ritual.

XVI. Now that we have Surgeon General, and Surgeons in nearly every Division, no one will be excused from duty except those on the "sick list." We expect every officer and Brother to put forth renewed energy and effort for the advancement of our cause, and fully expect at the end of the year to report an increase in our membership of twenty thousand.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, NOV. 15, 1886. }

General Order No. 12.

I. The Revised Rituals for the Order are now ready for distribution. Colonels will make their requisitions on the Quartermaster General. The price is the same as heretofore, viz: 3 cents each, or 9 cents per set of three. Camps will be required to purchase new Rituals, as the old ones must not be used after January 1st, 1887.

II. The Adjutant General complains that many Mustering Officers do not send him a report of the new camps they muster. This must invariably be done, using from No. 23, as we cannot keep up our Roster without it.

III. Installing officers who install the officers after the Camp election will be particular to forward a copy of "Installing Officers' Reports" to the Adjutant General immediately after the installation.

IV. The following Special Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

Willis N. Barber, of Meriden, Conn.

Frank C. McArthur, of Denver, Col.

Truman Havens, of Oakland, Cal.

C. B. Cooke, of Arlington, Dak.

M. E. Bishop, of Eustes, Fla.

E. S. Walker, of West Lebanon, Ind.

B. F. Speaker, of Independence, Mo.

Geo. W. Collier, of Baltimore, Md.

Geo. R. Bennett, of Hampstead, N. H.

J. H. Webb, of Cohoes, N. Y.

E. G. Jones, of Dorchester, Neb.

F. H. Lamb, of Portland, Oregon.

H. M. Russell, of Philadelphia, Pa.

P. C. Abbott, of Montpelier, Vt.

R. H. Freer, of Ritchie C. H., W. Va.

E. C. Mason, of Madison, Wis.

They will rank as Colonels from Sept. 16, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. The duties of Special Aides are to look after the interests of the Order in general, using every effort to secure the co-operation of the Grand Army, and with the knowledge and consent of Colonels of Divisions assist them in restoring suspended Camps, and awakening new interest in the Order. Colonels Russell and Collier have a special work to do in mustering the Camps of the Earp faction into the National Body.

VI. The following Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief:

- Chas. K. Farnham, of New Haven, Conn.
 - Geo. O. McLean, of New Britain, Conn.
 - Leslie H. Hendec, of Lowville, N. Y.
 - Sam'l H. Newell, of Utica, N. Y.
 - Alexander Rain, of Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - Geo. W. Leonard, of Urbana, O.
 - Filmore Musser, of Portsmouth, O.
 - A. W. Gates, of Andover, O.
 - L. E. Forbes, of Beaver City, Neb.
 - Geo. B. Stadden, of Springfield, Ill.
 - Chas. P. Skaggs, of Harrisburg, Ill.
 - Geo. Hale, of Hartford, Mich.
 - W. A. Huyek, of Midland City, Mich.
 - Geo. W. Dennis, of Corzuna, Mich.
 - F. W. Martin, of Scranton, Pa.
 - F. E. Alters, of Johnstown, Pa.
 - William S. Curry, of Philadelphia, Pa.
 - W. D. Vincent, of Macon City, Mo.
 - J. L. Wray, of Cape Girardeau, Mo.
 - Fred Axtell, of Independence, Mo.
 - T. H. Porter, of Hyde Park, Vt.
 - John E. Harper, of Cottonwood Falls, Kas.
 - Frank Keller, of Emporia, Kas.
 - James S. Warner, of Topeka, Kas.
 - Frank G. Dufield, of Woodbury, N. J.
 - W. H. Elberson, of Mount Holly, N. J.
 - Sidney M. Drew, of Dover, N. H.
 - Wilford M. Kenny, of Littleton, N. H.
 - Edgar Dean, of Bresford, Dak.
 - William G. Moody, of Rockland, Me.
 - Chas. E. Raab, of Saco, Me.
 - William H. Jackson, of Sherman Mills, Me.
 - Fremont Fleming, of West Lebanon, Ind.
 - Frank L. Mixon, of Bluffton Ind.
 - Geo. F. Crill, of North Manchester, Ind.
- They will rank as Lieutenant Colonel from Sept. 16, 1886, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VII. The following applications for Camp charters have been approved since September 13th:

		Applicants			Applicants	
Sept.	7,	No. 132, Mercersburg, E. Pa.	14,	Oct.	1, No. 15, Wyoming, Ill.	14
"	7,	" 147, Delphos, O.	22	"	13, " 12, La Salle, Ill.	20
"	7,	" 12, Oxford, Mass.	12	"	13, " 67, Abington, Mass.	32
"	7,	" 62, Sullivan, Ill.	18	"	14, " 95, Trilla, Ill.	15
"	7,	" 63, Henepin, Ill.	14	"	14, " 18, Edinburg, Ill.	15
"	8,	" 133, Stoystown, W. Pa.	22	"	15, " 51, Dillsboro, Ind.	18
"	8,	" 141, Dublin, O.	11	"	15, " 18, Aberdeen, Dak.	21
"	9,	" 63, Alma, Mich.	14	"	15, " 52, Sealsville, Ind.	14
"	10,	" 64, Mt. Carmel, Ill.	14	"	16, " 26, Taunton, Mass.	28
"	10,	" 64, Illica, Mich.	16	"	16, " 149, Payne, O.	20
"	10,	" 65, Carson City, Mich.	13	"	18, " 79, Fulton, Mich.	12
"	14,	" 112, Ada, O.	14	"	18, " 71, Richmond, Mich.	13
"	14,	" 113, Sanducky, O.	12	"	18, " 29, Quintman, Mo. (reor'd)	14
"	14,	" 111, Athens, O.	25	"	18, " 23, Sigo Furnace, Mo.	16
"	14,	" 145, Millford Center, O.	19	"	18, " 24, Rollinger Mills, Mo.	14
"	15,	" 66, Ovid, Mich.	17	"	18, " 25, Elk Grove, Mo.	15
"	15,	" 11, De Quoin, Ill.	17	"	18, " 26, Mine, Lamotte, Mo.	16
"	16,	" 47, New Corners, Ind.	18	"	18, " 27, Bolliver, Mo.	20
"	16,	" 134, Anderoid, E. Pa.	19	"	18, " 28, St. Louis, Mo.	14
"	20,	" 5, Oakland, Cal.	17	"	18, " 29, Albany, Mo.	24
"	20,	" 60, Norwood, Mass.	17	"	18, " 1, Flag Staff, Arizona.	16
"	20,	" 39, Winchendon, Mass.	17	"	20, " 139, Sharpsburg, W. Pa.	16

		Applicants.			Applicants.		
Sept. 23,	No. 135,	Pittsburg, Pa.	13	Sept. 20,	No. 169,	Sunbury, E. Pa.	19
" 23,	" 18,	Millford, Mass.	19	" 21,	" 71,	Wamego, Kas.	18
" 24,	" 67,	Williamstown, Mich.	18	" 21,	" 69,	Colonia, Mich.	16
" 27,	" 146,	Renson Corners, O.	16	" 25,	" 4,	Boston, Mass.	16
" 28,	" 148,	Russles Place, O.	10	" 22,	" 27,	West St. Paul, Minn.	17
" 29,	" 136,	Sesquehanna, E. Pa.	20	" 23,	" —,	Germantown, Pa. (prov.)	25
" 30,	" 42,	Estherville, Ia.	13	" 23,	" —,	So. Bethlehem, Pa. (prov.)	25
" 30,	" 85,	Montezuma, Ia.	39	" 25,	" 161,	Pleasant Hill, E. Pa.	14
" 30,	" 91,	Pauora, Ia.	27	" 26,	" 150,	Catawba, O.	15
" 30,	" 92,	Colo, Ia.	16	" 26,	" 151,	Bealsville, O.	16
" 30,	" 93,	Maning, Ia.	20	" 28,	" 72,	Northville, Mich.	18
" 30,	" 94,	Andrews, Ia.	17	" 28,	" 53,	Washington, Ind.	12
" 30,	" 95,	Coin, Ia.	16	" 28,	" 152,	West Jefferson, O.	13
" 30,	" 97,	Keota, Ia.	12	" 30,	" 51,	Ossian, Ind.	15
" 30,	" 6,	Riverside, Cal.	12	Nov. 1,	" 73,	Clio, Mich.	18
Oct. 1,	" 35,	Albion, Neb.	24	" 2,	" 153,	Geneva, G.	19
" 1,	" 36,	Hardy, Neb.	21	" 3,	" 66,	Tonica, Ill.	15
" 1,	" 68,	Lake View, Mich.	19	" 3,	" 67,	Ottawa, Ill.	32
" 4,	" 67,	Pasadena, Cal.	13	" 5,	" 162,	Pittsburg, W. Pa.	50
" 4,	" 66,	Syracuse, N. Y.	27	" 8,	" 74,	Beuton Harbor, Mich.	21
" 5,	" 69,	Hutchison, Kan.	19	" 8,	" 78,	Brighton, Mich.	14
" 5,	" 70,	Ferdonia, Kan.	26	" 8,	" 8,	Oakland, Cal.	25
" 8,	" 57,	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	42	" 10,	" —,	Philadelphia, Pa. (prov.)	50
" 8,	" 48,	Logansport, Ind.	27	" 10,	" —,	Allentown, Pa.	32
" 8,	" 137,	Westfield, E. Pa.	22	" 10,	" —,	Dubois, Pa.	39
" 8,	" 16,	Northfield, Dak.	16	" 11,	" 163,	Conneautville, W. Pa.	17
" 8,	" 17,	Mt. Vernon, Dak.	20	" 8,	" 154,	Sinter, O.	21
" 11,	" 50,	New Castle, Ind.	23	" 8,	" 8,	Englewood, Ill.	19
" 12,	" 49,	Spartonburg, Ind.	16	" 15,	" 10,	Bellevue, Ill.	30
" 12,	" 138,	Carbondale, E. Pa.	22	" 15,	" —,	Bellefonte, Pa. (prov.)	22
" 13,	" 2,	Quincy, Ill. (reorganized).	37	" 15,	" 72,	Delphos, Kas.	12
		Total No. of Camps, 106 ; applicants, 1995.					

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief will present the Colonel who organizes the greatest number of good healthy Camps in his Division between November 15th, 1886, and June 1st, 1887, with a fine sword and belt, and the second in rank in this respect shall not go unrewarded. A list of the Camps organized between these dates will be published in General Orders, giving each Colonel credit for what he has done.

IX. We are pleased to note more promptness in reports coming, and a very healthy improved in the manner of transacting the business of Divisions and Camps, but some are far from perfect yet. Let every officer and brother strive to do his whole duty. The neglect of one carries trouble all through the line. Keep touch of elbows to the *right* (right in every respect.) let no brother falter or fall back. Keep the lines well closed up, and see what a commander can do with such a force. Camps and Camp Officers cannot expect the Colonel of their Division to do good work without their help and co-operation. One brother is just as much a part of the Division as another. We have enlisted in this noble cause; let us each do our *whole duty*.

X. Again I wish to urge the Camps to uniform and equip themselves, and become proficient in drill. The long winter evenings are before us. Transact the business of your Camps, then form your lines and drill. Secure the best drill master you can, and drill faithfully under his directions. We have a few more breech-loading Springfield rifles that cost \$4 each, without equipments. A good set of equipments cost 75 cents. We will be glad to furnish one or more to any Camp at cost. The guns and equipments are new and nice. Almost any Camp can raise the money to arm themselves at these prices.

XI. The Order all over the land is rejoicing over a new found treasure, which they are clasping to their hearts—"The National Reveille," so ably edited by Gen' G. B. Abbott, of Chicago. It is a consolidation of the "Advocate" and "Review." It is pronounced "a gem" by all—both Grand Army comrades and Sons of Veterans. Every brother should subscribe for it, and therein learn what is going on in the Order.

XI. Col. R. M. J. Reed, of 833 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa., for faithful services in the Order, and in view of his thorough knowledge of the prescribed regulation uniform, rank strap, etc., is hereby appointed "Military Storekeeper" for the Order. He will furnish any of the members of the Order with such information as they may desire in regard to uniforms, rank straps, banners, flags, etc., and the brothers can rely upon its being correct.

XII. Our Order is moving forward with a full 28 inch step, and at quick time. The drums are beating and the bugle sounding, and our friends are cheering us on. We are the "reserve," on which the Grand Army must rely. At present our duty is to care faithfully for any of the Comrades of the Grand Army who may fall from sickness or wounds, and as the Great Commander shall "muster them out" one by one, we must by our sympathies and our purses make the mourning and dependent ones feel that we recognize the heroic deeds of the Grand Army. Let us do this good work *with a will*, and if occasion ever requires we will be ready to emulate the example of our fathers.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
FOSTORIA, OHIO, March 1st 1887. }

General Order No. 13.

I. Since the issue of General Order No. 12, in November last the machinery of the Order has run so smoothly, every officer and brother doing his work so quietly and well, that the Commander-in-Chief has thought it best not to speak above a whisper, for fear something might fly the track. Then, too, that solemn messenger, death, came to us in an hour we thought not of, and has taken from us our beloved, brave, patriotic comrade, General John A. Logan. Of such an one eulogies are useless. His name is engraven on all our hearts, and surrounding it as with a halo are the words, "the soldier's friend." He was always true to himself, to his comrades, to his comrades, to his country, and to his God. No name is dearer to the comrades and their sons than that of Logan.

II. It becomes our painful duty to announce to the Order the death of Brother Charles L. Mooney, of Springfield, Ills., who passed away after a short illness on the 28th of January. Brother Mooney was one of the brightest lights of our Order, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a young man of great promise, not only in his profession, but in our Order. We will ever cherish his memory in our hearts.

III. Your Commander-in-Chief desires to call the especial attention of the whole organization to the necessity of educating our members and all those we come in contact with in the virtue of Loyalty, not only to country and our grand old flag, but to those who gave life and limb to preserve them from being torn asunder by the hands of traitors. This education must be pushed in all parts of our country, to prevent the repetition or necessity of placing a man at the head of the Nation who does not know what loyalty is, or that the soldier earned more than the paltry thirteen dollars per month which he received at the time. It is our duty to be loyal to our fathers and the cause for which they fought.

IV. The Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has a firm friend, one in whom not only we, but our country, can confide—in the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., General Lucius Fairchild. He has recognized our Order as no other has ever done, by appointing your Commander-in-Chief upon his staff. I know our Order will appreciate this, and in your behalf have thanked him for this recognition.

V. For the information of brothers formerly of the Earp faction, it is hereby announced that all supplies formerly owned and used by that body have been destroyed with the exception of the letter press and seal, which have been turned over by General Wagner to these headquarters. All the camps in Maryland formerly belonging to the Earp faction have been mustered into our Order.

VI. General H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief of our Order, is in Denver, Col., is in very poor health, and we are sure he has the heartfelt sympathy of every brother of our Order. Let us express our sympathy in a substantial manner by sending him a kind word from each Camp in the United States, accompanied by a remittance which will help to make him comfortable while he is unable to earn the necessities of life. All remittances may be sent to these headquarters, and the Commander-in-Chief will take pleasure in forwarding them to General Arnold, at No. 1753 Lawrence street, Denver, Col. We shall hope for a liberal response to this section.

VII. The following additional Aides-de-Camp have been appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief: W. W. Armstrong, of Madison, Wis.; W. P. Cressinger, of Eau Claire, Wis.; G. L. Goodale, of Lenox, Iowa; W. C. Matthews, of Odebolt, Iowa; Johnson Brigham, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Charles H. Jennings, of Denver, Col.; J. F. Wonder, of Peoria, Ill.

VIII. The names of Charles E Rabb and William H. Jackson, appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief in last General Order, should have been Charles C. Babb and William H. Jackman.

IX. Hereafter blank Mustering Officer's reports will be placed in each Camp package, so there can be no excuse for the Mustering Officer failing to make report to these headquarters as soon as he has mustered a Camp.

X. Colonels of Divisions will specify in their requisitions by what express company they wish their supplies forwarded, and all requisitions must be made on blank form I.

XI. Since last General Order the following applications for Camp charters have been approved:

Applicants.		Applicants.	
Nov. 16, No. 155, Perry, Ohio	15	Dec. 2, 23, Marengo, Ill.	16
16, 156, Marysville, Ohio	22	71, Morris, Ill.	19
17, 28, Windom, Minn.	13	3, 160, Chicago Junction, Ohio	10
17, 68, Rockport, Mass.	31	3, 57, Millersburg, Ind.	11
18, 20, Concord, Ill.	14	4, 24, Danielsville, Conu.	23
18, 68, Effingham, Ill.	20	6, 74, Twin Falls, Ks.	50
20, 69, West Duxbury, Maas.	12	6, 164, Doylestown, E. Pa.	15
22, 55, Rensselaer, Ind.	21	6, 75, Oskaloosa, Ks.	28
22, 73, Manhattan, Kas.	26	7, 100, Ida Grove, Iowa	20
23, 157, Kingsville, O.	17	7, 103, Branden, Iowa.	18
23, 158, Lynx, O.	18	7, 104, Hillsboro, Iowa	15
24, 69, Marsilles, Ill.	21	7, 59, Fairmount, Ind.	18
24, 70, Marshall, Ill.	31	10, 58, South Bend, Ind.	21
24, 29, Brainard, Minn.	60	11, 163, Barlow Ohio	19
24, 228, Philadelphia, Prov. Pa.	24	13, 2, Coquette City, Or.	18
25, 76, Vermontville, Mich.	17	13, 72, Arcola, Ill.	23
26, 31, Montpelier, Vt.	13	13, 73, Danville, Ill.	11
29, 56, Eaton, Ind.	14	14, 161, Washington C. H., O.	20
29, 77, Romeo, Mich.	12	14, 162, Dunkirk, Ohio	30
29, 96, Early, Iowa	19	14, 34, Jefferson City, Mo.	22
29, 98, Walton, Iowa	14	17, 57, Albion, N. Y.	11
29, 99, Correctionville, Iowa	18	18, 164, Aberdeen, Ohio	17
29, 101, Nashua, Iowa	29	18, 2, Salidce, Colo.	26
29, 102, Murray, Iowa	10	20, 1, Fort Clark, Texas.	11
30, 30, North Springfield, Mo.	17	21, Norwalk, Wis.	23
30, 31, Eagleville, Mo.	40	21, 165, Newton Hamilton, E. Pa.	19
30, 32, McFall, Mo.	22	21, 160, Belleview, W. Pa.	10
30, 33, Springfield, Mo.	10	23, 28, Birmingham, Conn.	12
30, 159, Steubenville, Ohio	17	24, 78, Eastbrook, Mich.	11
30, 4, Wyandot, Ks. (reorg)	20	25, 167, Eldred, W. Pa.	18

		Applicants.			Applicants.	
Dec 27,	No 168,	Montrose, E. Pa	16	Jan. 24,	36, Kansas City, Mo.	21
27,	79,	Kalkaska, Mich.	11	29,	33, Ridgeway, Mo.	17
28,	80,	Trufant	18	29,	84, Saginaw, Mich.	18
29,	26,	Ausonnia, Conn.	22	31,	5, Viola, Wis.	21
29,	165,	Frazeysburg, O.	14	Feb. 1,	24, Sandborn, Ind.	26
29,	166,	Keuton, O.	27	1,	1, Jamestown, Ky.	13
30,	81,	Flint, Mich.	27	4,	78, Farmer City, Ill.	29
31,	169,	Wilkesbarre, E. Pa. Y.	16	4,	79, Hampshire, Ill.	15
31,	61,	Olean, N. Y.	19	5,	85, Pittsford, Mich.	15
31,	73,	Dennison, Ill.	37	5,	86, Montgomery, Mich.	11
31,	74,	Tonington, Ill.	12	5,	70, Upton, Mass.	20
31,	2,	Wayne, Kan.	15	5,	38, Oil City, W. Pa. (reorg.)	17
Jan. 3,	82,	Grass Lake, Mich.	16	7,	22, Goshen, Ind.	19
3,	20,	Laport City, Ia.	20	9,	172, McArthur, O.	36
5,	31,	Mt. Pleasant, Ia.	34	9,	173, Camba, O.	24
5,	170,	Oswago, W. Pa. (reorg)	13	9,	2, Washington, D. C.	17
10,	57,	Davenport, Neb.	14	10,	27, East Hartford, Conn.	17
10,	60,	Belford, Ind.	15	10,	52, Danby, Vt.	12
11,	13,	Rock Island, II (reorg)	38	11,	7, Danvers, Mass.	24
11,	75,	Lockport, Ill.	14	11,	175, Glasgow, W. Pa.	15
11,	171,	South Gibson, E. Pa.	27	12,	30, Cordova, Minn.	19
13,	2,	Baltimore, Prov. Div of Md.	31	12,	80, Palestine, Ill.	18
13,	4,	Hampden.	21	12,	81, Orangeville, Ill.	19
13,	26,	Van Buren, Ind.	15	14,	32, Buchtel, O.	12
14,	83,	Day, Mich.	12	16,	176, Selinsgrove, E. Pa.	14
14,	1,	Phoenix, R. I.	13	16,	6, West Lima, Wis.	10
15,	76,	Blue Mound, Ill.	19	17,	3, Pittsburg, Kan.	25
15,	167,	Oak Hill O.	22	17,	5, Millbrook, Kan.	21
15,	16,	McCleau, Ill.	18	17,	2, Galeska, O.	13
15,	77,	Ridge Farm, Ill.	19	17,	4, Plain City, O.	16
15,	108,	Shelby, O.	14	17,	33, Warren, Vt.	17
15,	9,	San Jose, Cal.	25	17,	34, Springfield, Vt.	22
22,	169,	Blue Creek, Ohio	13	17,	7, Stockton, Kan.	25
22,	170,	Burbank, O.	13	17,	10, Olathe, Kan.	17
22,	172,	Coatesville, E. Pa.	14	18,	3, Key West, Fla.	10
24,	173,	Port Allegheny, W. Pa.	10	18,	2, Spokaue Falls, Wash. Ter.	13
25,	174,	Lititz, E. Pa.	19	19,	71, Worthborough, Mass.	18
25,	32,	Columbus, Ind.	21	22,	7, Hingham, Mass.	21
26,	57,	Black Rock, Buffalo, N. Y.	14	24,	39, Republic Mo.	15
26,	63,	Hunter, N. Y.	10	25,	33, Anderson, Ind.	23
26,	62,	Leroy, N. Y.	20	26,	82, Camp Point, Ill.	21
26,	171,	Huntsville, O.	25	26,	83,	18
22,	35,	St. Louis, Mo.	13	28,	40, Desota, Mo.	14
22,	37,	Rich Hill, Mo.	18	28,	Total Camps, 147; total charter members, 2733.	

