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SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT,

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— HELD IN THE:—

City of Wheeling, W. Va.,

August 15, 16 and 17, 1888.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., August 15, A. D., 1888, Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Adjutant, Geo. H. Sheire, of Minnesota, was appointed Acting Corporal of the Guard.

Brother M. F. McFarren of Kentucky was appointed Acting Camp Guard.

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

On roll call the following officers were found to be present: Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott; Lieutenant General, Henry Frazee; Major General, J. J. Speaker; Chief-of-Staff, Harry M. Russell; Adjutant General, C. J. Post; Quartermaster General, A. H. Easter; Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall; Chief Mustering officer, Jos. B. Maccabee; Judge Advocate General, Romeo H. Frere; Surgeon General, M. Retel, M. D.; Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, and the following elective members of the Council-in-Chief: Brothers Rake of Pennsylvania, Smith of Connecticut, Cooke of Dakota and Appelget of Nebraska.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as Committee on Credentials, Adjutant General C. J. Post of Illinois; Colonel Sherman J. Brown of Maryland; Brother Wm. O. McDowell of New Jersey; Colonel N. C. Upham of Massachusetts and Brother George Van Houten of Iowa.

Moved by Colonel Rowen of Iowa, seconded by Colonel Crowley of New Hampshire, that a recess of ten minutes be taken. Lost.

Moved by Captain C. T. Orner of Illinois, seconded by C. A. C. Garst of Illinois, that a recess be taken until one o'clock P. M. Lost.

Comrade W. J. Robb, of Wheeling, West Virginia, was then obligated.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

"We find the following Brothers are entitled to seats and votes in this Encampment.

Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott.

Lieutenant General, Henry Frazee.

Major General, J. J. Speaker:

Chief of Staff, Harry M. Russell.

Adjutant General, C. J. Post.

Quartermaster General, A. H. Easter.

Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall.

Chief Mustering officer, Jos. B. Maccabe.

Judge Advocate General, R. H. Freer.

Surgeon General, M. Retel.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod.

Council-in-Chief, G. Brainard Smith, J. L. Rake, C. B. Cooke, A. M. Appelget.

Past Commanders-in-Chief, A. P. Davis, Frank P. Merrill, Harry W. Arnold, Walter S. Payne, Louis M. Wagner.

Constitutional Life Members, General W. E. W. Ross, Colonel R. M. J. Reed, Dr. Eldridge, General John A. Thompson, J. A. Rodrigo, General I. S. Bangs, General Wm. H. Pierpont.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION—F. H. Challis, H. P. Kent.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION—Raphael Tobias.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION—Leland J. Webb, Chas. S. Crysler.

CALIFORNIA.—Past Colonels, C. J. Callahan, Louis D. Callahan; Colonel Ed. C. Robinson.

COLORADO.—Past Colonel, Harry D. Kendig, Colonel Frank C. McArthur. Delegate-at-Large, L. W. Kennedy; Delegate, F. J. Trumbull.

CONNECTICUT.—Past Colonels, E. Z. Dow, L. F. Burpee, Eugene Morehouse; Colonel C. K. Farnham. Delegate-at-Large, Edward Reisel; Delegate, E. J. San Souci.

DAKOTA.—Past Colonels, E. G. Worden, J. R. Rockwell, Hamilton Kerr; Colonel, C. C. Bras; Delegate-at-Large, W. A. Rogers; Delegate, A. L. Huston.

FLORIDA.—Colonel, J. W. V. R. Plummer.

ILLINOIS.—Past Colonels, R. V. Mallory, A. W. McFarland; Colonel, Frank McCrillis; Delegate-at-Large, C. A. C. Garst; Delegates, C. T. Orner, E. T. Roe, J. B. Lidders, Geo. W. Whyte.

IOWA.—Past Colonels, P. V. Cary, Jas. D. Rowen; Colonel, Cato Sells; Delegate-at-Large, Geo. Van Houten; Delegates, Walter W. Hill, R. M. Dewitt.

INDIANA.—Colonel, Elmer S. Walker; Delegate-at-Large, Chas. F. Griffin; Delegates, D. W. Wood, Geo. Behler, G. C. Harvey.

KANSAS.—Past Colonels, A. C. Dolde, L. J. Webb; Colonel, Clay D. Herod; Alternate-at-Large, C. W. Isenburg; Delegates, Taylor Dawson, Geo. H. Dow.

KENTUCKY.—Past Colonel, Will K. West; Colonel, Nathan M. Pell; Delegate-at-Large, J. A. Averdick; Delegate, D. H. Niemyer.

MAINE.—Past Colonels, Chas. H. Rice, A. S. Libby, Jno. E. Blake, Ed. K. Gould, Thos. G. Libby; Colonel, Waldo H. Perry; Delegate-at-Large, Horace L. Wright; Delegate, E. E. Philbrook.

MARYLAND.—Past Colonels, G. W. Collier, Miles W. Ross, Colonel, Sherman J. Brown; Delegate-at-Large, R. W. Wilson, Delegate E. E. Stainer.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Past Colonels, Joe B. Maccabe, C. F. Sargent, Jno. J. McAndrews, H. S. Crossman, Geo. H. Cleveland, Jno. H. Hinkley; Colonel N. C. Upham; Delegate-at-Large, W. A. Tripp; Delegates, H. S. Lyons, D. B. Purbeck, Charles K. Darling.

MICHIGAN.—Past Colonels Herrick Hodges, Maryin E. Hall; Colonel Burt M. Fellows; Delegate-at-Large Earl Hemmenway. Delegates W. A. Huyck, W. T. Beale, M. J. Davis.

MINNESOTA.—Past Colonels, E. M. Van Cleve, F. W. Rowlson; Colonel, E. H. Millham; Delegate-at-Large, A. S. Morgan; Delegate, Geo. W. Martin.

MISSOURI.—Past Colonels, Chas. S. Crysler, J. J. Speaker, A. H. Vandivert; Colonel, Ed. R. Durham; Delegate-at-Large, R. Loebenstein; Delegate F. Neudorff.

MONTANA TERRITORY.—Past Colonel, Geo. W. Gibbs; Colonel, Wm. H. Perkins.

NEBRASKA.—Past Colonels, A. W. Cogfizer, B. W. Hawkins; Colonel, A. M. Appelget; Delegate-at-Large, W. J. Knepper; Delegate G. H. Palmer.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Past Colonels, Frank H. Challis, Edwin A. Badger, Frank E. Libby, Frank M. Shackford, Michael Crowley; Colonel Frank B. Perkins; Delegate-at-Large Eugene S. Davis; Delegate A. D. Farnham.

NEW JERSEY.—Past Colonels E. E. Jeffries, H. E. Hatfield, W. A. Crawford; Colonel F. D. Morse; Delegate-at-Large, Wm. O. McDowell; Delegate, Geo. H. Perkins.

NEW YORK.—Past Colonels, C. J. Foster, C. T. Rain, E. F. Fellows; Colonel, M. Retel; Delegate-at-Large, E. M. Lamphere; Delegate, E. W. Hatch.

OHIO.—Past Colonels, E. W. Poe, W. C. Wykoff, Harry R. Bacon, E. H. Gilkey, F. W. Myers, Geo. A. Ensign, Henry Frazee; Colonel, Geo. W. Leonard; Delegate-at-Large, O. B. Brown; Delegates, Ben S. Johnson, R. H. Clarkson, W. E. Bundy, D. Q. Morrow, John Nevins, E. G. Rathbone, Geo. E. DeSteigner.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Past Colonels, J. H. Closson, R. M. J. Reed, H. W. Orth, F. M. Hartzell, R. E. Hopkins, E. W. Alexander, H. W. Arnold, W. S. Payne, W. H. Smith, L. M. Wagner, H. H. Hammer, A. K. Howard, H. M. Russell, C. J. Miller, G. B. Brockway; Colonel, J. L. Rake; Delegate-at-Large, E. H. Ashcroft; Delegates, W. S. Parker, E. R. Kennington, E. M. Amies, Geo. W. Wagonseller, A. C. Nahn.

RHODE ISLAND.—Colonel, Chas. H. West.

VERMONT.—Past Colonels C. F. R. Jenney, G. E. Terrill, John E. Fox; Colonel F. L. Eaton.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Past Colonel, R. H. Freer; Colonel, H. B. Baguley; Delegate-at-Large, Thos. H. B. Staggers; Delegate, D. K. Frazier.

WISCONSIN.—Past Colonels, F. S. Peacock, F. J. Walthers, J. P. Sheridan; Colonel, Chas. H. Hudson, Delegate-at-Large, C. A. Armstrong; Delegate, Wm. Rowe.

In reference to the Iowa delegation your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

They find that Past Colonels, P. V. Carey, James D. Rowen; Colonel Cato Sells; Delegate-at-Large, George Van Houten, Delegates, Walter W. Hill, R. M. Dewitt are entitled to the privileges of this Encampment from the Division of Iowa. The Division Adjutant claims that he forwarded their credentials to the Commandery-in-chief Headquarters by mail, and that they failed to reach Headquarters. We do, therefore, recommend that they be given seats and votes in this Encampment.

C. J. Post,	} Committee.
S. J. Brown,	
Wm. O. McDowell,	
N. C. Upham,	
George Van Houten.)	

Moved by Colonel Rowen, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders that the report of the Committee on Credentials be accepted and the Committee continued. Carried.

Moved by Colonel Rowen, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders that the rules be suspended and Brother C. T. Orner, of Illinois, be allowed to introduce a resolution upon the death of General Phillip H. Sheridan. Carried.
(See report Committee on Resolutions)

Moved by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Van Houten, of Iowa, that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on resolutions. Carried.

General Abbott then appointed the following Committees:

ON DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.—Brothers Russel, of Pennsylvania, San Souci, of Connecticut, Rogers of Dakota; Averdick, of Kentucky and Frazier, of West Virginia.

ON RITUAL.—Brothers Hall, of Michigan, Milham, of Minnesota, Loebenstein, of Missouri; Leonard, of Ohio and Hinkley, of Massachusetts,

ON RESOLUTIONS.—Rowen of Iowa, Roe of Illinois; Pell, of Kentucky; Rathbone, of Ohio; Griffin, of Indiana; Davis, of New Hampshire and Amies of Pennsylvania.

ON REPORTS OF OFFICERS.—Brothers Hatch, of New York; Rowe, of Wisconsin; Parker, of Pennsylvania; Morgan, of Minnesota, Wood, of Ind.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.—Brothers Freer, of West Virginia; Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Webb, of Kansas; McCrillis, of Illinois and Brown of Ohio.

Moved by Colonel Webb, of Kansas, seconded by General Speaker, of Missouri, that a recess be taken until 3 o'clock, P. M. Carried.

WEDNESDAY P. M. SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 3 P. M. Commander-in-Chief Abbott in the chair and a quorum being present.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved.

Moved by Brother Garst, of Illinois, seconded by Brother Hemenway, of Michigan, that the name of Colonel H. A. Swazy, of the Provisional Division at Large be placed in the report of the Committee on Credentials, and that he be given a voice and vote in this Encampment. Carried.

Moved by Brother Wagenseller, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Brother Russell that all motions be recorded whether carried or lost. Commander-in-Chief Abbott declared that as a rule of order it be done.

Moved by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, seconded by Brother Speaker, that a committee of three be appointed to be known as the Press Committee. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed Brothers Bundy, of Ohio, Dewitt of Iowa and Perkins of New Jersey as such committee.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ABBOTT, ANNOUNCED REPORTS OF OFFICERS WOULD NOW BE RECEIVED, AND READ HIS ANNUAL REPORT AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 11, 1888.

To the brothers of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. S. V., U. S. A.

BROTHERS: Time, that unconquered warrior with his blade, before whom all must fall, has mown away the days and so vanquished the intervening hours since last we met, that to-day we are again assembled in accordance with our customs to report in detail the history of the events, defeats and victories of the Seventh Annual Campaign and to devise and counsel and plan for the future, choose our leader and renew our fealty to our principles and objects. In this spirit, I greet you.

The year has come and gone, and with it came honor, anxiety, labor and a reasonable proportion of success, accompanied with regrets for occasional failures of judgement and deep gratitude for the courtesy of those whose servants we were.

The criticisms which have opposed have been few indeed, considering the opportunities presented and these few, with one or two exceptions, were prompted by the purest of motives and the honest, earnest purpose of the critics was so apparent and frank that the most sensitive could not fail to appreciate and approve of the spirit that called them forth.

By the courtesy of the Sixth Annual Encampment, we were honored with the command of the Supreme body of our organization. We were not new in the Order, nor did we presume ourselves unfamiliar with many of its requirements and we supposed we had an approximate knowledge of the extent of the work we were to undertake, but in this we were certainly very much mistaken. The Order was an overgrown, ungoverned youth that neither knew its dimensions nor strength. The records, as we received them, were very incomplete and with the exception of the record of charters issued, we scarcely possessed any fixed data regarding the Organization, and to-day the Order is seriously crippled in the loss of records pertaining to its past history. Our predecessors, either for want of time or inclination, have failed to keep certain records, or at least to turn over to their successors certain records which were of vital importance to the Order; and to open books and make researches through the scraps and odds and ends which we had, to establish a beginning, entailed an endless amount of work and the continuation of which, (and the welfare of the Order certainly demands that it should continue), must needs increase the work of those which are to follow us. In the work which we undertook a year ago, we have failed in many things that we hoped and believed we would accomplish, but with the limited amount of help at our disposal, we feel that we have accomplished much toward the ends we looked for and believing that the generosity of our brothers which has so universally sustained us in the past will overlook our shortcomings we will make no further attempt to

trespass further on your time in making apologies, but recognizing the fact that we are here to transact business and with as much dispatch as possible, we will proceed directly with the review of those subjects in detail which especially require your consideration and legislation.

THE ORDER AT LARGE.

Throughout the length and breadth of our Organization, there is harmony on every side, there are no dissensions in the Divisions, no unhealed wound, no serious grievances, no complaints that in any way threaten the harmony and good will extending through the Order. The condition of affairs has never been heretofore quite as satisfactory as it is at the present time. There are localities where certain features of our Organization are not as popular as they are in others and in other sections, the situations are the reverse, but there is a spirit of harmony, a general desire among all Brothers to work for the best interests of the Order and to contentedly abide by all rules and regulations. This argues well for our future and by exercising a reasonable amount of care and by assuming a certain amount of conservatism in the work which is before us in this Encampment, we can return to our Camps resting assured that the work of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will advance prosperously, harmoniously and successfully in the future.

THE G. A. R.

Our relations with our fathers are in keeping with the instructions which we received in the Ten Commandments. The cordiality existing between the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and the Grand Army of the Republic verges closely on the point of absolute fraternity, and if our Organization heretofore has had reason to congratulate itself upon the courtesies and friendship extended to it, not only through the officers, but the rank and file of the Grand Army of the Republic, we certainly at the present time have every reason to feel proud and grateful for the assistance, encouragement and personal support which the present Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, his distinguished Staff and those following in succession to the honorable Comrades who compose the body of each Post. And it may not be amiss at this moment to call your attention earnestly, to the necessity of our Organization uniting in a combined effort to demonstrate its strength, its duty and fealty to the Grand Army of the Republic during its coming National Encampment, at Columbus, Ohio. This will be an occasion for us to make our most supreme effort, and you may rest assured that as our effort is, so will be our reward. Undoubtedly, questions pertaining to our Organization and its future welfare and success will be presented to this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and we would be neglectful in our duty to our Order if we fail to turn out *en masse* that we may not only impress upon the minds of the leaders of the Grand Army of the Republic some adequate idea of the proportions of our membership, but also to use our personal influence in the interests of our Order. The Brothers of Ohio, and particularly Governor Dennison Camp, No. 1, of Columbus, under the direction of Colonel George W. Leonard and Past Colonel E. H. Gilkey, are making complete arrangements which if carried out and supported by us, will not fail to bring around good results. Accommodations have been provided for the entertainment of us all and if we fail in this undertaking on this occasion, which is more or less essential for the future welfare of our Organization, we must blame it upon ourselves.

OUR MOTHERS, WIVES AND SISTERS.

Our Ladies Aid Society under the careful guidance of Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, of Ohio, has been making considerable progress and surely de-

serves the good will of our organization. The ladies which compose it are devoted and self-sacrificing for our interests, and they are deserving, at least, of our recognition. In many instances, this Organization has proven of great assistance to the Camps. The Womans Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., are two other organizations which also deserve a word of appreciation from us for working in harmony and uniting with us for the further advancement of the principles and objects of our organization. They are important factors in this great loyal family of ours and we do well in making them our friends and we certainly must so consider them, in view of the many acts of kindness which they extend to us. The latter organization includes among its established objects, "A fostering care for the Sons of Veterans."

OUR DEPARTED HERO.

At this time, when we are greeting each other and are renewing former acquaintances, we are not without a cloud of sorrow resting over us, rising from the ashes of the hero of Winchester. It was my particular privilege to have personally known General Phillip Sheridan, and be assured, brothers, that in a personal acquaintance with this grand hero, this beloved soldier, that most exemplary man, one lost nothing, but he grew in the estimation and regard of those who knew him. Rapidly indeed are these heroes passing away and in a few years more, each will cease to be a living reality, but answering to the final reveille on the golden shore, will become to us a cherished memory and it is a comfort to us as an organization, that one of our objects is to remember those, our Nation's heroes, profit by their precepts, and honor their achievements. We thought it fitting on behalf of our organization to telegraph the sympathy and words of condolence of the Sons of Veterans to Mrs. Sheridan.

THE ENCAMPMENT AT WHEELING.

Out of justice to U. S. Grant Camp, No. 17, of Wheeling, it should be stated that we are their guests under peculiar circumstances. Not by their own solititation was this Encampment located at Wheeling, but without consulting with them. As a matter of fact, they were not in existence as a Camp at the time it was voted to come here, nor for several months afterwards were they an organization, and it became a serious question to the Commander-in-Chief of calling the attention of the Council in-Chief to the necessity of looking elsewhere for a place of meeting, but upon visiting the Brothers of this Camp in January, it was found that while they were few in numbers, they had that true perseverance and moral courage which has ever characterized the Sons of Veterans, and were willing to do the best they could to entertain us, although at the time stating that they would not be able to do as much as they hoped to. With that understanding we have met here and seeming short-comings, if any can be discovered, should be over-looked in view of the circumstances under which these Brothers have labored.

FINANCES.

Undoubtedly, the most interesting subject to this body, is its financial condition. In view of recent events, it certainly should be carefully handled. The finances of our Organization during the past year has been a greater task to handle than one would presume it would have been. It has required considerable skirmishing at times to make both ends meet, and the anxiety caused, not by errors or inefficiency on our own part, but through the neglect and financial peculiarities on the part of others, has caused us much uneasiness. When assuming command, we presumed that we were in an easy financial condition, and therefore made our contracts

for supplies in accordance therewith, securing advantageous contracts, the meeting of which subsequently caused us a great deal of anxiety and had it not been for the kindness of that true, loyal friend of the Order, Major A. P. Davis and his confidence in us, it is doubtful, even to-day in what unfortunate position we might have found ourselves, but without security and without hesitation, unsolicited, he stepped to the front at a most pressing moment and assisted us through the one serious place of the Administration. We assumed command with the per capita tax reduced almost one-half from its former years with a subscription for the REVELLE for \$450 to meet, with the design and engraving and the new Charter to be paid for with expenses of the Council-in-Chief to be met, with increased expenses generally, with a printing bill before us for supplies which were presumed to last us through the year, with several of our strong Divisions impoverished by the bad management of the Colonels Commanding, losing their membership, or squandering the finances of the Division thus cutting off a certain proportion of our expected income. With a few hundred dollars to start in our year's work, we have weathered the storm. There is not a single just claim unsettled against the Commandery-in-Chief and the balance in our treasury you will learn from the report of the Quartermaster General. Before leaving this subject of finances, it is absolutely necessary to recommend to this Encampment a most serious consideration of the question of the financial responsibility of Commanding Officers, more especially the Commander-in-Chief and the Colonels Commanding. In the first place, our Constitution should provide for these officers receiving a nominal salary so that any bond executed by them might be binding, and in the second place, before assuming the duties of office, they should be required to file with proper officers, a bond of unquestionable worth. While we do not care to go into the details at the present moment for the reasons that prompted this recommendation, in a general way, it may be said the Order has suffered greatly for the want of this precaution during the past year and there is nothing more discouraging to the growth of a young Order like ours, than want of confidence in the officers at its head and to whom the rank and file look to for responsibility and personal honesty, and rest assured, you can perform no greater services to the Order, than by so legislating that the Order may be furnished with absolute security. The financial prospect for the coming year may be considered about equal to the year just past. The running expenses can be materially less, as considerable expenditure of money was necessary for properly equipping the headquarters with records, letter files, electro plates and the expenses incurred by the preparation of the new Charter. The subscription for the REVELLE, the register for the Charter applications and the lithographs for Commissions were expenses equaling something over \$1,000, which need not be incurred in coming year. On the other hand, the amount granted for the clerical work of the headquarters does not begin to pay for the services which the absolute demands of the Order require, and the Order will never receive first-class work from the clerical force at headquarters, until it is willing to pay for it.

SUPPLIES.