This would indicate that we have not been asleep on our arms, but that all the Division officers have been vigilant and working hard for our noble Order. No other Order, to our knowledge, has made such rapid strides as ours. May we be inspired with new zeal in this good work, let every brother do his full duty, and we shall see such an army of Loyal Sons as Uncle Sam may well be proud of.

XII. Attention is called to circular No. 2 from these headquarters. If every Camp will secure a few of these frames in which to preserve the photographs and records of the comrades of the G. A. R., it will be the means of establishing fraternal bonds between the G. A. R. and S. of V. that cannot be broken.

XIII. We have a few more Springfield breech-loading rifles, 50 caliber, with good accouterments, for \$4.45 each. Any number will be shipped direct from New York on receipt at these headquarters of New York draft. Do not send check or money order, as we do not make a cent on these rifles, and cannot pay exchange.

XIV. The attention of Installing Officers is called to the necessity of sending a copy of their reports, giving the names of the newly installed officers of Camps, to these headquarters, that the Adjutant General may be enabled to keep his roster complete. The sending in of this report must not be neglected.

XV. Inspection blanks will be ready to send to Colonels of Divisions in a few days, and they must make requisition on the Quartermaster General

for the number of each kind (Division and Camp) that they will require. Be prompt in this, and let us have a thorough inspection in every Camp.

XVI. The following resolution was passed at the Annual Encampment in Buffalo, last August. Captains of Camps will report to the Colonel of their Division any violation of this law:

Resolved, That any brother of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; 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 right of membership by committing the foregoing offense.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
No. 16, WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 7, 1887.)

General Orders No. 14.

I. Colonels commanding Divisions will order an inspection of every Camp in their respective Divisions, to take place between the 1st and 30th day of April, 1887. Assistant Inspectors will forward reports to Division Inspectors not later than May 14th, and Division Inspectors will forward consolidated reports not later than May 31st.

II. 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 make three consolidated reports.—one to be retained by himself; one he will forward with one set of Assistant Inspector's reports to the Division Adjutant, and the other one, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

III. Colonels commanding will adhere strictly to the rule of assigning Assistant Inspectors to duty, so that each Camp will be inspected by one not a member of the same. No generals above 90 will be accredited to any Camp inspected by one of its own members.

IV. The authority of an Inspecting Officer will be the General Order of the Colonel commanding, or a Commission regularly signed and sealed, emanating from Division Headquarters.

V. Inspecting Officers are not entitled to compensation for services, nor will they be permitted to receive presents or pay from Camps inspected, but each Camp is required to meet the actual expenses of inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Colonel commanding.

VI. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters, who fail to report PROMPTLY after an inspection of a Camp is ordered to take place.

VII. Inspectors will see that Assistant Inspectors answer all questions and fill out correctly all blank spaces on the inspection blanks, or return the same for correction.

VIII. Printed circulars will be furnished through the Commandery-in-Chief to all Inspecting Officers, giving detailed instruction for conducting an inspection, and the rules therein contained must be strictly observed.

IX. Inspecting Officers will see that the uniforms worn are in strict conformity to the Constitution Rules and Regulations. Metallic wreaths, rank straps, and cap numbers are not recognized by the Order; the embroidered *only* is regulation.

X. Camps will conduct services according to the Ritual as revised at Buffalo, September, 1886; and the inspection in regard to Ritualistic work will be especially rigid.

XI. Camps mustered since February 15th, 1887, will not be inspected—unless especially desired—but Adjutants may fill out inspection blanks from Charter Application and Mustering Officer's report, and file the same with the Division Inspector, who will incorporate them in his reports, designating them as "New Camps."

XII. The object of an inspection is to ascertain the exact condition of each Camp, and every Inspecting Officer should guard against wronging other Camps by marking too leniently the Camp he may be inspecting, or doing injustice to it by giving it less than it deserves.

XIII. The rank and standing of Camps and Divisions for the Inspector General's report, to be presented at the annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, will be taken from the reports of this inspection. It will, therefore, become all Colonels to see to it, that each Camp is properly inspected, and that all reports are promptly forwarded on time. Divisions that failed to receive mention in the last report are invited to make a special effort to redeem themselves.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE.

Commander-in-Chief.

G. B. ABBOTT, *Inspector General*,

163 State Street, Chicago, Ill.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, May 20, 1887. }

General Order No. 15.

I. The Commander-in-Chief has thought it unnecessary to issue a general order for the Sons of Veterans to turn out and assist the Grand Army of the Republic in the proper observance of Memorial Day. We are sure that every loyal Son will be in his place in the line on that day, and by his presence and assistance do all in his power to pay the debt of love and gratitude we owe to those who gave their lives that we might have this glorious inheritance—a free and peaceful country.

II. To Divisions where no General Order has been issued, and to Camps where there is no Division organization, you will receive this as an order to work in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic, accepting the position designated by them and to do all in your power to assist them on this solemn occasion, remembering that it is not a day for amusement or revelry. It is earnestly urged upon all members of our Order to avoid intemperance at all times, and especially on Memorial Day.

III. A. R. McKenzie, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has been appointed a Special Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel from May 1st, 1887. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He is charged with the special duty of organizing Camps in Tennessee.

IV. All supplies of the Earp faction, (lately consolidated with us) have been destroyed.

V. The following Divisions have held their annual encampments, and elected their officers. We give the name of the newly elected Colonel of each Division:

California.....	C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.
Colorado.....	Harry D. Kendig, 815 16th St., Denver, Colo.
Indiana.....	E. S. Walker, West Lebanon, Ind.
Kansas.....	Clay D. Herod, Eric, Kas.
Maine.....	Thomas G. Libby, Vinalhaven, Me.
Ohio.....	Henry Frazee, Cleveland, O.
West Virginia.....	R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.
Wisconsin.....	F. J. Walthers, Madison, Wis.
New Jersey.....	Col. E. E. Jeffries, Camden, N. J.

VI. From the inspection report it appears that very few of the Camps keep their "Black Book" properly, or in fact at all. Colonels of Divisions will give this matter their immediate attention, requiring all Camps to keep up their entries in the "Black Book." Reporting also to the Colonel all dropped and rejected by each Camp, and the Colonel will publish them in General Orders that other Camps may be duly notified.

VII. The following applications for Camp charters have been approved since the issue of General Order No. 13, March 1st, 1887.

Applicants.		Applicants.		
March 2, No. 6, Pioneer, O	14	April 13,	41, Cincinnati, O	16
2, 7, Middletown, O	12	13,	59, New Philadelphia, O	11
7, 177, Indiana, W. Pa.	14	13,	20, Jamestown, Dak	32
7, 84, Zenia, Ill	15	14,	90, Lake Creek, Ill	17
7, 28, Willimac, Conn	15	14,	63, Brestan, N. Y	18
7, 178, Nicholson, E. Pa	15	14,	61, Nyack, N. Y	10
7, 87, Crystal, Mich	16	15,	14, Baxter Springs, Kan.	16
7, 3, Duraud, Wis	22	16,	Patterson, N. J	42
8, 5, Wilkesville, O	39	16,	7, Hillsboro, Wis	15
8, 9, New Richmond, O	31	16,	70, Mansfield, O	25
8, 11, Somerston, O	13	16,	29, Road House, Ill	12
8, 179, Greenville, W. Pa	22	16,	89, Georgetown, Ill	15
8, 12, Marshville, O	14	18,	15, Fort Hill, Ind	17
10, 35, Cabot, Vt	14	18,	188, Shippenburg, W. Pa	13
10, 2, White Pidgeon, Mich (reorg)	10	18,	189, Glenwood, E. Pa	15
10, 10, Kalamazoo, Mich, (reorg)	15	18,	46, Milan, Mo	23
10, 83, Maple Rapids, Mich,	32	17,	92, Tustin, Mich	13
10, 180, Homer City, W. Pa	14	19,	65, Warsaw, N. Y	20
10, 38, Greenwood, Neb.	23	21,	72, Bowerston, O	24
11, 35, Windsor, Ind	20	21,	83, Morrow, O	33
12, 41, Fair Play, Mo	22	21,	1, Huntsville, Ark	16
12, 42, Peryville, Mo	17	22,	7, Pennsboro, W. Va.	11
15, 52, Maroa, Ill	15	22,	91, Scottsville, Ills	22
15, 13, Sydney, O	10	22,	92, Atwood, Ill	11
15, 14, Plainfield, O	20	23,	33, Henderson, Minn.	15
15, 17, Greenfield, O	17	23,	67, Norwich, N. Y	15
17, 181, Franklin, W. Pa	35	23,	93, Quincy, Mich	16
17, 5, Montrose, Col	15	23,	74, Dedham, Mass	31
17, 145, Puuxsitaney, Prov. Pa.	17	23,	75, Millbury, Mass	13
18, 19, DeGross, O	14	23,	13, Indianapolis, Ind	12
18, 22, Wellsville, O	14	25,	15, Versailles, Ind	26
18, 43, Warrenton, Mo	15	25,	22, Belleville, Kan	24
18, 44, Ayersville, Mo	12	25,	47, St. Louis, Mo	12
18, 7, Daun, Mo	12	26,	94, West Liberty, O	24
18, 9, Pintsville, Wis	15	27,	93, Golconda, Ills	14
19, 85, McComb, Ill	29	27,	11, Melrose, Wis	25
19, 24, Biggsville, Ills	15	27,	599, East Brady, W. Pa	18
19, 19, Greensburg, Ind	29	29,	191, Rew, W. Pa	24
19, 20, Muncie, Ind	25	29,	76, Westboro, Mass	20
19, 25, Fairview, O	20	29,	36, St. Albans, Vt	19
22, 17, Longton, Kan	15	30,	2, Marysville Ky	20
22, 19, Burlington, Kan.	15	May 2,	69, Wappenger's Falls, N. Y	17
22, 21, Wilson, Kan	15	2,	50, St. Louis, Mo	20
22, 86, Swan Creek, Ill	11	3,	97, Germantown, O	21
23, 182, Dunbar, W. Pa. (reorg)	26	3,	134, Republic, O	18
23, 6, Martinsburg, W. Va.	12	3,	23, Allegan, Kan	13
23, 73, North Brookfield, Mass	35	3,	19, Fort Yates, Dak	11
23, 26, West Mansfield, O	16	4,	174, Vinton, O	13
24, 89, Lawton, Mich	10	4,	33, Red Wing, Minn	25
24, 8, Old Town, Mich	21	5,	13, Jamesville, Wis	36
25, 51, Webster City, Iowa	17	5,	94, Harbor Springs, Mich	25
25, 62, Schaller, Iowa	11	5,	95, Ludington, Mich	19
25, 108, Walker, Iowa	22	6,	48, Forsyth, Mo	32
25, 109, Oxford, Iowa	24	6,	49, Willow Springs, Mo	21
25, 110, Hartford, Iowa	17	6,	192, Fair Cleuniz, W. Pa	11
25, 111, Newell, Iowa	10	6,	29, Altoona, Kan	15
25, 112, Plensantville, Iowa	32	6,	34, Belmont, Kan	17
25, 113, Conway, Iowa	10	7,	175, Xenia, O	10
25, 59, Elmira, N. Y	15	7,	176, Delta, O	13
25, 28, Jauestown, O	14	7,	177, New Carlisle, O	21
26, 18, North Salem, Ind	20	7,	178, Madison, O	10
26, 21, Galveston, Ind	14	7,	10, Chesterton, Ind	16
26, 183, Altoona, W. Pa	15	9,	179, Albany, O	11
28, 90, Ann Arbor, Mich.	15	9,	180, Brocton, O	16

		Applicants.		Applicants.	
Mar. 28,	184, Auburn 4 Corners, W. Pa.	11	May 9,	181, Beverly, O.	18
29,	33, Wadsworth, O.	40	12,	56, Niles, Mich.	20
29,	51, Anoka, Minn.	19	12,	77, Glysus, Kan.	18
29,	185, Reading, E. Pa.	17	12,	68, Lockport, N. Y.	14
31,	186, Jaackson E. Pa.	17	12,	70, Troy, N. Y.	16
April 2,	34, Bluffton, O.	19	12,	95, Olney, Ill.	15
2,	36, Wilmington, O.	24	12,	95, Chatsworth, Ill.	10
2,	1, Chattanooga, Tenn.	24	12,	14, Phillipsburg, N. J.	17
6,	39, Ewing, Neb.	19	13,	97, Galion, Mich.	20
6,	49, St. Paul, Neb.	38	14,	7, Pennville, Ind.	16
6,	6, Hartford, Conn.	23	14,	193, Freeport, W. Pa.	21
6,	187, Washington, W. Pa.	26	14,	3, Newport, Ky.	15
6,	91, Morley, Mich.	18	14,	1, Moscow, Idaho.	16
7,	16, Secreleville, Ind.	17	5,	Little York, Ind.	12
8,	87, South Side Chicago, Ill.	27	19,	182, South Charleston, O.	19
8,	24, Tuscola, Ill.	24	19,	183, Mt. Victory, O.	23
8,	88, Clayton, Ill.	31	19,	78, Lawrence, Kan.	34
8,	12, Chamite, Kan.	36	19,	98, Bancroft, Mich.	10
8,	48, Marianna, Mo.	13	19,	14, Fon du Lac, Wis.	35
9,	13, Canton, Kan.	19	19,	4, Louisville, Ky.	11
9,	42, Bloomingburg, O.	29	20,	184, Bethel, O.	18
11,	29, Winstead, Conn.	21	20,	185, Gratus, O.	94
11,	30, Plainfield, Conn.	25	20,	186, Wetmore, O.	14
Total				174 Camps; 3267 applicants.	

VIII. All Camps or Brothers having suggestions to offer for burial and other public services of the Sons of Veterans are requested to forward them at once to G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, 163 State street, Chicago, Ill., that they may be duly considered by the committee to prepare such service.

IX. In the last General Order we erroneously gave the name of J. F. Worden as Aide-de-Camp on our staff. It should have been J. F. Wonder, of Peoria, Ill.

X. The Ohio Division generously voted \$50 to Gen. H. W. Arnold, at their 5th Annual Encampment recently held at Cleveland, Ohio, and Indiana followed it up with \$20 at their Annual Encampment, for which they have the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief. These favors will be duly appreciated by General Arnold, whose health will not permit him to do for himself.

XI. The Camps of Maryland will meet on the 14th of June, in the City of Baltimore, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of completing their Division organization, the election of officers, and such other business as may properly be brought before them. They will elect one delegate and one alternate to the National Encampment to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, between August 10th and 30th. Col. Miles W. Ross will designate the place of meeting and notify all Camps in the State, and will call the meeting to order and preside until a chairman is elected.

XII. The Division of Kentucky has four Camps located as follows: No. 1, at Jamestown, Capt. J. E. Falkenburg; No. 2, at Maysville, Capt. John T. Short; No. 3, at Newport, Capt. _____, and No. 4, at Louisville, Capt. _____. On request of the Captains of these Camps the Commander-in-Chief will organize the Division, which will help to push the Order throughout the State.

XIII. Herman Boker & Co., of 101 and 103 Duane street, New York, will send sample breech-loading Springfield rifle and accoutrements to any Camp on receipt of \$5. They have been obliged to advance the price 25 cents each, as the lot bought at \$4.75 are all gone.

XIV. A number of Colonels and Captains of Camps where there is no Division are still behind with their reports for March 31st. These reports must be forwarded to these Headquarters immediately, and Divisions not getting in their reports promptly for the quarter ending June 30, will not be entitled to representation in the National Encampment.

XV. Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Encampment are ready for distribution. Colonels will draw on the Quartermaster General for the number they need.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,
Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, JUNE 20, 1887. }

General Order No. 16.

I. The Commander-in-Chief has for many months thought it best that our Order should be more thoroughly military, and has striven in every way he knew how to bring this about and make it such an organization. In a letter lately received from Col. E. B. Gray, Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, he urges in very strong words the necessity of such steps being taken, for, says he, there has never been a time extending over thirty-two years in any country without war, and history is sure to repeat itself, and *who* so well as the Sons of those loyal men who saved our Country in its last severe struggle would or should be prepared to meet such an emergency when it comes. Those who are well drilled and well instructed in the school of the soldier as we should be will be the ones who will be selected to lead the less informed. Let us make a standing army of our Order; well drilled and disciplined. Then in case of war upon any of the rights of our Government, there would be enough of our Order ready and willing to go at a moment's notice to cut off the shoot of treason, rebellion or anarchy before it grew to be a tree. The incidents of the last few days show that there is a volcano underneath our Capitol which might make a fatal eruption and again bring war upon us as a Nation. We have reason to thank God that we have true men, positive men, loyal, not only to their country, but to God, who spoke with the lightning of the telegraph and subdued the fire while it was but a spark. These are the kind of men we need in our Order, and it is for this that we are trying to inculcate the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty.

II. It is most earnestly urged upon every Camp of the Order to secure arms and equipments, and acquire as much proficiency as possible in the manual of arms and evolutions of the line, and become True Soldiers, for you will nearly always find that a True Soldier is a True *Gentleman*. Loyalty and love of country should go hand in hand, with a skilled ability to protect that which is so dear to every loyal son and daughter of this Great Country.

III. The State of Pennsylvania has passed a law giving the surplus arms and equipments of the State to the Order of the Sons of Veterans, and we hope other States will do likewise, and when we have a strictly loyal Congress we hope to have them constitute us the Militia of the United States.

IV. On the 14th, 15th and 16th of this month, at Altoona, Pa., the three Divisions of Pennsylvania, composing all the branches of the Sons of Veterans in existence in the State, were consolidated into one Division, and Col. E. J. Smith, of Harrisburg, elected to the command. This makes Pennsylvania the Banner Division of the Order, numbering about 175 Camps, with a membership of 4,309.

V. On the 14th and 15th of this month, as Baltimore, Md., the two factions or branches of Sons of Veterans existing in Maryland were consolidated into one Division, taking in with them the Camps in the District of Columbia, and elected Col. Miles W. Ross, of Baltimore, to the command of the Division. This promises to be a good, strong organization, and can be relied upon for its loyalty to the old Flag.

VI. In response to a request from a majority of Camps in Kentucky, the Division of Kentucky is hereby constituted, and Brother William West, of Newport, is hereby appointed Colonel. He will assume command immediately. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. He will appoint his Staff, and serve until his successor is elected and installed. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major will be announced in the next General Order.

VII. The Division of Tennessee is hereby constituted, and A. R. McKinzie, of Chattanooga, appointed Colonel, and Geo. W. Ford, of Knoxville, Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. The Colonel will select his Staff and assume command. The Major will be announced hereafter in General Order.

VIII. We have the promise of a good Division in Virginia. New Camps have lately been organized in that State, and Brothers are pushing the work as rapidly as possible.

IX. Since the issue of General Order No. 15, May 20, 1887, the following applications for Camp charters have been approved.

	Applicants.		
		3,	6, Cool Creek, Colo 12
		4,	39, Eureka, Ill 20
May 21, No. 31,	Dawson, Minn 21	4,	99, Burr Oaks, Mich 10
21,	35, Jackson, Minn 18	10,	50, Jetmore, Kan 17
21,	10, Santa Cruz, Cal 13	11,	195, Blair, E. Pa 18
21,	187, Upper Sandusky, O. 43	11,	25, Berwick, E. Pa 21
23,	79, Columbus, Kan 17	11,	2, Ridgeville, Ind. 43
23,	194, Pittston, E. Pa 29	11,	9, Rushville, Ind 17
23,	97, Wayne City, Ill. 16	11,	23, Macksville, Ind 27
23,	28, Joliet, Ill. (reorganized) 41	11,	199, Stonerville, W. Pa 14
23,	8, Fairmont, W. Va. 23	17,	100, Buchanan, Mich 23
23,	9, Austin, W. Va 10	17,	101, Baldwin Lake, Mich 13
23,	17, Menasha, Wis 14	17,	18, Dubuque, Iowa 24
23,	80, Carlton, Kan 10	17,	76, Glenwood, Iowa 20
24,	138, Haskins, O 20	17,	77, Cambridge, Iowa 22
24,	189, Enon, O 21	17,	114, Mason City, Iowa 27
24,	2, Chattanooga, Tenn. 25	17,	115, Lettsville, Iowa 14
25,	78, Lowell, Mass 26	17,	104, West Milton, O 14
25,	25, Melrose, Mass 19	17,	81, Topeka, Kan 25
25,	77, East Hampton, Mass. 19	17,	51, Elk City, Kan 21
27,	191, Sycamore, O 22	17,	21, Estelline, Dak 17
30,	4, Brockton, Ind 18	17,	23, Parkton, Dak 47
30,	14, Lawrenceburg, Ind. 19	17,	2, Butte City, Montana 13
30,	169, Mineral Point, O 15	17,	61, Union City, Ind 16
30,	39, North Lewisburg, O 22	17,	62, Linton, Ind. 13
31,	192, Moscow, O 15	18,	102, Frenon, Mich 43
June 2,	98, Pittsfield, Ill 19	18,	80, Malden, Mass 14
2,	71, Highland, N. Y. (oppo'n) 19		

Making a total of 52 Camps, and 1,070 applicants. This makes the total number of Camps organized since September 2d, 1886, to the present date, 472, with 9,065 applicants.

X. The Commander-in-Chief takes pleasure in announcing that our Order is entirely out of debt, and well established on a good financial basis with money in the treasury. This announcement is made to show the falseness of the report put in circulation in New York that our Order was financially embarrassed, which report is without the slightest foundation.

XI. The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby announced: Louis Drechsler, of St. Louis, Mo., and G. Wm. Sollers, of Baltimore, Md., to be Aide-de-Camp with rank of Lt.-Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XII. We have had the new Roll books for Camps, made with copy of By-Laws printed in full, so that Recruits signing the Roll book, sign the Constitution and By-Laws. This has added one and one-sixth cents to the cost of Camp Packages, but the price of Camp Packages will not be increased during this administration.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will furnish these headquarters immediately with Roster of newly-elected officers and a full list of delegates and alter-

nates to the National Encampment at DesMoines, Iowa, together with such recommendations for changes in Rituals and Constitution, R. and R., as may be desired, that they may be published in next General Order.

XIV. The National Encampment of our Order will be holden in the City of DesMoines, Iowa, August 17th, 18th and 19th, 1887. Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, Major General H. L. Wright, Inspector General G. B. Abbott, and Brother C. J. Post are hereby appointed a committee to examine and audit the books of the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals. They will assemble at DesMoines on the 16th of August, at 7 o'clock p. m. Many of the Council-in-Chief are not installed and could not act, and it would incur too much expense to place this work upon them. Col. Jas. D. Rowen, of DesMoines, is Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, and will make the best arrangements possible.

XV. The date on all Charters issued are left blank, and must be filled in by Colonels of Divisions, to correspond with the date of the muster of the Camp. As Camps all rank from date of Charter, it is injustice to them to have the date of Charter any other than the date of Muster.

XVI. In General Orders No. 12, the Commander-in-Chief offered a sword as a prize to the Colonel who should muster the most Camps between November 15th and June 1st, and further stated that the second should not go wholly unrewarded. Col. Henry Frazee, of the Ohio Division, has mustered 68 new Camps within the time specified, and Col. G. B. Abbott, of the Illinois Division, has mustered 41 Camps in the same time. The presentation will be made at the National Encampment in DesMoines. The other Colonels have mustered in the same time Camps as follows: Michigan, 25; Indiana, 25; Kansas, 23; Iowa, 22; Missouri, 22; West Pennsylvania, 18; East Pennsylvania, 14; Massachusetts, 13; New York, 13; Wisconsin, 10; Connecticut, 9; Minnesota, 8; Vermont, 6; West Virginia, 4; Nebraska, 4; Kentucky, 4; Colorado, 3; Provisional Pennsylvania, 3; New Jersey, 2; California, 2; Dakota, 2; Tennessee, 2, and other States and Territories, one each.

XVII. The following are the newly-elected Colonels of Divisions:

Connecticut.....	Col. Engene Morehouse, Bridgeport, Conn.
Dakota.....	Col. J. R. Rockwell, Mitchell, Dak.
Kentucky.....	William West, Newport, Ky.
Massachusetts.....	Col. J. H. Hinkley, Beverly Mass.
Missouri.....	Col. A. H. Vandivert, Bethany, Mo.
Minnesota.....	Col. E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn., re-elected.
Michigan.....	Col. M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., re-elected.
Maryland and D. C.....	Col. Miles W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.
New York.....	Col. E. F. Fellows, N. Y. (Brockport.)
Pennsylvania.....	Col. E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.
Vermont.....	Col. J. B. Fox, Burlington, Vt.

XVIII. We have several propositions from Posts, of the Post system, of New York, offering to came over to us, and we have completed arrangements with two of them. We are all working for the same grand purpose, and we could accomplish much more united under one banner, and it seems useless for a system with less than sixty Posts in their whole organization to struggle against the National Organization, which is so well organized and standing on such a firm financial basis. Brothers of the Post system, come with us, and we will do you good.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
NO. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, July 13, 1887.]

General Order No. 17.

I. Colonels of Divisions will include in their Adjutant's report for June, the number of members in Camps that have not been reported, so we can get at the entire strength of each Division, and when these are consolidated it will give the total membership in the United States, which is very important to have at the Des Moines Encampment.

II. Division officers who have not received their commissions for the present year will please notify the Adjutant General at once.

III. All reports *must* be in at these Headquarters not later than August 1st.

IV. The Division of Montana is hereby constituted, and Geo. W. Gibbs, of Helena, Montana, appointed Colonel. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Other field officers will be appointed in next General Order.

V. The attention of the Commander-in-Chief has been called by Gen. Fairchild, of the G. A. R., to the importance of our Order as an Order giving preference, and doing all in the power of the members to secure situations for worthy Sons of Veterans, who are left orphans and in need of assistance. It is hoped that every brother will consider this when employing their help.

VI. Information is wanted in regard to a member of the Order who was taken to a hospital and there died from the effects of an injury received from falling timber. He went by the name of H. Spaulding and was buried by the local Camp. Address, Otis E. Conway, Jamestown, N. Y.

VII. F. Falkenberg, of Jamestown, Ky., is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel, and John T. Short, of Maysville, Ky., Major of the Division of Kentucky. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

VIII. J. Y. Kinsman, of Streator, Ill., is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IX. We have received the following from the Chairman of the Transportation Committee:

1. All railroads will make a rate of 1½ fare on the certificate plan. These certificates are in the form of a receipt, good only to terminal points, and must be signed by the ticket agent at starting point.

2. On the following roads, east of Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Salamanca, Pittsburg, Bellaire, Wheeling and Parkersburg, certificates must be obtained from James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Iowa, *before starting for Encampment*, as names of persons attending must be recorded on stub in book from which certificates are taken: Baltimore & Ohio (east of Parkersburg, Bellaire and Wheeling), Baltimore & Potomac, Buffalo, New York & Philadelphia, Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg, Camden & Atlantic, Delaware & Hudson Canal Co., Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Fitchburg, Grand Trunk, Lehigh Valley, New York Central & Hudson River, New York, Lake Erie & Western, New York, Ontario & Western, Norfolk & Western, Northern Central, Pennsylvania (except locally between Philadelphia and New York), Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, Shenandoah Valley, West Jersey and West Shore. The roads above enumerated are in the Trunk Line Association.

3. Those living west of points designated will apply to the ticket agent at starting point for certificates.

4. Tickets will be good for three days after adjournment of meeting.

5. An explanatory circular will be mailed with each certificate. Applications for certificates should be made as soon as possible.

6. If possible, brothers east of Chicago will meet in Chicago on Monday, arriving on one train in Des Moines Tuesday. Trains arrive from the east in Des Moines as follows: C., R. I. & P., 12:10 p. m. and 2:55 a. m.; C., M. & St. P., 1:10 p. m.; C. & N. W., 1.25 p. m. and 3:25 a. m.; C., B. & Q., 2:10 p. m. and 4:45 a. m.

X. The following changes in the Constitution, R. & R. and Ritual have been recommended by the Divisions of the Order, action thereon to be taken at the National Encampment at Des Moines:

MAINE.—Resolved, That it is the sense of the convention that the rank straps now worn by the Division are satisfactory; that we will resist any attempt to displace them by the shoulder strap; that the representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief be instructed to use their influence to this end; and that we heartily concur with the sentiment as expressed by the Colonel.

Extract from report of Committee on R. & R.: "We recommend that enough profit be charged for supplies to cover express and postage." Adopted.

Your committee on Ritual recommend that after the words "I now present you with the insignia of our Order," the following note be inserted: "Note.—The Captain here attaches the insignia of the Order to the coat or each recruit, at the same time proceeding with his charge." Adopted.

Voted, That the National Encampment be requested to leave to the option of Camps whether they adopt the metallic or the embroidered wreath.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Changes recommended in Constitution, R. & R.:

1. "Art. IV. Organization. Each Camp to have an appropriate name and number, said name to be of some deceased veteran of the late war; 2. That Chap. 3, Art. 2, Sec. 2, be worded so as to include Past Grand Division Commanders as life members of their respective Divisions; 3. That in Art 2, Sec. 2, December be struck out and April inserted; 4. That the silver cross, the gold star and the iron cross of the Order are sufficient evidence of past rank without the single rank strap; and that for all other past officers the ribbon peculiar to their rank is sufficient; 5. That the age of recruits should be left optional with the several Camps.

Changes in Ritual recommended: 1. That the word "Attention" be inserted immediately before the opening hymn, on page 8 of the Ritual; 2. That a sentence be inserted on page 15 directing the S. of G. to advance one pace to the front before saluting the Captain.

Resolved, That it is the unanimous opinion of this Division in convention assembled that a fair profit on supplies be established and shared with the different Divisions.

Resolved, That the Delegates from this Division to the National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa, be instructed to work for the immediate adoption of the above resolution.

MICHIGAN.—Changes in Constitution, R. & R.: 1. That the phrase "At a stated meeting of the same" be stricken from Sec. 2 of Art. 4; further, that the phrase "At a stated meeting of same" and "At some subsequent meeting" be stricken from Sec. 3 of same article; 2. That the words "with rank of Second Lieutenant" be inserted in Sec. 1, Art. V, after the word Chaplain; 3. That Sec. 1, Art. 7, be changed to read as follows: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant and alternate shall be elected by ballot;" 4. That the last paragraph of Art. 10, on page 43 of Commandery-in-Chief Constitution, be stricken from said Constitution; 5. That the words "and last" be substituted for the word "two" in the first line of the fourth paragraph of rule 6 of order of business for Division Encampment; 6. That the words "and shall make an annual report of deaths and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the annual Division meeting" be inserted in Sec. 3, Art. 8, Camp Constitution, following the word "Camp."

The Encampment unanimously voted that in rules of order, in the Constitution, R. & R., rule 19, page 73, be stricken out or so altered that it can be understood by members of the Order; and that in Art. 14, page 64, in the fifth line, the words "points up" be changed to "points down," to conform with our present electrotypes.

Ritual changes recommended: That the Rituals be suitably and substantially bound in cloth, and that a sum be charged for them sufficient to cover the expense of said binding; 2. In muster ceremony, when guard presents arms, that the Captain recognize same by salute; 3. In dismissing the guard, bring them from a carry arms to an order arms, preparatory to stack arms; 4. On page 25, where the S. G. is giving recruits instructions as to use of gavel, change one rap from first to last, in the following manner: two raps calls the officers and staff to their feet, three raps calls up the entire Camp, and one rap calls the Camp to order and seats the same when standing, which will better exemplify the work to recruits; 5. In muster of recruits, when squad and recruits enter camp-room officers will draw swords and come to a carry; 6. That a committee be appointed to draft a memorial service to be used in assisting the G. A. R. to appropriately observe Memorial Day, and also a burial service for use of Camps; 7. In dismissing the guard after muster, S. G. gives command, "Twos right, column right, twos right into line, halt, right dress, front, order arms, stack arms, break ranks, march;" 8. In obligating comrades of G. A. R., S. G. presents them at altar, salutes and returns to his station; 9. That on page 25 of Ritual, after word "approaches" in third line all be stricken out until beginning of fifth line, and that the word "then" in fifth line be stricken out. Also that the entire clause relative to testing a stranger on the street or elsewhere to ascertain whether he is a brother or not, be stricken out, and that the said test be simply the word "friendship" in reverse, the challenger saying "ship" and the challenged replying "friend, to be followed by the grip. Also that the sign of distress and the clause relative thereto be eliminated from the unwritten work and Ritual.

MINNESOTA.—That Major A. P. Davis, the founder of our Order, be retained, under constitutional restrictions, in full charge of the badge and ribbon department: that the due observance of Memorial Day, under the rules and regulations as they have heretofore and may hereafter exist, be made obligatory upon each and every brother, with a penalty attached for the non-observance of said day; that the Captain of each Camp be ex-officio chairman of the Camp Council; that the delegates from this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief were instructed to use all honorable means to get the shoulder straps adopted in place of the collar tags; that all Camp officers be compelled, under penalty, to commit the Ritual to memory.

That the following uniform be adopted for the Sons of Veterans of this Division: The uniform to be the same as prescribed in the U. S. Army regulations for the U. S. Infantry, with the exception that, so far as practicable, we change the buttons, buckles and cap ornaments to conform with the Sons of Veterans Regulations. Also, that the stripe on the pants be:—for privates, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide; for corporals, 1 inch; for sergeants, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; for commissioned officers, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. In the matter of accoutrements, the regulation S. V. sword and belt was recommended.

The following changes in the Ritual was recommended: 1. Asking for a Memorial Day and Burial service; 2. Changes—1st page, First Sergeant standing in front of the altar will call the roll, about face, salute, and take position in line. Principal musician taking place on right of staff, leaving space for First Sergeant; 3d, 6th page—Round of Camp having been made, etc., Sergeant of Guard will take position in front of altar, facing Captain, to report (instead of returning to station to report); 4. 15th page—After saluting at the altar, the Sergeant will take a musket from the stack and, standing in front and facing stack, etc.; 5. 16th page—Strike out "column"

in command "Column, forward march;" 6. Change position of Sergeant of Guard in muster of recruits from right to left of detail; 7. 17th page—Erase "Column" in command, "Column, forward march."

COLORADO.—Your Committee respectfully recommends that the representatives of this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to procure the adoption of the regulation shoulder straps as an insignia of rank for all officers while in *active* command.

Your Committee respectfully recommends striking out the following from Art. XI, Sec. 5, of the Rules and Regulations: "The Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon, the Division officers' ribbon and the Camp officers' ribbon shall be attached to the regulation badge by officers only, while holding office," as it is in direct conflict with the remainder of paragraph first, Sec. 1, Art. 10, commencing with the words "As an evidence of past rank," etc.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the representatives of this Division to the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to have the "ribbon" question settled for once and for all, granting unto Past Officers the privilege of wearing attached to their regulation badge the ribbon of the respective branch of the Order in which they earned their Past rank.

Your Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of Roberts' Rules of Order to govern the parliamentary proceedings of the several branches of the Order, in preference to Cushing's Manual, now in use.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—That Sec. 6, Art. 5 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "seven" in the first line and inserting in place thereof the word "five," so that said section as amended shall read: "Sec. 5. Five members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any stated or special meeting."

OHIO.—Ritual changes recommended. Page 6 of the Ritual be amended by inserting after the words, "Sergeant of the Guard, you will make the rounds of the Camp and report if all present are entitled to remain," the words "and among such as are entitled to remain you will distribute the odes and service cards;" 2 That page 8 be amended by inserting after the opening prayer the words, "Camp, attention;" 3. That the Order of the Sons of Veterans having no burial service we would respectfully recommend that such steps be taken as to remedy this deficiency. We would further recommend that steps be taken to establish a proper ceremony to be used on Memorial Day.

Constitution, Rules and Regulations: Change 1. To amend Art. 10, page 18 so as to read, "7, Color Sergeant, 8, Sergeant of Guard;" 2. To strike out the word "subordinate" wherever it occurs in Cons., R. & R.; 3. That the election of Camp officers be on the first stated meeting in December, amending Sec. 1, Art. 7, page 13; 4. That the second resolution of appendix of Constitution be changed to read, "In their respective Divisions."

Resolutions: That we recommend the use of the miniature badge representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration as devised by Major A. P. Davis, Ordnance Officer.

ILLINOIS.—Constitution, Rules and Regulations: That in the preamble the word "sons" be substituted for "lineal descendants;" that "ing" be added to the word "follow" in the same; that the words "after published action of a Division Encampment" be stricken from the last paragraph of Sec. 5, Art. 10, of the Commandery-in-Chief Constitution; that Art. 10 and Sec. 3, Art. 11, be so altered as to require the wearing of the insignia of rank of the U. S. Regular Army, instead of the miniature rank straps now in use; that Sec. 4 of Art. 11 be stricken out; that the following words be

inserted in Sec. 5, Art. 8 of Camp Constitution, defining the duties of the First Sergeant: "7th, a list of all obligated comrades of the G. A. R.;" that the office of Chief Ordnance Officer be established, and that Major A. P. Davis be elected to the same during the term of his natural life.

Ritual: General instructions—Page 3, paragraph 7 to read: "During the opening muster or closing ceremonies no one will be permitted to leave the Camp-room or to enter during opening or closing exercises, except it be done in the performance of duty and under orders of the Captain;" page 4, paragraph 13 be struck out, and paragraphs 15 and 16 be transferred to secret work, page 24; page 6, Are there any members of the Grand Army present who have not been obligated in this Camp? If so they will please rise and the Sergeant of the Guard will present them at the altar, and give their names, number of Post, and Department. (The Sergeant will retire two paces to the rear, and after obligation escort the comrades to seats.) Sergeant of the Guard, you will make the rounds of the Camp and see if all are entitled to remain, and distribute the ode cards. (At the call of his name the S. G. will arise, turn to the Captain and salute, and then proceed in the performance of his duty, first approaching the Captain and whispering the password and countersign, that the Captain may know that he has them correct. Then, beginning the rounds at the right of the Captain, he will salute the First and Second Lieutenants as he approaches them, the members rising, stepping one pace in front of the first row of seats to communicate the password and countersign. In case he finds any one present unable to give the proper password and countersign, he will salute and report immediately to the Captain, who will inquire of the Q. M. S. if the member is in good standing. If so he will instruct S. G. to invest member with proper password and countersign); page 7, Captain rise and give one rap: "It is my will and pleasure that the officers and members of this Camp now come to order. May harmony and unity prevail among us. Let each Brother remember his solemn obligation and his duty to the Order. Camp Guard, you will secure the door and allow no one to enter until the Camp is duly opened and you are notified of the same;" page 8, after opening prayer, Captain will command "Attention!" page 11, Captain—"I hereby declare a recess of — minutes for collection of dues." (If a recess has been declared after muster, this is omitted); page 13, that last verse of closing hymn be omitted; page 24, under the instruction to members, on pages 24 and 25, entering other Camp-rooms, we would suggest the cutting out of the secret work, excepting the challenge for the grip and password and countersign to the Sergeant of the Guard. Also the paragraph pertaining to street hailing and sign of distress, and inserting here, in place of above paragraphs 15 and 16, page 4, of general instructions, adding to the last line of the demonstration of the gavel one rap; page 26, in the Captain's instructions to the Sergeant and Coporal of the Guard, we recommend adding to the last line the words, "and for the payment of dues;" page 27, insert the word "not" between the words "are members;" that the burial service of the G. A. R. be altered so as to be adapted to our Order; that the tactics used in the ritual be explained in back of ritual as per Upton's tactics; that the ritual be bound in heavy covers.