In the matter of supplies, the Order, in a certain measure, had outgrown the forms and blanks that were in use at the time we assumed command, and it became necessary to make many changes and to add new forms to enable the Order to more closely comply with the recent changes in the C., R. and K. Without any advancement in the cost, in some instances a reduction, we have succeeded in producing a better quality of supplies and a better grade of stock and it is recommended to my successor, that there be carried in the Quartermaster General's Department, two

grades of books. One class of the same grade and quality which we now have, and another of a more durable and lasting quality of stock, which must of necessity cost considerable more. These latter should be carried in a stock for the accommodation of the established and more wealthy Camps that can afford to pay for them. Among the new blanks which we have originated, is one for the use of the Quartermaster Sergeant in notifying delinquent members, with an extract of the law pertaining to suspension upon it, another is a blank for the use of the Camp Council and another is a dispensation blank for the use of Colonels, blanks for Camp and Division Chaplains. At considerable expense, we have had prepared Commissions for the Commandery-in-Chief officers. The Order has existed up to this time without any appropriate blank for elective Commandery-in-Chief officers. At an expense of about \$125, we also had prepared books for each Division for the registration of applications for Charters, as those in a position to know, fully realize the fact that heretofore there has been no established manner to keep a record for Charter applications, and that they very soon became lost or worn out. The keeping of these records is very essential. We realized the fact that we could not force the Divisions to purchase these books, many of the Divisions not being in a financial condition to do so, and realizing also the absolute necessity of the keeping of these records, we prepared the books and presented one to each Division. By the direction of the last Annual Encampment, we procured lithographs of the design presented there for a new Charter, in the production of which, we have been reasonably successful and from the general satisfaction that this new Charter has given throughout the whole Order, the Encampment has reasons to congratulate itself upon its adoption. We encountered a little difficulty at first in having this Charter prepared. The designer of the Charter refused absolutely to furnish us with the lithographs and the stones from which it was produced and we eventually procured such a contract, and the stones are now the property of the Commandery-in-Chief, likewise in regard to our blanks, for nearly all of the forms that we use, with the exception of the Ritual, but including the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the Commandery-in-Chief is owner of the electrotypes from which these forms were printed. The economy of possessing them, lies in the fact that hereafter, orders can be made in smaller quantities and thus obviate carrying dead stock and also supplies can be quickly produced should an unexpectedly large order exhaust the supply of any particular form carried in the department of the Quartermaster General.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The Order has grown with an even, regular course, speaking more for the substantibility and its maintainance, rather than by any uneven starts and shoots. The most rapid advancement occurring from the most thickly populated Divisions, in which are found the homes of the Union Soldier. The increase in membership has been as much as we could reasonably expect. Last Year the Adjutant General's official report established the membership at about 32,000 members. This year, according to the Adjutant General's report, we have in the Order 56,472 members. We all realize the difficultiss that an organization composed of young men, as ours is, must encounter. The members are not yet established in life, and are continually changing from one place to another, and as a result, a large proportion of our membership, each year, is lost to us. Had we retained in the ranks of our Order, all that we have mustered into it since its origin, we would to-day have at least 70,000. Members are occasionally lost through the inefficiency or bad management of its officers. Again the Division Officers are deficient or are too much occupied with other matters to sustain the weak and struggling Camps. We organized three Divisions, the Division

of Kentucky, the Division of Rhode Island and the Division of Montana, who are regularly organized and chartered. We have Camps established in thirty-one States and five Territories. We are gradually working southward and getting into the country where the principals which we advocate are most needed. Our latest acquisition in this direction being a very healthy Camp under the guidance of Capt. Friedman, of Birmingham, Ala. We have approved of 678 applications for Charters with the aggregate number of applicants of 12,105. The month of April furnished us the greatest number of any month. We approved of eighty-six Charters during thirty days. With the exception of the Provisional Division of Florida, we report a gain in every State in which we are organized. The greatest percentage of gain being in the State of Indiana.

There is one noticeable feature connected with our growth which is this: That we are gathering into our ranks the more conservative and the more influential of those who are eligible to membership. We are daily getting those interested in our Organization whose personal influence and reputation will naturally assist us in our further advancement and whose experience and advice will undoubtedly lead us into higher and more prosperous paths.

Concerning the future growth of the Order, at least for the coming months, it is doubtful if we can expect to more than hold our own. The situation is serious and all influential Brothers should make special effort on behalf of the Order, and see to it that the excitement of a close political campaign is not permitted to attract our younger Brothers from their duty to the Sons of Veterans or through any partisan act of our own to subject the Order to unfavorable criticism from any political party. Let us stand steadfast to our own colors, principles and objects, which naturally represent more good to our country in the line of practical patriotism than can be gleaned from the political platform of all parties now seeking preferment at the hands of the American citizen, and raise our banners firmly upon a plane far above the strife of struggling office seekers.

THE POST SYSTEM.

When we accepted the duties of our office we devotedly hoped and believed that before our term had expired, we would have all organizations of the Sons of Veterans marching under the banner of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. In this we have failed and through no fault of our own. Unfortunately, the last Encampment completely tied our hands, so far as treating with any opposition was concerned, and at that Encampment resolutions were passed which we believe were un-American and calculated to brand us as ungenerous. There exists in the States of New York and New Jersey with four organizations in Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, known as the Post System. They are in no manner connected with our organization, they always have been an independent and separate body and in the State of New York their existence has materially retarded the growth of our own organization in this respect, that they equal, if they do not exceed us in numbers in that Division and the Grand Army of the Republic is at a loss to know which of the organizations they should encourage, naturally decline to encourage either one and as a result, in the Division where we should be our strongest, a Division that should have at least 10,000 members of our Order in it, we scarcely have more than 1,500 in it. It is not necessary to go into a description of this organization. Suffice it to say that it contains features which if adopted by our organization, would eventually result in our own destruction, while it is claimed by those of the Post System that we likewise possess features which they cannot accept. It is hoped that this Encampment will take some action in regard to this matter that may enable us either to place ourselves upon

record as willing to accept a fair proposition from these Brothers, or to secure absolutely the recognition of the Grand Army of the Republic, for it is unjust to our Brothers struggling under the many difficulties which they now encounter in the Divisions of New York and New Jersey, to leave them to struggle along without, apparently, caring whether they survive or perish, without offering them a hand of assistance.

DECISIONS AND RULINGS.

During his term of office your Commander-in-Chief has been compelled to make several official decisions and rulings, to which some worthy Brothers have taken exceptions and to the end that these decisions and rulings may be thoroughly discussed, they will be presented to this Encampment for consideration and that its decisions may stand as a future guide.

The first serious question which arose related to the per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30. The Council-in-Chief at the last Encampment brought in a resolution recommending that for the ensuing year the per capita tax be 12 cents—3 cents per quarter. Unfortunately the resolution failed to state when this reduction was to take place. It was adopted on the 18th day of August, over one-half of that current quarter having then transpired. The Commander-in-Chief ruled that the reduction should commence with the succeeding quarter. Thirteen out of the fifteen members of the Council-in-Chief, having this question submitted to them, sustained the Commander-in-Chief. It was a question of several hundred dollars, to the Commandery-in-Chief, which at that time, stood sorely in need of money. It is not necessary to mention the Brothers who took exceptions to this ruling. All of the Divisions paid the five cent tax for the third quarter of 1887, when notified of the decision of the Council-in-Chief. One Division paid under protest, a record of which is made by the Adjutant General. The ruling of the Commander-in-Chief should be sustained or rejected by this Encampment.

The Commander-in-Chief made a ruling to the effect that those members of our Order who were also comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been dropped or dishonorably discharged from our Order, should not be permitted to visit the Camp from which they have been dropped or dishonorably discharged, but as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, they can visit other Camps, basing his decision upon the principle that our duty to our organization is paramount to any allegiance it owes to any other. That comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are permitted to visit our organization by courtesy and not by any constitutional right which they themselves possess. And further, that a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic becoming a member of our organization waives his peculiar prerogative as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic and places himself upon the same plane and is subject to the same rules as any other member of the Order. Exceptions were taken to this ruling. The Encampment is asked to sustain or reverse the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief.

The next question which has disturbed some of our worthy brothers, was the proposition of the Commander-in-Chief to invest those comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in good standing with the password and countersign of the Order. This was not, however, done for the reason that a better plan suggested itself, which was to invest the G. A. R. with our expiring password and countersign which ceases to be such by statute of limitation. The object which was, to prevent our Camps from being imposed upon by the admission of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who were not in good standing in their own organization and also to more prominently bring our organization to the attention of the Grand

Army of the Republic. There are other features connected with this question which should be discussed by this body as a committee on the whole and in that connection, it is recommended that at each Encampment, commencing with this one that we go into an executive session of the whole for the consideration of certain questions which we do not desire to be entered either upon the printed reports of our Encampment or to become matter of record, and as an example, your attention is directed to the financial affairs connected with the past administration of the Commandery-in-Chief and also with several Divisions which need not here be mentioned.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION-AT-LARGE.

The Commandery-in-Chief headquarters was so actively engaged in attending to the affairs of the Divisions that it soon became evident that the isolated Camps in the outlying States and Territories were being neglected for absolute want of attention and as they afford a very promising field for growth, it was deemed necessary to provide for their welfare. It also seemed incongruous to that department of our Order which is supposed to deal exclusively with Divisions, to be compelled to look after nearly as many Camps sprinkled around in various parts of the United States. It was therefore decided to place all of those Camps under the control of a competent brother, centrally located, and create the Provisional Division-at-Large. The result at National Headquarters has been eminently satisfactory and this Encampment is asked to make some provision for the further consideration of this plan and investing it with some official power. With careful encouragement, these isolated Camps are reinforced by other Camps in these various States and Territories and when sufficiently strong to bear the expense, can be organized into Divisions, but the small Provisional Divisions of three Camps, from past experience as demonstrated in Tennessee and Florida prove themselves to be failures. In the first place, Brothers unfamiliar with the work are frequently called upon to fill the position of Provisional Colonels when they lack the knowledge and experience to make a success of the work before them, hence we have been compelled to recall the Provisional Division of Tennessee and it is doubtful if the Provisional Division of Florida can survive, notwithstanding a most excellent Brother and comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic is using his best endeavors to advance the interests of that Division. The Constitution should be amended that it require at least five Camps instead of three Camps to form a Provisional Division.

HEADQUARTERS.

During the official year, the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters have been visited by brothers from every Division in the union, where we are organized, among whom are a large number of our most prominent members.

During the year there has been issued from the National Headquarters, 60,000 General Orders. There have been about 57,000 circulars pertaining to the Order forwarded from these headquarters and nearly 2,500 personal letters. We have issued over 1,200 charters to Camps, including those issued to old Camps of the new design and about 175 commissions and several thousand Grand Army certificates. The Adjutant General has devoted his time exclusively to the work, from 8 o'clock in the morning until six at night and the majority of the evenings until 11 o'clock, six days in the week. The Commander-in-Chief has averaged eight hours a day at headquarters every day that official duties for the Order did not take him from the city. The Assistant Adjutant General has averaged four hours a day at headquarters and the Assistant Quartermaster General has put in

all his time, absolutely. In addition to this we have had the assistance of the Colonel of the Provisional Division-at-Large and his Adjutant. The amount of supplies handled by the Quartermaster General, you may learn from his report and it is hoped that in view of the work already entailed upon the National Headquarters that this Encampment will see fit to relieve the Quartermaster General from handling Camp packages. It is not business like to require the Quartermaster General to become a retailer of Camp supplies. A full line of supplies should be carried by Division Headquarters, and having supplies, it is a great saving of time and express charges in the aggregate for the Division Quartermasters to prepare Camp packages. For all this work the Order has been put to an *extremely large* expense of one thousand dollars. In this connection, it may be stated that the Order exacts from the Adjutant General all of his time. It requires him to leave any occupation he may be holding—give it up for a year to serve the Order, and it pays him the magnificent sum of \$600 for ability that in other legitimate occupation would pay him at least \$1,800 a year. The communications have been answered promptly, at least it is presumed so, judging from the fact that no complaints have been received at our Headquarters from this score. Supplies have been forwarded with as much promptness as circumstances would permit. It is impossible at all times to have on hand a complete stock of supplies and the Quartermaster General cannot be blamed if he unexpectedly finds that his stock has run short. Certain form will for a while be ordered sparingly and then requisitions will come in, perhaps, for many thousands in the course of two or three days and exhaust the supply at once. This necessitates, occasionally, the holding of requisitions, but very few complaints, however, have come in on this score. Attached to Headquarters is a vault, large and commodious, and sufficient in capacity to hold all our supplies and records, and was a safeguard against thieves and loss by fire. Brothers may occasionally find fault that the correspondence of the officers of the Staff have perhaps been pointed and contained nothing of personal interest beyond official information. This cannot be charged to the want of fraternal feeling, but to the fact that time was the one desideratum and wherever a minute could be saved, it was necessary to save it.

THE REVEILLE.

The Order is largely indebted to the Sons of Veterans' NATIONAL REVEILLE for the great aid it has lent in the diffusion of information and the extending of the fraternal spirit throughout the entire organization. As an educator to the rank and file of our Order, it has been of incalculable value. As a source of revenue to its publisher, he has not become so plethoric in pocket from his enterprise that he occupies himself exclusively in clipping coupons from the government bonds that he has purchased from the profits on his paper, but with true courage he has persisted in his labor, receiving a reasonable amount of encouragement from the Brotherhood and we have been provided with an organ, ably edited, neatly published and a decided credit to the Order. As a publication, it has never received the official stamp of the Order. We believe this is a question upon which this Encampment should take action.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER.

One question presented itself, which taxed the judgment of your Commander in Chief and required of him an action which the circumstances of the seemed to justify, but which was not provided for in the Constitution. The case was of a Colonel commanding a Division, who, without notice or leave of absence, packed his satchel and went abroad, and the date of his

return was extremely indefinite. The Division was in a poor condition when he left, with the Lieutenant Colonel at a loss as to what he should do, and the Division came near going to pieces. The Commander-in-Chief, after about six week's absence on the part of this Colonel, declared the office vacant and directed the Lieutenant Colonel to convene the Division Council and proceed with an election to fill the vacancy. In accordance therewith, the Council convened and elected a most estimable Brother to fill this vacancy, and from that moment, the star of this Division has been continually rising.

CASE OF F. O. WILKINSON.

The case of F. O. Wilkinson, formerly a member of Camp No. 75, of the Division of Ohio, is recommended to the Commandery-in-Chief for action. F. O. Wilkinson was at one time Captain of Noyes Camp, No. 75, of Cincinnati. He was tried by Court Martial and dishonorably discharged from the Order, for refusing to obey a special order. The findings of the Court were duly approved by the Colonel Commanding and the Commander-in-Chief, since which time, Brother Wilkinson has on several occasions expressed his regret for the conduct which caused his conviction. He was a Brother of unquestionable ability and while a member of the Order, did a great deal of work for its advancement and since being dishonorably discharged, he has ever been on the alert to advance the interests of the Order, and although not in a position to recommend applicants, he has brought many into the Order. He has long desired to have his disability removed, he appealed to the Commander-in-Chief directly, but he saw no way to re-open the Court Martial, but did recommend that he present his case to Noyes Camp, No. 75, and if the Brothers of that Camp saw fit to recommend to the Colonel for action that the Commander-in-Chief would recommend to this Encampment that his disability be removed, in other words, without re-instating him in the Order or in a Camp of which he was a member, you remove the disability from him and thus enable him to make application to any Camp that would receive him. It is entirely within the power of this Encampment to do this, it being in keeping with the rules and usages of the Grand Army of the Republic as defined in its blue book. Accordingly, Noyes Camp, No. 75, has asked the Colonel to recommend to the Commander-in-Chief that this be done and in compliance therewith, this Encampment is asked to take favorable action in the case of F. O. Wilkinson.

DIVISIONS.

During the year, your Commander-in-Chief has visited every Division except four. He has attended eleven Division Encampments, organized two Divisions, re-organized one other Division and has been to the Headquarters of sixteen Divisions, in the course of which he has travelled 18,854 miles and has been absent from Headquarters 132 days, all of which was exclusively in the interests of the Sons of Veterans. Several of the Divisions have been unfortunate in the selection of their Commanding Officers, one making four changes in its Commander in the course of twelve months. Several of the Divisions have been financial losers, but it is certainly gratifying to state, that there is not a single Division that is not now in most excellent hands, and the prospect for good work for the coming year, is at least very encouraging, if we have any reason to judge from the men who are in command. As a whole, the Order has never been so blessed with Commanders of Divisions, as at the present time. To deal with each Division individually, and the ability of its Commanding Officers, would so exhaust the supply of encomiums, that the tax would be too heavy upon

us, however, there are a few Divisions to which special attention may be directed and those who are not mentioned may be considered as having no point about them subject to criticism. Perhaps the greatest sufferer has been the Division of Pennsylvania, and a delicate situation it was indeed to handle successfully, and without the moral support of the Council-in-Chief, it is doubtful if we would have succeeded as well as we have. It is pleasing, however, to state that the Division was never in better hands than at the present time, for the storm that burst above it has passed over and the darkest clouds have rolled away, and expose a silver lining, and under the able management of Colonel Rake and Past Colonel Hammer, to say nothing of Quartermaster Diefenderfer, there is not a shadow of doubt but in a short time some of our other Divisions who are now basking in the sunshine of their glorious success, will be required to look sharply to their laurels. The details of the misfortune that have visited this Division may better be considered in executive session. Suffice it to say that the action of the Commander-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief was sustained by the recent Encampment of the re-organized Division of Pennsylvania. One of the most serious misfortunes connected with the Division of Pennsylvania was the loss through the neglect of ex-Colonel Smith, of nearly a thousand members. The next serious sufferer has been the Division of New Hampshire. Through the mismanagement and shameful neglect of its Colonel it came nearly going to pieces. When Brother Crowley assumed command, he did the best he could with the material in his hands to weather the storm, but sickness befell him and he in turn had to turn over the helm to Major Lathan. Major Lathan soon left the Division and it became necessary for the Division Council to meet, when their combined judgement placed that prince of good fellows, that loyal, faithful Son of a Veteran, Frank B. Perkins, at the helm and with one spring, he has landed the Division free from all indebtedness, wiped all stains from the fair name of New Hampshire, and now to-day, the Division of New Hampshire is on as good road to prosperity as any other Division in the Order. Through the neglect of the Division Adjutant of the Division of Iowa, once our banner Division, became sadly demoralized, but to-day we find at the helm our illustrious orator and leader, Cato Sells, who is ably supported by Adjutant Goodale, an untiring worker for the Order. Heretofore neglected and almost forgotten Division of Wisconsin, has at last become aroused. It was commanded by Colonel J. P. Sheridan, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Colonel Walthers, and for the first time in the history of the Division. Wisconsin is thoroughly organized and under the leadership of the present Colonel, Charles H. Hudson, of Madison, we have every reason to believe that the State of "Old Bald Eagle," will take her proper place among the other Divisions. The Division of Kentucky has been organized and under the command of Colonel Pell, of Louisville, we can expect this Division to assume a creditable position in the Order, and in the language of their motto, we can expect "Kentucky to the front." Rhode Island was organized on the 14th day of February, and what this Division lacks in territory, she certainly will make up in spirit, life and enthusiasm and we may warn the Brothers from the other Divisions of New England, that it will not be safe for them to look down on little Rhodney. Chief-of-Staff Russel has promised us that he will soon have a Division organized in Delaware, and from his record in the Order, we have every reason to believe that he will keep his word. The Division of Montana has held its first Encampment. The State of Tennessee and Washington Territory will soon be ready to organize. Of the old standbys of course "Ohio is on top, ably supported by Illinois" and among the very successful Divisions, we find the Divisions of

Indiana, Michigan, Massachusetts and that gem of all Divisions, Connecticut.

THE STAFF.

To my Staff I owe much, for without their able assistance and advice, my administration would have fallen short in many places. No Commander-in-Chief was ever blessed with a more loyal, faithful, earnest, devoted Staff than I have been. My associates, the Lieutenant General and the Major General, together with the elective members of the Council-in-Chief, have been to the Order what the positions they occupy should be, associates, counselors and advisors. They have ever been willing to respond to any duty which they have been called upon to fill, and have the essential qualifications possessing the ability to useful assistance. For their work, they deserve the special thanks of the Order. Our Council-in-Chief has not been an idle factor. I have frequently asked their advice and assistance, and have never failed to receive it and their influence throughout the Order in the various localities where they reside, is certainly for the best. My Chief-of-Staff has made a record for himself, of which he may well be proud. The office which he holds, had heretofore been a sinecure and an ornament, but Chief-of-Staff Russell has proven himself worthy of his position, and thoroughly competent to occupy it, deserving of all honors that is attached to it. Of my Adjutant General I can scarcely express myself, and beyond the faithful performance of his duties, he is always courteous and attentive and has been a faithful friend. Quartermaster General Gurney, owing to the duties of his private business, was compelled to resign his commission and Assistant Quartermaster General Easter, for faithful services, was promoted. He has performed his duties at all times without a murmur, without a complaint. The position to say the least, is a trying one and not attended with any particular glory, but is weighted down with a great deal of responsibility, and physical labor. My Inspector General has been a law unto himself. He has handled his department without any particular advice or assistance and in whose judgment, ability and integrity, I have absolute confidence and whose promptness has earned my praise. To my Mustering Officer, Brother Maccabe, I am indebted for the able advice and courtesies rarely credited to any member of the Order. My Judge Advocate General has faithfully performed his official duties, his decisions having been just and according to our usages. My Surgeon General has always been willing and ready to perform any duties called upon. My Chaplain-in-Chief, I am pleased to report, is a most excellent selection, a conscientious Christian Brother.

There is one Brother, although not a member of my Staff, who has been working under Special Orders, who deserves particular mention, and that is Mustering Officer E. H. Ashcraft, of Pennsylvania. The time, money and strength which he has given to the Order, should not pass unnoticed, and it is almost entirely due to his personal efforts that the Post system was prevented from making a deeper inroad into the Division of Pennsylvania than it has, and I wish to thank him as it is the only reward he is liable to receive other than the consciousness of having been faithful to the Order.

There are many Brothers and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, to whom we are deeply indebted for the attention they have displayed in seeking to increase our Organization and extend its influence, and if space permitted, there are many of them that it would be pleasing to mention by name.

IN CONCLUSION.

In closing my official relations with the Order, no extended farewell is necessary. As an officer of the Organization, I shall become a thing of the

past, yet I do not propose to waste the knowledge which I have obtained at the expense of the Organization, but in the future, in a humble way, I shall continue to labor in this chosen field for the advancement and success of this Order which has become so much a part of my life and existence. I have devoted almost exclusively three years of the best part of my life in a cause which I believe to be for the good of the country, and I shall go back into the ranks and take up the work in a more humble way. That I have been honored, none will deny, and in severing my official relations with the Order, it must of necessity bring thoughts of regret. It cannot help but be apparent to all that have occupied similar positions, it is like parting with the beloved children of his family, to separate from those with whom he has labored and who have stood shoulder to shoulder with him in the building up and creating an Organization which inevitably in years, is destined to be one of the greatest, and at the same time useful in exerting a most commendable influence for the weal of this beloved Nation. For the courtesies which we have received, we formally extend our thanks, but these words are hollow, indeed, compared with the deep feelings which cannot be expressed, but which years will always deepen and enshrine in our hearts as most beautiful and sacred, which go to compose the pleasant things and well-to-be-remembered in our declining days.