XI. Colonels of the following Divisions will forward at once to the Adjutant-General a complete list of the delegates and all entitled to vote in the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines: California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and New York.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., No. 16 WOOD STREET, }
 FOSTORIA, OHIO, AUGUST 1, 1887. }

General Order No. 18.

I. In General Order No. 16, the names of four members of the Council-in-Chief were mentioned as a committee to audit the books. The names of the following members of the Council-in-Chief are hereby added to that committee, in order to make a quorum: T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; E. T. Roe, and the member of the Council-in-Chief from Iowa. These, with the Commander-in-Chief, will make a quorum. We have selected those whom it is known will be there, and who have but a short distance to travel, so that in case the Commandery-in-Chief decides to pay their expenses that expense will be as light as possible.

II. The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to announce that we are out of debt, and have over four hundred dollars in the treasury, and earnestly urges that every delegate goes to the Encampment with a firm resolve not to vote the organization in debt, as was done at Buffalo.

III. Colonel F. McCrillis, of Illinois Division, will have headquarters at the Brevoort House, Chicago, on the 14th and 15th of August, for the entertainment of brothers and delegates on their way to the Encampment, and he requests us to urge all to report there. Cheap rates have been secured at hotels in Chicago.

IV. General H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief, is still in very poor health in Denver. He desires me to return to the Brothers and Camps of our noble Order his heartfelt thanks for the many substantial expressions of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty sent him from time to time. Rest assured, Brothers, it is duly appreciated.

V. The five Camps in St. Louis, Mo., have appointed a joint committee to look after and entertain the visiting brethren who may attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be holden in St. Louis in September. All Camps that can be present as Camps are requested to bring their colors. Captains of Camps are requested to communicate with Major Wm. M. Heath, Jr., 109 N. Eighth street, St. Louis, Mo., and let him know how many will be there from their respective Camps.

VI. All Brothers who intend to go to the Encampment, at Des Moines, should send their names at once to Colonel J. D. Rowen, at Des Moines, as Brothers in some parts of the country must have blank certificates from him to fill out *before they start from home*, in order to get reduced rates.

VII. The following additional recommendations for changes in Constitution, R. & R., etc., come to us too late to be considered (according to the Constitution). We publish them, and will recommend the Encampment to consider them:

PENNSYLVANIA.—Amendment to Art. 5, Sec. 1, Chap. 1, page 5. "Provided, that no person who has, or whose father has borne arms against the Government of the United States shall ever be eligible to membership in the Order."

The following to take the place of Art. 18, Chap. 2, page 21: "A relief fund for the assistance of needy veterans of the war for the Union, the widows and orphans of said deceased veterans, and for needy members of the Order or families of deceased members, may be established, and funds donated or raised for this purpose shall be faithfully and sacredly applied."

To strike out and insert the following in Art. 10, Chap. 3, page 30: "Strike out the word "at" in first line, and insert "upon the opening of;" also, strike out "on his accession to the office;" also, strike out "at the same time, or."

Add new Article to Chap. 2, Division Constitution, as follows: State of the Order.—At least two weeks prior to the annual encampment, the Colo-

nel shall request the Captain of each Camp to prepare and forward to the Adjutant a report of the condition of his Camp, having especial reference to the influences that promote or retard the growth of the Camp, the attendance, and the general interest in the work of his Camp. He shall individually, or on advice of his Camp, make such recommendations and suggestions as he shall consider advisable and necessary to stimulate an interest among the members of the Order. These reports shall be presented to the Encampment and referred, without debate, to the Committee on "State of the Order."

Page 31, add to Encampment order of business: "Committee on State of the Order," and make order of the several committees as follows: (1) Committee on Ritual, (2) Committee on C., R. & R., (3) Committee on State of the Order, (4) Committee on Reports of Officers, (5) Committee on Resolutions. And in the second paragraph make "the duties of the first two committees" to read "the first three committees."

In Art. 9, Sec. 1, page 29, Chap. 3, make a new section out of all after the words "necessary expenditures," to be section 4, beginning as follows: "Section 4. The elective members of the Division Council, together with the Lieutenant Colonel and Major (the Lieutenant Colonel to be Chairman) are constituted a Board of Audit, who shall examine and pass upon," etc. (here follow with balance of section 1, and add at close), "a majority of the Board of Audit shall constitute a quorum."

That Sec. 3, Art. 8, Chap. 4, page 39, Commandery Constitution, it is recommended be changed in like manner.

That in Art. 10, Chap. 4, page 41, strike out 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th paragraphs, and insert: "Section 1. Alterations and amendments may be made to the several Constitutions, to the General Rules and Regulations, and to the established Ritual, under the following conditions: Section 2. All proposed alterations and amendments shall be presented in writing at a regular session of the Commandery-in-Chief, and shall be referred to the proper committee without debate."

In sixth paragraph, strike out "fifth," and insert "Sec. 3;" also, strike out "to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations;" also, strike out "and changes in Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual."

Strike out last two paragraphs, and insert: "Sec. 4. Any article or section of the several Constitutions, Rules and Regulations, orders of business and rules of order, may be temporarily suspended during the session of a Division Encampment or Commandery-in-Chief, when it is for the purpose of facilitating business, by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting."

Strike out first and second sections of Art. 9, Chap. 3, page 17, and Sec. 3 to be Sec. 11 of Art. 13, page 15, Chap. 3.

Page 13, amend Art. 7, Chap. 3, to read: "The Captain, First and Second Lieutenants, the three members of the Camp Council, representatives and alternates shall be elected by ballot, to serve for one year, or until their successors are installed," and on page 24, strike out sections 2 and 4, rendered unnecessary by adopting the above.

On page 28, Chap. 3, strike out all of Art. 8, and on page 23, Chap. 3, amend Art. 6, Sec. 1, to read: "The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, the three acting members of the Division Council, the several representatives to the Commandery-in-Chief, with their alternates, shall be chosen," etc.

MISSOURI.—Chap. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 5, to be amended so as to read: "If any applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned, and he shall be forever after ineligible for admission to any other Camp of the Sons of Veterans, without the consent, by a three-fourths vote of the Camp rejecting him, and not again eligible in the one in which he was rejected until one

year after such rejection. A second application shall be made in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first.

Chap. 2, Art. 7, Sec. 1, to be altered so as to read: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant and Chaplain shall be elected by ballot."

In Chap. 2, Art. 7, Sec. 3, the word Chaplain shall be omitted.

In Chap. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 3, the following words are to be inserted between the word "papers" and "shall be," etc.: "and all money in the Camp treasury which shall be placed in a Division relief fund for the purpose of aiding needy soldiers, sailors and brothers of this Order."

Chap. 6, Art. 11, Sec. 1, shall be changed to read: "All members of the Order, when in Camp or parade, or any other duty, shall have conspicuously on the left breast the regulation badge of the Order, with a miniature National United States flag attached (the same size as those worn by the G. A. R.)"

In Chap. 6, Art. 11, Section 4, the following words shall be stricken out: "Red, white and blue bar," and have substituted for the same the following: "Copper button containing the design of the belt, the same as that on the reverse of the regulation badge, with the monogram S. V. in center."

Chap. 6, Art. 11, Sec 5, shall be made to read as follows: "Section 5. There shall be four prescribed ribbons of the Order. All elective officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall wear attached to the regulation badge, while holding office, a dark blue ribbon; all elective Division officers shall be entitled to wear a dark red ribbon; the Captains, First and Second Lieutenants shall be entitled to wear a light blue ribbon; the members shall wear attached to their regulation badge a miniature National United States flag, same as that now worn by the G. A. R.; the Commandery-in-Chief officers' ribbon shall be attached to the regulation badge by *Officers only*; the Divisions officers' ribbon shall be worn the same way while holding office; also a provision for recognizing a G. A. R. man who has been expelled or dropped from the ranks of the G. A. R.; also a burial service to be provided for in our ritual; also to change the time of our National and Division Encampments so as to hold them at the same time and place as the G. A. R. hold theirs.

We recommend that the Captain order the odes and service cards gathered immediately after the closing ode, and before the Captain gives the closing instructions to the Camp.

ILLINOIS.—Ritual—That when a recruit takes the oath of membership, it be administered the same as a Notary Public swears a man, and that the recruit at the end says, "I do."

VIII. The following applications for Camp Charters have been approved since June 26th, 1887:

Applicants		Applicants.	
June 21, No. 7, Trinidad, Col.	15	12, 103, Big Rapids, Mich.	15
22, 125, Lincoln, Ill.	21	13, 204, London, O.	27
22, 24, Gary, Dak.	32	13, 216, Sinking Spring, O.	31
23, 193, Hamilton, O.	43	13, 211, Columbus Grove, O.	44
23, 198, Londonville, O.	13	13, 75, Long Lake, N. Y.	18
23, 197, Heverton, O.	22	14, 74, Belt Mills, N. Y.	22
23, 198, Hicksville, O.	25	15, 112, Mt. Pulaski, Ill.	16
23, 199, Fayetteville, O.	11	15, 16, Red Bank, N. J.	22
23, 3, Fort Custer, Mou.	12	15, 17, Port Norris, N. J.	71
23, 106, Galitia, Ill.	32	15, 35, Jerico, Mo.	16
23, 21, Gobleville, Mich. (reorg.)	22	15, 3, Knoxville, Tenn.	15
21, 10, Hebron, W. Va.	26	18, 104, Swarts Creek, Mich.	14
24, 11, Grafton, W. Va.	21	—, Ponca, Neb.	10
24, 63, Brooksville, Ind.	17	19, 72, Rosendale, N. Y.	10
24, 200, Bedford, O.	20	20, 18, Millburn, N. J.	20
25, 201, Larne, O.	29	21, 195, Dexter City, O.	22
25, 18, Mineral Point, Wis.	17	21, 212, Alton, O.	15
25, 81, Whittensville, Mass.	23	21, 213, Gallipolis, O.	18
25, 11, Sacramento, Cal.	17	21, 214, Elyria, O.	29
25, —, Bridgeton, N. J.	31	21, 195, Stanton, Mich.	20

		Applicants.			Applicants.	
	27.	292, Georgetown, O.	24	21.	113, Murphysboro, Ill.	23
	27.	82, Chalsea, Mass.	107	21.	116, Rockwell City, Ia.	12
	29.	3, Newport, R. I.	32	21.	117, Nora Springs, Ia.	20
	29.	107, Paris, Ill.	20	21.	118, Gilman, Ia.	15
	29.	82, Marian, Ind.	17	21.	119, North Boro, Ia.	18
	30.	108, Lexington, Ill.	38	21.	120, Bloomfield, Ia.	45
July	1.	64, Pleasantville, Ill.	17	21.	122, Sutherland, Ia.	22
	1.	22, West Sullivan, Me.	23	22.	25, Columbia, Dak.	10
	1.	82, Howark, Kan.	15	23.	100, New Florence, Pa.	23
	1.	22, Xenia, Mo.	18	23.	103, Black Lick, Pa.	22
	1.	51, Clarksburg, Mo.	26	23.	109, Wrightsville, Pa.	22
	2.	100, Wheaton, Ill.	15	23.	141, Harrisburg, Pa.	16
	2.	101, Channahon, Ill.	13	23.	141, Catasqua, Pa.	30
	2.	102, Bowersburg, Ill.	18	23.	197, Clearville, Pa.	29
	2.	103, Cartersville, Ill.	17	25.	85, Norton, Kan.	21
	2.	101, Hopedale, Ill.	15	25.	67, Fishersburg, Ind.	22
	2.	26, Biddleford, Me.	26	25.	215, Mahees, O.	19
	4.	235, Sparta, O.	15	25.	57, Chillicothe, Mo.	96
	4.	201, Weston, O.	18	25.	4, Tekonsha, Mich.	24
	4.	205, Newark, O.	15	26.	11, Howard City, Mich.	15
	5.	85, Moline, Kan.	15	26.	12, Ionia, Mich.	27
	7.	200, Brown, O.	10	26.	2, River Side, R. I.	15
	7.	207, Mt. Vernon, O.	25	29.	166, Shick Shenny, Pa.	21
	7.	288, Smithfield, O.	11	29.	18, East Port, Me.	30
	7.	104, Elsau, Ill.	19	29.	92, Knox P. O. Pa.	20
	7.	110, Ranson, Ill.	10	30.	26, Fargo, Dak.	16
	7.	65, Cummaack, Ind.	10	30.	58, Puxico, Mo.	10
	8.	36, Cleveland, Minn.	27	30.	53, Verona, Mo.	20
	9.	83, Boston, Mass.	16	30.	56, Marble Hill, Mo.	12
	11.	111, Elmwood, Ill.	21	30.	86, Townville, Pa.	17
	11.	81, Fall River, Kan.	13	Total number of Camps 103		
	11.	11, Livermore Falls, Me.	19	Total number of applicants 2155		
	11.	66, Elizabethtown, Ind.	27			

IX. O. F. Phillips, of Camp No. 2, Butte City, Montana, is hereby appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Montana Division. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. Every Officer and Brother is earnestly urged to make every effort necessary to enable him to be present at our coming Encampment, at Des Moines, August 17th, 18th and 19th, and we promise you a most enjoyable time. Extend the invitation most cordially to your fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, and get as many of them to be present as possible. We assure them a most cordial and fraternal welcome. *Come!* Brothers and Fathers, and we will have a rousing camp-fire, whose smoke shall reach the heavens, and whose light shall reach the length and breadth of our glorious land.

XI. Colonels of Divisions are requested to bring or send to the Encampment, at Des Moines, the total number of members to date, including Camps failing to report.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,
Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, NOV. 1, 1886.

Circular No. 1.

The Commander-in-Chief has been requested several times to render a decision as to whether the Council-in-Chief or Division Council were entitled to wear the Old Gold or the Division Ribbon. By a vote of a bare majority, the Encampment at Buffalo decided that the Councils might wear the Ribbon of the body to which they belonged. But inasmuch as the Constitution expressly says that "none but officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be entitled to wear the Old Gold Ribbon," and the same in the Division Constitution, the Commander-in-Chief has decided "That in accordance with the Constitution the Council-in-Chief or Division Council are not en-

titled to wear the Ribbons of their respective bodies." The Councils are an auditing and investment committee to audit the accounts and make any investments of the funds of the Order, *subject to the approval* of the Encampment. We find the Council-in-Chief an expensive luxury. We went to Buffalo with about \$500 in the treasury, and came away from there \$210 in debt. There was much hard work and close figuring at headquarters during the last year to get the Order on a solid financial basis. We start in this year \$210 in debt, and have added quite a number to our Council-in-Chief, so that at the rate we have just paid it it will take over \$1,200 to pay the expenses of our Council-in-Chief at Des Moines next August.

In view of the foregoing facts, it will be ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, in time for Division Encampments to take action, that Divisions instruct their delegates to vote to abolish the Council-in-Chief. That this be called up immediately after the report of the Committee on Credentials, and if passed, that the Encampment select by ballot a committee of three to audit the books and recommend to the Encampment such bills as they think should be paid, and that this committee shall receive no compensation, unless paid by the Division which they represent.

Due notice will be given in General Orders that it will be impossible to pay the expenses of the Council-in-Chief out of the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief, and they must not go to the Encampment expecting to receive it. The National Encampment of the G. A. R. positively refused at San Francisco to pay *any part* of the expenses of their Council-in-Chief. Why should we pay ours?

Divisions can all be properly represented by their delegates. The Divisions nearest to the Encampment have a full representation of their Delegates and Council-in-Chief, with perhaps an officer or two, while Divisions at a distance may have but one or perhaps no representative. These facts are given now that they may receive due consideration before the General Order is issued. We understand that a Commander-in-Chief has discretionary power in case of an emergency that would be so disastrous to the Order.

By order of

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 1, 1887

Circular No. 2:

The attention of the officers and brothers of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is called to a beautiful "Photograph Casket" combined in a large size Grand Army Badge, designed and patented by Rev. J. H. Lozier, the "fighting Chaplain," of Mt. Vernon, formerly of the 37th Indiana Infantry.

Your Commander-in-Chief was presented with one of these caskets or frames in San Francisco, and brought it all the way from there, showing it to thousands on the way, and by all it was pronounced to be beautiful, and just the thing for G. A. R. and Sons of Veteran halls.

We had one of these caskets or stars with us at the Encampment in Buffalo, and all were pleased with it. If every Camp in the Order would put one or more of these caskets in their Camp room, and put the photographs of their fathers—the comrades of the G. A. R.—and fill out his army record in the place designated for that purpose (each casket holds six photographs) the G. A. R. would see at once that the Sons were in earnest in their endeavors to perpetuate their memory.

Chaplain Lozier makes two styles of these caskets, one to hang on the wall and the other to be carried like a banner, and has a capital plan for Memorial Service to be carried out at the church and cemetery. I hope and

trust every Camp in the Order will write to Rev. J. H. Lozier, of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, for circulars of this beautiful badge and casket, and if the Camps desire it, we will arrange to furnish the caskets direct from these Headquarters.

I would also call the attention of Camps and Brothers to the Acme Song Book, published by Col. J. C. O. Reddington, 178 Statestreet, Chicago, Ill. It is full of sweet and spirited Grand Army and Sons of Veterans songs, and will do much towards making your meetings enjoyable. Send to Col. Reddington for a copy; price, 10 cents each. Trusting the suggestions of this circular will be carried out, and that the bonds of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty will thereby be strengthened and cemented between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WALTER S. PAYNE,

Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 No. 16 WOOD STREET, FOSTORIA, OHIO, MARCH 14, 1887 }

Circular No. 3.

"Circular No. 2," from these Headquarters called the attention of Officers and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans to the Banner-Casket recently invented by Comrade J. H. Lozier, Department Chaplain, of Iowa, designed for receiving and exhibiting the photographs of our fathers—the Veterans of the Union Armies.

As these portraits of our fathers are soon to become the heritage of their Sons and Daughters; and as, in the natural course of events, the more active work of Memorial Day services must gradually devolve upon these Sons and Daughter of Veterans, it is deemed advisable to issue this additional circular, in order that our Camps and individual members may thoroughly comprehend the importance of this undertaking, and also be prepared to take their part in the Memorial Services as soon as the G. A. R. shall find these services desirable.

First, then, the Sons of Veterans should inaugurate a movement in every locality where it is not already being done by the G. A. R., or our sister organizations, for procuring and preserving the likeness and war record of every ex-Union Soldier, living or dead, to be found in that vicinity. These likenesses and records we are to preserve in the best practicable manner, in pursuance of our general purpose—to preserve and perpetuate the principles, the honor and the memories of our heroic Veteran Fathers. Let no time be lost in procuring these pictures, for our Veterans are rapidly leaving us. Get them, if possible, with their G. A. R. badges on. You do not want full length portraits—only the face and breast below the badge. As a rule, a picture that will show the face and badge through an opening, the circumference of a silver dollar will be quite satisfactory. It should be remembered that while photographs are desirable, they are not indispensable, for a well prepared tintype is said to be as durable a picture as can be made, and its cost is but a trifle. No "dressing" is necessary, except a blouse over any ordinary suit, with the badge upon it. Photographs of deceased Veterans can be copied in any size by your artist.

Next, let it be arranged to exhibit these pictures and histories both in your Camp Hall and on Memorial Day, as set forth below.

The plan for that part of Memorial Service which relates to these likenesses, and which is now being adopted, is substantially as follows: Let the likenesses all be framed. (We have recommended and adopted Chaplain Lozier's "Banner-Casket," both because of its appropriate design, and also because it is very cheap for a thing so elegant and beautiful.) Prior to,

each Memorial Day, let a committee be formed to confer with the G. A. R. and with any organization of Wives and Daughters of Veterans in the locality, and arrange for such part as the S. V. shall take in the Services. You will, of course, defer to the Veterans, and assume only such part as they may assign you. So long as Veterans remain, it may be agreeable with them to arrange a joint committee to perform the various Services. The committee will arrange in the Banner-Caskets the pictures of the dead Veterans, and some member of the committee shall familiarize himself with a sketch of the war record of each one in his Casket. In the procession, a Veteran or a Son of a Veteran shall carry the Banner-Casket, and a Wife or a Daughter of a Veteran shall carry the "stay ribbons" one on either side, each also carrying a wreath, one large, the other small. After the ceremony of strewing flowers upon the graves, let all repair to a suitable platform or public hall, upon which the committee having the Banner-Casket in charge will be seated in the order in which they marched. After appropriate introductory exercises, singing, etc., let the committee carrying the Banner-Casket to the right of the platform advance to the front, one lady supporting the Banner, and the other holding the wreaths. Then let the gentleman proceed to point out each Veteran by name, giving a sketch of his war record such as time and circumstances will permit. As he concludes, let the large wreath be placed around the entire group of faces, and the small one be placed over the top of the Banner encircling the spear. When they are seated, let the other committees do likewise until every deceased Veteran's name is repeated and all are wreathed with *immortals*. These ceremonies may be interspersed with music when time will permit. After the exercises are ended, let the wreathed Banner-Caskets be returned to the Hall and appropriately arranged.

We further recommend that in every *loyal home* where there is a portrait of a dead Veteran, a fresh wreath of evergreen be placed around that portrait on each Memorial Day. The Banner-Casket is equally adopted to the home where a Veteran is living, or his memory is cherished.

Nothing can do more to develop strong fraternal relations between the G. A. R. and the S. V. and our sister societies, and keep alive in the hearts of coming generations the principles and memories of our Grand Army than such a service as this. It is especially intended that all whose veins are honored with the blood of our Veterans *shall be present* on these occasions; and, as these faces are pointed out, and these names repeated, their hearts will thrill as would our hearts to-day if we were permitted to witness such a commemoration of the deeds of *our* fathers of the Revolution of 1812.

It is recommended that wherever there are dead comrades, the Posts, Corps, and Camps attend to this ceremony on *next Memorial Day*, and ever thereafter. The living owe it to the dead. It will not be long until there will be a Memorial service and a wreath for the last survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic. The "white tents" are rapidly being pitched on our "last grand camping ground."

Officers of Posts, Camps and Corps are requested to preserve the foregoing for future reference and information.

For descriptive circulars, giving price of Banner-Casket, etc., send stamp to Lock Box 170, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Now, Brothers of the S. V., let us see our opportunity, and measure up to our responsibility in every particular. The future of our country rests upon none others so heavily as upon the Sons of Veterans. Let us work for justice to the living Veteran, honor to the dead, and to all generations the beneficent results of their heroic sacrifices.

WALTER S. PAYNE,
Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTING OFFICERS.

RULES.

I. Read carefully, and implicitly obey all General Orders and instructions, and comply with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Commandery-in-Chief.

II. Acknowledge at once the receipt of General Orders, Inspection blanks and appointments to Headquarters, and give notice of your acceptance of the same or your inability to comply therewith.

III. Study carefully every duty you are to perform, and commit the entire Ritualistic service; and especially familiarize yourself with the correct secret work that you may be enabled to give an honest, conscientious inspection.

IV. On receipt of blanks and notice of your appointment, notify the Commanding Officer of the Camp you are detailed to inspect, of the time you will inspect his Camp, stating the time and manner of your coming, and *keep your appointment without fail*.

V. If unforeseen circumstances at the last moment should prevent your keeping your appointment, notify the Colonel commanding, and do not presume to send any one in your place without instructions from your superior officers.

VI. An Inspecting Officer is a representative of the Division and Commandery-in-Chief for the time being, and should deport yourself with becoming dignity.

VII. Inspections are ordered, not as a mere matter of form, but to encourage the Camps that are doing well, and strengthen those that are in a weak condition. To this end you must prosecute your inquiries, discover where there are faults in administration, and report fully to the Inspector, that assistance may be given where needed. Your duties are only outlined by these instructions; and, whilst it is required that you answer all questions fully, it is also expected that you will make yourself thoroughly acquainted with the Camp and its affairs in detail, and make such additional suggestions of its condition as will enable the Division Officers to have a full understanding of its efficiency and activity.

VIII. In notifying the Captain of the time of your Inspection, request of him at the same time that the 1st Sergeant and the Quartermaster Sergeant meet you at the Camp room one hour previous to the time of opening the Camp. At that time you will meet them and go through the records and accounts of the Camp, and get the necessary information for answering questions Nos. 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33. When the Captain arrives still further satisfy yourself on the questions, and also upon Nos. 14, 34 and 35. In fact, answer every question you have to answer in your reports, *while in the Camp room* that your answers may be correct. During the ceremonies you will make no interruptions or suggestions unless requested to by the Commanding officer, but will take careful notes, and under the head of "The Good of the Order," you will call the attention of the Camp to such corrections as the occasion requires, giving the necessary instruction. The principal object of these inspections is to establish perfect and uniform work in every Camp. You will therefore fit yourself, and require the Camps you are inspecting to rehearse the entire work of opening, transacting its business, mustering in, and closing in due form.

IX. 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 make three consolidated reports—one to be retained by himself; one he will forward with one set of Assistant Inspec-

tor's reports to the Division Adjutant, and the other one, and one set of Assistant Inspector's reports, to the Inspector General.

X. The authority of an Inspecting Officer will be the General Order of the Colonel Commanding, or a Commission regularly signed and sealed, emanating from Division Headquarters.

XI. Inspecting Officers are not entitled to compensation for services, nor will they be permitted to receive presents or pay from Camps inspected, but each Camp is required to meet the actual expenses of its inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Colonel Commanding.

XII. Division Inspectors will report all Assistant Inspectors to Division Headquarters, who fail to report PROMPTLY after an Inspection of a Camp is ordered to take place.

XIII. Inspectors will see that Assistant Inspectors answer all questions and fill out correctly *all* blank spaces on the inspection blanks, or return the same for correction.

XIV. Inspecting Officers will see that the uniforms worn are in strict conformity to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Metallic wreaths, rank straps, and cap numbers, are not recognized by the Order; the embroidered *only* is regulation.

XV. Camps will conduct services according to the Ritual as revised at Buffalo, September, 1886, and the inspection in regard to Ritualistic work will be especially rigid.

XVI. Camps mustered within six weeks of inspection will not be inspected—unless especially desired—but Adjutants may fill out inspection blanks from Charter Application and Mustering Officer's report, and file the same with the Division Inspector, who will incorporate them in his reports, designating them as "New Camps."

XVII. The object of an Inspection is to ascertain the exact condition of each Camp, and every Inspecting Officer should guard against wronging other Camps by marking too leniently the Camp he may be inspecting, or doing injustice to it by giving it less than it deserves.

XVIII. The rank and standing of Camps and Divisions for the Inspector General's report, to be presented at the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, will be taken from the reports of this inspection. It is therefore necessary that each Camp be properly inspected, and that all reports are promptly forwarded on time.

XIX. 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 against its being discovered by strangers from its too frequent and public use.

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

XXI. No member of the G. A. R. or veteran who has not obtained membership in this Order by authority of Article 5, Chapter 1, 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 other peculiar rights. Assistant Inspectors will report any transgression of this law.

XXII. 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.

XXIII. Do not alter any question. In remarks explain *all* questions answered in the *negative* or "no." When in doubt regarding any question in this department, consult the Division Inspector at once. 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.

XXIV. 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.

XXV. 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. With this exception, a Camp cannot be inspected by one of its own members, and under no circumstances will a Camp so inspected be accredited with a mark above 90.

XXVI. All reports must be forwarded by the time designated by General Orders, and any delinquent must be reported to the proper officers without delay.

XXVII. As the Assistant Inspectors are responsible and beholden to Division Inspectors, so are Division Inspectors under the authority of the Inspector General, and when in doubt regarding any question in this department of the Order, consult your superior officer at once. Inspecting officers will take especial pains to write their names and addresses very plainly in the proper places on the Inspection blanks.

XXVIII. Division Inspectors in consolidating their reports MUST MAKE ALL THE PROPER FOOTINGS. In questions Nos. 1, 7, 8, 9, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 31, 32 and 33, state the total sum, average of Camps, total gain or loss, total per cent. of gain or loss since last Inspection. In Nos. 24, 25 and 28, give the sum and average only. In questions Nos. 5, 10, 14, 17, 20, 22, 27, 29, 34 and 35, give the total "Yes" and the total "No," and the percentage of "Yes." In questions Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 30, give the total "Yes" total "Part" or "Fair," and total "No;" also the percentage of "Yes." Get the grand total in No. 37, and strike the average. Also bring down and classify Nos. 36 and 38.

XXIX. Inspecting officers will mark and classify Camps according to report, as First Class—Those whose markings sum up 75 or above. Second Class—Those whose markings sum up 50 and above, and less than 75. Third Class—All below 50. Questions numbering 1 to 5, inclusive, will be marked on the scale of 10 each; Questions numbering from 6 to 15, inclusive, will be marked on the scale of 5 each. The total will determine the class.

GUIDE FOR ANSWERING AND MARKING QUESTIONS.

QUESTION No. 1. A member is in good standing until he is either dropped, discharged, transferred, suspended or dead. To determine the number in good standing add the number mustered, reinstated or admitted by transfer card to the number upon which per capita tax was paid in the last quarterly report of the First Sergeant and subtract the number lost by transfer or otherwise. An average Camp numbers 25 members and less than 50, and is marked $7\frac{1}{2}$. Less than 25 is marked 5, and over 50 is marked 10.

No. 2. Perfect Camp and Ritualistic work, committed to memory, is marked 10. Partially committed and imperfectly executed is marked 5. Less merit than this is marked nothing. In case an officer is absent and some one is acting *pro tem*, some favorable allowance may be made and occasional shadings in the marking is permissible in the good judgment of the Inspector. There is no excuse, however, for officers not knowing their work, and Inspectors must benefit the Order by marking this question especially rigid.

Nos. 3 and 4. Includes the three principal officers or Division and Commandery-in-Chief officers, who may be members of the Camp and Camp Council. They are required to wear the proper insignia of the offices they hold, rank straps, caps, etc., and the mark will be in proportion to the number who comply. The answers will be "Yes," "Part" or "No," as the case may be.

No. 5. It is required that Camps have a special fund set apart for charitable purposes only, and the answer is "Yes" or "No;" 10 or 0. It occasionally happens that the records show that certain sums have been voted out of the General fund for charitable purposes, or voluntary contributions have taken place in the Camp for the same. In such instances if there is no relief fund the Inspector may answer "Yes" and mark 5.

No. 6. Is answered similar to No. 3.

No. 7. A member is considered uniformed if he has the regulation cap and blouse, but a Camp having many Brothers with caps only may be given a small credit mark, and the answer may be "part."

No. 8. Is similar to No. 7. The stand of five muskets for the Camp room may be counted in this question.

No. 9. State the number having badges in figures, and give a mark in proportion to 5 as the number of members having badges is in proportion to the size of the Camp. This rule holds good in Nos. 7 and 8.

No. 10. "Yes" or "no," and marking accordingly.

No. 11. Answer "yes," "part" or "no," and mark proportionately as in No. 9.

No. 12. Same as No. 11.

No. 13. Same as No. 11. The records of a Camp include not only the minutes of the meetings, but *all* other records, such as financial transactions, nightly and monthly report of Quartermaster Sergeant, semi-annual report of Camp Council, etc., roll book of members and officers, with the proper markings, showing their presence and absence, constitution and by-laws, book for recruits to sign, a descriptive book, and black book properly kept.

No. 14. Same as No. 10.

No. 15. Same as No. 11.

No. 16. Same as No. 3, only no marking.

No. 17. Same as No. 10, only no marking. A Camp is only supposed to have the General Orders which have been issued since it has been mustered.

Nos. 18 and 19. Insert the total sum.

No. 20. Same as No. 10, only no marking. (In case the last quarterly reports have not been forwarded, they must be made out and with tax turned over to the Inspecting Officer before the Inspection can proceed.)

No. 21. Same as No. 18.

No. 22. Same as No. 10, only no marking.

No. 23. Same as No. 18.

No. 24. State the sum. In case the muster fees and dues are graded according to age, the several grades are added together and an average is struck, which will be the sum to be inserted.

No. 25. Same as No. 26. If there are "beneficial members," with special dues, they are not to be taken into consideration, but the dues only of the regular "non-beneficial" members.

No. 27. Same as No. 22.

No. 28. Same as No. 18.

No. 29. Same as No. 22.

No. 30. "Yes," "part" or "no." Camp equipments include a Bible, a charter, a drum, an altar flag, a ballot box, a Camp seal, two swords, five muskets, three Rituals, a cypher and a key to the same. The first, third,

fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth articles mentioned need not be the absolute property of the Camp, but the Camp must have such articles in use by it in order to be properly equipped.

No. 31. Same as No. 18.

No. 32. Same as No. 18. It includes members and their families and Veterans and their families.

No. 33. Same as No. 18.

No. 34. "Yes" or "no." Does not include the W. R. C. or ladies of the G. A. R.

No. 35. "Yes" or "no," and if "yes," state number held since last inspection.

No. 36. Camps may equip after the manner of any branch of the United States service, as infantry, cavalry, artillery, marines, etc.

No. 37. Insert here the total sum of the marks on the first fifteen questions as you have placed them on the back of the inspection blank.

No. 38. Inspect the class according to rule XXIX.

Assistant Inspectors will see that the Camp officers have their commissions.

These rules and instructions are binding for all inspections until otherwise ordered by the Commander-in-Chief.

G. B. ABBOTT,
Inspector General.

163 State street, Chicago, Ill.

I also enclose a list of Division Commanders with their post office addresses also a list of Captains who report direct to the National Headquarters with their post office address.

COLONELS.

California.....	Colonel C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles, Cal.
Colorado.....	Colonel Harry D. Kendig, 815 16th St., Denver, Col.
Connecticut...Colonel Eugene Morehouse, P. O. Box 2149, Bridgeport, Conn.	
Dakota.....	Colonel J. R. Rockwell, Mitchell, Dak.
Florida.....	Colonel M. E. Bishop, Brookville, Fla.
Illinois.....	Colonel F. McCrillis, 65 North State St., Chicago, Ill.
Iowa.....	Colonel James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Ia.
Indiana.....	Colonel E. S. Walker, West Lebanon, Ind.
Kansas.....	Colonel Clay D. Herod, Eric, Kans.
Kentucky.....	Colonel Will West, Newport, Ky.
Maine.....	Colonel Thomas G. Libby, Vinalhaven, Me.
Maryland and D. C. Col. Miles W. Ross, 422 & 424 E. Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.	
Massachusetts.....	Colonel J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Mass.
Michigan.....	Colonel M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.
Minnesota.....	Colonel E. H. Milham, St. Paul, Minn.
Missouri.....	Colonel A. H. Vandevent, Bethany, Mo.
Montana.....	Colonel Geo. W. Gibbs, Helena, Mon.
Nebraska.....	Colonel B. W. Hawkins, Bever City, Neb.
New Hampshire.....	Colonel F. M. Shackford, Lake Village, N. H.
New Jersey.....	Colonel E. E. Jeffries, Camden, N. J.
New York.....	Colonel E. F. Fellows, Brockport, N. Y.
Ohio.....	Colonel Henry Frazee, Cleveland, O.
Pennsylvania.....	Colonel E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.
Tennessee.....	Colonel A. R. McKenzie, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Vermont.....	Colonel J. B. Fox, Burlington, Vt.
West Virginia.....	Colonel R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.
Wisconsin.....	Colonel F. J. Walthers, Madison, Wis.

CAPTAINS.

Oregon.....	Captain John W. Gwilt, Portland, Ore.
Oregon.....	Captain Levi R. Snyder, Coquille City, Ore.
Texas.....	Captain Chas. E. Boyer, Fort Clark, Tex.
Rhode Island.....	Captain Nathaniel Green (Phœnix) River Point, R. I.
Washington Territory.....	Captain H. D. Wood, Walla Walla, W. T.
" ".....Captain W. W. Witherspoon, Spokane Falls, W. T.
Arizona.....	Captain H. J. Miller, Flagstaff, Ariz.
Arkansas.....	Captain W. T. Brooks, Huntsville, Ark.
Virginia.....	Captain J. Newman Kinney, Portsmouth, Va.
Idaho.....Moscow, Idaho.

The correspondence of my office was at least three times greater than last year and I will be safe in saying that I have written five thousand letters during the year and I believe I have answered without delay all letters written me. I have not been able to keep up the roster of Camps and their officers in some Divisions by reason of the Mustering Officers failing to report to me, and then again at the beginning of the year when officers of the Camps were elected and installed there would no report of the Installing Officer be sent me, whereby I could complete the record, but in some of the Divisions the record is complete. Why, because the Colonels of those Divisions compelled the Mustering Officers to report and furnished Installing Officers with blanks and compelled them to report also, thereby I was able to keep the records of that Division up. In my consolidated report I will give you the number in good standing June 30th, 1886, and the number in good standing at the end of each quarter during the year and showing the gains in each Division, which are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

FULL NAME OF DIVISION.	No. in good standing at last Report.	Net Gain.	Aggregate.	Losses.	No. remaining in good standing.
Ohio	2185	3842	5482	1390	5937
Pennsylvania	3013	1746	5037		4759
Massachusetts	1261	351	1656		1612
Michigan	911	916	2152	532	1935
Illinois	623	1586	3037	913	2514
Connecticut	633	170	924	206	866
Iowa	1047	463	1892	840	1504
Kansas	934	32	1277	130	966
Minnesota	428	195	1190	613	722
New York	631	143	767	347	774
New Hampshire	491	38	1140	266	528
Maine	412	72	738	170	630
Vermont	312	102	662	387	354
Indiana	341	819	419		1160
Missouri	206	358	1553		755
New Jersey	274	109	803		333
Colorado	78	45	421		137
Dakota	153		158	115	
Wisconsin	113	203			319
Nebraska	114	208	319		322
West Virginia	52	107	322		159
California	64		159		160
Maryland	56		268		131
Washington Territory	21		131		36
Montana	32		61		48
Florida	15		48		49
Washington, D. C.	16		49		
Oregon	16		41		41
Arizona					16
Rhode Island			60		60
Kentucky			67		67
Virginia			67		12
Idaho			12		15
Arkansas			15		16
Texas			16		25
Tennessee			26		67
Total	15550				27042

In these reports, I have found a great many errors, but the reports being held so long before sending them to me I could not return them for correction, especially in the report for June 30th.

By your direction, I attended the Encampment of the Department of Ohio G. A. R. in the interest of the Order. I was well received and given the privilege of the floor. I explained to the comrades, the best I could, our mission, and asked their co-operation in advancing the Order. I found them eager and willing, and I there gave out one hundred blank applications for Camps, and could have given two hundred more if I had have them with me. And, knowing the good results derived from such visits, I would recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief ask the incoming Commander-in-Chief to send some brother of the Order, who is also a member of the G.A.R., to each Encampment of the G. A. R., at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief (he to make his own selections), to work for the interest of the Order, and that this brother be provided with all the blanks necessary for that purpose by the Commander-in-Chief.

During this year, I made it a point to give my first attention to applications for Camps, approving them and returning with the application a

charter properly signed and sealed. By this method, the Camps have not found fault with us for not receiving their charter on time, and the Colonels have not been delayed in the mustering of the Camps by any neglect of duty in that line, and taking everything into consideration from the time the application was received at Division headquarters until the Camp was mustered. It has been worked with success in all departments in which it had to pass through, and in this matter alone I think the Order has made a big advancement.

And now in conclusion, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me when you reappointed me as your Adjutant General. I have tried to do my duty in all things pertaining to my office the best I knew how, and I will always hold you in grateful remembrance for the same and the assistance you have given me during the year.