G. B. AMORR.

The report of Lieutenant General Henry Frazee being called for, he arose and stated that he had not anticipated being called upon for a report and therefore had none prepared.

The report of Major General J. J. Speaker being called for, he stated that he had no written report to make, that he had performed the duties of the office as he understood them, to the best of his ability, and that he had cheerfully responded whenever called upon to do anything for the good of the Order.

Chief of Staff Harry M. Russell then presented the following report:

HEADQUARTERS CHIEF OF STAFF, }
2136 HANCOCK STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA., }

To General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

MY DEAR GENERAL:—I herewith hand you my annual report as Chief of Staff and in doing so, I feel that the office could be made a useful one instead of only being a mark of honor as heretofore. As per your direction I have issued Official Circular No. 2, a copy of which I attach, the work of assigning Aids to the Chief of Staff Department this year was only an experiment, but I think has proven an exceedingly brilliant project and if properly carried out will without a doubt be a very beneficial feature for the advancement of the Order and also make use of a long list of Aids which previously have practically done nothing. I have received quite a list of reports, etc., but as they are of such a nugatory nature, I deemed it inadvisable to compile them for this Encampment, as the time was too short to get the system in regular working order, but I would advise that the next Administration be empowered to furnish blanks, etc., for this Department and by the next Encampment, there can be a good report compiled which will be a great aid in finding out the grand progress our glorious Order is making. In conclusion, permit me to extend to you my sincere thanks for the honor you bestowed upon me by appointing me your Chief of Staff and I trust our relations will be as harmonious and pleasant in the future as in the past, I have the honor to be General.

Your obedient servant in F., C. and L.,

HARRY M. RUSSELL,
Chief of Staff.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, 2316 HANCOCK STREET. }
Official Circular No. 2. Philadelphia, May 1st, 1888.

I. This circular is issued by order of the Commander-in-Chief to outline some of the work that is expected from the Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief and Colonels commanding.

II. The Aides de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief will be required to direct and supervise the work of such Aides on the Staff of the Division Colonel as may be assigned to them by the Colonel commanding, and to see that they perform their duties as herein defined, and report from time to time to the Chief of Staff as he may require.

III. It is the first duty of all Aides to attend regularly each meeting of the Camp of which they are members. It is not the duty of an Aide to participate in the government of the Camp, or in any way officially direct its officers until authorized to do so by order of the authority under whose commission they are acting, but they will report to this authority such transactions and proceedings as they may deem contrary to the established laws, rules and usages of the Order, and also any failure to comply with the same and with General Orders.

IV. It is the duty of an Aide to note whether or not the General Orders are read in the Camp promptly on receipt of the same, and that such matter in them pertaining to the Camp or requiring of the Camp any particular work is fully executed.

V. It is the duty of the Aide to see that the Ritual is properly carried out, and that the Camp is supplied with all the necessary blanks, books and essential property for carrying on its work.

VI. It is the duty of each Aide to visit the neighboring Camps within reasonable distance, and to encourage them in their work, and to report these visits, as they occur from time to time, to the Aide on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, within whose jurisdiction he may be, and also to the Colonel commanding. He is also to appear in uniform on these occasions, and to encourage all members of the Order to uniform and meet the reasonable requirements of the Organization, especially at this time of the year are the Aids expected to exert themselves in preparing the Order for participation in the coming Memorial Day exercises, and to see that each Camp acquits itself on this occasion with credit to itself and honor to the Organization.

VII. It is of interest to all members of the Order to know the progress we are making in all sections of the country, it is, therefore, enjoined upon all Aids to weekly, or at least semi-monthly, report items of interest of the doings of the Sons of Veterans in all the neighboring Camps. Let them be brief, spicy, but of a general interest to the Order, and send them to such persons as the Colonel of the Division may designate or the Aid, in whose jurisdiction they may be, who may in turn transcribe them into a brief article, and forward the same to the NATIONAL REVELLE in Chicago, or to the *National Tribune*, Washington, D. C., and also to such other papers as are published in the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans in the several cities of the Union.

VIII. But the great work that is expected of the Aides will be the establishment of new Camps in the vicinity of where they live, in the places where Camps have either gone to pieces heretofore, or have never existed. Much work and good results will be expected in this line, if carried out with that zeal and energy which every true loyal Brother should feel for this

Organization, and the way to do this is to confer with the prominent Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic where Aides desire to organize a Camp, get the names of their sons, get two or three of these together, lay the principles and the character of the Organization earnestly before them, and induce them to place their names upon the application for a Camp charter which you have already received from the Colonel of the Division, and urge them to take up the work and complete it as speedily as possible. The secret of success in this matter will rest upon the care taken in selecting the prime movers in the organizing of the Camp, they should be energetic, active, young men, who will devote the time, and who have the reputation, morally and socially, to make the enterprise a success, give them all the information for proceeding, and pledge them honest and faithful support in their work where they have started and be faithful and sure to keep your pledge.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HARRY M. RUSSELL,
Chief of Staff.

Adjutant General C. J. Post then read his report as follows:

CHICAGO, ILL., August 10th, 1888.

General G. B. Abbott, *Commander-in-Chief*, S. V., U. S. A.,

SIR:—In compliance with Sec. 5, Art. II, Chapter V, Page 43, C., R. and R., you will find transmitted herewith the consolidated quarterly report of the Adjutants for the second quarter of 1888. Also a copy of the reports of the three preceding quarters, and also a consolidated report of the whole years' work, now finished, and a complete file of all General and Special orders and circulars issued from these Headquarters, by your order.

Very respectfully your obedient servant, in F., C. and L.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
NO. 78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, September 1, 1887.

General Orders, No. 1.

I. G. B. Abbott having been elected General and Commander-in-Chief, command is hereby assumed and Headquarters established at 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

II. The Sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Des Moines, Iowa, August 17th, 18th and 19th, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, Chicago, Ills.

Lieutenant-General, Henry Frazee, Cleveland, Ohio.

Major-General, J. J. Speaker, Independence, Mo.

Council-in-Chief.	}	J. W. Anderson, Pittsburgh, Penn.
		G. B. Smith, Hartford, Conn.
		J. L. Rake, Reading, Penn.
		C. B. Cooke, Arlington, Dak.
		A. M. Appelget, Tecumseh, Nebraska.

Wheeling, W. Va., was chosen as the location for the Seventh Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, August 15, 16 and 17, being the time set for the same.

III. The appointed officers of the Commandery-in-Chief are as follows:

Chief of Staff, Harry M. Russell, Philadelphia, Penn.

Adjutant-General, C. J. Post, Chicago, Ill.

Quartermaster General, F. A. Gurney, Chicago, Ill.

Inspector General, M. E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.

Chief Mustering Officer, J. B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass.

Judge Advocate General, R. H. Freer, Ritchie C. H., W. Va.

Surgeon General, M. Retel, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.

Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kan.

All with rank of Brigadier General from August 19, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. A. L. Guilford, of Chicago, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General and A. H. Easter, of Chicago, Assistant Quartermaster General, with rank of Colonel from August 19, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Maj. A. P. Davis, 67 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Penn., was placed permanently in charge of the badge and decoration Department of the Order without rank. Supplies of this character will be obtained directly from him.

VI. The following rules will be strictly observed :

All general communications and reports will be addressed to the Adjutant General.

All requisitions for supplies addressed to the Quartermaster General.

All money must be forwarded in the form of postal note, money order, registered letter or drafts on New York or Chicago. Personal checks or drafts upon any other cities will not be accepted and will cause delay.

All drafts and money orders must be made payable to "F. A. Gurney, Q. M. G." No supplies will be forwarded unless the money accompanies the requisition.

All communications for these Headquarters should be addressed to 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago.

The Judge Advocate General is the attorney of the Commander-in-Chief, and all matters to be referred to him must pass through these Headquarters.

The Inspector General may be consulted directly by Colonels commanding and Division Inspectors.

All communications must pass through proper channels. Officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and past officers, also officers of Divisions forward communications directly to Headquarters. Camps and members will forward communications through Division Headquarters.

VII. All Aides and Special Aides of the previous administration are hereby relieved and ordered to report to their respective Captains for duty. All dispensations are likewise revoked but will be renewed upon application should the good of the Order require such action.

VIII. The Commandery-in-Chief having reduced the tax levied upon Divisions after the expiration of the present quarter, Divisions will only be required to pay three cents per member, on all in good standing, in place of five cents as heretofore. The blank reports for quarter ending September 30, will be forwarded to Divisions at once. The tax for the current quarter will be five cents per member.

IX. The Commandery-in-Chief adopted a design for a new Charter. When issued, any Camp in good standing can obtain the same free of charge in exchange for the one now held. No Charters will be issued to new Camps until the new Charter is completed, but certificates for Charters will be given to be redeemed as soon as the new Charters can be obtained.

X. The Commandery-in-Chief subscribed for one copy of THE NATIONAL REVELLE, for each Camp in the Order for the period of six months. This paper will be the property of the Camp to be read by its members and deposited with the Camp books, and under no circumstance is it to be appropriated to the exclusive personal use of any particular

officer or member. These papers will be mailed to the First Sergeant of each Camp. Captains of Camps will therefore immediately forward to Division Adjutants the name and address of First Sergeant, and Division Adjutants will in turn forward the same to Assistant Adjutant General, A. L. Guilford.

XI. All Divisions Commanders are requested to carry a complete stock of supplies at Division Headquarters as required by the Constitution, and prepare the Camp packages from this stock. The Quartermaster General will only issue and ship supplies to Division Headquarters. Camp packages must always be forwarded from Division Headquarters and only to the person detailed to muster the Camp.

XII. Supplies are only to be furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief. No Division or Camp is constitutionally permitted to print any of the Constitutional supplies.

XIII. No change was made in the Ritual except the correction of a typographical error, the word "Attention" should be written in each Ritual before the opening ode on page 8. A burial service was adopted which will be printed separate from the Ritual and will be sold for a few cents per copy by the Quartermaster General. Each Camp will require four copies, and each Camp is permitted to have four copies of the Ritual.

XIV. All the changes in the Constitution have not been written up for want of time by the recent Adjutant General and his assistant, but will be mentioned in General Orders No. 2.

XV. The applications of the following Camps has been approved since August 1st:

Applicants		Applicant	
Aug. 3, No. 27, Armour, Dak.....	18	Aug. 18, No 120, DeSoto, Ill.....	23
1, 3, Lacoma, N. H.....	13	20, 121, Vernon, Ill.....	14
4, 30, Keene, N. H.....	21	21, 119, Jacksonville, Ill.....	16
4, 3, Corydon, Ind.....	13	22, 3, Scottsville, Mich.....	22
5, 23, Escanaba, Mich.....	23	22, 30, Glenco, Mich.....	12
6, 12, Waverly, W. Va.....	25	22, 30, Monominee, Mich.....	20
8, 68, Vevay, Ind.....	17	24, 220, Carey, O.....	20
8, 52, Tiffin, Ohio.....	18	24, 221, Lima, O.....	12
8, 216, Vienna, Ohio.....	16	24, 222, Summerfield, O.....	20
8, 217, West Newton, Ohio.....	22	24, 223, Wellington, O.....	26
8, 114, Canton, Ill.....	19	24, 55, Battle Creek, Mich.....	27
8, 113, Hillsboro, Ill.....	17	24, 90, Oronoque, Kan.....	16
9, 116, Peru, Ill.....	17	24, 91, Kingman, Kan.....	27
10, 19, Junction, N. J.....	26	25, 58, Breckenridge, Mich.....	20
10, 77, Wilson, N. V.....	13	25, 106, Reed City, Mich.....	13
10, 35, Lambertton, Minn.....	15	25, 107, Mecosta, Mich.....	13
11, 86, Toronto, Kan.....	16	25, 2, Siloam Springs, Ark.....	19
12, 18, Uxbridge, Mass.....	20	25, 69, Rising Sun, Ind.....	10
12, 87, Grenola, Kan.....	21	26, 108, St. Louis, Mich.....	15
14, 117, Kewanee, Ill.....	19	26, 1, Niantic, R. I.....	12
14, 118, Rossville, Ill.....	17	27, 23, Reading, Mass.....	12
16, 218, Rutland, O.....	14	27, 121, Beardstown, Ill.....	16
16, 219, Troy, O.....	13	29, 225, North Georgetown, O.....	11
16, 8, Denver, Col.....	10	29, 50, Campbell, Mo.....	17
17, 38, Wabasha, Minn.....	17	29, 123, Dixon, Ill.....	21
17, 88, Concordia, Kan.....	27	29, 83, Arkansas City, Kan.....	24
		31, 39, Little Falls, Minn.....	13
		Total number of applicants.....	933
		Total number of Camps.....	53

XVI. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-chief with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from August 20th. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Senior, Fremont Garrett, Winchester, Ind.; C. S. Knight, Jr., Worcester, Mass.; A. Batchelder, Salem, Mass.; C. W. Wallis, Beverly, Mass.; Geo. W. Knowlton, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. E. Lathrop, Appleton, Minn.; A. J. Halsted,

Brainard, Minn.; A. S. Morgan, Duluth, Minn.; Chas. A. Gurney, Hart, Mich.; George S. Steere, Stanton, Mich.; H. C. Thompson, West Bay City, Mich.; F. E. Munn Omaha, Neb.; Harvey R. Newman, Chicago, Ill.

XVII. The 21st National Encampment of the G. A. R. will occur in St. Louis, Mo., September 27th, 28th and 29th. The Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans and Staff will be in attendance. All members of the Order are urged to be present to lend all possible interest and courtesy to this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our Order is not organized to glorify itself but to honor our fathers and their memories; to teach Loyalty and Fraternity. Let every brother come who can find it possible. Headquarters will be established and full particulars can be obtained by writing to Captain Wm. H. Heath, Jr., 109 N. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo. The parade will occur on Tuesday, September 27, at 10 A. M., and the Sons of Veterans have been invited to participate. Let all be in readiness to prove that we are worthy of the name we bear and the sires we emulate.

XVIII. The Commander-in-Chief wishes to express his appreciation of the many letters of congratulation and good wishes he has received since his election, and in so doing desires to impress upon the minds of all Brothers that the Camp is the corner stone and foundation of our Order, upon the success and growth of the Camp must the success of the Order depend. Every Brother, therefore, who is thoroughly wedded to the Order and whose faith is grounded in Friendship and Charity should bestir himself for his Camp. See that the field is completely canvassed and all eligible material is brought in to raise this temple of Loyalty higher and grander until it becomes the chief glory of our Nation.

By order of
G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.)
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, November, 1, 1887.)
General Orders, No. 2.

I. Colonels commanding, will forward these Orders to Captains commanding *immediately* on receipt of the same. Several Colonels exhibited unnecessary delay in forwarding General Orders No. 1.

II. On the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Colonels of these Divisions will immediately issue transfer cards to any members that may be in good standing in said Camps. Kansas Division—Camps No. 26, 30, 31, 39, 45, 46 and 27. Ohio Division—Camps No. 20, 51, 63, 65, 90, 98, 127, 128, 145, 158, 160 and 162. Michigan Division—Camps No. 2, 8, 34, 37, 57 and 85. Illinois Division—Camp No. 19, 34, 40, 41, 49. Massachusetts Division—Camps No. 18, 19, 22, 23, 33, 36, 43 and 56.

III. Colonels will hereafter publish the names of all members dropped or dishonorably discharged from the Order, as reported by First Sergeants.

IV. Colonels Commanding will, under no circumstances, order the muster of Camps until the application for the same has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, unless working under a dispensation granting that privilege.

V. Colonels will see that all Commissions and Charters are duly recorded by the Adjutant before being forwarded. Books for registering Charters will be furnished Division, free of expense, on application to the Quartermaster-General.

VI. Division Adjutants will immediately forward to these Headquarters a perfect sample corp badge as adopted by the Division for cap mark of their respective Divisions.

VII. The Inspector-General has filed a ruling at these Headquarters, which has been approved by the Commander-in-Chief as follows: The chevron for the Quartermaster-Sergeant of a Camp shall be three bars with a tie of one bar, the same to be of blue silk for the fatigue uniform.

VIII. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from September 15, 1887; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly: E. G. Rathbone, Hamilton, O.; James C. Howe, Kenton, O.; C. F. Hall-Youngstown, O.; George H. Dow, Manhattan, Kan.; R. Frank Stinson-Phillipsbury, Kan.; E. B. White, Independence, Kan.; C. W. Isenburg, Fredonia, Kan.; H. E. Brown, Tecumseh, Neb.; William Miller, Friend, Neb.; Chas. F. Merrill, Wilmantic, Conn.; Noel M. Pease, Hartford, Conn.; H. C. McLean, Ansonia, Conn.; W. L. Stearns, Norwich, Conn.; W. L. Distin, Jr., Quincy, Ill.; R. E. Tyner, Carbondale, Ill.; J. W. Kilborn, Marshall, Ill.

IX. The new Charters are completed and will be delivered on surrender of receipts held by Colonels for same. Colonels will instruct Adjutants to attach two inches of the Division ribbon (the red centered ribbon with tri-colored edges) under the wafer upon which the impression of the Division seal is made—following the form of the Commandery-in-Chief ribbon and seal. This must not be overlooked as the beauty of the Charter depends upon it. Camps already having the old style Charters may receive the new ones free of cost, by sending the old Charters directly to these Headquarters (to save postage). The new Charters will be returned through Division Headquarters along with the old ones, which, though cancelled, may be retained by the Camp as a souvenir. Each Camp will retain its original rank and number—as indicated by the Charter they now hold.

X. Several Adjutants have neglected to forward to the Assistant Adjutant General, A. L. Guilford, a list of the First Sergeants of the Camps of their respective Divisions. As a result many Camps are not receiving THE NATIONAL REVEILLE which they are entitled to. Any Camp failing to receive THE REVEILLE should notify the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

XI. Considerable trouble is caused in Camps by the neglect of staff officers to attend to their duties promptly and regularly. Captains should bear in mind that it devolves upon *them* to see that these officers comply with the requirements of their offices; if they fail in this, the Captain should remove them at once.

XII. Camps are advised to require the Council to make quarterly reports the last meeting night before the close of each quarter. Blanks may be procured through Division Headquarters for these reports.

XIII. Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, of Springfield, Ohio, was chosen as National President of the Sons of Veterans' Ladies' Aid Society, at the recent Encampment held at Akron, Ohio. Wheeling W. Va., was selected as the place for the next Encampment. This Organization, every Son of a Veteran should encourage in every possible way.

XIV. The new supplies are now ready for distribution. Much delay has been caused owing to the necessity of a complete revision of almost every blank and in preparing new ones. The attention of Camps is especially directed to the "Notices to Delinquent Members."

XV. Brothers are warned to be on the lookout for a "Young Dandy" giving the name of Clem Plantz, who has secured a badge, cap and uniform of the Order and tries to pass himself as a member of Earnshaw Camp, No. 89, of Dayton, Ohio. He is not, and never was a member of No. 89.

XVI. The attention of Camps is especially directed to a change in Article VII, Section I, Page 13, of the old Constitution, regarding the date of the election of officers. It having been changed from the last meeting night in December to the first.

The following are the changes in Constitution:

ARTICLE IV. Paragraph first, page 5, strike out the word "subordinate" and add at the end after the word number, "and further provided, that the Division of Pennsylvania may have duplicate numbers of Camps No. 2, 4, 9 and 33."

ARTICLE V. Same page, add to it "Provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the Government of the United States."

ARTICLE VII. Section 1, page 13, change the word "last" to "first" in ninth line.

ARTICLE VIII. Page 14, Section 3, add after the word Camp, "He shall make an annual report of deaths, and Memorial Day services to the Division Chaplain at least ten days prior to the Annual Encampment of the Division."

Same Article, Section 5, insert after the word case "Seventh, a book in which shall be kept a list of all obligated Comrades of the G. A. R."

Chapter III, Article II, Section 1, second paragraph, page 23; insert before "Who have served," "All Past Commanders-in-Chief, all Past Grand Division Commanders, and all Past Colonels in their respective Divisions." In Section 2 of same article change "last" to "first" and strike out "subordinate," and in Section 4 strike out word "subordinate."

No. 9, page 32, strike out "subordinate."

Page 31. In next to last paragraph, first line, strike out "two" and insert "and last."

Page 36, Article IV, Paragraph first, strike out "Commissary General" and "Chief Ordinance Officer" "and one member elected from each Division," for the last insert "and five elective members."

Page 37, Article VI, Section 4, strike out "A Commissary General," and "A Chief Ordinance Officer and"

Page 38, Article, 8, Section 1. Strike out the "Commissary General," "the Chief Ordinance Officer," and "one member recommended by each Division," and in place of last insert "five members."

Page 45, Section 2, Article 1. Strike out word "Deputy" and insert "An Officer properly detailed." Strike out "admit" and insert *muster*.

Page 46, Article II, insert a new section between Section 2 and 3, to the effect that commanding officers of Divisions shall make a final settlement on behalf of their respective Divisions with the Commander-in-Chief, not later than fourteen days prior to the annual sitting of the Council-in-Chief for the final auditing of the accounts of said Commandery-in-Chief.

Page 54, Article VII. Additional Section added providing for the bond of the Commander-in-Chief.

Page 55, Article IX., Section 1. Amended to include metallic wreaths and letters. Section 2 is made Section 4, and Section 2 will provide for equipped Camps, wearing the crossed rifles, cannon, or sabres as the equipment may designate and Section 3 will describe fatigue uniform, and in Section 4, "shall not" before "omit" will be changed to "may," and an addition describing the new cap marks of the Commandery-in-Chief officers. A fifth Section will be added granting armed and equipped Camps the right to wear the shoulder-straps, upon receiving a dispensation from the Colonel commanding, adopting the U. S. Army regulation dress uniform.

Page 56, in paragraph "First," strike out all after the word coat and insert, officers of Camps, armed and equipped, may upon receiving a

dispensation from the Commander-in-Chief or Colonel commanding, wear the regulation shoulder-straps.

Page 57, strike out "one bar at each end Assistant Inspectors of Divisions."

Page 58, Section 4. Strike out all after "Constantly wear" and insert "the miniature badge as devised by Major A. P. Davis, representing the shield of the Order as a button-hole or pin decoration, provided, however, that Brothers who still desire, shall be at liberty to wear the bar-pin or button-whole decoration, heretofore in use.

In Section 5, same page, strike out the word elective wherever it occurs in the Section.

Page 61, Article XIII, Section 2. Second paragraph amend to provide for worsted fringe and tassels, brass spear-head and strike out all after "number of Camp."

Page 67, Article XIX. Change "three" to "four."

First resolution in appendix is made Article XXIII on page 68, and Article XXIII is made Article XXIV. Balance of appendix is stricken out.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. POST,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 1:

		Applicants.	Applicants.		
Sept. 1,	No. 31, Boston, Mass.....	29	30,	76, Glenn Falls, N. Y.....	11
1,	226, Creston, O.....	11	34,	78, Whitesville, N. Y.....	10
1,	227, Franklin, O.....	18	30,	112, Wales, Mich.....	15
1,	1, Omaha, Neb.....	22	30,	44, Creighton, Neb.....	22
2,	169, Au Sable, Mich.....	15	Oct. 1,	62, Salem, Mo.....	17
3,	14, Elizabeth, W. Va.....	21	3,	224, South Point, O.....	28
6,	79, Kemington, Ind.....	13	3,	231, Bellefontaine, O.....	31
7,	121, Polo, Ill.....	12	4,	132, Pana, Ill.....	18
7,	125, Barry, Ill.....	11	4,	232, Kensington, O.....	18
7,	126, Winchester, Ill.....	13	5,	135, Makanda, Ill.....	18
7,	127, Arthur, Ill.....	13	6,	3, Beloit, Wis.....	25
8,	128, Samoth, Ill.....	12	8,	20, De Soto, Wis.....	17
8,	92, Jamestown, Kan.....	15	10,	76, Wyandotte, Kan.....	13
8,	44, Ravenna, Mich.....	17	11,	49, Pine City, Minn.....	15
8,	49, Chapin, Ill.....	11	12,	76, Millin, Ind.....	11
10,	228, Castalia, O.....	13	13,	233, Antwerp, O.....	23
10,	5, Covington, Ky.....	11	14,	79, Corning, N. Y.....	21
10,	129, Illopolis, Ill.....	24	15,	12, Charleston, Mo.....	11
12,	110, Albion, Mich.....	31	15,	126, Mediopolis, Iowa.....	28
13,	93, Portis, Kan.....	20	17,	234, Willshire, O.....	18
13,	94, Galesburg, Kan.....	14	17,	41, Peoria, Ill.....	15
13,	19, Hancock, Wis.....	24	17,	134, Dryden, Ill.....	17
14,	111, Sturgis, Mich.....	24	17,	135, Greenview, Ill.....	17
14,	86, Georgetown, Penna.....	13	18,	235, Cheshire, O.....	16
15,	71, Pine Village, Ind.....	16	19,	133, Mt. Clemens, Mich.....	27
15,	72, Danville, Ind.....	21	19,	136, Gibson City, Ill.....	24
15,	73, Albion, Ind.....	17	22,	114, Hesperia, Mich.....	20
15,	74, Switz City, Ind.....	10	22,	45, Waco, Neb.....	10
15,	81, Portersville, Penn.....	15	24,	78, Conellsville, Pa.....	22
15,	42, Holdrege, Neb.....	12	24,	63, Concordia, Mo.....	11
15,	43, Bloomington, Neb.....	16	25,	115, Atlanta, Mich.....	10
16,	130, Athens, Ill.....	19	25,	12, Marysville, Cal.....	29
16,	131, Athena, Ill.....	17	26,	77, Pittsboro, Ind.....	15
17,	229, Beaver, O.....	27	27,	116, Union City, Mich.....	20
17,	61, South St. Louis, Mo.....	12	27,	236, Polk, (Ashland Co.), O.....	28
19,	6, Dayton, Ky.....	12	27,	137, Virginia (Cass Co.), Ill.....	15
21,	37, West Randolph, Vt.....	10	28,	117, Crosswell, Mich.....	14
22,	230, Byhalia, O.....	28	29,	77, Pleasant Valley, Pa.....	17
22,	75, South Whitley, Ind.....	16	31,	64, Fordland (Webster Co) Mo.....	11
22,	14, Rowlesburg, W. Va.....	26			
24,	71, Oxford, O.....	24			
24,	31, Litchfield, Conn.....	12			
30,	73, New Bremen N. Y.....	14			

Total number of Camps 83
Total number of applicants 1,437

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, December 5th, 1887.
General Orders, No. 3.

I. The several Camps in the following States and Territories, not under the jurisdiction of any organized or Provisional Division, are hereby instituted a Provisional Division at Large, to-wit: Rhode Island, Texas, Arkansas, Virginia, New Mexico, Arizona, Oregon and Washington Territory, and are placed under the command of H. A. Swazy who has been appointed Provisional Colonel of this Division with rank from November 21, 1887. He will appoint such officers as his Division may require and establish Headquarters at 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

II. Colonel F. J. Walthers having left the United States, the Council of the Division of Wisconsin, was convened at Janesville, October 18th, and Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Sheridan, of Eau Claire, was elected to fill the vacancy, and Captain C. H. Hudson, of Madison, was elected to the position of Lieutenant Colonel. A. B. Leith, of Madison, was elected to fill a vacancy in the Division Council.

III. Colonel F. M. Shackford having resigned, the Council of the Division of New Hampshire, was convened and elected Michael Crowley, of Portsmouth, to fill the vacancy.

IV. Section No. XV. of General Order No. 2. relating to Clem Plantz is hereby rescinded. Later advices from Colonel Frazee states that Plantz is a member of the Order in good standing.

V. Section IX. of General Order, No. 2. should have stated that Colonels will direct those Camps wishing to obtain the new Certificate of Charter, to forward the one they now hold directly to these Headquarters, the old and new being returned together. This is in compliance with instructions given by the Sixth Encampment at Des Moines.

VI. Colonels commanding must ascertain positively that each Camp of their respective Divisions is receiving THE NATIONAL REVELLE through First Sergeant. These Headquarters must be apprised of all changes immediately after the New Year.

VII. Commanding Colonels must exercise special care in the appointment of installing officers; and, further, that each one is provided with proper evidence of authority to act, and blanks for returns. Under no circumstances should an installing officer be permitted to act until all reports and taxes due the Divisions from the Camp have been received.

VIII. The password and countersign for the ensuing six months has been forwarded to all Colonels who have made proper returns to these Headquarters for the quarter ending September 30th.

IX. The following Colonels have failed to make the required returns—(Reports and Per Capita Tax) for the quarter ending September 30, 1887: Colonel Michael Crowley, of New Hampshire; Colonel E. F. Fellows, of New York; Colonel E. J. Smith, of Pennsylvania; Colonel M. E. Bishop, of Florida; Colonel A. R. McKenzie, of Tennessee; Colonel Will West, of Kentucky; Colonel James D. Rowen, of Iowa; Colonel B. W. Hawkins, of Nebraska; Colonel J. R. Rockwell, of Dakota. Colonel E. E. Jeffries, of New Jersey, has failed to return tax and Quartermaster's report, his Adjutant having reported. The first Colonel reporting was Colonel R. H. Freer, of West Virginia, and receives the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

X. The Divisions of New Hampshire and Dakota are three quarters in arrears for per capita tax, and unless the tax is paid at once the Council-in-Chief will be asked to annul the charters of said Divisions, and they will be created Provisional Divisions and some Colonel appointed who will make the necessary returns.

XI. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from September 15, 1887. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly: J. M. Degelman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Hettenger, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Harry R. Dietrich, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Wm. H. Hensche, Richmond, Ind.; W. P. Chrissenger, Eau Claire, Wis.; F. B. Phelps, Janesville, Wis., B. R. Boynton, Ottumwa, Iowa and G. L. Goodale; Lenox, Iowa.

XII. The Commander-in-Chief and several members of the Staff, attended the Encampment of the G. A. R. at St. Louis. The courtesies received on all sides are duly appreciated, particularly from the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Sons of Veterans, of St. Louis, presented a fine soldiery appearance and received the thanks of their Commander-in-Chief. At this Encampment Judge John P. Rea, of Minnesota, was elected Commander-in-Chief, and Daniel Fish has been appointed his Adjutant-General—in both of whom the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will find as firm friends as in Past-Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild and Adjutant General Gray.

XIII. Brothers in general, and especially those of New Jersey and New York, are warned against becoming unduly partisan and unjust in their intercourse with members of the Post system Sons of Veterans. It must be remembered that all are Sons of Loyal fathers, "Who stood elbow to elbow, shoulder to shoulder." While we may not agree, we can be courteous. In the cause of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, we can at least be friends if not BROTHERS.

XIV. Commanding Colonels will require Camps to pay back Per Capita Tax on all members re-instated for the time that they were suspended, as Colonels are required to pay, back Per Capita Tax to the Commander-in-Chief on all members re-instated for the period they were under suspension.

XV. The Colonels of the Divisions of Michigan and Connecticut are the only ones who have filed a sample of the official corps badge of their respective Divisions as required in General Orders No. 2. One or two Divisions have chosen duplicate marks, and those will be recognized which have been recorded at these Headquarters. Colonels will see to this at once.

XVI. Immediately after the first of the year extended official business will require the presence of the Commander-in-Chief in the East. For the good of the Order he will proceed via Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, also the cities of Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Harrisburgh, Reading, Philadelphia and New York. He will afterward visit Baltimore, Washington and the Headquarters of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and possibly Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He will be pleased to meet members of the Order on the way.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. POST,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 2:

Date.	No.	Place.	No. Applicants.	Date.	No.	Place	No. applicants.
Nov. 1,	No. 79,	Batesville, Ind.	13	Nov. 11,	21,	Millville, N. J.	16
2,	80,	Sardinia, Ind.	13	15,	59,	Springdale, Pa.	18
2,	19,	Clinton Mass.	21	17,	84,	Bremen, Ind.	10
2,	30,	Middleboro, Mass.	30	17,	18,	Sand Hill, W. Va.	18
2,	138,	Chicago, Ill.	20	17,	16,	Tunnelton, W. Va.	12
4,	77,	Madison, Ind.	31	17,	90,	Lebanon, Ohio.	11
5,	41,	Belle Plain, Kan.	17	18,	30,	Newton, Kan.	19
7,	81,	Decatur, Ind.	16	18,	21,	Ashland, Wis.	14
7,	82,	Terre Haute, Ind.	21	19,	13,	Elsimore, Cal.	13
	20	Covington, Ohio.	14	21,	116	Overton, Pa.	12

Applicants.		Applicants.	
9,	133, Cero Gordo, Ill.....	22,	147, Galeton, Pa.....
9,	140, Vienna, Ill.....	22,	65, Melrose, Mo.....
9,	141, Perry, Ill.....	25,	44, Williamsport, Pa.....
9,	51, Ravenna, Ohio.....	26,	118, Irwin, Pa.....
10,	63, Shanes Crossing, Ohio.....	26,	143, Glasford, Ill.....
10,	69, Elkhorn, Pa.....	26,	144, Payson, Ill.....
10,	71, Euphrata, Pa.....	26,	66, Carthage, Mo.....
11,	80, Iilon N. Y.....	28,	145, Springerton, Ill.....
11,	81, Ontario, N. Y.....	28,	82, Evans Mills, N. Y.....
11,	118, Holland, Mich.....	30,	85, Connersville, Ind.....
11,	142, Mt. Vernon, Ill.....	30,	86, Clark's Hill, Ind.....
12,	83, Doolittles Mills, Ind.....		Total number of camps, 45
12,	10, Ogden, Kan.....		Total number of applicants, 849
14,	20, New Brunswick, N. J.....		

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, JANUARY 2, 1888. }

General Orders, No. 4.

I. For the quarter ending December 31st Colonels commanding will pay a tax of 3 cents per capita on all members in good standing, to the Commandery-in-Chief. It must be borne in mind that back tax of 5 cents per capita must be forwarded on all reported as being re-instated *in addition* to the regular 3 cent tax.

II. Much complaint is made that Camps and charitable members of the Order are constantly being imposed upon by unworthy and black-listed members seeking aid. The Constitution should be strictly adhered to in every instance, (Chapter II, Article IV, Sec. 1, page 10). No Brother should leave the jurisdiction of his Camp without a Leave of Absence, and no Camp or Brother should grant assistance without the Leave of Absence being presented. This rule must be strictly observed to prevent imposition.

III. The Division officers of New York and Dakota have made full reports and paid tax since last General Orders.

IV. The following Brothers are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from Sept. 15th, 1887. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly. E. T. Beltz, Laramie, Wyoming Ter., (Division of Colorado); Frank H. Hale, Geneva, Ind., and Charles F. Hayes, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

V. The following Camps have voluntarily surrendered their Charters, the same are hereby annulled: Nos. 17, 47, 75, 83, Division of Penn., and No. 17, Division of Conn.

VI. Good and sufficient cause appearing on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Nos. 28, 31, 60, 66, 87, 104, 113, Division of Penn., and No. 25, at Harrison, Division of Ind.

VII. Colonels will call the attention of the newly elected Camp officers to the fact that the annual Inspection of the Order will occur in April. This inspection will be most rigid, thorough and complete, and preparations should be commenced at once to insure a good mark and classification. The ritualistic work should be committed at once.

VIII. The month of December shows a decidedly encouraging progress in the muster of new Camps. The new year is before us and never did prospects seem brighter for a grand growth in our Order. Let every Officer and Brother do his duty, and advance all along the lines. We owe everything to our country and in paying the debt we enrich ourselves. A country that forgets its loyalty and neglects to cultivate a martial spirit, loses half of its manhood.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. POST, Adjutant General

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 3:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Applicants.	Date.	No.	Location.	No. Applicants.
Dec. 1,	26,	Marion, Kan.	28	Dec. 16,	148,	Lima, Ill.	16
2,	146,	Saunemin, Ill.	18	16,	149,	Paw Paw, Ill.	17
3,	83,	Faton, N. Y.	11	16,	150,	Champaign, Ill.	20
3,	41,	Winona, Minn.	16	16,	124,	Tippecanoe City, O.	22
3,	88,	H. La, Ind.	16	17,	150,	Port Trevorton, Pa.	20
7,	149,	Bear Lake, Pa.	16	17,	93,	Wolcottville, Ind.	22
8,	98,	Mt. Orab, O.	30	19,	39,	Urbana, Kan.	20
10,	121,	Malvern, Ia.	26	20,	4,	Miles City, Montana.	12
10,	123,	Griswold, Ia.	19	21,	94,	Greenfield, Ind.	19
10,	124,	Onawa, Ia.	36	21,	95,	Zenia, Ind.	15
10,	125,	Prescott, Ia.	11	21,	96,	Greenwood, Ind.	18
10,	127,	Agency, Ia.	28	21,	97,	Argos, Ind.	11
10,	128,	Red Oak, Ia.	30	21,	116,	Waymart, Pa.	15
10,	129,	Lisbon, Ia.	17	22,	7,	Ashland, Ky.	25
10,	130,	Leighton, Ia.	18	24,	82,	Homer, N. Y.	17
10,	131,	Anita, Ia.	15	24,	83,	Chateaugay, N. Y.	21
10,	132,	West Liberty, Ia.	10	24,	154,	Rush, Pa.	18
10,	133,	Maynard, Ia.	22	26,	152,	Clarksville, Pa.	15
12,	67,	Billings, Mo.	31	26,	18,	Medta, Pa.	22
12,	29,	Asbury, Park, N. J.	27	26,	158,	Richmondale, O.	18
12,	89,	Cynthiana, Ind.	16	26,	160,	Moody, O.	14
12,	127,	Chester, O.	11	26,	162,	Malta, O.	36
13,	68,	St. Genevieve, Mo.	20	27,	129,	Coleman, Mich.	13
13,	31,	Kanopolis, Kan.	10	37,	69,	Iberia, Mo.	27
14,	28,	Watertown, Dak.	11	22,	131,	Mansfield, Ill.	18
14,	119,	Litchfield, Mich.	21	30,	152,	Dallas City, Ill.	25
15,	93,	Burlington, Ind.	21	30,	153,	Sycamore, Ill.	12
15,	34,	Charlestown, Mass.	17	36,	154,	Lanark, Ill.	19
16,	91,	Russellville, Ind.	16	30,	155,	Bellair, Ill.	18
16,	92,	Merom, Ind.	12	31,	28,	Tionesta, Pa.	22
16,	39,	Jersey Shore, Pa.	20			Total number of camps	62
16,	147,	Yale, Ill.	11			Total number of applicants,	1,210

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, February 1st, 1888. }

General Orders No. 5.

I. General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief will invariably come from the press not later than the second day of each month. Colonels commanding must forward General Orders to Camp officers without delay; the practice of some Colonels of holding Orders awaiting their convenience, is not calculated to promote the best interests of the Order, and must be discontinued. Division Headquarters—except on the Pacific Slope—should receive the Commander-in-Chief's General order not later than the 7th of the month. It has occurred that the General Orders have miscarried in the mail, and if not received by that date Colonels will so notify these Headquarters. Colonels commanding will place the names of all the officers, Staff and Council of the Commandery-in-Chief on their mailing lists, and see that copies of all Division General Orders are forwarded to them.

II. Colonels commanding will employ the strictest measures to enforce the reading of all General Orders in the Camps. Much laxity has crept into the Order in this direction on the part of Captains commanding.

III. The New Year should see each Camp fully equipped with all necessary supplies. Colonels will therefore forward to each Camp two copies of the Requisition for supplies,—current series, (form 1)—that Camps may provide themselves with new Constitutions and other necessary blanks and books which the coming inspection will require them to possess.

IV. Colonels commanding must be especially vigilant in scrutinizing the Quarterly Reports of First Sergeants, regarding the age of recruits admitted. Under no circumstances must a recruit be admitted into the Order until he has arrived at the Constitutional age of eighteen years.

V. Colonels will require the Captains of the Camps in their respective Divisions to exact an absolutely good bond from the Quartermaster Sergeant in sum sufficient to cover all amounts coming to the Camp. If a Quartermaster Sergeant has been re-appointed, he must be required to renew his bond to the Camp. During the past year many Camps have suffered losses through neglect of this precaution, and the evil must be remedied.

VI. Harry Rust Camp No. 42, of Norway, Maine, and C. E. Lippen-cott Camp, No. 18, of Edenburg, Ill., having disbanded, the Charters of the same are hereby annulled.

VII. The Major of the Division of Maine, having moved beyond the borders of the Division, the office is hereby declared vacated, and the Division Council will, under the direction of the Colonel Commanding, convene and elect a suitable Brother to fill the vacancy.

VIII. M. E. Bishop, of the Provisional Division of Florida, having resigned his Commission as Colonel, J. W. V. R. Plummer, of Key West, is hereby appointed Colonel, with rank from January 10th, 1888. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly. He will assume command at once and appoint such staff officers as his Division may require. Brother Bishop will forward all supplies to Colonel Plummer at once.

IX. Colonel Eugene Morehouse, of Connecticut, was the first to forward reports and returns to these Headquarters, for the quarter ending December 31, 1887, with Colonel J. P. Sheridan, of Wisconsin, a close second. For this promptness they are tendered the appreciative thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

X. Maurice A. Reichert, of Chicago, has been appointed Chief Musician for the Commandery-in-Chief and the following additional Aides have been appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2, 1888. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly: M. A. Pell, Louisville, Ky.; O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio; H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.; P. H. Murphy, 37, 32d St., New York City; H. B. Marchbank, Newark, N. J.; H. M. Rebele, Allegheny, Pa.

XI. Comrades of the G. A. R., who have also become members of the Sons of Veterans (being sons of soldiers), must conform to, and be amenable to all the laws of our Order, and should they become suspended, dropped, or dishonorably discharged from the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., they will be denied the privilege of the Camp Room, as any other member would be, and under no circumstances will they be permitted to gain admission as comrades of the G. A. R., they having waived the right to courtesies granted members of that Organization, in becoming Constitutional members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

XII. Our Organization having failed to provide a means whereby our Camps could be protected against visits of comrades of the G. A. R., already obligated, but who have since been dropped or suspended from their respective posts; arrangements have been made through the courtesy of Judge John P. Rea, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, whereby the current password and countersign of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will be issued through Department and Post Commanders to all comrades in good standing in the G. A. R. This will go into effect not later than April the first, next; therefore, after that date, Sergeants of the Guard will be required to take the password and countersign from all obligated visiting comrades of the G. A. R. A new blank has been added to the list of Camp supplies (not mentioned in the new requisition for supplies)—form 1½. It is a certificate to be issued by the Camp to each comrade at the time of his obligation. Any comrade presenting a certificate duly signed and sealed from any Camp, and having the current

password and countersign will be granted the privilege of any Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., without being re-obligated. Unless in special session Camp officers will always admit all comrades of the G. A. R., in good standing, except those mentioned in Section eleven of these General Orders. Any Camp observing any special rule contrary to this, will discontinue its use forthwith.

XIII. Chief-of-Staff Harry M. Russell, No. 2316 Hancock St., Philadelphia, Pa., is hereby ordered on duty "for the good of the Order." All Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief will report to him at once for duty. Colonels commanding will divide and proportion equally the Camps in their respective Divisions into four sections, and recommend to Chief-of-Staff Russell, what Aide of the Commander-in-Chief shall be assigned to each particular section. They will also direct their own respective Aides in each Camp to report for duty to the Aide of the Commander-in-Chief of their particular section. An effort is to be made to arouse a livelier interest in the Order than has heretofore existed, to assist in bringing about more uniformity and promptness in the business of the Camps, and in organizing new Camps in unworked territory; last, but not least, to get some work out of a long list of Aides.