To the Colonels of the several Divisions and to their personal Staff I owe a great deal for the success of my labors. They have all done what they could to assist me in my work when called upon to do so. I thank you all, and I bespeak for my successor the same hearty support you have given me, and as the labors of the office are increasing, I would recommend that his salary be increased in proportion.

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

T. G. CARLISLE.

Quartermaster General O. T. Shutt then read his report, which was referred to Committee on Officers report

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

FOSTORIA, OHIO, August 17th, 1887.

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

DEAR SIR AND COMMANDER:—In closing up the work in Quartermaster General's department for the year ending August 16th, we feel satisfied with our work. We have received many courtesies from the hands of our brothers, and the year is replete with memories, pleasant and profitable. We have aimed to do our whole duty, and work for the best interest of our Order. A large amount of laborious work has been done in our department, and we have been able to get supplies out in a short time after receiving a requisition. A few times we were obliged to delay, not being able to replenish our stock as fast as it ran out; not wishing to incur a large debt, we ordered in quantities we deemed sufficient. We have ordered and received the following supplies since September 1st, 1886:

25,000 requisitions for supplies, 907 descriptive books, 65,000 applications for membership, 11,000 transfers, 11,000 leaves of absence, 11,000 honorable discharges, 5,000 past officers' credentials, 6,000 delegates' credentials, 5,000 alternates' credentials, 976 receipts of evening blocks, 500 Quartermaster Sergeant's monthly reports of 20 each, 9,829 Commandery Constitution, R. and R., 12,936 Camp Constitutions (unbound), 7,994 Camp Constitutions (bound), 878 Quartermaster Sergeant's receipt books, 913 Ordnance Sergeant's req. books (to pay bills), 6,015 Rituals, 11,000 non-commissioned staff warrants, 25,000 odes and muster hymns, 5,000 Q. M. Sergeant and council bonds, 895 minute books, 899 ledgers, 890 cash books, 887 roll of members, 907 black books, 150 electros of badge, large; 150 electros of badge, 150 small coat of arms, 10,000 Orderly Sergeant's quarterly reports, 10,000 Q. M. Sergeant's reports, 2,720 Assistant Inspector's reports, 313 Division Inspector's reports, 3,000 Camp officer's commissions, 5,000 applications for Camp Charters.

I notice that Maine Division at her last Encampment recommend that Divisions be allowed to print their own supplies. This should not be allowed. All supplies should, I think, bear the imprint of the Commandery-in-Chief seal. The use and the procuring of supplies from any other source, should be declared illegal, and dealt with accordingly. In making an estimate of supplies needed for the coming year, I base my knowledge on the amount used this year, but if Divisions were allowed to print their own, no estimates can be made that will be anything but a wild guess. The Commandery-in-Chief cannot get as good price for its work, still it will be expected and required that the Q. M. General have supplies on hand, to supply any or all blanks. The importance of using all forms is not thoroughly understood. Form No. 1 Req. for supplies, should be used in ordering supplies, and accompany every order. Form No. 17 non-commissioned Staff-warrants, should be in every Camp, and a Staff officer should have his warrant properly attested by the First Sergeant and signed by the Captain.

The Captains, First and Second Lieutenants should not be allowed to discharge their duties as such, until commissioned by the Colonel Commanding.

I still hold to the opinion expressed at Buffalo, that Camps be allowed the use of four Rituals. One Camp ordered sixteen Rituals after receiving their Camp package, claiming that they could not properly run the Camp with three. I referred them to the rule of memorizing the parts; reference to its explanatory notes is a necessity.

I respectfully call your attention to the claim of \$94.65 against the Michigan Division; \$24.72 was due the Past Third Grand Division, the balance, \$69.93 was contracted by Col. Rowlson. The per capita tax of this Division amounted last year to \$115.75 and amount paid \$14.05. Col. Rowlson wanted the amount charged to him and not the Michigan Division. This I would not do. I since learn that Col. Rowlson only assumed to pay the tax for quarter ending June 30, 1886. Col. Rowlson had a claim of \$22.50 against the Commandery-in-Chief which he wanted to apply on per capita tax but it was credited to supplies ere his letter reached me. Still it does not change the amount of the bill. I sent Col. Hall a statement of the account; he positively refused to settle the account and refused to see the justness of the claim. Other Divisions have settled past indebtedness and Michigan Division should do so, too. If we had owed Michigan Division \$94.65, do you think Col. Hall would have refused to take the same? This year we have had our ledgers indexed, Camp constitutions printed in roll books and use another color for the alternate cards and revised inspection blanks. These are all the changes we have made in supplies this year. Last year Col. Crossman ordered his supplies sent by freight. This year Col. Walker did the same. They found this a large saving to Divisions. I would recommend the same to the attention of the Colonels in command.

I would recommend that Camp constitutions, bound and unbound, be dropped from the list of supplies and constitution, R. and R. be furnished bound and unbound.

The Divisions had a balance on hand for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1886, of \$1185.19; Dec. 31, 1886, \$2159.62; March 31, 1887, \$3059.58; June 30, 1887, \$2786.64. Camps: Sept. 30, 1886, \$18,396.78; Dec. 31, 1886, \$16,386.71; March 31, 1887, \$28,121.50; June 30, 1887, \$27,317.72.

Since writing the above Col. Rowlson has remitted \$20.90 on account of Michigan Division.

Since Aug. 13 there has been received \$475.32 that has not been entered in the ledger. Cash received since Aug. 17 will be turned over to the next Q. M. General without putting it in the past year's work.

It is with pain that we sever our connection in an official capacity for

our associations are pleasant and memory will recall the many words of encouragement we have received during the past year.

Thanking you for the honor conferred upon and the trust reposed in me and all brothers for courtesies and favors rendered.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,
O. T. SHUTT,
Quartermaster General.

The Adjutant General then read the reports of the Chief Mustering Officer, Judge Advocate General, and Chief Ordnance Officer, and they were referred to Committee on Officers Reports.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

QUINCY, MASS., AUGUST, 8, 1887.

General Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to report as Chief Mustering Officer for the past year, that I have responded to many calls for public work in connection with the Order, and have assisted in the institution of several Camps. As the office is simply an honorary one there is little that can be reported.

Laying down the mantle placed upon my shoulders as Chief Mustering Officer in Philadelphia, 1884, I return to you sir and all my associates in the past, my most hearty thanks, for their uniform courtesy and fraternity, and wish for them and the great Order we represent an abundance of prosperity in every department of their life.

The S. V. is the grandest organization of young men on the face of the globe, and I shall always be proud to claim membership in its ranks.

Regretting my inability to be with you at Des Moines, I trust you will have a harmonious session filled with progressive work for the Order. I am, sir,

Yours in F., C. and L.,
GEO. W. PENNIMAN,
Chief Mustering Officer.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

TOPEKA, KANSAS, August 9, 1887.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit my report as Judge Advocate General for the past year. My duties have not been laborious or difficult. But few questions have been submitted to me by the Commander-in-Chief, and my opinions thereon are on record in your office. I do not call to mind but one which is of sufficient importance to refer to in this report. In one of the eastern Divisions the question arose whether an illegitimate son of a Union soldier was eligible to membership in our Order, the soldier having recognized the relationship. I gave it as my opinion that the applicant was eligible for the reason that I found nothing in our rules and regulations which would prevent his muster, and if the son is in every respect worthy, it should be our duty to treat him as a man, extending to him the right hand of fellowship in Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. An over-nice distinction in the social relations of life might look upon such a proceeding being improper, but without stopping to discuss social relations, I thought then, and still think the opinion which I gave was right.

Many officers and brothers are in the habit of submitting questions to the Judge Advocate General without referring them to the proper commanding officer. The true proceeding is and should be for Captains of Camps to refer all of such questions to Colonels of Divisions; the latter can, if they so desire, submit such questions to the Judge Advocate of their respective Divisions, or they may submit them to the Commander-in-Chief. The Com

mander-in-Chief, if he so desires, can refer them to the Judge Advocate General, whose duty it is in all such cases to advise his superior officer. The Commander-in-Chief decides all questions referred to him, with or without the advice of his law officer; he may adopt the views of the latter, but he is not governed thereby, and in view of this, I refrained as far as possible from giving any opinion except when requested to do so by the Commander-in-Chief.

I did in one or two instances violate this rule, stating however at the time, that your decision and not mine must control. In one case the editor of the *National Reveille* asked my opinion concerning your order with reference to the Council-in-Chief; the *Reveille* published my opinion, and with all due deference to you, I respectfully submit that the legal questions in that matter were properly stated by me.

Another question referred to me was whether a son who served in the rebel army is eligible to membership in our Order. While he was trying to destroy this government, his father was fighting to preserve it. Upon examination of the constitution I found there was no provision therein applicable to such cases, but I advised against the admission of such persons, and I respectfully recommend the adoption of an amendment which will prohibit the muster of all such persons. I am a firm believer in the saying that "treason should be made odious." While the applicant may be, and no doubt is a good citizen, yet having once borne arms against the government of the United States, in my judgment the doors of our Order should forever be closed against him, and all others of that class.

I return my thanks to you and your Staff for the many fraternal courtesies extended me during my term of office, and in returning to the ranks, I wish to assure all that it shall be my endeavor in all things so far as I can, to promote the best interests of the Sons of Veterans.

Fraternally yours,
LELAND J. WEBB.

REPORT OF ORDNANCE OFFICER.

PITTSBURGH, PA., Aug. 13, 1887.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg leave to submit my report, as follows: During your closing I have been constantly employed in the duties incidental to my position and connected with the progress and interests of your Order.

These labors, pleasant in their nature and occupying my entire time as well as that of requiring more or less assistance, have, I trust, in the main brought results that are satisfactory to yourself and associates.

Experience has dictated, and I have from time to time made various changes and improvements in the management of my office to promote its more ready working and to render its service still more prompt and efficient, having in view the growth and extension of the Order.

I have had and still have in hand and mind some additions to my Department and duties that cannot fail to be acceptable to all as well as for the benefit of the Sons of Veterans generally.

These movements, while they are unavoidably accompanied by considerable expense and personal effort, are both congenial and pleasant to me especially when I realize that they have met with a very extended approval from the Brothers of the Order.

In conclusion I may say that I do not recall the omission of any measures on my part, to advance as far as possible, the interests of your honorable Association, and that to-day my Department is in a better, smoother and

more complete working system than I expected to have it on assuming charge. I have the honor to be, General, most respectfully,

Your obedient servant in F., C. & L.,
A. P. DAVIS.

General G. B. Abbott, Inspector General, then read his report, which was referred to Committee on Officer's Reports.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 13, 1887.

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

SIR: It was with great reluctance I undertook the task of conducting the office of the Inspector-General for a second time, knowing from my experience that the responsibilities were heavy and the detailed work full of anxiety; and while the work has been somewhat easier and regular than before, yet it falls far short of what it should be, and there is ample room for great improvement. The Order is gradually beginning to realize the necessity and value of inspections, and with changes in the forms to meet the shiftings and advancement of the Order, prompted by careful experiment, the good will be still more appreciated. I am still of the impression that the spirit of rivalry and the ambition which these inspections arouse, revert to the growth of the camp and the good of the Order, and in this line it may not be out of place to say that in some instances the true idea of the inspection has been lost by some assistant inspectors, in thinking that the chief thought and desire is to flatter a Camp by giving it an unjustly high mark. These inspections, to have value, should be *honest* and *square*, and that each Camp and each Division should receive no more nor no less than its true merit earns for it. I am sorry to say that in some instances the results of the inspections have been very perceptibly *forced*, and a careful scrutiny into the answers and a few inquiries from other sources has demonstrated this fact. With one or two exceptions these inspections have been allowed to stand. At first it was thought best to have them corrected, and in one or two Divisions inspections were returned for corrections which were made, but as the reports came in it became evident that an endless amount of correspondence would follow, it was deemed better to let them stand, trusting the future to improve in being more particular. In one Division the Inspector wrote up his report by guess, and in nearly all, in striking the percentages, the Division Inspectors did not include the camps not inspected, which should be done, as it was evident in one or two Divisions that the inspectors selected only the best camps of the Division for the consolidation, and thus created a false average of the Division; and, furthermore, Division officers should realize that all efforts must be made to have every camp inspected. Three Divisions of the Order succeeded in doing so. Why not all? This has necessitated a revision of all the percentages and general averages and will account for changes which will appear later on.

Our last inspection shows a wonderful improvement in the Order within the nine months which passed since the one previous. This inspection does not show the condition of the Order to-day, but its condition in April. Much advancement has taken place since then. My report must give the inspection on Pennsylvania in its three former Divisions as it occurred before the consolidation. All of the Divisions have held their own and more—the greatest progress being made, however, in Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois. Twenty-two Divisions responded to the Inspection besides Maryland, which being small, for convenience, I have incorpo-

rated with the single Camps into a territorial Division. New Jersey and Dakota failed to forward reports.

The leading camps of the Order, judging from inspectors, are Capt. Schuyler No. 2, of Pennsylvania, (Prov. Division); St. Paul Camp, No. 1, of Minnesota; Daniel Chapin Camp, No. 3, of Maine; Ed. W. Ruble Camp, No. 33 and Geo. G. Meade Camp, No. 16, of East Pennsylvania, and Breckingham No. 3, of Connecticut, with many others, however, following close in the wake.

Of the Division Inspectors, several have taken special pains to make light my work by doing their own in the way it should be done, and to these I wish to express my full appreciation of their efforts, and in this line I particularly wish to mention Inspectors E. H. Archer, of Ohio, D. E. Ford, of Connecticut, K. M. Kendrick, of Iowa, John J. Lewis, of East Pennsylvania, the Colorado report being the most perfect work of penmanship and detail of footings which has reached my office.

Total number of Camps in the Order April 1st, 1887, 1,114; total number inspected, 811; largest number of Camps in Ohio, 151; smallest number of Camps in Colorado, 7; largest number inspected in Ohio, 131; smallest number inspected in Wisconsin, 5, a gain in inspected Camps of 380.

No. 1. Total membership in Inspected Camps, 24,372; largest membership in Ohio, 4,125; smallest membership in Colorado, 136; largest Camp is P. R. Schuyler No. 2, Philadelphia, 196; smallest Camp is McClelland No. 145, Philadelphia, 5, both of the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania. The largest average Camps are in the same Division, averaging 57. The smallest are West Virginia, averaging 18. The average Camp of the Order numbers 30, a gain of 2 over 1886; a gain in members in Inspected Camps of 12,190, or over 100 per cent.

No. 2. 189 Camps have the Ritualistic work committed to memory and perfect. Ohio leads with 38, and Prov. Div. Penn., least with 1. Maine leads with largest per cent. 56, and Missouri the smallest, 6 per cent. The Ritual is partly carried out in 351, Illinois leading with 57 and not carried; in 376 Camps Ohio leading with 73, a gain of 72 over 1886.

No. 3. Officers are uniformed in 265 Camps, Massachusetts leading with 39; Wisconsin and Nebraska least with 1. Partly uniformed in 172 Camps, Illinois leading with 27. Not uniformed in 329, Ohio leading with 82. Massachusetts has the greatest per cent. of uniformed officers, 78 per cent., the least being Wisconsin with 5 per cent., a gain of 60 over 1886.

No. 4. In 255 Camps the officers have proper rank straps, Ohio leading with 37; West Virginia least with 1. Part in 80 Camps, Indiana leading with 16; Colorado least with one. The largest per cent. being in Connecticut, 74 per cent., a gain of 85 over 1886.

No. 5. Three hundred and fifty-eight Camps have a relief fund, Ohio leading with 54; Wisconsin least with none. Provisional Division Pennsylvania having the largest per cent. of Camps having relief funds—75—a gain of 235 over 1886.

No. 6. In 220 Camps the officers wear side arms, Massachusetts leading with 38; Wisconsin least with none. Ohio the greatest number without—91. Massachusetts has 77 per cent. with arms, a gain of 76 over 1886.

No. 7. There are 9,082 uniformed men in the Order, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 1,428, a loss of 17 over 1886; Wisconsin least with 22. Massachusetts has the largest per cent.—71; Kansas smallest—16 per cent. a gain of 3,447 over 1886.

No. 8. There are 4,815 armed members, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 642; West Virginia least with none. Vermont having the largest per cent.—46—a gain of 3,022 over 1886.

No. 9. Seventeen thousand eight hundred and forty-six have membership badges, Ohio leading with 2,849; Colorado least with 114. Connecticut

leading with 100 per cent.; Missouri least with 50 per cent., a gain of 8,046 over 1886.

No. 10. In 653 Camps a badge is presented at muster. Ohio leading with 98. Not presented in 128 Camps. Connecticut greatest per cent., 100, a gain of 339 over 1886.

No. 11. Officers are regular in attendance in 612 Camps, Ohio leading in 95. New Hampshire leading with 93 per cent. In 98 Camps they are not regular, Eastern Pennsylvania leading in 39, a gain of 259 over 1886.

No. 12. Members are regular in attendance in 440 Camps, Ohio leading in 81. New Hampshire having the largest percentage—87 per cent.,—a gain of 126 over 1886.

No. 13. Records are well kept in 662 Camps, Ohio leading with 100. West Virginia leading with 100 per cent., a gain of 281 over 1886.

No. 14. The Quartermaster Sergeant's bond is filed in 586 Camps, Ohio leading with 79; Colorado least with 1. West Virginia leading with 100 per cent. filed, a gain of 251 over 1886.

No. 15. Dues are promptly collected in 644 Camps, Ohio leading with 96; West Virginia least with none. Likewise Ohio has the greatest number of Camps in which they are not collected promptly—15. In the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania 100 per cent. of the Camps collect promptly, a gain of 268 over 1886.

No. 16. In 189 Camps the Staff is provided with chevrons, Ohio leading with 25; West Virginia least with none. Provisional Division of Pennsylvania with largest per cent. with chevrons—62 per cent.

No. 17. General Orders are read in 741 Camps, Ohio leading with 108. Provisional Division of Pennsylvania leading with 100 per cent. Not read in 32 Camps, a gain of 331 over 1886.

No. 18. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight members have been suspended and dropped during the last year. Ohio leading with 456; Colorado and West Virginia least with none.

No. 19. The total increase by muster and transfer cards, 7,272; Illinois leading with 1,403; Colorado least with one. Illinois largest per cent. of gain $1\frac{1}{4}$; Maine least per cent. of gain, one-tenth per cent.

No. 20. Reports have been made in 745 Camps, Ohio leading with 108; Minnesota first with 100 per cent.

No. 21. There has been 1,012 regular meetings omitted, Illinois leading with 124; West Virginia least with none omitted.

No. 22. There are 710 Camps free from indebtedness, Ohio leading with 107; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent. There are 64 Camps in debt, Iowa leading with 9. California, Colorado, Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, and West Virginia Camps having no debt, a gain of 333 over 1886, and only a gain of 10 in indebted Camps.

No. 23. There have been 964 special meetings held, Ohio leading with 176; Colorado and West Virginia none. There being 48 less special meetings than omitted meetings.

No. 24. The average muster fee is \$1.85. The highest Division is Colorado, \$3.16; the lowest being New York, \$1.50, a gain of 11 cents in the average muster fee of 1886.

No. 25. Two dollars and thirty-two cents is the average amount charged for annual dues. The highest average being in California, \$4.43; the lowest in West Virginia, \$1, a reduction in the average dues of 4 cents of 1886.

No. 26. The total funds in the various Camps of the Order is \$23,335.12. The richest Division being Eastern Pennsylvania with \$6,692.38; the poorest, Colorado with \$37. The average funds in each Camp is \$24.14. The highest average is in the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, \$128.04; the lowest being in Colorado, \$5.30. Several Camps have no

funds, and the richest single Camp is Capt. Schuyler, No. 2, Philadelphia, Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, marking \$2,345.03, a gain of \$9,295.32 over 1886, but a reduction in the average Camp funds of \$10.74.

No. 27. Stated sick benefits are paid in 151 Camps, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 30; Provisional Division Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent. In several Divisions no benefits are paid, a gain of 83 over 1886.

No. 28. The average amount of sick benefit paid per week is \$2.09. The highest—\$3.12—being in the Provisional Division of Pennsylvania; the lowest in Maine, 50 cents.

No. 29. There is a Relief Committee in 421 Camps, Ohio leading with 62; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first with 100 per cent., a gain of 195 over 1886.

No. 30. Five hundred and seventy-eight Camp rooms are properly equipped, Ohio leading with 90; Maine first with 94 per cent., a gain of 253 over 1886.