XIV. Colonels will immediately furnish the Adjutant-General with a complete list of the names and addresses of the officers and staff (including council), of their respective Divisions for publication, together with the date and location of the coming Division Encampments.

XV. Through the instrumentality of an individual, laboring under a personal pique and poor digestion, a Cincinnati paper recently published an article doing great wrong to the Brothers of the Camps in Cincinnati, and questioning their hospitality. Justice demands that this error be corrected. The Commander-in-Chief was most generously entertained during his stay in Cincinnati, the leading lights of the Sons of Southern Ohio doing everything in their power for his entertainment, and in fact the loyal and fraternal spirit of the entire Brotherhood manifested towards your Commander "all along the line" is more than any ordinary man can stand without being deeply moved.

XVI. The older members of the Order—those who rocked its cradle anxiously through the precarious period of its tender young days, will no doubt be pleased to know that Past-Commander-in-Chief, H. W. Arnold, is at the old "Mecca," Johnstown, Pa., where he is enjoying reasonably fair health and would be pleased to receive a few words from the Brothers of "Auld Lang Syne."

Attest.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT.

Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 4:

Date.	No.	Location.	No. Applicants.	Date.	No.	Location.	No. Applicants
Jan.	2	No. 36, Louisburg, Kan.	13	Jan.	19	No. 242, Plymouth, O.	23
	2	85, Shelbyville, Ind.	15		19	11, Waltham, Mass.	16
	2	98, Washington, Ind.	17		20	70, Ash Grove, Mo.	19
	7	156, Nauvoo, Ill.	19		23	44, Washington, Kan.	16
	5	35, Lyons, Kan.	18		23	31, Bruin, Pa.	21
	5	86, Cicero, N. Y.	11		23	169, Saybrook, Ill.	16
	7	89, Pleasant Hill, O.	16		23	103, La Grange, Ind.	20
	7	109, Harrisonville, O.	11		23	161, Griggsville, Ill.	13
	7	237, Miamisburg, O.	25		25	104, Ewing, Ind.	28
	7	238, Royalton, O.	14		25	105, Pendleton, Ind.	25
	7	239, Lucasville, O.	13		25	108, Kokomo, Ind.	15
	7	240, Mt. Liberty, O.	16		35	27, Chicopee, Mass.	20
	9	17, Wheeling, W. Va.	28		25	38, Waitsfield, Vt.	30

Applicants.		Applicants.	
9,	157, Prairie City, Ill.....	26	244, St. Paris, O.....
10,	158, Ava, Ill.....	27	245, Lynchburg, O.....
11,	8, Lebanon, N. H.....	12	122, Charlevoix, Mich.....
12,	5, Hurley, Turner Co., Dak.....	18	162, Lerna, Ill.....
16,	4, Randolph, Mass.....	31	159, Litchfield, Ill.....
17,	211, Sabina, O.....	15	164, Hume, Ill.....
18,	99, Angola, Ind.....	17	192, Winfall, Ind.....
19,	100, Jasper, Ind.....	19	32, Norwalk, Conn.....
19,	101, Kentland, Ind.....	16	Total number of Camps.....
			Total number of applicants.....

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. March 1st 1888. }

General Orders, No. 6.

I. In publishing General Orders hereafter Colonels Commanding will see that Adjutants adopt the same sized folio as that used by the Adjutant General. White paper, printed in one color of ink, the folio to be 5½ inches by 8½ inches, slightly smaller than the preceding Orders of the current series. The form of the heading will be uniform with these General Orders, and only the small cut of the badge may be used. The object to be obtained is uniformity for filing and binding. The Adjutant General has changed the size from former Orders to be in keeping with military usages other societies of a similiar nature.

II. The Quartermaster General will hereafter carry in store a blank book for filing General Orders, similiar to that used by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is well bound with leather calculated for durability and will last any Camp four years. These will be furnished Camps through Division Quartermasters for thirty-five cents each.

III. The Colonels of the following Divisions have failed to forward reports and per capita tax to these headquarters for the quarter ending December 31: Dakota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Montana, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia. These returns must be forthcoming at once.

IV. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2d, 1888, they will be respected and obeyed accordingly: W. G. McLain, St. Louis, Mo.; Chas. E. Merrill, Auburn, Me.; R. L. Whitcomb, Portland, Me.; C. H. Rice, Bangor, Me.; David A. Friend, Rockland, Me.; A. G. Hutchins, Dover, N. H.; W. E. McPherson, Meredith, N. H.; Frank Libby, Great Falls, N. H.; Henry S. Lyons, North Adams, Mass.; Paul Revere, Morrystown, N. J.; W. P. Altman, Salida, Colorado; Franklin C. Monroe, Riverside, R. I.; C. F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro, Vt.; O. D. Clark, Montpelier, Vt.; Will R. Sargent, Saint Johnsbury, Vt.; B. B. Perkins, St. Albans, Vt.; and Geo. H. Craig, Keene, N. H.

V. Good and sufficient cause appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels Commanding, the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and the Brothers in good standing in these Camps will be granted transfer cards by the Commanding Colonel: Camps No. 35, 73, 107, 139, 178 and 192, Division of Ohio; Camps No. 6, 17, 23, 28 and 47, Division of Kansas; Camps 6 and 8, Division of California.

VI. The charter of Camp No. 75, of Towanda, Division of Pennsylvania, having been annulled, is hereby re-instated by the request of the Colonel Commanding.

VII. Geo. Warren, Jr., recent Major of the Division of Connecticut, has been tried by Court Martial, found guilty, and dishonorably discharged

from the Order. The findings of the Court have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. The Division of Rhode Island was organized February 14th, at Providence, by the Commander-in-Chief. The Colonel-elect is Chas. H. West, of Newport, R. I.

IX. To place at rest some wild rumors which have gone abroad without authority, it may be stated that the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will occur at Wheeling, W. Virginia, August 15th, 16th and 17th, in accord with the vote of the last Encampment.

X. The following committees are announced for the Encampment at Wheeling, subject to such additions and changes as circumstances may necessitate:

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations: R. H. Freer, Lucien F. Burpee, E. J. Smith, Joseph B. Maccabe and Leland J. Webb. On Ritual: Marvin E. Hall, Henry Frazee, F. McCrillis, Miles W. Ross and Rudolph Loebenstein.

R. H. Freer, Leland J. Webb and Lucien F. Burpee will form the Committee on Digest as specified in Article XXII, Chapter 6, C., R. and R. The several committees will enter into the discharge of their duties at once.

XI. Colonels Commanding will furnish these Headquarters with a complete description of the Charters of their respective Divisions, to whom granted, date and by whom issued, to complete the records at these Headquarters.

XII. In justice to Colonel Crowley it should be stated that the neglected condition of the Division of New Hampshire should not be charged against him, but his predecessor. Colonel Crowley has made satisfactory arrangements with these Headquarters and the Charter of the New Hampshire Division will not be taken away from it.

XIII. An association has been organized in Lowell, Mass., styling itself the "Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association." This insurance company has no official connection with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Several of its officers are dropped members of the Order, and for any small percentage which this association may offer Brothers to solicit members for it, it is not believed they will lend encouragement to this institution which the Commander-in-Chief, after a thorough inquiry into its affairs cannot recommend to the Order.

XIV. Inspector General Marvin E. Hall is ordered on duty for the coming annual inspection of each Camp. He will formulate such blanks, issue such orders and instructions as the needs of the Order, in his judgment may require, submitting the same for approval. He will also make a detail for the inspection of all Division Headquarters except the Provisional Division and the Division of Rhode Island.

XV. General Anderson, Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R., has asked for a report from the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of the extent to which the Sons of Veterans participate and assist in the observance of Memorial Day next. The Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will therefore require a report from each Division Chaplain, who in turn will receive reports from Camp Chaplains, of our work in this line. These reports will be furnished in blank by the Commandery-in-Chief. Colonels will call the attention of Camps to this important matter that they may arouse themselves and make a record that will bring joy to the hearts of the OLD SOLDIERS.

C. J. Post,

Adjutant General

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

Commander-in-Chief.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 5.

Applicants.		Applicants.	
Feb. 1, No. 71, Greenfield, Mo.	23	Feb. 15, No. 251, Bradford, O.	22
1, 135, Humboldt, Iowa	24	16, 87, Ticonderoga, N. Y.	14
1, 136, Farragut, Iowa	14	20, 35, Amelia, O.	12
1, 46, Doniphan, Neb.	12	20, 74, Manchester, O.	15
2, 84, Dickinson Center, N. Y.	10	20, 107, Cincinnati, Sta. C. O.	16
3, 61, Belle Rive, Ill.	11	20, 139, Eaton, O.	21
4, 24, Alma, Kan.	14	20, 170, Blount, Ill.	11
4, 243, Raysville, O.	17	20, 171, Pecatonica, Ill.	14
4, 246, New Plymouth, O.	13	22, 178, Trumbull, O.	24
4, 247, Homer, Licking, Co, O.	17	22, 193, Byron, O.	22
6, 107, Elkhart, Ind.	27	22, 252, Dunkirk, O.	24
6, 45, Salina, Kan.	18	24, 253, Rushsylvania, O.	20
6, 16, South Lyndeboro, N. H.	14	24, 254, Wapakoneta, O.	41
8, 123, Otsego, Mich.	18	24, 275, Bridgeport, O.	10
9, 131, Wapello, Iowa	14	25, 121, Clayton, Mich.	17
9, 137, Sheldon, Iowa	25	25, 123, Port Huron, Mich.	22
9, 138, Montrose, Iowa	21	27, 125, Dundee, Mich.	41
9, 139, Carson, Iowa	30	27, 47, Wilbur, Neb.	19
9, 46, Barretts, Kan.	15	27, 128, Sheridan, Ind.	23
9, 72, Lebanon, LaeJede, Co., Mo.	33	27, 109, Hudson, Ind.	25
11, 27, Thomaston, Me.	18	28, 126, Mason, Mich.	16
13, 165, Carhville, Ill.	23	28, 127, Saranac, Mich.	23
13, 167, Chrisman, Ill.	26	28, 168, Traverse City, Mich.	17
13, 168, Nokomis, Ill.	15	28, 22, Wautoma, Wis.	23
13, 169, Newman, Ill.	13	28, 172, West Point, Ill.	15
13, 3, Spangle, Wash. Ter.	11	28, 110, Portland, Ind.	20
13, 248, Union, O.	11	28, 166, Lake View, Ill.	27
13, 249, Georgesville, O.	24	29, 39, Calais, Vt.	17
13, 250, Perryton, O.	12	29, 40, Montgomery, Vt.	13
13, 7, Paintsville, Ky.	16	29, 153, Sharpesville, Pa.	18
13, 23, Long Branch City, N. J.	18	29, 154, Garland, Pa.	22
13, 3, Washington, D. C.	13	29, 120, Unionville, Mich.	32
13, 5, Cumberland, Md.	35		
13, 76, Nevada, O.	18	Total number of Camps	66
		Total number of applicants	1,305

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78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 1, 1888.)

General Orders, No. 7.

I. The resignation of Quartermaster General F. A. Gurney has been accepted, taking effect from March 15th. A. H. Easter has been promoted to fill the vacancy thus created, with rank from March 15th. A. J. Stone has been appointed to the position of Assistant Quartermaster General, with rank from the same date, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

II. Owing to the fact that many Camps are exchanging their Charters, the Colonel will see that the Inspectors will not mark against a Camp whose Charter is in transit for exchange.

III. Good and sufficient cause appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camp 14, Cohoes, N. Y. Camp 45, Utica, N. Y.

IV. The following Aides are hereby appointed on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel from January 2: C. M. Paul, Elmira, N. Y.; J. W. Camel, Chateaugay, N. Y.; George Hubbs, Syracuse, N. Y.; A. H. Donnelly, Trenton, N. J.; John A. Logan, Washington, D. C.; Truman Havens, San Jose, Cal.; S. A. McDonald, Eureka, Cal.; A. H. Ulm, Santa Anna, Cal.; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Colonels of the following Divisions have failed to comply with the two previous Orders, *i. e.* to forward to these Headquarters the official corps mark of their respective Divisions: Dakota, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland and District of Columbia, Massachusetts,

Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin. There is an imperative necessity for this being done at once, Colonels will therefor comply.

VI. The following Colonels have failed to forward to these Headquarters, reports for the Quarter, ending December 31: Iowa, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and West Virginia.

VII. The attention of the Order is directed to Section 10. General Order No. 5, c. s.. This Order was promulgated to meet an emergency, therein stated, and, others of a very material character important to the welfare of the Organization, but which the good of the Order demanded should not be published, it is believed however, that the end to be desired, may be obtained by the use of the expiring Pass-word and Countersign, instead of the present one, therefore Camp Officers will receive from Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic the Pass-word and Countersign of the six months ending, December 31, 1887. Colonels commanding will see that the Camps mustered or re-instated since that date, are provided with that Pass-word and Countersign "Form 0000." Owing to unavoidable delay, this Pass-word has not been promulgated, through the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and this order will not go into effect before May 1st, instead of April 1st, as heretofore directed.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. POST,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 6:

Applicants.		Applicants.	
March 1, No. 73, Edinburg, Mo.....	15	March 16, No. 263, Ottawa, O.....	15
2, 89, Niagara Falls, N. Y.....	21	16, 264, Milford, O.....	24
3, 256, Leipsic, O.....	17	19, 47, Milville Borough, Pa.....	15
3, 257, Rainsboro, O.....	11	21, 141, Salem, Ia.....	15
5, 173, Oregon, Ill.....	15	21, 142, Scranton, Ia.....	15
5, 45, Arlington, Mass.....	13	21, 31, Keokuk, Ia.....	41
5, 28, Calais, Me.....	19	21, 116, Valparaiso, Ind.....	22
5, 28, New Albany, Kan.....	13	21, 117, Evansville, Ind.....	35
5, 57, Waterville, Me.....	21	21, 255, New Petersburg, O.....	14
5, 146, Galion, O.....	16	23, 57, St. Joseph, Mich.....	21
6, 153, Apollo, Pa.....	20	21, 66, New Oxford, Pa.....	20
6, 174, E. St. Louis, Ill.....	15	24, 42, Eagle Bend, Minn.....	18
7, 130, Ashland Center, Mich.....	16	24, 118, Kirkland, Ind.....	20
7, 88, Waverly, N. Y.....	40	24, 41, Waterbury, Vt.....	18
8, 250, Lakeview, O.....	18	24, 183, Hamilton, Ill.....	20
8, 112, Cicero, Ind.....	19	26, 23, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.....	24
10, 113, Swayze, Ind.....	18	26, 24, Hersey, Wis.....	11
10, 58, Sterling, Kan.....	27	26, 119, Kendallville, Ind.....	17
10, 178, Edwardsville, Ill.....	17	26, 120, Pike's Peak, Ind.....	18
10, 177, Blandinsville, Ill.....	17	26, 90, Ann Arbor, Mich.....	47
10, 175, Hoopston, Ill.....	21	26, 17, Weir City, Kan.....	20
10, 176, Sidell, Ill.....	14	26, 66, Wilkinsburg, Pa.....	23
12, 179, Glenburn, Ill.....	15	26, 87, Roddies Cross Roads, Pa.....	12
12, 180, Cottage Home, Ill.....	18	27, 90, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.....	19
13, 156, Sciota, Pa.....	15	27, 74, Memphis, Mo.....	25
14, 181, Norris City, Ill.....	15	21, 181, Fairview, Ill.....	11
14, 182, Omaha, Ill.....	11	29, 43, Montevideo, Minn.....	24
15, 260, Enterprise, O.....	12	29, 30, East Weymouth, Mass.....	47
16, 261, Mendon, O.....	20	31, 123, Parsons, Kan.....	22
15, 262, Vandalia, O.....	10	31, 121, New Albany, Ind.....	12
15, 115, Bowling Green, Ind.....	14	31, 185, Monticello, Ill.....	15
15, 114, Auburn, Ind.....	26		
		Total number of Camps,	63
		Total number of applicants,	1,191

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, May 1, 1888. }
General Order, No. 8.

I. For the information of Colonels who may be re-elected and those who are to be elected, it is ordered that the incoming Colonels shall number their General Orders continuously with the current series of their Divisions. This is the rule adopted by the United States Government, no change of administration ever making any change in the consecutive number of the Orders. In adopting this new rule, it will save a great deal of confusion and each Camp will know when it has lost any Orders. This rule has been observed in the Connecticut Division and works very successfully. It will be observed hereafter by all Divisions, also Division Adjutants in getting out their General Orders must follow the instructions as laid down in General Order, No. 6, *i. e.*: following the form, size, quality of paper as that used by the Adjutant General and the same form of head, except that the General Orders shall be published without the Coat of Arms, but must be either without any cut whatever or there may be used the small cut of the Badge.

II. The Committee on Transportation for the Wheeling Encampment will consist of Colonel Frank McCrillis, 65 North State street, Chicago; Lieutenant General Henry Frazee, 213 Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio; Colonel E. J. Smith, Harrisburg, Pa.; R. H. Freer, Ritchie Court House, W. Va.; Colonel J. H. Hinklev, Beverly, Mass.: to which Committee has been added Lieutenant Colonel H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.; Captain E. R. Kennington, Philadelphia, Pa. This Committee will proceed to enter upon the discharge of its duties at once.

III. W. H. Brooks, of Newport, R. I., and T. B. Wales, of Iowa City, Iowa, have been placed upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from March 1, 1888. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. On recommendation of the Colonels Commanding, good and sufficient cause appearing, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked:—Camps No. 11, 12, 27, Division of Minnesota; Camps No. 17, 51, 73, 96, Division of Michigan; Camps No. 14, 43, 54, 56, 60, Division of Indiana; and Camps No. 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, Division of Dakota.

V. Blanks for the reports of Camp Chaplains (form 41) and blanks for the Consolidated Report of the Division Chaplain (form 43) are in stock subject to the requisition of Division Colonels. Each Camp Chaplain is required to report to the Division Chaplain all the duties performed and assistance rendered by the Sons of Veterans to the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day (See Section 3, Article 8, Chapter 2, Page 13, Constitution, R. and R.) These reports must be forwarded to the Division Chaplain, who will consolidate them on form 43, forwarding one copy to Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kansas, before the first day of July and one copy to the Division Headquarters of the Division of which he is Chaplain.

VI. Each Colonel Commanding will require his Division Inspector to forward the Consolidated Reports to the office of the Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., not later than May 15th, with the exception of the Division of Pennsylvania, which has been granted more time. Reports from this Division must be in the office of the Inspector General not later than May 25th.

VII. The Commander-in-Chief cannot let the occasion pass without especially complimenting the Division of Connecticut, it is certainly the model Division of the Order. By the 24th of April all of its inspections were completed, the inspections consolidated by the Division Inspector and forwarded

to the Inspector General. Not only this, but the Division of Connecticut was again the first Division to have its returns for the quarter ending March 31st, in at these Headquarters, with the Division of Michigan a close second, and again Colonels Morehouse and Hall receive the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief.

VIII. The results of the Inspection which is now transpiring are already becoming known and one thing that has particularly impressed the Inspectors is the negligence or want of information existing among First Sergeants in the keeping of the Black Book. The Black Book must not only contain the names of all dropped and rejected members of the Camp, but also of the Division in which the Camp is located and as published in the General Orders of the Colonel Commanding.

IX. The attention of Colonels Commanding is directed to the carelessness existing in most Camps, in regard to the admission of visiting Brothers. The Brother presents himself in the Camp room before the Camp is opened and if he possesses the the simple pass word and countersign at the time the Sergeant of the Guard makes his rounds, he is permitted to remain in the Camp room without further examination, this is not proper. No Brother shall be permitted to remain in the Camp room, unless he can be vouched for by some Brother of the Camp as being a member of the Order in good standing upon his personal knowledge, otherwise he must retire to the ante-room and pass the required examination before he can enter the the Camp room. Colonels must see that this is enforced.

X. In re-instatements of dropped and suspended members, Camps must invariably in making their reports to the Division Headquarters pay taxes for six months upon all re-instated members and for twelve months on all dropped members. On re-instated and dropped members, no Camp can demand of him more than one year's dues, no matter how long he may have been dropped or how long he may have been in arrears for dues before he was dropped. It is the duty of Camp Officers to suspend all members promptly, who are six months in arrears for dues and drop all members promptly who have been suspended six months.

XI. The attention of Colonels Commanding is directed to the different practices of many Camps in the admission of Brothers who are in arrears for dues and yet not suspended. A Brother is entitled to admission to the Camp room until he is six months in arrears for dues, but is only entitled to the pass word and countersign when he owes no dues, therefore on the first of January and the first of July there are many Brothers who are in arrears for dues who may be entitled to visit a Camp room but who are not entitled to the pass word and countersign. It has occurred in many instances where these Brothers, although but six months in arrears for dues have been barred from the Camp room because they did not have the pass word and countersign; this position is not correct according to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, nor can a Brother be barred from the Camp room until he has by official act been suspended, no matter how long he may have been in arrears for dues.

XII. The subscription of the Commandery-in-Chief for THE NATIONAL REVELLE (one for each Camp) expired with the month of February. This subscription was made for the purpose of encouraging the publication of this paper in the interests of the Order and to disseminate its contents among the Camps. These objects are worthy of imitation and each Camp should continue the subscription by sending a dollar to Jas. I. Lyons, 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago. This is the only paper published exclusively in the interests of our Order and is a valuable means of exchanging views and

opinions — a necessary avenue of communication for us from all points of our wide spreading membership.

XIII. Several Divisions have failed to adopt an appropriate Cap Mark, the following are among the number:—Kentucky, Vermont, Iowa, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, West Virginia, New Jersey, Dakota and Nebraska. They will adopt a design for approval at these Headquarters which design is to be worn upon the caps of all members of their respective Divisions. The Division of Maine, through General Orders, has directed that the Cap Mark of Maine shall be worn only by the officers while holding office; this ruling is incorrect. The Cap Mark is not the exclusive mark of the officers, but is to distinguish members of one Divisions from those of another in all general parades and on all occasions where there may be members from several Divisions together. The Divisions of Missouri, New Hampshire, Maryland and Wisconsin may have selected Cap Marks but none are on file at these Headquarters and they have been repeatedly asked for, so the first Division to adopt any design not already adopted, and file the same at these Headquarters will be entitled to the same.