No. 31. The total sum of the relief fund is \$4,508.91, Massachusetts leading with \$980.29; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania first, an average of \$16.92 to the Camp. The general average in all Camps being \$2.60; the lowest average—0—being in New York, a gain of \$1,834.31 over 1886, and a gain of \$10.72 per Camp over 1886.

No. 32. Four hundred and thirty-one persons have been relieved, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 189; West Virginia lowest with none, a gain of 227 over 1886.

No. 33. Two thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty-six cents have been expended in charity, Ohio leading with \$567.69, a gain of \$1,502.89 over 1886.

No. 34. There are 107 Ladies' Aid Societies attached to the Camps of the Order, Western Pennsylvania leading with 51; Minnesota has none, a total gain of 73 Aids.

No. 35. Two hundred and eighty-nine Camps hold Camp-fires and open meetings, Eastern Pennsylvania leading with 34, a gain of 127 over 1886.

No. 36. Four hundred and fifty-seven Camps are equipped as Infantry, 11 as artillery, and 7 as cavalry. Ohio leading with 84, a gain of 301 over 1886.

No. 37. The average mark of the Camps in the United States is 56½, a gain of 1½ only over 1886. The highest average is 69 in Connecticut; the lowest 20 in New York.

No. 38. There are 194 first-class Camps in the Order, a gain of 97 over 1886. Twenty-eight in Eastern Pennsylvania being the highest in any Division. There are 379 second-class Camps, and 268 third-class Camps. The Divisions rank on general average as follows: Connecticut, 69; New Hampshire, 66; Minnesota, 64; Eastern Pennsylvania, 63½; Maine, 61; Massachusetts, 60½; Provisional Division of Pennsylvania, 58; Indiana, 57; Colorado, 54; Illinois, 52.8; Iowa, 52; Michigan, 51½; Western Pennsylvania, 50½; Nebraska, 48; California, 47½; Ohio, 44; West Virginia, 40; Vermont, 39; Kansas, 37½; Wisconsin, 32; Missouri, 21; New York, 20.

In conclusion the following recommendations are believed to be for the good of the Order, and are offered for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief.

1. That a code of rules for the government of court martial be established.

2. That the Quartermaster General be instructed to procure a new draft of the coat of arms, in keeping with the description of the same in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and that electros from the same be struck off and sold in his department.

3. That blanks be prepared for dispensation, for appointing installing

officers and for the application of a son of a Son of a Veteran for membership in our Order.

4. That in Art. X, Chapter 6, in the third paragraph of section 1, page 57, the words "one bar at each end; Assistant Inspector of Divisions." That to more easily designate the Division Staff, officers and Aids de Camps from Camp officers of similar rank, the field of their rank straps be either white or very light blue.

5. That a sufficient quantity of General Orders be issued to supply each member of the Order with a copy.

6. That the present uniform and insignia of rank of the Order be made the established fatigue uniform of the Order, but that Colonels commanding Divisions may issue a dispensation to Camps which have armed and equipped themselves in some branch of military service, to adopt a dress uniform and insignia of rank in keeping with the manner of their equipment, the same to be approved by the Colonel commanding the Division with this specification, that it shall ever have the wreath letters and numbers upon either cap or helmet, or hat, as now designated by our Constitution and worn upon our caps.

With this I close my official career. The regret that the relations which have so pleasantly ran through the associates of your staff are so soon to be severed, and these two years just ending will be the bright particular stars to be remembered for all time to come.

Respectfully submitted, In F., C. & L.,
G. B. ABBOTT,
Inspector General.

Moved by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, seconded by Davis, of Michigan, that the report of Committee on Credentials be reopened for the purpose of correction. Carried.

Moved by E. H. Archer, of Ohio, seconded by Delegate, that the roll of States be called and the names of delegates and by reference to the Adj't Gen'l's report, we proceed to decide who is entitled to representation.

Remarks by Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire, and Col. Rowan, of Iowa, against the motion and by Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, in favor. The motion was put and declared carried.

On the call of the States and referring to the report of the Adj't Gen'l, it was found that Illinois and Kansas had one delegate more than they were entitled. By request of Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, the name of Bro. Earnest Vleet was stricken from the roll.

By motion of a Delegate and seconded, R. F. Stinson was recognized as the regular delegate from that Division, and the name of Geo. H. Dow was stricken from the roll.

By motion of W. C. Reeme, of Pa., seconded by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, the report of Committee on Credentials was adopted as corrected.

Moved by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock p. m., when we meet promptly and hold session until 10 p. m., when we take a recess until to-morrow morning. Carried, and recess declared.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 8 p. m. by Gen. Walter S. Payne in the Chair.

Gen'l G. B. Abbott obligated a number of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, after which the Encampment was declared open for business.

Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, arose and gave the love of an Ohio girl to all the unmarried brothers in attendance.

The roll of States were then called for recommendations. And as the the names of the States were called, the response from each was nothing more than that is published in General Orders Nos. 17 and 18.

Telegrams of greetings were read from Bros. H. H. Hammer, of Pa.; Chas. S. Cryslor, of Mo.; F. P. Merrill and H. L. Wright, of Maine; and F. C. McArthur, of Colorado.

At the call has any brother anything to offer or bring before the Convention?

Bro. R. Loebenstein, of Mo., offered the following resolution: 1. *Resolved*, That hereafter all Camp packages include one regulation badge in order to perform completely the ritualistic work. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

By Bro. Goodale, of Iowa, Resolution 2. *Resolved*, That the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans of the U. S. A. subscribe to and pay for one copy of the *National Keville* for each Camp of the Order for a period of six months at 37½ cents per copy. Referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolution No. 3, offered by N. G. Cooper, of Mich., in reference to the Grand Army Pension Bill was read and referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Reports of Committees being next in order and none of the Committees being ready to report, the exemplification of the secret work was had with Inspector General G. B. Abbott acting Captain, Ass't Adj't Gen'l W. F. Jenkins acting First Lieut., Capt. James I. Lyons acting Second Lieut., Col. Frank McCrillis acting Chaplain, Bro. Harry A. Douglass acting S. of the Guard, Bro. Hendricks acting Corp. of the Guard. R. M. Dewitt, of Des Moines, Iowa, was mustered into Camp.

Moved by Col. Harry M. Russell, of Pa., that we take a recess until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and meet on the east side, corner East 6th and Locust St. Carried, and so ordered.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 18TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order at 9:15 by General Walter S. Payne in the chair, and declared open for the transaction of business.

L. J. Webb appointed Acting Lt. General.

Gen'l G. B. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, offered the following report, as a partial report:

Your Committee on Ritual after carefully considering the recommendations offered would respectfully recommend that in view of the following facts that no changes be made in the ritual except the typographical errors:

1st. New Rituals have but recently been furnished the Order and considerable expense and trouble would result from another change of Ritual.

2d. The recommendations presented are not deemed of vital importance and may well be laid over until our next Encampment.

3d. That the committee desire all possible time for the consideration and presentation of a suitable burial and memorial service.

G. B. ABBOTT,	} Committee.
W. E. BUNDY,	
FREMONT GARRETT,	
J. W. ANDERSON,	
C. J. POST.	

Moved by Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., to adopt the report as read. Carried. Committee on Resolution made the following report through their Chairman, Col. Clay D. Herod, of Kansas, as follows:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report for your consideration:

We recommend the adoption of the resolutions as follows:

No. 1, offered by R. Loebenstein, of Missouri:

Resolved, That hereafter all Camp Packages include one regulation badge in order to perform completely the ritualistic work.

Moved by Cato Sells, of Iowa, that we consider these resolutions separately. Carried.

Moved by Ford, of Conn., that Report of Committee on Resolution No. 1, by Loebenstein, be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 2, offered by Bro. Goodale, of Iowa:

Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, of the U. S. A., subscribe to and pay for one copy of the *National Reveille* for each Camp of the Order for a period of six months at 37½ cents per copy.

Moved by O. C. Springer, of Ohio, seconded by H. M. Russell, of Pa., that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Resolution No. 3, offered by Bro. N. G. Cooper, of Michigan:

Resolved, That, whereas, we recognize the fact that thousands of the heroes of the late war are to-day largely dependent upon charity for their daily bread, remembering that to their patriotic sacrifice we are indebted for a glorious nationality, and believing that the country whose honor they helped to save should care for the poor and afflicted patriots.

Resolved, That we take pride in urging Congress and the President of the United States to do their part in giving justice to those noble heroes by granting to them the honorable and righteous benefits expressed in the Grand Army Pension Bill recommended by the pension committee which is hereto attached: that we will do all we can to impress the people, the congressman and the executive, with our earnest desire to have such bill upon the statute books, in order that suffering patriots may be taken from the poor houses and dependent positions, and made to feel that republics such as ours will always honor the men whose lives were in danger through their noble devotion to duty.

Moved by Archer, of Ohio, seconded by delegate, that the report of the Committee be adopted.

The reading of the Pension Bill was called for and read by Bro. Cooper, of Mich., as follows:

SEC. 1. That in considering the pension claims of dependent parents, the fact and cause of death, and the fact that the soldier left no widow or minor child or children; having been shown, as required by law, it shall be necessary only to show by competent and sufficient evidence that such parent or parents are, or have been without other means of support than their own manual labor or the contributions of others not legally bound for their support; *provided*, That all pensions allowed under this section of this act shall commence from date of actual dependence if claim was filed prior to July 1, 1880, and in case of applications thereafter made, the pension shall commence from the date of the filing of the application in the pension office, or from the date of subsequent dependence.

SEC. 2. That all persons who served three months in the military or naval service of the United States and who have been honorably discharged and are suffering from mental or physical debility, not the result of their own vicious habits, shall be entitled to receive \$2 per month; that persons who are not receiving pensions under existing laws, or whose claims are pending in the pension office, may receive the benefits of this act; that no person shall receive more than one pension for the same period, and rank in the service shall not be considered.

SEC. 3. That if any invalid pensioner has died, or shall thereafter die, leaving a widow, minor children or children under 18 years of age, or in case there be no widow or minor child or children, a dependent mother or father, such widow, minor child or children, or mother or father, shall be placed upon the pension roll at the rates established by law for widows, minor children and parents, without regard to the cause of death of such pensioner; provided that said widow was married to the deceased pensioner prior to the passage of this act. That the increase of pensions for

minor children shall be at the rate of \$5 per month, instead of \$2 per month, as now provided by law, and in case a minor child is insane, idiotic or otherwise helpless the pension shall continue during the life of said child, or during the period of such disability.

SEC. 4 Imposes a fine of \$500 or imprisonment at hard labor, not exceeding two years or both, in the discretion of the court, of agents or attorneys accepting a greater fee than \$10, payable only upon the order of the Commissioner of Pensions, by the Pension Agent making payment of the pension allowed.

After reading the above Bro. Cooper urged very earnestly the adoption of the report of the committee.

Moved, by Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Springer, of Ohio, that we expunge that part of the report that refers to the G. A. R. Pension bill. Remarks by Springer, of Ohio, Hatch, of New York, Rowen, of Iowa and Bundy, of Ohio.

Motion, by Bundy, of Ohio, that we amend by striking out "Grand Army" and insert "dependent" and strike out "Taken from the poor houses and dependent positions, and"

Bro. Sells withdrew his amendment and seconded Bro. Bundy's motion to amend.

Remarks against the amendment were made by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, Col. Herod, of Kansas, Col. Freer, of West Virginia, Bacon, of Illinois, Cooper, of Michigan, Herod, of Kansas, and Maccabe, of Massachusetts.

And for the amendment, Bro. Sells, of Iowa, and Reeme, of Pennsylvania.

The motion was put on the amendment and a division called for by Bro. Sells, of Iowa. The house being divided, the vote stood 13 for and 47 against. Declared lost.

The original motion was then put, the vote standing 53 for and 7 against. Declared carried.

Moved by Bro. Bundy, seconded by Bro. Sells, to make it unanimous. Carried.

Resolution No. 4:

Resolved, That to Col. Rowan and Adjutant Whiting, of Iowa, our heartfelt thanks are tendered for their efforts to make the sixth annual encampment of the S. of V., U. S. A. a success.

Moved, by Frank Miller, of Ohio, to adopt report of committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 5:

Resolved, That our most sincere thanks are tendered to Carey Camp No. 8, and Burnside Camp No. 21, for the cordial treatment we received at their hands, and the many favors shown us during the encampment. Our thanks are also extended to Kingman Post, No. 7, Crocker Post, No. 12, Joe Hooker Post, No. 21, to Gov. Larrabee, the city officials, the local press and the citizens of Des Moines for the treatment we have received at their hands, and we shall ever remember with pleasure our visit to Des Moines.

Moved, by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, seconded by Archer, of Ohio, to adopt report of the committee. Carried.

Resolution No. 6:

Resolved, That we hereby return to Gen. Walter S. Payne and all members of his staff our thanks for their zeal, ardor and self-sacrificing efforts for our Order during these two years. We will ever remember them as gentlemen and brothers worthy of our love and respect.

Moved, By Frazee, seconded by Springer, of Ohio, to adopt. Carried.

By motion of Judge Hatch, of N. Y., the rules were suspended and the following additional resolution was read and acted upon.

Resolution No. 7, offered by Hatch, of N. Y.:

Resolved, That Major A. P. Davis, the founder of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. be and he hereby is, placed in permanent charge of the badges and decorative department of our Order, and that he be entrusted with the designs and patents upon badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order.

Moved, by M. Crowley, of N. H., to adopt the report as read by Hatch, of N. Y. Carried.

Report of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 17, 1887.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V. U. S. A.:

BROTHERS: We, your committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, beg leave to say that we have carefully considered all the proposed changes in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations that have been offered us, and recommend the following for your adoption:

Art. VII, Par. 2, Sec. 1, page 13 as follows: Change the word "last" to "first." Moved by Archer, of Ohio, to adopt. Carried.

Art. VIII, page 15, Sec. 5, add Seventh, a book in which shall be kept a list of all obligated members of the G. A. R. Adopted.

Art V, page 5, Sec. 1, be amended by adding, Provided they nor their fathers have ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America. Adopted.

Art. IV, Par. 1, page 5, change as follows: Each Camp shall have an appropriate name and number, said name to be of some Union Veteran of the late war. Rejected.

Art. VIII, Sec. 3, page 14, addition to duties of Chaplain. After the words "closing of Camps" add the words "and shall make an annual report of deaths and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the Annual Division Encampment. Adopted.

Strike out the word subordinate wherever it occurs. Adopted.

Art. II, Sec. 1, Par. 2, page 23, change as follows: "Second all Past Commanders-in-Chief, all Past Grand Division Commanders, and all Past Colonels in their respective Divisions. Adopted.

Order of Business, Rule 6, page 31, be changed as follows: Change places of Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations with Committee on Resolutions. Adopted.

Art. I V, page 36, strike out Commissary General and Chief Ordnance Officer, and one member elected from each Division, and insert "five elected." Adopted.

Art. VIII, Sec. 1, page 38, be amended to read as follows: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers, the Chief-of-Staff, the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, the Inspector General, the Chief Mustering Officer, Judge Advocate General, Surgeon General, Chaplain-in-Chief, and five members elected yearly by the Commandery-in-Chief. Adopted.

Art. VIII, Sec. 2, page 38, add to—The elective member of the Council-in-Chief shall be chosen at the stated yearly meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. Adopted.

Art. VI, Sec. 4, page 37, strike out "A Commissary General, a Chief Ordnance Officer, and." Adopted.

By motion of George W. Knowlton, of Minnesota, a recess was declared until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Commandery called to order at 2:20 P. M. by General Walter S. Payne in the chair, and declared open for business.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations continued their report as follows:

Chap. 6, Art. 1, Sec. 2, page 45, strike out "Deputy," and insert "Officer properly detailed." Adopted.

Art. IX, Sec. 1, page 55, be amended to read as follows: "And fatigue cap with gold cord embroidered, or metallic wreath in front, containing in silver bullion, embroidery or silver metal, the letters S. V. in old English or Roman characters respectively, and the number of the Camp." Adopted.

Art. IX, Sec. 2, page 55, be changed as follows: Omit "words" shall not," and insert "may." Adopted.

Art. XI, Sec. 6, page 59, strike out Sec. 6, and make Sec. 7 Sec. 6. Moved and seconded to adopt. Objected to by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois; Goodale, Iowa; Crowley, New Hampshire; Loebenstein, of Missouri; and favored by Smith, of Pennsylvania.

The previous question was moved by Col. Hinkley, of Massachusetts.

The previous question was then put and carried and the report of committee adopted.

Art. X, Sec. 1, p. 56. Strike out all after the word "Coat" in paragraph first.

Moved by McCrillis not to concur in the report of the committee.

Remarks by Knowlton, Minn., Crowley, N. H., Webb, Kas., Gurney, Ill.

Gen. L. J. Webb moved the previous question be now put, which was done, and the report of the committee was not concurred in.

Moved by Gen. L. J. Webb, Kas., that we reconsider Sec. 6, Art. 11, page 59. Carried.

Moved by Smith, Pa., that we reconsider vote on Sec. 1, Art. 10, page 56. Carried.

Moved by Frazee, of Ohio. sec. by Webb, of Kas., to strike out all after the word "Coat" in Sec. 1, Art. 10, page 56, paragraph first. Carried.

Art. XIII. Sec. 2, page 61. That the first part of paragraph 2, be changed to read as follows: The fringe of the flags shall be of worsted, silk, gilt or gold bullion and the cord and tassels of worsted and silk, silk, or silk and gold, mixed. Both flags shall be provided with staffs and brass spear-heads or gilt eagles. The two small, or Camp colors, shall also be of blue with worsted, silk, gilt, or gold bullion fringe, and poles of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each color shall appear the number of the Camp. Adopted.

That the whole of the second resolution of the appendix be stricken out. Adopted.

Chap. 6, Art. XI., Sec. 5, page 58. Strike out the word elective wherever it occurs. Adopted.

Art 10., Sec. 1, Page 57. Third Paragraph. Strike out "one bar at each end." Adopted.

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

MARVIN E. HALL,	} Committee.
JOS. B. MACCABE,	
E. J. SMITH,	
HENRY FRAZEE,	
R. H. FREER,	
F. L. EATON,	

Bro. W. E. Bundy, of Ohio, moved that the report of the Committee on

Constitution, Rules and Regulations be adopted as amended. Carried.

Report of the Council-in-Chief was read by Adj't Gen'l T. G. Carlisle, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

DES MOINES, August 16th, 1887.

To the Commander-in-Chief:

BROTHERS:—We respectfully submit the following as the minutes of the meeting of the Council-in-Chief held this day:

Meeting called to order at 8:15 P. M. by General W. S. Payne, with the following members present:

General W. S. Payne, Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, H. M. Russell, Acting Chief-of-Staff; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; G. B. Abbott, Inspector General; E. H. Archer, Acting Chief Mustering Officer; E. S. Walker, Acting Judge Advocate General; J. B. Maccabe, Commissary General, and G. Brainard Smith.

Bro. Maccabe offered the following motion:

In view of the acrimonious feeling liable to be developed by the offering of prizes for the largest number of Camps mustered in in any Division, we respectfully recommend that hereafter the practice be discontinued. Motion put and carried.

Adjourned at 11:15 P. M. to 8 A. M., August 17th.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST-17TH.

Meeting called to order at 9 A. M. The following members present: General W. S. Payne, Lieutenant General J. L. Rake, H. M. Russell, Acting Chief-of-Staff; T. G. Carlisle, Adjutant General; O. T. Shutt, Quartermaster General; E. H. Archer, Acting Chief Mustering Officer; T. A. Spillman, Surgeon General; J. B. Maccabe, Commissary General; M. Crowley, C. J. Post, and G. Brainard Smith.

The following recommendations were read:

Relative to the Quartermaster General's report in the matter of the dispute of Commander-in-Chief and the Michigan Division over indebtedness, we respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for settlement; also that the Commandery-in-Chief take into consideration the question at issue between General W. S. Payne and F. W. Rowilson, Past Commander of Michigan Division, relative to monies received for badges and seals.

We respectfully recommend that the per capita tax for the ensuing year be twelve (12) cents per annum, payable quarterly.

In view of the lax method displayed by several Divisions in remitting per capita tax, the Council-in-Chief would respectfully recommend that hereafter the Divisions throughout the Order be compelled to make a final settlement with Commander-in-Chief not later than fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting of Council-in-Chief for the final auditing of accounts of said Commandery-in-Chief.

Recommendations put to vote and carried.

We have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Quartermaster General, and find them to be correct.