XIV. The Commander-in-Chief is in a position to procure guns for the Order at the following rates.

Calibre 45	Blue Barrel, refinished B. L.....	\$6 00
" 45	" " new B. L.....	8 50
" 50	Bright " B. L.....	4 75
" 58	" " Cadet B. L.....	3 50
" 50	" " " ".....	5 50
" 58	" " Muzzle loading.....	2 25
Army Blouses in regular sizes.....		1 00

Those desiring equipments of this kind may communicate directly with the Quartermaster General on the subject.

XV. The Sons of Veterans have been allotted space in the Centennial Exposition of the Ohio Valley and Central States to be held in Cincinnati from July 4th to October 27th, and are invited to make such display of memorials and historic matter for patriotic purposes as they may desire. The attention of the membership in Ohio, Indiana and Western Pennsylvania is especially called to this matter and are requested to report their desires to the Colonel commanding the Division of Ohio, also to communicate with John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati, Ohio.

XVI. The Commander-in-Chief would call the attention of the Order to the wonderful growth it is having, success and prosperity are attending us on every hand. During the month of April there were more applications for Camps approved at these Headquarters and more applicants for membership in the Order than has ever been recorded in one month in all of its history, for this we are greatly encouraged and believe that we should congratulate ourselves. Nowhere in the Organization is there any serious discord and each day the future seems brighter. Many of the Divisions are on the verge of their Division Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief offers a word of admonition and advice, that in the selection of Division officers the greatest care should be exercised, not necessarily to obtain the most brilliant minds at the head of the Division but to obtain faithful, earnest, and true workers, above all things let harmony and unity prevail, for by such a course alone we can promote the interests of the Organization. It will be necessary at these Encampments to make such recommendations for changes in the Constitution and Ritual as in the opinion of the Brotherhood are deemed necessary. Be slow to change, be sure the changes will be beneficial before recommending them to the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

XVII. The attention of the Order is called to the action of the Grand Army of the Republic in requiring its membership to refer to the 30th of May as "Memorial Day" and not "Decoration Day." The latter does not meet with the approval of the Grand Army of the Republic and more fittingly expresses the object of that day. The Order generally is requested in all of its actions and in all places and upon all occasions to refer to this day as "Memorial Day." This day is near at hand, before another General Order is issued from these Headquarters, the day will have past away. The Order is again urged to put forth every effort and to prepare itself in every way to meet all that is expected of it upon that day, to assist in every conceivable manner toward observing it in a way fitting to the occasion, thus acquitting itself satisfactorily to the Grand Army of the Republic that they may indeed feel that we are worthy to perform the work we undertake and, when the occasion requires, to fill their places. All that is done by the Sons of Veterans on this Memorial Day will be fully reported not only to these Headquarters and our National Encampment at Wheeling, but also to the National Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the National Encampment of the G. A. R. at Columbus through the Chaplain-in-Chief of that Organization. Let as many men be in line as possible and let them perform their duties as becomes true soldiers.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT,

Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,

Adjutant-Adjutant.

DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS 1888.

Kansas, at Winchester.....	February 21-22-23.
Indiana, at Indianapolis.....	June 5 to 8.
Michigan, at Owosso.....	5 to 8.
Pennsylvania, at Gettysburg.....	5 to 8.
Ohio, at Dayton.....	May 8 to 10.
Kentucky, at Newport.....	May 11.
Minnesota, at Minneapolis.....	June 12 to 15.
New York, at Schenectady.....	12 to 15.
Nebraska.....	13 to 15.
Illinois, at Rock Island.....	25 to 30.
Wisconsin, at Madison.....	29 to 30.
Maine, at Portland.....	May 9.
Connecticut, at Hartford.....	May 15.
Maryland, at Baltimore.....	June 14.
Dakota, at Mt. Vernon.....	May 8-9-10.
New Jersey, at Cape May.....	May 16.

Description of badges adopted by the several Divisions and worn on top of cap

California—A grizzly bear worked in gold on red field.

Colorado — Torch and cross flags on blue field enclosed in circle of gold lion.

Connecticut—Same as the 2d Army Corps, a trefoil of red.

Illinois—The 22d Army Corps, quinquifoliate with blue field and red center.

Indiana—The 10th Army Corps, for bastioned fort, red field.

Kansas—A grasshopper worked with appropriate colored silks on blue field.

Maine—The 6th Army Corps, Greek cross of red.

Michigan—The 7th Army Corps, gold crescent silver star.

Minnesota—The 5th Army Corps, a Maltese cross in gold with Greek cross in blue in center for officer, and for members a Maltese cross of blue.

New York—The 19th Army Corps, fan leaved cross with red, square center.

Ohio—The 12th and 20th Army Corps, gold star with small silver star over same.

Pennsylvania—A keystone of red with gold border.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the General Orders No. 7:

Applicants.		Applicants.	
April 2, No. 186,	Deland, Ill.....10	April 17, No. 32,	LeRoy, Mich.....19
2,	260, Waynesfield, O.....12	17,	158, Wellsboro, Pa.....13
2,	267, Fredericktown, O.....17	18,	33, Windsor Locks, Conn.....19
2,	268, Christiansburg, O.....19	18,	25, Boscobel, Wis.....19
3,	122, Carthage, Ind.....14	19,	130, Perkinsville, Ind.....19
4,	13, Winterport, Me.....13	19,	133, Bannister, Mich.....20
5,	132, Kingston Center, O.....23	19,	5, Providence, R. I.....27
6,	143, New Market, Ia.....31	19,	2, Sibley, Iowa.....16
6,	123, Alfordsville, Ind.....15	19,	144, Avoca, Iowa.....14
6,	31, West Stewartstown, N. H.....13	19,	63, Melford Center, O.....11
6,	42, Hinesburg, Vt.....15	20,	145, Macedonia, Iowa.....17
6,	24, Freehold, N. J.....27	20,	97, Burden, Kan.....22
7,	91, Akron, N. Y.....19	20,	159, Finleyville, Pa.....15
7,	124, Thorntown, Ind.....19	21,	168, Moore's Prairie, Ill.....19
7,	269, Oberlin, O.....22	21,	36, Drakes Creek, Ark.....26
9,	47, Dexter, Kan.....18	23,	43, Woodstock, Vt.....19
9,	29, Rockham, Dak.....13	23,	134, Maple City, Mich.....17
9,	76, Montreal, Mo.....18	23,	85, Ipswich, Mass.....20
9,	92, Hornellsville, N. Y.....46	23,	142, Baltimore, O.....21
9,	43, Berlin, Mass.....12	23,	276, Mt. Pleasant, O.....30
9,	66, Cambridge, Mass.....13	23,	277, Sherwood, O.....24
9,	83, Barre, Mass.....14	23,	278, Randolph, O.....13
10,	123, Sharpville, Ind.....10	23,	48, Stockham, Neb.....12
10,	126, Odon, Ind.....14	23,	49, Myrtle, Custer Co., Neb.....12
10,	127, Portersville, Ind.....14	24,	69, Nonchalanta, Kan.....12
10,	128, Farmland, Ind.....23	24,	88, Stoneham, Mass.....14
11,	84, Mansfield, Mass.....12	25,	146, Delhi, Iowa.....20
11,	113, Franklin Forks, Pa.....21	25,	147, Fonda, Iowa.....22
11,	15, Lee, Me.....10	25,	279, Portsmouth, O.....12
11,	23, Hammonon, N. J.....20	25,	36, Plattsmouth, Neb.....21
11,	27, Bradner, O.....30	26,	131, Tippecanetown, Ind.....11
11,	271, Newtonville, O.....14	27,	135, Stockbridge, Mich.....15
12,	131, Freeport, Mich.....12	27,	41, Granite Falls, Minn.....26
13,	129, Hortonville, Ind.....19	27,	189, Nelso, Ill.....19
13,	272, Maumee, O.....16	28,	196, Onarga, Ill.....19
13,	273, Prairie Depot, O.....27	28,	83, Fannettsburg, Pa.....23
13,	95, Girard, Kan.....16	28,	280, Chester Hill, O.....11
14,	16, Ellsworth, Me.....23	28,	98, Endora, Kan.....14
14,	187, Piper City, Ind.....12	30,	281, Belmore, Pa.....23
16,	274, Doylestown, O.....25	30,	199, Osceola, Pa.....21
16,	275, Lynx, O.....10	30,	284, Sabinville, Pa.....25
16,	32, Center Ossipee, N. H.....21		Total number Camps.....84
17,	157, Osceola Mills, Pa.....16		Total number applicants.....1,526

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 78 Fifth Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, June 1, 1888. }

General Orders No. 9.

I. Colonels commanding will see that these Headquarters are supplied with a copy of such By-Laws as may have been adopted for the government of their respective Divisions. In Divisions where no By-Laws have been adopted, the Colonels will appoint without delay, a committee for the purpose of formulating such By-Laws, that they may be submitted to the coming Encampments for adoption.

II. These Headquarters must be supplied with a copy of the recommendations of the various Division Encampments for changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the Ritual that the same may be properly published prior to the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. These changes must be carefully prepared and certified to by the Colonel commanding and by the Adjutant of the Division under the Division seal.

III. The attention of the Order is again directed to the General Order files furnished by the Quartermaster General at thirty-five cents each. They are complete in every particular and durable. Camps desiring them should make requisition for them upon the Division Quartermaster. Several hundred Camps have already been supplied with them and they seem to fill a long felt want for preserving General Orders.

IV. Camps that have not already done so, may receive one of them we Charters by returning the old one direct to these Headquarters.

V. The Colonels elect for this year must see to it that those by whom they were installed forward immediately to the Adjutant General a statement of the officers they have installed and also the names of the Delegates who were elected to represent the Division in the National Encampment.

VI. Past Colonels, in order to avail themselves of the privilege of a vote in the coming Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, must see that their credentials are properly forwarded through the Division Headquarters to the Adjutant General, showing them to be in good standing in the Order July 1, 1888. Colonels commanding will forward these credentials together with the credentials of the Delegates elect and the Alternates to the Adjutant General, and it is expected that these will be on file at the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters not later than July 20.

VII. Colonels commanding will call the attention of Camps to the necessity of at once ordering such supplies as may be required to keep them running until October 1, from Division Quartermasters, that the latter may stock their Departments with ample quantities of supplies before the Quartermaster General closes his office.

VIII. Colonel A. R. McKenzie commanding the Provisional Division of Tennessee is relieved from command for failing to perform the duties of his office and the provisional Division of Tennessee is hereby placed in command of Colonel H. A. Swazy, Commander of the Provisional Division at Large. Captains commanding Camps in Tennessee will report to him accordingly at these Headquarters.

IX. N. M. Pell, of Louisville, Ky.; has resigned from the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having been promoted to Colonel of the Division of Kentucky.

X. Frank Staab, of Ashland, Ky., Daniel H. Niemeyer and Charles A. Jackson, of Covington, Ky.; are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank from May 11, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XI. The appointment of H. A. Donnelly, of Trenton, N. J., announced as Aide on Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 8, is hereby revoked, he not being in good standing in the Order.

XII. John Dempsey, of Atlantic City, N. J., and Millard F. Bird, of Asbury Park, N. J., are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief with rank from May 15, they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

XIII. The National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Des Moines, 1887, recommended that no profit should be charged on supplies. Contrary to this the recent Encampment of the Division of Maine

passed a resolution practically requiring the Camps of Maine to pay a large percentage of profit. This is unlawful. Therefore the Colonel commanding the Division of Maine, will furnish supplies to the Camps in his Division, at prices as indicated in Form 1, issued by the Quartermaster-General. Camps ordering supplies in that Division will be required to forward actual postage or receive supplies by express.

XIV. Colonels commanding will see that each of their Aides—and they should have one in every Camp—is supplied with a copy of Official Circular No. 2, issued from the office of the Chief-of-Staff, Russell.

XV. Since last General Orders, Quartermaster-General A. H. Easter has been able to procure two lots of rifles in addition to those mentioned in General Orders No. 8. One lot is of 32 breach-loading, 50 calibre, three band Springfield with bayonet, but without accoutrements, at \$3.50 each—must be sold in one lot; and one lot of about 250 same arm, only with two bands, and with accoutrements, except belt, and must be sold in lots of not less than ten at \$4.00 each. All arms furnished through these Headquarters are warranted in good condition, but the Quartermaster-General has too much to do to ship sample guns for inspection.

Colonels commanding must see that Camp officers forward reports and per capita tax promptly by July 1, to enable Division Headquarters to complete all reports to these Headquarters by July 20. No Division will be given representation in the National Encampment that is behind in its reports. Camp officers must be made to realize the necessity of reporting promptly by the last day of this month.

By order of
G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 8.

Applicants.		Applicants.	
May 2, No. 292,	Wharton, O.....18	May 18, No. 149,	Greene, Iowa.....17
2,	191, Metropolis, Ill.....21	18,	150, Oakland, Iowa.....17
3,	28, Corning, Iowa.....23	18,	280, Plushung, O.....16
4,	283, Cambridge, O.....18	18,	58, Warren, Me.....15
4,	281, Mineral Ridge, O.....17	18,	59, Bucksport, Me.....14
5,	245, Sandfork, O.....32	19,	105, Fremont, Ind.....18
5,	286, May Hill, O.....15	19,	3, Fateman, Dak.....16
5,	45, Elbow Lake, Minn.....15	19,	6, Ethan, Dak.....17
7,	105, Abingdon, Ill.....14	21,	87, Peabody, Mass.....13
7,	104, Tarrs Station, Pa.....14	21,	290, Sylvania, O.....17
7,	287, Sulphur Springs, O.....20	21,	21, Machias, Me.....14
7,	288, Westboro, O.....16	21,	106, Mulberry Grove, Ill.....27
7,	132, Logansport, Ind.....22	21,	197, Nunda, Ill.....17
7,	133, New Point, Ind.....20	22,	198, South Chicago, Ill.....27
7,	14, Los Angeles, Cal.....12	22,	91, Ellenville, N. Y.....19
7,	41, Rutland, Vt.....12	22,	291, Rhoadale, O.....22
9,	2, Bellaire, Mich.....19	22,	78, Stanberry, Mo.....20
9,	26, Austin, Minn.....26	22,	77, Clayton, Mo.....17
9,	194, Campbell Hill, Ill.....11	24,	18, Belington, W. Va.....21
9,	59, Lane, Kan.....23	24,	19, Glenville, W. Va.....19
11,	93, Cherry Creek, N. Y.....14	24,	100, Valley Center, Kan.....16
11,	192, Athensville, Ill.....12	24,	17, Frankfort, Mich.....17
12,	195, Fairfield, Ill.....33	25,	292, Cedarville, O.....16
14,	45, Bethel, Vt.....19	25,	253, Hayesville, O.....22
14,	1, Birmingham, Ala.....16	25,	295, Oak Harbor, O.....16
15,	76, Kansas City, Mo.....11	26,	26, Delavan, Wis.....27
16,	131, Metz, Ind.....11	26,	101, Eldorado, Kan.....21
17,	201, Cleves, O.....19	28,	17, Union, Me.....11
17,	96, Middletown, N. Y.....13	28,	140, South English, Iowa.....21
18,	95, Moriah, Pa, N. Y.....19	28,	151, St. Charles, Iowa.....18
18,	201, New Milford, Ind.....17		Total number of Camps.....62
18,	145, What Cheer, Iowa.....16		Total number of applicants.....1,102

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78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, July 2, 1888.)

General Orders 10.

I. Form 0000 has been issued to Division Headquarters for the ensuing six months, all Camps are entitled to the same who have made their returns to Division Headquarters for taxes and reports.

II. The proceedings of the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief have been printed. Division Quartermasters will make requisition on the Quartermaster General for sufficient quantity to present each Camp with a copy. These proceedings are furnished free of cost.

III. The sixteenth of this month will be published all proposed changes in Constitution, Rules and Regulations and Ritual which have been recommended by Division Encampments. Colonels commanding will see that these Headquarters are supplied before that date with a copy of such recommendations as have been adopted.

IV. Before elective Division officers will receive commissions from these Headquarters, a report of the officer installing them must be forwarded to the Adjutant General.

V. The office of the Quartermaster General will close on the fourth day of August, after which no requisitions will be filled nor supplies issued.

VI. The attention of Colonels commanding is directed to Section 3, Article II, Chapter 5, page 43, C., R. and R. They will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

VII. Camps desiring to attend the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Wheeling, in a body, are requested to so notify Colonel H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va., Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

VIII. The recent Encampment of the Division of Massachusetts by vote refused recognition of the Sons of Veterans' Benefit Association, of Lowell, Mass. The attention of the Order generally is called to this fact.

IX. In compliance with Section 3, Article III, Chapter 4, page 33, C., R. and R., notice is hereby given to Colonels Commanding and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, that the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held at Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 15, 16, and 17, 1888.

By order of

G. B. ABBOTT.

C. J. Post,

Commander-in-Chief.

Adjutant General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders, No. 9.

Applicants.		Applicants	
June 1, No. 80, Manistee, Mich.....	10	11, 136, Laleton, Ind.....	15
1, 282, Minersville, Pa.....	17	11, 137, Indianapolis, Ind.....	12
1, 200, Chicago, Ill.....	27	11, 201, Pemberville, O.....	21
2, 152, Spencer, Ia.....	17	11, 296, Shade, O.....	29
2, 4, Seddy, Tenn.....	16	12, 138, Charlestown, Ind.....	12
2, 6, Rockland, R. I.....	18	11, 79, Farmington, Mo.....	25
4, 117, Lone Elm, Kan.....	27	14, 80, Deepwater, Mo.....	22
4, 9, Louisville, Ky.....	10	14, 81, Mansfield, O.....	16
5, 297, Neptune, Ohio.....	28	15, 136, Montic City, Mich.....	20
6, 203, Mansfield, Pa.....	10	15, 137, Milan, Mich.....	23
7, 9, Rice, Colo.....	12	15, 141, Lebanon, Ind.....	20
7, 292, Dawson, Pa.....	11	15, 302, Chandlersville, O.....	17
7, 153, Milford, Iowa.....	14	15, 142, Portland Mills, Ind.....	17
8, 238, Shreve, Wayne Co., O.....	14	16, 303, Sio, O.....	15
8, —, Kimball, Dak.....	20	16, 61, Crete, Neb.....	16
8, 103, Cherryvale, Kan.....	17	16, 52, Lincoln, Neb.....	18
9, 293, Jasper, Ohio.....	14	18, 2, Webster, Day Co., Dak.....	15
9, 300, Warren, Ohio.....	19		

Applicants.		Applicants.	
June 19, No. 304, Richwood, O.....	15	June 25, No. 47, Greensboro Bend, Vt.....	12
19, 139, Westport, Ind.....	12	26, 210, South Forks, Pa.....	15
19, 169, Toulon, Ill.....	16	27, 306, Broadway, O.....	21
19, 201, Newton, Ill.....	40	27, 10, Albany, Ky.....	33
20, 205, Genessee Forks, Pa.....	17	27, 143, Star City, Ind.....	17
20, 207, Funkhannock, Pa.....	22	27, 14, Faribault, Minn.....	19
20, 202, Altamont, Ill.....	15	28, 139, Pentwater, Mich.....	12
21, 88, Scituate, Mass.....	15	28, 47, West Concord, Minn.....	14
21, 301, South Solon, Ohio.....	14	28, 151, Avery, Iowa.....	25
21, 305, Cecil, Ohio.....	15	29, 140, Holton, Mich.....	17
21, 46, Cambridge, Vt.....	17	29, 141, Manton, Mich.....	22
21, 207, Tarentum, Pa.....	26	30, 155, Swan Lake, Iowa.....	15
21, 53, Wisner, Neb.....	19	30, 102, Meade Center, Kan.....	34
22, 138, Wayne, Mich.....	12	30, 4, Buckhannon, W. Va.....	12
22, 46, Osseo, Minn.....	16	30, 11, Peach Orchard, Ky.....	11
25, 208, Emans, Lehigh Co., Pa.....	16	Total number of Camps.....	67
25, 209, Williamstown, Pa.....	36	Total number of applicants.....	1,247

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO ILLINOIS, July 17, 1888. }

General Orders, No. 11.

I. Elective Officers of Divisions and Aides on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief who have not received their Commissions, will notify the Adjutant General forthwith.

II. The Executive Committee for the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at Wheeling, W. Va., consists of Colonel H. B. Baguley, Chairman; T. O. Edwards, Secretary; D. W. Martin, Treasurer; J. E. Carlin, J. D. Hall, Wm. McAdam, and Geo. A. Dunnington. All arrangements pertaining to the Encampment are under the control of this committee, and information desired will be procured from it.

III. The Commander-in-Chief and Staff, together with many of the western representatives, will proceed to Wheeling by way of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R., leaving Chicago August 13, at 3 p. m., and arriving in Wheeling early Tuesday a. m., the 14th.

IV. The order of business at Wheeling, will be as follows: Tuesday, August 14, 1 p. m., sitting of the Council-in-Chief and Committee for the distribution of work, Ritual and Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Eight p. m., exemplification of Ritualistic work at Grand Army Hall, under the direction of the Inspector General. Wednesday, 9 a. m., eastern time, opening of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, in Grand Opera House. All Brothers in good standing will be permitted to attend the sessions of the Encampment. Eight p. m., grand Camp-fire in Grand Opera House. Thursday, 9 a. m., business session of the Encampment. Friday, 1 p. m., general parade, followed by an excursion to Wheeling park with lunch on the grounds, etc.

V. The Commander-in-Chief will establish Headquarters at the McLure House, where all delegates and visitors are requested to report.

VI. The Committee on Transportation have been enabled to secure round trip tickets at the rate of one fare and a third, upon the certificate plan. Delegates must invariably secure certificates with each purchase of tickets.

VII. General Orders No. 12, will be issued from these Headquarters August 1.

VIII. The reading of the following in the Camp room will be optional with the Captains commanding.

The following is a list of changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations proposed by the different Divisions:

COLORADO—Recommend: (1) The adoption of the shoulder strap as an insignia of rank for all Division Officers. While in active command—provided a majority of the Camps in such Division are armed and equipped.

2. Adoption of "Roberts' Rules of Order," to govern the several branches of the Order in lieu of "Cushing's Manual."

3. The establishing of an Insurance Department in connection with, and under the direct supervision of the Commandery-in-Chief.

CONNECTICUT—That such part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as prescribe the manner of election of Commissioned Camp officers be so amended and changed as to provide for their election subject to approval and appointment by the Colonel of the Division.

That some Tactics be adopted for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

That Sec. 2, Art. 1, Chap. 2, be amended to read as follows: "And also to the Colonel of the Division," to be added at end of Section.

DAKOTA.—1. Chap. 1, Art. V. That the words, "All sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations" be stricken out and the words, "All male lineal descendants of said deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines," be inserted in lieu thereof.

2. That Sec. 10 be added to Chap. 5, Art. VI, to read as follows: "When a charter member of any Camp is dishonorably discharged from the Order, the Camp or Camps of which he may be a charter member, may by a two-thirds vote, cause his name to be stricken from the Charter."

3. That the following be added to Chap. 5, Art. III, Sec. 3: "And shall be paid quarterly, in advance, upon the members in good standing at the close of the previous quarter."

ILLINOIS.—Page 6, Art. I, Sec. 3, that Sec. 3 be made to read as follows: "Camps shall rank from date of muster."

That the following be inserted before Art. XXIV, Page 65: Art.—Sec. 1. Resignation and leave of absence of Commissioned Officers shall be presented to the Commanding Officer for action by whom the commission was issued.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of Camps shall resign to the Colonel Commanding, and if accepted, the Colonel shall order the next ranking officer to assume command and proceed to call an election to fill the vacancy thus created according to Sec. 2, Art. VII, Chap. 2.

SEC. 3. Elective officers of a Division shall resign to Commander-in-Chief, and if accepted the Commander-in-Chief shall convene the Division Council and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy as provided for in Sec. 3, Art. VI, Chap. 3, Page 25.

SEC. 4. Elective officers of Camps absenting themselves from the jurisdiction of their Camps for thirty days or more, shall apply to the Colonel Commanding for leave of absence.

SEC. 5. Elective officers of Divisions absenting themselves from the Division sixty days or more shall apply to the Commander-in-Chief for leave of absence.

Page 12. Chap. 2, Art. VI, additional section, to read as follows: Captains of armed and equipped Camps may appoint an Ordinance Sergeant, with rank of Fifth Sergeant, with such duties as naturally pertain to his office.

Page 54, Chap. 5, Art. X, Sec. 3, change to read as follows. The rank of non-commissioned Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division and Camps shall be marked by chevrons, the same size, form and color used and worn from 1861 to 1865 by U. S. Army, except Quartermaster Sergeant of Ca E p, who shall wear a tie of one bar.

SEC. 4. That Camp and Picket Guards shall wear as an insignia of rank, Corporals' chevrons.

Page 42, Chap. 5, Art. I, Sec. 4, strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may."

Page 8, Chap. 2, Art. II, Sec. 6. Change so as to read as follows: The names of rejected applicants shall be forwarded immediately by the Captain commanding through Division Headquarters to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for publication and shall also be entered upon the black books of all Camps, with date of rejection.

Page 9, Chap. 2, Art. II, Sec. 9. Strike out that part following the word "purpose."

KANSAS.—1. We suggest that that portion of Sec. 4, Art. II, "Camp Constitution," entitled "Admission to Membership," providing for number of black balls to reject an applicant, be amended to read: "If on a count of the balls deposited it appears that not more than twenty are cast and three or more of them are black," etc., the candidate shall be declared rejected.

2. We respectfully submit the recommendation that the Commandery-in-Chief, at its next session, adopt some regulation whereby the members of the W. R. C. and the L. A. S. may be admitted to our Camps on the same condition and terms as members of the G. A. R. in good standing are.

KENTUCKY.—Recommends the change of rank strap from collar to shoulder.

Also the adoption of stripes in pants legs, said changes to be governed by the U. S. Army Regulations of 1887.

MASSACHUSETTS.—That members of the Order be prohibited from wearing any badge or decoration which was presented to them by any government other than the United States of America.

Resolved, That Chaplains of Camps be elected instead of appointed, as at present.

MICHIGAN.—Recommend that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed that Division Encampments be held not later than July 25, and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments not later than September 30.

MINNESOTA.—That an additional section be added to Art. 9, Camp Constitution, Pages 16 and 17, to read as follows. The Captain, first and Quartermaster Sergeants shall not serve on Camp Council.

Art. 19, Page 10. The Chaplain, under recommendation of Captain Commanding, shall be commissioned by the Colonel to rank as Second Lieutenant, without command.

That Art. 18, Page 26, be changed to read: Camps may assist needy soldiers, sailors or marines and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines and members of the Order by appropriations from the General Camp fund.

Amend Sec. 1, page 20, to read: The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major and the three elective members.

Amend Sec. 3, Art. 9, page 28, to read: Five members of the Division Council shall constitute a quorum.

Amend Sec. 1, Art. 8, page 36, to read: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers and five members to be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief.

Art. 10, Sec. 1, page 53, after word "officers," insert "non-commissioned officer;" after word "shoulder-straps" insert "chevron."

Art. 9, Sec. 2, page 52. Camps equipped as in the different branches of the U. S. Army may wear the uniform adopted by the War Department for such branches in the regular service.

That the second and third lines of Sec. 1, Art. 9, page 52, be altered by the abandonment of the letters "S. V." and that in lieu thereof be inserted the words "Regulation Sons of Veterans" in both cases, also that the same change be made on the fifth line of said section where the letters "S. V." appear.

That a new section be added to said Article IX, to read as follows: The regulation coat and vest bottoms shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine sixteenths of an inch. Device—crest of coat-of-arms of the Order; eagle to be surmounted by thirteen stars, according to original sample, on file at Headquarters of the badge and decoration department. Commandery-in-Chief and Division officers may, if they so elect, wear the same button, containing as a device the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at said Headquarters.

MISSOURI.—1. That the word "Surgeon-General" be inserted after the words "Judge Advocate General" in Sec. 1, Art. 8, page 36.

2. That the word "company" be changed to "commandery" in Sec. 4, Art. 7, page 35.

3. That the word "Commandery-in-Chief" be changed to "Commander-in-Chief" in Sec. 3, Art. 3, page 33.

4. That the word "incredibility" be changed to "credibility," in Sec. 5, Art. 6, page 49.

OHIO.—Page 6, Art. 1, Sec. 3, be changed to read. The rank of a Camp shall be determined from the date of its muster.

Page 40, Art. X, Chap. VI. To read Chap. V instead of VI and to strike out all the words after Commandery-in-Chief.

Page 49, Sec. 3, line 5. Change "Commander-in-Chief" to read "Division Colonel." Division Colonel shall be tried for alleged offences only by courts convened by Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief shall be tried for alleged offences only on request of five Division Colonels and Court convened by Lieutenant General.

Page 59, Sec. 4, par. 2, should read "Old Gold" instead of "French Flag." Also par. 3, same change.

Page 63, Art. 18, amended, is to read, in line *three* insert after word "Countersign." To Divisions that have paid their per capita tax.

VERMONT.—Change Art. 5, Sec. 1, so as to read: That all lineal descendants of Sons of Veterans shall be eligible to membership in the Order upon attaining the age of twenty-one years.

WEST VIRGINIA.—1. To submit the following amendment to Art. VII, Sec. 1, of the Camp Constitution, viz: In the first sentence the words "Camp Council, delegates and their alternates to the Division Encampment" shall be added, and in the second sentence the words "Also on the night of election" shall be stricken out, so that the first and second sentences will read as follows: "The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment shall be elected by ballot. The nominations for these offices shall be made at one stated meeting prior to the time of election, and a majority of all votes present shall be necessary to a choice.

2. To submit the following amendment to the Division Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 3, viz. That the word "members" be stricken out and the word "delegates" be inserted.

3. To submit the following amendment to Art. 6, of the Camp Constitution: "2d. Uniformed and equipped Camps shall, in addition to the above officers and staff, have an additional Sergeant and five Corporals; Corporal of the Guard, Camp and Picket Guards being the first, second and third Corporals respectively."

WISCONSIN.—Page 6, Chap. 2, Sec. 1. Strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "fifteen," adding in parenthesis after the word "Veterans" in the sixth line "ten of whom must be present for muster."

Page 17, Chap. 2, Art. IX, Sec. 3. Strike out the words "at the end of each six months" and substituting the words "at the last meeting night of each quarter."

Page 17, Chap. 2, Art. XI, adding a section which shall read as follows: Sec. 2. For the non-payment of fines a member may be suspended and dropped in the same manner and form as provided for the non-payment of dues.

Page 18, Chap. 2, Art. XII, adding after the word "arrears," in the fifth line, "including the dues for the current quarter."

Page 19, Chap. 2, Art. XIII. Insert the words "and relief" after the word "visiting" in the second line.

Page 20, Chap. 2, Art. 18. After the word "marines" in second line, insert the words "or relief of members of the Order."

Page 21, Chap. 2, Art. XX, adding Rules and Regulations after the word "Constitution" in the first line and transferring the whole Article to Chap. 5.

Page 66. To become Art. XXV.

Page 22, Chap. 3, Art. 1, an additional Section to Art. 1, Chap. 3. All Camps not within the jurisdiction of any Chartered or Provisional Division shall form a Provisional Division-at-Large, under command of a Colonel, appointed each year by the Commander-in-Chief, and who shall rank as an elected Colonel, with equal powers.

Page 25, Chap. 3, Art. V, adding the words, "if present and assenting at the time of election," after the word "Division" in the second line.

Page 28, Chap. 3, Art. IX, Sec. 2. Strike out the word "two weeks" and inserting therefor the words "six days."

Page 28, Chap. 3, Art. IX, Sec. 4. Adding questions requiring the official vote of the Division Council may be submitted by the Commander by printed blanks for that purpose except for the election to fill vacancies.

Page 34, Chap. 4, Art. IV. Adding "after elective members and Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General with rank of Colonel."

Page 3, Chap. 4, Art. V. Changing this article to correspond with Art. V, Chap. 3, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election."

Page 34, Chap. 4, Art. VIII, Sec. 8. Adding "questions requiring the official vote of the Council-in-Chief may be submitted by the Commanding officer by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies."

Also, Sec. 4, Chap. 4, Art. VIII. Strike out the word "four" and insert "two" (weeks).

Page 29, Chap. 3, Art. XI. Insert before "Committee on Ritual," "Committee on Distribution of Work."

Page 65, Chap. 6, Art. XXIV, paragraph 7. An additional committee to be inserted to be known as the Committee on Distribution of Work.

The following Divisions have recommended that certain changes be made in the Ritual. The changes as recommended are on file at these

Headquarters and will be referred to the Committee on Ritual at Wheeling, Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Maine, Ohio and Vermont.

By order of
G. B. ABBOTT,

Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. POST,
Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
78 FIFTH AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, Aug. 1st, 1888. }

General Orders, No. 12.

I. Good and sufficient reasons appearing and on the recommendation of the Colonels commanding, the charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked: Camps number 59, 62, 63, 74 and 76 in the Division of Indiana; Camps 18, 30, 63 and 83 of the Michigan Division; Camps 19 and 25 of the Division of New Hampshire. The following Camps have voluntarily surrendered their charters and have disbanded: Camps No. 4, of the Division of Maryland; Camp No. 9, Division of Ohio; and Camps No. 102 and 103 of the Division of Illinois; and Camp No. 58, Division of Massachusetts.

II. Many Colonels of Divisions are complaining that the Captains of Camps have been very dilatory in forwarding their reports for the second quarter. All Colonels are advised to suspend Captains from office who fail to forward their reports on time and place the Lieutenant in command until such reports are forwarded. It is a direct violation of the obligation of office to fail to forward these reports promptly together with the required per capita tax. The wheels of the whole organization are retarded by the neglect of Captains to perform their duty. In this particular line, Colonels are requested to make a special effort to correct this evil.

III. The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have been invited by the Committee of Arrangements of the Grand Army of the Republic to assist in the demonstration at the National Encampment of the G. A. R., in Columbus, Ohio, September 11. The invitation has been accepted and all Sons of Veterans are requested to make a special effort to be in attendance upon this occasion. We should ever show respect and fealty for the Grand Army of the Republic. Colonel Leonard, of Urbana, Ohio, is requested to make all necessary arrangements, and Brothers desiring information will direct their correspondence to him.

IV. As heretofore announced, the Commander-in-Chief and Staff will leave Chicago, via the B. & O. R. R., Monday, at 3 o'clock P. M., August 13. All Brothers attending the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief who can make it convenient to do so are invited to join our party.

V. Colonel John H. Hinkley, of Beverly, Massachusetts, has made arrangements for the transportation of the New England delegation to Wheeling, and all Brothers in New England are requested to confer with him on the subject.

VI. Captain E. R. Kennington, 918 Arch Street, Philadelphia, has made arrangements for Brothers attending the Encampment from that section of the country, going by way of the B. & O. R. R., leaving Philadelphia, August 13, 5 o'clock P. M., and arriving in Wheeling, Tuesday A. M. This will make a very pleasant trip for the Brothers who go that way. Round trip fare from Philadelphia to Wheeling and return will be \$12.50 with permission to stop off on return trip at such places as Baltimore, Washington, Harper's Ferry and Deer Park.

VII. Members of the Ladies' Aid Society may avail themselves of the same reduction of railroad rates in going to Wheeling as have been pro- cured by the Sons of Veterans.

VIII. The attention of the Order is earnestly directed to Article XV., Chapter 2, page 20 of our Constitution which is as follows: "The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discus- sion of sectarian or political topics within the Camp is strictly prohibited under penalty of a fine, suspension or expulsion from the Order." Those of us who are deeply interested in the growth, harmony and the success of our Order are particularly anxious at this time when the whole country is stirred on political questions, well knowing the excitable nature of our younger Brothers at these times and until after the close of the political campaign, we must be especially guarded against committing any act which will bring criticism upon our Order which represents principles more dear and precious and more essential to our beloved land than all the po- litical parties combined are able to propose and sustain. Let us religiously guard our Order and its interests, let not political excitement lure us from our chosen work. We build better than political parties.

We must descry the mentioning of political questions in the Camp room and as an organization, we must not participate in any political parade or any demonstration given in honor of any politician, no matter how eminent he may be, and Brothers who have been honored with high and influential offices in the Order should set a good example and avoid taking an active part in politics.

IX. This General Order will be the last issued by the present adminis- tration and the Commander-in-Chief in retiring from his office, desires to express his thanks and appreciation for the universal courtesy which has been extended to him by all the Brothers of the Order and the very many courtesies and honors which he has received at their hands. The labor con- nected with the office of Commander-in-Chief has been very great and much work has been accomplished and yet in retiring from office, your Com- mander-in-Chief feels that much more could have been done had his time and strength permitted. Some of his greatest hopes for the Order have not been realized, and in other directions, more has been done than could reasonably have been expected. Errors and mistakes have occurred but they have not been of the heart. It is with deep feelings that he severs his official con- nections with the Order, which has brought him so much pleasure in serving, and he sincerely hopes that his successor will be able to accomplish more for the Order than he has and that he will in a measure be able to make up for the short-comings of the present administration.

By order of
G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant-General.

The following applications for Camps have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 10 :

Applicants.		Applicants.	
July 2, No. 142, Elmira, Mich.....	18	July 9, No. 309, West Manchester, O.....	12
2, 150, New Virginia, Iowa.....	19	9, 310, Bolivar, O.....	12
2, 307, West Union, O.....	19	9, 33, Peterboro, N. H.....	14
3, 308, Jeffersonville, O.....	13	9, 82, Unionville, Mo.....	18
5, 157, Winfield, Iowa.....	18	9, 83, Spickardsville, Mo.....	31
5, 1, Odessa, Del.....	13	9, 81, Joplin, Mo.....	24
5, 144, Upland, Ind.....	11	11, 89, Brighton, Mass.....	30
6, 143, Kingsley, Mich.....	16	11, 212, Honesdale, Pa.....	19
6, 144, Greenville, Mich.....	25	11, 213, Millville, Pa.....	13
9, 211, Greencastle, Pa.....	10	11, 214, Myerstown, Pa.....	26

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS.

		Applicants			Applicants.		
July 11,	199,	Macedonia, Ill.....	27	July 21,	26,	Princeton, N. J.....	19
11,	203,	Albion, Ill.....	12	23,	311,	Delaware, O.....	37
11,	204,	Sheldon, Ill.....	18	23,	239,	Prospect, O.....	19
11,	205,	Chicago, Ill.....	32	23,	6,	Bakersfield, Cal.....	12
12,	206,	Grafton, Ill.....	17	24,	140,	Peru, Ind.....	26
12,	85,	St. Louis, Mo.....	14	21,	146,	Jonesborough, Ind.....	22
13,	145,	Columbia City, Ind.....	32	25,	48,	Barnet, Vt.....	11
14,	145,	Grayling, Mich.....	12	26,	316,	Washington, O.....	10
14,	27,	Plainfield, Wis.....	27	26,	147,	Rossville, Ind.....	33
14,	101,	Tribune, Kas.....	16	27,	317,	Canal Fulton, O.....	12
16,	312,	Sugar Grove, O.....	16	27,	7,	Wickford, R. I.....	29
16,	313,	Benton Ridge, O.....	18	30,	86,	Taggart, Mo.....	10
17,	31,	Claremont, N. H.....	15	30,	87,	Jackson, Mo.....	11
18,	315,	Luckeye City, O.....	20	30,	209,	Ripley, Ill.....	13
20,	215,	Beaumont, Pa.....	21	31,	318,	Montpelier, O.....	20
20,	207,	Genoa, Ill.....	19	31,	148,	Vermillion, Ind.....	20
21,	2,	Carthage, N. Y.....	16	31,	216,	Slatington, Pa.....	16
21,	4,	Cohoes, N. Y.....	27	31,	East Townsend, O.....	14	
21,	97,	Jasper, N. Y.....	11			Total number of Camps.....	53
21,	208,	Lay City, Ill.....	33			Total number of applicants.....	1,101

The following is a list of Camps and Applicants mustered in the several Divisions during General Abbott's administration:

No. Camps	State	Applicants.
4.....	California.....	57
2.....	Colorado.....	22
4.....	Connecticut.....	74
7.....	Dakota.....	110
98.....	Illinois.....	1768
38.....	Iowa.....	814
83.....	Indiana.....	1526
39.....	Kansas.....	728
8.....	Kentucky.....	124
11.....	Maine.....	168
2.....	Maryland.....	48
20.....	Massachusetts.....	402
53.....	Michigan.....	1018
13.....	Minnesota.....	232
29.....	Missouri.....	569
1.....	Montana Territory.....	11
13.....	Nebraska.....	211
6.....	New Hampshire.....	89
8.....	New Jersey.....	176
25.....	New York.....	453
130.....	Ohio.....	1843
52.....	Pennsylvania.....	1039
4.....	Rhode Island.....	79
7.....	Vermont.....	121
8.....	West Virginia.....	151
10.....	Wisconsin.....	218
1.....	Washington Territory.....	11
1.....	Tennessee.....	16
1.....	Delaware.....	13
1.....	Alabama.....	15
678.....	Total.....	12,105

The following is a list of States and Territories in which Camps of S. V., U. S. A. are located :

Alabama.	Michigan.
Arizona.	Minnesota.
Arkansas.	Missouri.
California.	Montana Territory.
Colorado.	Nebraska.
Connecticut.	New Hampshire.
Dakota.	New Jersey.
Delaware.	New York.
Florida.	Ohio.
Idaho.	Oregon.
Illinois.	Pennsylvania.
Indiana.	Rhode Island.
Iowa.	Tennessee.
Kansas.	Texas.
Kentucky.	Vermont.
Maine.	Washington Territory.
Maryland.	Wisconsin.
Massachusetts.	West Virginia.

The following is a list of the number of Camps and members August 10, 1888:

	No. Camps in good stand- ing.	No. Members in good standing and reported.	No. Camps suspended.	Members suspended.
California.....	13	299	6	47
Colorado.....	7	185	5	87
Connecticut.....	28	875	4	134
Dakota.....	86	127	10	37
Florida.....	3	37		
Illinois.....	205	5152	6	498
Iowa.....	69	1302	36	321
Indiana.....	97	2403	64	1252
Kansas.....	71	1698	29	699
Kentucky.....	6	91	6	157
Maine.....	29	932	2	76
Maryland.....	5	148	1	50
Massachusetts.....	89	3088	1	197
Michigan.....	130	2859	6	274
Minnesota.....	34	878		63
Missouri.....	73	1382	1	73
Montana Territory.....	5	104		2
Nebraska.....	26	523	8	200

New Hampshire.....	29	630	5	102
New Jersey.....	22	400		25
New York.....	37	877	28	703
Ohio.....	285	8284	7	735
Pennsylvania.....	153	4892	31	1008
Rhode Island.....	7	170		6
Vermont.....	24	597	5	151
West Virginia.....	12	255	2	86
Wisconsin.....	23	423	1	123
Prov. Div. at Large.....	14	340		
Total.....	1457	37292	263	7360
Ohio and Mass. Supplemental.....	50	1685		
Total.....	1507	38977		
Suspended.....	263	7360		
Total.....	1770	46337		

Quartermaster General A. H. Easter then presented his report.