Adjourned.

WALTER S. PAYNE,
J. L. RAKE,
H. M. RUSSELL,
T. G. CARLISLE,
OSCAR T. SHUTT,
JOS. B. MACCABE,
G. B. ABBOTT,
E. H. ARCHER,
E. S. WALKER,
S. A. SPILLMAN,
G. BRAINARD SMITH,
MICHAEL CROWLEY,
C. J. POST.

For Council-in-Chief.

Moved by E. H. Archer, of Ohio, to adopt the Report of the Council-in-Chief as read by the Adj't Gen'l. Carried.

The matter in dispute between Gen'l Walter S. Payne and the Michigan Division was here brought up.

Moved by C. J. Post, of Mich., to refer to a committee of five, of whom Judge Advocate Gen'l L. J. Webb be made chairman, the rest of the Committee to be appointed by the Lt. General. Carried.

The Lt. General appointed Bros. L. J. Webb, R. Loebenstein, Mo.; W. C. Reeme, Pa.; Munn, of Neb.; and Sells, of Iowa.

Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That Speer Orr Camp, No. 14, S. V., U. S. A., Division of Pa., extend to Gen'l H. W. Arnold, Past Commander-in-Chief of S. V., U. S. A., all the privileges of Speer Orr Camp, as defined by By-Laws approved March 28th, 1887, and he be exempt from all dues and fines on account of said Camp from date.

Moved by Gen'l Abbott, seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio, that Speer

Orr Camp, No. 14, Division of Pennsylvania, be allowed to make Past Commander-in-Chief H. W. Arnold a life member of said Camp without payment of dues. Motion carried by a unanimous vote

The Committee on Ritual, through their Chairman, General G. B. Abbott, presented the following burial service for our Order: *

Moved by Col. H. M. Russell, of Pennsylvania, that we adopt the burial service as read. Carried.

Lieutenant General J. L. Rake called to the Chair as General Walter S. Payne was wanted by the special committee appointed to settle the matter between himself and the Michigan Division.

Col. E. S. Walker, of Indiana, asked for the privilege of the floor, which privilege was granted the Indiana Colonel, who, in a well-worded speech, presented to Adjutant General T. G. Carlisle, on behalf of the Indiana Division, an elegant sword and belt as a token of their friendship towards him. The General was completely taken by surprise when he heard his name called to behold the Indiana Colonel before him and the cheering of the members of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Adjutant General replied in a feeling manner, saying that he had written to Col. Walker when invited to act as the Adjutant of the Indiana Division Encampment that he had helped to capture Richmond, Va., during the war, and would go with him and help capture Richmond, Ind., which he said, according to the papers, they had done, but he had no idea that he had captured the heart of the Indiana Division. He accepted the sword and belt, and said he would ever hold it and its donors in high esteem. Three cheers were given for the Adjutant General and the Indiana Division.

Committee on Officers' Reports presented the following report:

Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Reports of Officers beg leave to submit the following:

That we heartily concur in all the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief with the following exceptions, and we, therefore, present the following recommendations:

1st. That a sufficient additional amount be charged on supplies to cover the cost of shipment.

Moved by Bundy, of Ohio, to adopt. Smith, of Pennsylvania, and Freer, of West Virginia, Spoke against the motion. Motion put and declared LOST.

2nd. That we do not concur with the recommendation to change that part of Art. IX, Sec. 2, in regard to the number on cap of Commandery-in-Chief and Division Officers. "No action," as it was covered by report of Committee on Constitutions, Rules and Regulations.

3rd. That we object to any further concessions to the New York and New Jersey Post System, and respectfully recommend that hereafter members of said Post System mustered into this Order be admitted as recruits and not given any Post rank.

By motion of Col. Freer, of West Virginia, the recommendation was adopted.

4th. Adjutant General's report:

We heartily concur with the report and recommendations of the Adjutant General, and especially approve his recommendation that the Commander-in-Chief detail brothers of the Order who are also members of the G. A. R. to visit the several Department Encampments of the G. A. R., and lay before them the aims and objects of our Order and our claims to their recognition and encouragement.

* See Official Burial Service, as published by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Moved by Freer, of West Virginia, to concur in the report of the Committee. Carried.

In reading the report of the Quartermaster-General, we find that his recommendations in relation to supplies, correspond with that found in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, and we therefore concur with the said recommendation.

We also approve and recommend the adoption of his report whereby Captains, First and Second Lieutenants are prohibited from assuming the duties of their respective positions until commissioned by the Colonel commanding.

Moved, by Bundy, of Ohio, to lay the recommendation upon the table. Carried.

His recommendation that Camps be allowed the use of Four (4) Rituals, we report adversely.

Moved, by Maccabe, of Massachusetts, that the report be not concurred in. Carried.

In relation to the claim of the Commandery-in-Chief against the Michigan Division for \$94.65, your committee are unable to arrive at any conclusion and respectfully report the matter back for the consideration of the Encampment. We respectfully call your attention to Art. III, Sec. 1, and Art. IV., Sec. 1, of the General Rules and Regulations.

Moved, by Bundy, of Ohio, to concur in report of committee. Carried.

We concur in his recommendation that Camp Constitutions be dropped from the list of supplies, and Constitutions, Rules and Regulations be furnished, bound and unbound. We report affirmatively. Adopted.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT. The recommendations of the committee on the report of the Inspector-General are as follows:

1. Court Martials. Committee report negatively and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief have printed a copy of the U. S. rules governing courts martial and place the same on the list of supplies.

Moved, by Loebenstein, of Missouri, that the report of committee be concurred in. Carried.

2. Coat-of-Arms. committee report negatively, and we offer the following as a substitute: That Art. 14, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, be so amended to conform with the electros now in use.

Moved, by Herod, of Kansas. We do not concur in the report of the committee. Carried.

Inspector-General's recommendation adopted.

3. Installing officers, appointment blanks, suspensions and applications for sons of Sons of Veterans your committee report affirmatively.

By motion of Herod, of Kansas, report was adopted.

4. Stricken out.

5. General Orders. That the recommendation that a sufficient number be issued to supply each member of the Order with a copy, reported negatively.

Moved, by Bundy, to concur in report of committee. Carried.

6. Uniform and insignia of rank, the committee offer the following substitute:

Resolved, That the present fatigue uniform remain as at present, with the exception that the fatigue cap have on: Camps equipped as Infantry may wear on the front of the cap embroidered or metal crossed rifles with Camp number and letters as at present. Camps equipped as Artillery may wear embroidered or metal crossed cannon. Camps equipped as Cavalry may wear embroidered or metal crossed sabers. That equipped Camps desiring to adopt the U. S. dress-uniform can do so upon dispensa-

tion by the Colonel commanding.

Adopted, as amended, by Loebenstein, of Missouri.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL. We especially recommend the report of the Judge Advocate General, and heartily recommend the adoption of such rules as shall forever prohibit the admission to membership of such persons whose fathers served as Union soldiers, while they, the sons of such Fathers, served in the Rebel Army, and we recommend that the following words be inserted in form of application for membership: "I have never borne arms against the United States, and have never been convicted of any infamous crime."

Moved, by Col. H. M. Russell, that the report of committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved, by Herod, of Kansas, to adopt the report of the Committee on Officer's reports as a whole as amended. Carried.

C. J. Post, of Michigan, offered a resolution as follows:

Resolved, That concurring in the request of several Divisions, all of Sec. 4, Art. IX, page 58, General Rules and Regulations that appear after the words "Constantly Wear" be stricken out, and that the words "The miniature badge representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration, as devised by Major A. P. Davis," be substituted therefor.

Amended, by adding, *Provided*, however, that Brothers who still desire to wear the bar-button-hole decoration heretofore in use, shall be at liberty to do so.

A motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution was lost, and it was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

General L. J. Webb, Chairman of Committee, made the following report on the matter of dispute between the Commander-in-Chief and the Michigan Division.

Commander-in-Chief: Your committee to whom was referred the matters in difference between the Commandery-in-Chief and Michigan Division, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have carefully examined into the matters referred to us, and we find that there is due from the Michigan Division to the Commandery-in-Chief per capita tax and supplies the sum of \$89.55.

We further find that the Commander-in-Chief has expended for badges for the Michigan Division, the sum of \$67.00, and we recommend that the Commandery-in-Chief pay to the Commander-in-Chief that amount.

We find that the Michigan Division is indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief for per capita tax and supplies and six badges, the sum of \$135.65 which should be paid by the Michigan Division.

Your committee are of the opinion that the differences between the Michigan Division and its Past Colonel, F. W. Rowlson, are not properly before this Encampment for its consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

L. J. WEBB,	} Committee.
CATO SELLS,	
R. LOEBENSTEIN,	
W. C. REEME,	
H. F. MUNN,	

Report of Committee adopted.

Col. James D. Rowen, of Iowa, offered the following resolution, which was referred to Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the charter prepared by Bro. Horace P. Kent be adopted by this Encampment, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to have the same lithographed and furnish to all new Camps and to Camps already mustered upon application.

Moved that that the rules be suspended, and we proceed to the election

of officers at once. Motion carried.

Moved that we proceed to take an informal ballot. Carried.

Chair appointed as Tellers:

Bro. Kenington, of Pennsylvania; Bro. Sorter, of Iowa, and Bro. Post, of Michigan.

Result of informal ballot as follows:

L. J. Webb, 4; M. E. Hall, 6; G. B. Abbott, 30; J. L. Rake, 22.

Moved by Cato Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Bundy, of Ohio, to take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow to meet at G. A. R. Hall, corner Sixth and Mulberry streets. Carried and recess declared.

AUGUST 19TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order at 9:45 in G. A. R. Hall, corner Sixth and Mulberry streets by General Walter S. Payne in the chair.

Gen. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The *Daily Iowa Capital*, in its issue of August 18th, published as a part of the proceedings of this Encampment the following false statement, to wit:

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief assembled deprecate the unfortunate language used in General Order No. 15, reflecting upon the loyalty of the Congress of the United States, and that we hereby declare that the imputation against our National Legislative body in our name be condemned.

AND WHEREAS, Said paper could not have received said statement except by the violation of duty on the part of some person or persons attending the Encampment, and

WHEREAS, Said publication does an injustice to our Commander-in-Chief, therefore it is

Resolved, That the author thereof deserves and should receive the censure of this Encampment.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Crowley, of New Hampshire, to adopt the resolution.

Moved by Archer, of Ohio, that the rules be suspended, and we proceed to adopt the resolution. Motion carried, and resolution of Bro. L. J. Webb was adopted.

Sells, of Iowa, seconded by Bundy, moved that we proceed to take an informal ballot for Commander-in-Chief. Motion lost.

Moved by Herod, of Kansas, seconded by Bundy, of Ohio, that we proceed to a formal ballot for Commander-in-Chief. Motion carried.

Tellers: Post, of Michigan; Kenington, of Pennsylvania, and Knowlton, of Minnesota.

Ballot was had with the following result:

G. B. Abbott, 42 votes; J. L. Rake, 1; L. J. Webb, 1; E. H. Milham, 20. Sixty-four votes being cast; necessary to a choice, 33.

G. B. Abbott having received a majority of the votes cast, Bro. Cato Sells, of Iowa, seconded by E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, moved to make this ballot unanimous. Motion carried.

One vote, Col. Smith, of Pennsylvania, voting nay, the Chair declared G. B. Abbott elected Commander-in-Chief by a vote of 42 to 22 for other candidates.

Col. R. H. Freer, of West Virginia, took the floor, and nominated Bro. E. W. Hatch, of New York, for Lieutenant General. General S. J. Webb seconded the nomination. Bro. Hatch took the floor, and very feelingly thanked the brothers for the nomination, and the Commandery-in-Chief for the courtesies extended him, and declined the nomination.

Bro. Cato Sells then nominated Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, for Lieu-

tenant General. Bro. Bundy, of Ohio, seconded the nomination.

There being no other nominations, Col. Jas. D. Rowen moved, and was seconded by J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Encampment for Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio, for Lieutenant General. The motion was put and carried unanimously. The ballot was so cast, and Henry Frazee declared elected Lieutenant General.

General L. J. Webb took the floor, and put in nomination J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for the office of Major General. Nomination seconded by Col. Frazee, of Ohio.

Moved by N. G. Cooper to suspend the rules and the Adjutant General cast the entire ballot for Bro. J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, for Major General. Motion carried.

Ballot so cast, and J. J. Speaker was declared duly elected Major General:

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Bro. Munn, of Nebraska, nominated A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska; Bro. Loebenstein, of Missouri, nominated M. Crowley, of New Hampshire; Bro. Rowen, of Iowa, nominated J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa; Bro. Crowley, of New Hampshire, seconded nomination of J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa; Bro. Shutz, of Iowa, nominated Cato Sells, of Iowa; Bro. Freer, of West Virginia, nominated J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; Bro. Garrett, of Indiana, nominated E. S. Walker, of Indiana; Bro. Hall, of Michigan, nominated N. G. Cooper, of Michigan; Bro. McCrillis, of Illinois, nominated G. B. Smith, of Connecticut, Bro. J. H. Hinkly, of Massachusetts, nominated Joe B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Bro. L. J. Webb, of Kansas, seconded nomination of N. G. Cooper, of Michigan; Bro. J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, nominated J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania; Bro. E. H. Milham, of Minnesota, nominated C. B. Cook, of Dakota.

By motion of Webb, of Kansas, with fives names on each ticket, the ones receiving the highest votes to be declared elected.

A ballot was had with the following result:

A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska, 30; Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire, 27; Cato Sells, of Iowa, 25; J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania, 40; E. S. Walker, of Indiana, 11; N. G. Cooper, of Michigan, 24; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut, 34; Jos. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts, 28; J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania, 31; C. B. Cook, of Dakota, 36; F. M. Kenedy, of Ohio, 15; Brother J. W. Shawvan, of Iowa, withdrew.

J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; C. B. Cook, of Dakota; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut; J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania; A. M. Appleget, of Nebraska, were declared duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief.

By motion of Sells, of Iowa, the election was made unanimous.

Joe B. Maccabe moved that we hold our next Encampment at Wheeling, West Virginia; seconded by Crowley, of New Hampshire.

Moved by McCrillis that nominations close, and that the Adjutant General cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Wheeling, W. Va. Carried.

Ballot so cast, and Wheeling was declared the unanimous choice for the place of holding the next session of the Commandery-in-Chief in 1888.

General Payne then dismissed the tellers with the thanks of the Convention.

The following preamble and resolution, as a substitute to a resolution offered by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, was offered by General L. J. Webb, of Kansas.

WHEREAS, Exceptions have been taken to certain portions of General Order No. 16, issued by the Commander-in-Chief, and reflections have been cast upon the Order of Sons of Veterans by reason thereof, and

WHEREAS, Our Order of Sons of Veterans is strictly non-partisan, therefore it is

Resolved, 1st, That while we exonerate the Commander-in-Chief in this matter, we do not indorse any language therein that may reflect upon the loyalty of Congress or the President of the United States.

Resolved, 2nd, That we censure any and all Camps and brothers of the Sons of Veterans that act in bad faith in divulging any of the private work or the proceedings of our Order.

By motion, the rules were suspended, and the above preamble and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following final report, and asked to be discharged.

First. We recommend that the following resolutions be adopted:

Resolved, That, concurring in the requests of several Divisions, all of Sec. 4, Art. XI, page 58, General Rules and Regulations that appear after the words "constantly wear" be stricken out, and the words, "the miniature badge, representing the shield of the Order, as a button-hole or pin decoration, as devised by Major A. P. Davis, be substituted therefor, provided, however, that brothers who still desire to wear the bar button-hole decoration heretofore in use shall be at liberty to do so."

Second. *Resolved,* That the design of charter prepared by Bro. Horace P. Kent be adopted by this Encampment, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to have the same lithographed, and furnish same to all new Camps and to Camps already mustered upon application.

We recommend the adoption, provided the charter shall be changed as follows:

First. That crossed swords in coat-of-arms shall point up instead of down.

Second. That a blank space of six (6) lines, instead of five (5), be left for inserting names.

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

W. C. REEME, of Pennsylvania,

R. LOEDENSTEIN, of Missouri,

CLAY D. HEROD, of Kansas,

MICHAEL CROWLY, of New Hampshire,

J. S. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania.

} Committee.

Herod, of Kansas, moved that the report of the committee be adopted and the committee discharged. Carried.

Resolutions from P. R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2, of Philadelphia, Pa., were read, asking the Commandery-in-Chief to allow them to retain their present number—2. Also one of the same character from No. 2, of Allegheny, Pa., were read by the Adjutant General.

By motion, they were referred back to the Division of Pennsylvania, with instructions to allow both Camps to retain their present numbers.

Bro. Herod, of Kansas, moved to amend Art. 4, page 5, paragraph first, to read after the word "number" "provided that the Division of Pennsylvania may have duplicate numbers as to Camps No. 2, 4, 9 and 33. Carried.

Moved that we suspend the rules and adopt the above amendment. Carried.

Bro. G. W. Knowlton, of Minnesota, extended to the members of the Encampment an invitation to the State Fair and Soldiers' Reunion of Minnesota on the 16th and 17th of September, 1887, to be held in St. Paul.

Moved by Bro. Archer, seconded by Col. McCrillis, to take a recess until 2:30. Motion lost.

Col. M. E. Hull moved that the Commandery-in-Chief officers, and the officers of the Council-in-Chief, who were present to audit the books, be

paid their expenses (railroad and hotel) to the Encampment. Carried

Moved by Col. McCrillis, of Illinois, to take a recess until 2 o'clock
Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION, AUGUST 19TH, 1887.

Called to order at 2 o'clock by Gen. Walter S. Payne, Commander-in-Chief, in the chair, who proceeded to public the officers elected for the ensuing year.

The following officers were then duly installed by Commander-in-Chief Walter S. Payne:

G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, Commander-in-Chief; J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, Major General; J. W. Anderson, of Pennsylvania; G. B. Smith, of Connecticut; A. M. Apleget, of Nebraska, and C. B. Cook, of Dakota, Council-in-Chief.

Commander-in-Chief then assumed command, and in a few well-chosen remarks thanked the members of the Sixth National Encampment for their kind and generous courtesies that they had extended him in electing him to the highest position in their gift.

Moved by Joe B. Maccabe that a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Howe, President of Kinsman Women's Relief Corps, of Des Moines, for courtesies extended the Commandery-in-Chief while in session, August 16 to 19, 1887. Carried.

Moved by Rowen we take a recess to join in the parade to immediately assemble upon the breaking up of the parade. Carried and recess ordered.

Encampment re-assembled at 4:30 with Gen. G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, in the chair.

Lt.-Gen'l Henry Frazee, of Ohio, and J. L. Rake, member of Council-in-Chief duly elected, were duly installed by Gen'l G. B. Abbott.

Col. E. S. Walker, of Ind., was appointed Serg't of the Guard.

Moved by Rowen, of Iowa, seconded by Crowley, of N. H., that the next Encampment meet on the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 10th of August, 1888, at Wheeling, West Va. Carried.

Moved by Rowen of Iowa, that a committee of five be appointed on transportation. Carried.

Chair appointed Col. R. H. Freer, West Va.; Col. F. McCrillis, Ill.; Col. F. M. Shackford, N. H.; Gen'l Henry Frazee, Ohio; Col. E. J. Smith, Pa.

Moved by W. F. Jenkins that the salary of the Adj't General be fixed at \$600 and the Q. M. General at \$400 for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Col. E. J. Smith, of Pa., that all Divisions be reimbursed for all stock on hand, rendered useless by action of the Commandery-in-Chief. After debate for and against the motion at considerable length, the motion was put and declared lost.

Col. Rowen, of Iowa, thanked the members of the Encampment for their presence here during the Encampment.

Capt. Shutz, of Burnside Camp, No. 21, Division of Iowa, invited the Encampment to visit them this evening at their regular meeting.

Moved by Loebenstein, of Mo., that we proceed to close. Carried.

Before closing Major A. P. Davis presented a bill of \$200, on which he said he had received \$75; he further stated his bill had been allowed but was not paid for want of funds. The bill was referred to the Council-in-Chief for final action, by motion of W. E. Bundy, of Ohio.

The Sixth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was then closed in due form by Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott, to meet at Wheeling, West Va., on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after the 10th day of August, 1888.

GEN'L G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

T. G. CARLISLE, *Adjutant General*.
W. F. JENKINS, *Ass't Adj't Gen'l*.