HEADQUARTERS, COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS. }
U. S. A., CHICAGO, ILL., August 10, 1888. }

General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

SIR: I have the honor to present to you the following financial report of the Commandery-in-Chief, for the year ending August 19, 1888:

Balance due from General W. S. Payne.....	\$ 1,647 48
Received from all sources.....	10,693 00
Amount expended.....	10,254 91
Balance cash on hand at date.....	438 09
Balance stock on hand.....	2,042 67

BALANCE DUE FROM DIVISIONS.	Per capita tax.	Charter fees.	Supplies.
California.....			4 11
Dakota.....	37	16 00	14 63
Indiana.....			5 74
Kentucky.....	2 37		36 55
Michigan.....			25 38
Missouri.....	17 87	2 00	1 78
Montana.....		2 00	
New Jersey.....			10 75
New York.....	5 55		3 20
Pennsylvania.....		16 00	109 43
West Virginia.....			12 15
Wisconsin.....		1 00	
Total.....	26 16	37 00	223 72

BALANCE DUE DIVISIONS.		Per capita tax.	Charter fees.	Supplies.
Florida.....				1 17
Nebraska.....		10 00		37
				10 00
Total.....		10 00		11 54

The amount of supplies handled is as follows:	Received.	Disbursed.	On Hand.	Valuc.
Req. for Supplies.....	40 000	37 000	3 900	9 75
Division Req. for Supplies.....	3 000	2 000	1 000	5 00
Applications for members.....	80 000	73 000	7 000	17 50
Chaplain's Cards.....	4 000	2 275	1 725	17 25
Transfers.....	17 000	15 000	2 000	7 25
Leave of Absence.....	5 000	4 500	500	1 00
G. A. R. Creditentials.....	10 000	9 000	1 000	2 00
Honorable Discharges.....	10 000	8 400	1 600	4 80
Creditentials.....	35 000	30 450	4 550	9 10
Receipts of evening.....	110 000	71 250	38 600	25 40
Q. M. Monthly Reports.....	25 000	16 300	8 700	17 40
C., R. and R.....	31 000	26 600	4 900	10 80
Camp Council and Reports.....	25 500	22 300	2 700	6 75
Notice delinquent Members.....	100 000	67 500	32 500	65 00
Court Martial Blanks.....	500	474	26	22 60
G. A. R. Certificates.....	5 000	3 150	1 850	9 00
Non-Com. Staff Warrants.....	15 000	13 200	1 800	3 60
Ode Cards.....	2 500	2 395	105	3 15
Bonds.....	7 500	6 000	1 500	3 75
Burial Service Books.....	15 000	9 425	5 575	139 37
Rituals.....	6 000	2 910	3 090	92 70
Installing Officers Reports.....	5 000	2 500	2 500	6 25
Mustering Officers Report.....	2 000	1 044	956	1 91
Assistant Inspector's Report.....	6 000	4 780	1 220	9 00
Division Inspector's Report.....	500	497	3	06
Camp Charter Applications.....	10 000	8 460	1 540	7 60
First Sergeant Reports.....	17 000	11 780	5 220	39 00
Q. M. Sergeant's Report.....	17 000	13 200	3 800	9 50
Dispensation Blanks.....	10 000	2 250	7 750	26 30
Com. Division Officer elected.....	5 000	3 000	2 000	15 00
Com. Officers' Appointed.....	6 000	1 200	3 800	28 50
Division Non-Com. Staff warrants			1 000	2 50

Com. Camp Officers.....	6 000	4 860	1 140	8 30
Com. Installing Officers.....	5 000	3 500	1 500	9 75
G. A. R. Diplomas.....			500	1 50
Adjutant's Consol'd Reports.....	1 000	850	150	1 13
Q. M. Consol'd Reports.....	1 000	775	225	1 69
Blank Bills.....	5 000	4 100	900	7 75
Division Council Voting Blanks....	10 000	1 000	9 000	27 00
Court of Inquiry Blank.....	5 000	2 900	2 100	5 25
Summons.....	2 000	1 600	400	1 00
Division Chaplain's Report.....	500	500		
Camp Chaplain's Report.....	5 000	4 000	1 000	2 00
General Order files.....	400	238	162	24 30
Descriptive Books. A.....	800	540	260	39 30
Quartermaster's receipt Book. B..	1 000	749	251	50 20
First Sergeant's Req. C.....	800	555	245	49 00
Minute Book. D.....	1 100	669	431	86 20
Ledger. E.....	1 000	367	633	126 60
Cash Book. F.....	1 000	667	333	66 60
Roll of Members. G.....	1 000	919	81	20 25
Blank Book H.....	1 000	659	341	68 20
Infantry Tactics.....	350	332	18	6 30
Artillery Tactics.....	36	33	3	1 05
Signal Tactics.....	12	12		
Broom Tactics.....	18	17	1	15
Military Science.....	15	13	2	4 00
Cuts of badge and Coat of Arms...	693	533	160	24 45
Charters.....	2 000	800	1 200	132 00
Letter file.....				50 00
Office furniture.....				35 00
Fixtures, books and records.....				350 00
Electros and Plates.....				75 00
Lith. Stone for Charters.....				150 00
Total.....				\$2 042 67

Moved by Brother E. G. Rathbone, seconded by Brother E. W. Hatch, that the report of the Quartermaster General be referred to the proper Committee without reading. Carried.

The Inspector General, Marvin E. Hall, then read the following report :

HILLSDALE, Mich., August 11, 1888.

General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In assuming the duties of Inspector General, I was fully aware that the Department could be made to stimulate a wholesome activity throughout the Order, and how best to accomplish this became my careful study. With your approval, a form containing nearly all the points carried by past inspections, with some additional ones—but marking upon a materially different scale,—was used, and with but few exceptions met with warm approval by Inspectors reporting; and I may justly say, that in a general sense the present year's inspection shows a marked improvement in the Order, yet the results discover room for important changes in forms and methods, to meet which I shall later herein submit certain suggestions. One serious impediment in arriving at correct conclusions as to the exact standing of Camps and Divisions, is the very apparent heedlessness of many assistants and in some cases Division Inspectors. The real condition cannot be gained from false ratings.

The form used during this inspection was in itself a detective, and cases of forced or improper ratings became therein quickly apparent. Above everything else, "Truth beareth the victory," and the only commendable feature about these unfortunate cases of mild deception, is the evident desire to exhibit the best possible result. Many Assistant Inspectors performed their duty thoroughly, honestly and impartially as well as correctly, at much personal inconvenience, and sometimes expense, and many Division Inspectors especially, deserve the warmest commendation from this Encampment. The most efficient ones were in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Montana, California and Maine; a total of eight Camps only were not inspected in those Divisions, while no inspections were made in the great Divisions of Iowa, Missouri and Dakota, and the smaller Divisions of Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, West Virginia and Provisional Division, largely the fault of Colonels commanding at time inspections should have occurred.

My report embodies results from only nineteen Divisions, and as the real merit of Camps or Divisions can only be found by comparison of efficiency—rather of numerical strength, I have made all ranking summaries by ratios.

Probably it is as well to wrap the draperies of Charity about the name of Inspectors whose work shows heedlessness and serious imperfections, but as this department should know no persons, but give only facts, I feel disposed to voice the names of some of the Inspectors whose self-sacrificing, pains-taking efforts so largely contributed to correct results. They form a company of congenial and efficient Brothers quite evidently captained by Brother McLean, of Connecticut, and with him, Blake, of Maine, Nash, of Vermont, Nation, of Kansas, Perkins, of Montana, Knight, of Massachusetts, Veon, of Minnesota, Davis, of Michigan, Leigh, of New Hampshire and Holmes, of New York. Inspector McLean's report reached me May 7, and recorded the result of twenty-four out of the twenty-five Camps in Connecticut Division. But one fact worth remembering, is duties of Inspectors in such Divisions as Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, are enormous as compared with the duty in Colorado, Montana, Connecticut or the smaller Divisions, and therefore when as careful and complete reports as possible are submitted by Inspectors in the large Divisions, even though results are imperfect, Inspectors in such Divisions deserve something more than the customary vote of thanks for their conscientious and long continued labors. Another fact which must not be lost sight of while considering results of present inspection, is that the inspection covered only a little more than one-half of the Camps in our Order to-day.

The total number of Camps inspected was 1,067; largest number in any one Division (Ohio) with 202; smallest, Rhode Island, with 2. Proceeding with the regular numbered queries, I find as follows:

No. 1. Total membership in Camps inspected, 28,630; a gain in members in Camps inspected, of 4,258; largest membership in Ohio Division, 6,292; smallest membership, in Rhode Island, eighty-six; largest Camp is Phillip R. Schuyler, No. 2, Philadelphia, 211; smallest Camp is of ten members, reported in nearly all Divisions. Massachusetts averages the largest membership in Camps, 36.3; smallest, Nebraska, 19. The average Camp in the Order has a membership of 28.43; a loss of 1.57 per cent. from 1887.

No. 2. Two hundred and twelve (212) Camps have the Ritualistic work perfect Maine leading with a percentage of 38; smallest percentage being in Pennsylvania, 10.31.

The Ritual is worked partly from memory in 267 Camps (Ohio leading with 109) and not properly carried out in 173, (Ohio leading with 37. Inspection shows a decided improvement in this part of Camp work, over the year of 1887.

No. 3. Officers are regular in attendance in 661 Camps, a gain of 49. A per cent of 75 is shown in three Divisions; Massachusetts, Montana and New Hampshire; the smallest per cent., 32, being shown by California. In 346 Camps, officers are negligent and irregular in attendance.

No. 4. Members are regular in attendance in 392 Camps, a loss of 48. New Hampshire has the largest percentage, 71; smallest being in Colorado, 19 per cent.

No. 5. Well kept records are found in 750 Camps, a gain of 88. The best percentages were found in Montana Territory, Wisconsin, Connecticut, 100, 100 and 91 respectively. The lowest, 15 per cent., being in Vermont.

No. 6. Dues promptly collected in 739 Camps, a gain of 95. Montana leads in this, with a per cent. of 100. Colorado bringing up the rear with a per cent. of 33.

No. 7. The Quartermaster Sergeant's bond is filed in 651 Camps, a gain of 62. The best per cent. being 85, found in Colorado; the smallest, 40 per cent., being found in both Illinois and New York.

No. 8. Officers are uniformed in 358 Camps, a gain of 63. Massachusetts leads with 93, per cent.; closely followed by Colorado, 89 per cent.; Connecticut, with 87 per cent.; the smallest, 9 per cent., being in Wisconsin. 253 Camps report officers partly uniformed, while 346 Camp's officers appear always in citizen's dress. The largest percentages in this matter being found in Indiana and Ohio.

No. 9. Rank straps are worn in 346 Camps, a gain of 91 Camps. The best percentages being 91 and 90, found in Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively, while the poorest average appears in Wisconsin, which stands at zero. Kansas and Indiana keeping Wisconsin close company with averages of only 10 and 11 per cent. respectively.

No. 10. Two hundred and eighty-four (284) Camps have all officers with side arms, a gain of 64. The best proportion was found in Massachusetts, with 83 per cent., while Connecticut and Colorado report 79 and 72 respectively. The poorest showing coming from Kansas, 6 per cent.; Indiana, 11 per cent.; Wisconsin and Ohio, 18 per cent. each.

No. 11. In 260 Camps the Staff is provided with chevrons, a gain of 71. Colorado makes best showing with 74 per cent.; Massachusetts, with 69 per cent and Connecticut with 66 per cent., following, while no chevrons were found in Wisconsin, and only 7 per cent. in Indiana, Kansas and Maine.

No. 12. Eleven thousand three hundred and eight (11,308) members are uniformed, a gain of 2,226; the excellent percentages of 84, 79 and 78, being formed in Montana, Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively, while Wisconsin shows only 16 per cent. and Kansas and Indiana quietly report 17 per cent. each.

No. 13. Six thousand seven hundred and seventy-five (6,775) armed members are reported. A gain of 1,960, or 48 per cent. The best

percentages being found in Colorado, 58 per cent.; Vermont 42 per cent., and California 40 per cent.

No. 14. Membership badges were reported presented always in 844 Camps.

No. 15. Twenty-five thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (25,865) members were reported with membership badges.

No. 16. Four hundred and fifty-four (454) Camps have a relief fund, the leading percentage being found in Massachusetts 77 per cent., and California 76 per cent., with Connecticut and Vermont showing 58 per cent. each. The poorest being Colorado, 16 per cent.; Nebraska, 23 per cent., and Montana, 25 per cent. A gain over last year of 96 Camps.

No. 17. Members are reported familiar with Constitution, Rules and Regulations, in 427 Camps, partly so in 376 Camps, and not well informed in 204 Camps.

No. 18. General Orders are read and filed in 969 Camps. The Divisions of Colorado, Connecticut, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, and New Hampshire, each ranking 100 per cent. in this marking, while Rhode Island shows only 50 per cent.; Illinois 58 per cent., and Vermont, 67 per cent. A gain of 228 Camps over 1887.

No. 19. Six hundred and forty-one (641) Camp rooms are properly equipped, Montana leading with 100 per cent., followed by Vermont, 84 per cent., and Colorado 81 per cent.; the poorest averages appearing in Kansas, 36 per cent.; Pennsylvania, 45, and Rhode Island, 40 per cent.

No. 20. Reports and dues had been forwarded by 850 Camps, Connecticut, Minnesota, Wisconsin at par, followed by Michigan, 96 per cent., Vermont, 95 per cent. and New York at 94 per cent.; the poorest showing being made by Ohio, 54 per cent.; Pennsylvania, 56 per cent. and Illinois, 70 per cent.

No. 21. There were 1,867 regular meetings omitted, the best percentage of attendance being in Montana, New York and Indiana.

No. 22. Four hundred and twenty-six (426) Camps engage in military drill regularly, Michigan leading with 61 per cent., followed by California, 55 per cent., and Minnesota, 53; smallest being shown in Nebraska, 22 per cent., followed by Rhode Island, 25 per cent. and Kansas—26 per cent.

No. 23. There are 887 Camps free from indebtedness, a gain of 177, Montana and Wisconsin at 100 per cent., Minnesota, at 96 per cent., Connecticut at 95 per cent., and New Hampshire at 94 per cent., while Rhode Island shows only 50 per cent., Pennsylvania, 62 per cent., and Nebraska, 66 per cent.

No. 24. There is a relief committee in 517 Camps, a gain of 96 Camps, Montana leads with 100 per cent., followed by California, 90 per cent., Colorado, 83 per cent., while Rhode Island and Wisconsin report none.

No. 25. Stated weekly benefits are paid in 183 Camps, Connecticut leading with 37 per cent. followed by Minnesota, 34 per cent., and Massachusetts, 25 per cent., while Montana, New Hampshire Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin stand at zero, although they all report benefit paid as indicated by best judgment of Camp committee.

No. 26. Four thousand one hundred and ninety-four (4,194) members have been suspended and dropped during the last year, Pennsylvania leading with 927, Rhode Island least with 8.

No. 27. Nine thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (9,876) members have been added by muster and transfer, Ohio leading with 1,889, Rhode Island least with 12.

No. 28. Two dollars and thirty-three cents (\$2.33) is the average amount charged for annual dues, the highest average being \$4.58 in California, the lowest \$1.24 in Maine.

No. 29. The average muster fee is \$1.82, the highest \$1.83, in Colorado, the lowest Rhode Island, 87 cents. The Divisions of Indiana, Maine, Ohio and Rhode Island not complying with Section 8, page 8, Article II. of the Constitution in this particular.

No. 30. There has been 2,045 special meetings held, Ohio leading with 448, Illinois and Michigan following with 335 and 245 respectively, while Rhode Island reports none, followed by Montana with 5, and Colorado with 6. There were 184 more special meetings than omitted regular meetings.

No. 31. Thirty-four thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$34,566.68) were in the various Camps of the Order, the richest Division being Pennsylvania with \$16,210.53, the poorest being Rhode Island with \$18.13, the average for each Camp in the Order, being \$34.32, a gain of \$11,231.56, or 42 per cent over last year. The highest average being in Pennsylvania, \$87.62, the lowest in Wisconsin, \$8.14. Several Camps report no funds, the richest Camp being Phillip R. Schuyler Camp, No. 2 of Philadelphia, Pa., reporting \$3,141.20.

No. 32. The total sum in relief fund, is \$6,035.25, a gain of \$1,526.34, or 33 per cent over last year. Best percentages being California, 16.7 per cent, New Hampshire with 11 per cent, and Connecticut 8.29 per cent, while Rhode Island shows 0.

No. 33. Seven hundred and fifty-eight (758) persons have been relieved during the year, a gain of 327 or 43 per cent over 1887, Pennsylvania leading with 243, Montana, Rhode Island and Wisconsin 0.

No. 34. Five thousand six hundred and forty dollars and ninety cents (\$5,640.90) have been expended for charity, a gain of \$2,758.24, or nearly 100 per cent for the year. The best showing being made by Pennsylvania, \$1,487.90, Massachusetts, \$1,133.03, and Kansas, \$1,055.28, Montana and Wisconsin reporting 0.

No. 35. Seventy-five (75) Ladies' Aid Societies are reported, a loss of 32. The greatest number being Pennsylvania, 18, Ohio, 17 and Illinois 10 while Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Rhode Island report none.

No. 36. Six hundred and fifty-one (651) Camps report the G. A. R. as actively interested in the prosperity of our Order, while in 326 Camp, comrades are seldom present, and little assistance or encouragement given.

No. 37. Seven hundred and one (701) Camps hold camp-fires and open meetings, a gain of 412, or over 100 per cent. The best showing being Ohio 145, Illinois 84, and Michigan 66.

No. 38. Four hundred and forty-one (441) Camps equipped as infantry, 8 as artillery and 6 as cavalry. A loss of 20 from 1887. The best percentages being Michigan, 75 per cent, Connecticut 68 eight per cent., Minnesota 65 per cent.

No. 39. One thousand six hundred and eighty-five (1,685) members attended Division Encampments during 1887.

No. 40. Six hundred and nine (609) Camps have prospered during the year. Mainly attributed to earnest officers and a general interest among the members, while by question No. 41 it seems 398 Camps have had indifferent success, largely because of negligent Captains.

No. 42. The average mark of Camps throughout the Order is 63 per cent—a gain of and 6.51 per cent. over 1887. The highest average is 76.2 per cent. — in Massachusetts—the lowest, Pennsylvania — 33.8 per cent.

No. 43. There were 293 first-class Camps in the Order, a gain of 99 over 1887; 550 second-class and 164 third-class. The Divisions rank in percentage as follows: Massachusetts, 76.2, New Hampshire, 71½, Minnesota, 70.9, Montana, 69¼, Connecticut, 68.38, Illinois, 62.2, California, 60, Kansas, 59½, Wisconsin, 59.1, Maine, 58¼, Michigan, 57¼, New York, 57, Indiana, 54¾, Ohio 50, Vermont, 47½, Colorado, 42, Rhode Island, 39¼, Pennsylvania, 33.8, Nebraska 60.

Believing permanent good will result to the Order by the adoption of the following recommendations, I submit for the consideration of the Commandery-in-Chief:

1st. That there shall be an inspection of Division Headquarters yearly, in April, by Inspectors appointed by Inspector General.

2d. That inspections of Camps shall cover a period of six consecutive weeks beginning on April 15, yearly.

3d. That Camps organized after February 1st shall not be added to the total of Camps in striking Division average.

4th. That a fixed form for inspections be prepared by the Inspector General, as early as December next, and that a printed copy of same, together with a circular of instructions, shall be forwarded Captains of Camps, through Division Headquarters, not later than March 1st, that Camps may thoroughly prepare for inspection.

5th. That in the military feature one system shall be made to prevail by the adoption of Reed's Tactics.

In closing my official career in this Department, I desire, General, to thank you for the many helpful suggestions and kindly counsel given, and to those quiet, unostentatious, yet earnest Brothers, who with me have shared the hard work and pleasures of this inspection throughout the Divisions, I render grateful acknowledgment, and as the years roll away, and the mellowing rays of the sundown of life show in review the experiences of the present, may no unperformed duty cast a lingering shadow through thoserays to mar the reverie of a happy past, and with the earnest wish that our Order may so succeed and prosper that we may confidently invite the strictest inspection of the outside world at large, and compel and command universal respect, I am

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,
MARVIN E. HALL,

Inspector General.

The Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, then read his report as follows:

ERIE, KANS., August 10, 1888.

General G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

I respectfully submit the following report:

Previous to the present administration there had been no system of re-

porting the part taken by the Sons of Veterans in the Memorial Day Services, but you have during the past year drafted forms of blank reports, and assigned to the Chaplain-in-Chief the duty of making a summary of these reports by Divisions. This I have tried to do to the best of my ability. The blanks sent to each Camp provided for six items of interest in regard to Memorial Day, viz.: Number of Brothers in line, number uniformed, number armed, number attending Sunday service, position in line, and number of deaths.

Seventeen (17) Divisions reported a total of 751 Camps, 15,589 Brothers in line, 9,244 uniformed, 3,643 armed, 11,370 in attendance at Sunday service, 179 Camps having the first place in line, 288 the second place, and 284 the third place and 89 deaths.

Ohio reported the greatest number of Camps taking part in Memorial Services, viz.: 235 Camps having 5,196 members in line; Pennsylvania was second, having 102 Camps and 2,573 members; Illinois 3, with 88 Camps and 1,783 members.

The Camp having the greatest number of Brothers in line in each Division was as follows:

California, No. 5, of Oakland, 32 members; Connecticut, No. 1, of New Haven, 40; Indiana, No. 31, of Bluffton, 48; Kansas, No. 70, of Fredonia, 52; Kentucky, No. 4, of Louisville, 32; Maine, No. 4, of Portland, 65; Massachusetts, No. 65, of Chelsea, 81; Minnesota, No. 1, of St. Paul, 40; Montana, Territory, No. 1, of Helena, 20; Nebraska, No. 1, of Omaha, 15; New Jersey, No. 8, of Patterson, 90; Ohio, No. 86, of Ironton, 89; Pennsylvania, No. 1, of Philadelphia, 100; Rhode Island, No. 3, of Newport, 37; Vermont, No. 36, of St. Albans, 56; Illinois, No. 1, of Chicago, 53.

The following is the number of Camps in each Division having 100 per cent. of Brothers in line uniformed.

California, 10; Connecticut, 12; Indiana, 5; Kansas, 3; Maine, 8; Massachusetts, 46; Minnesota, 9; Montana, 2; New Jersey, 6; Ohio, 16; Pennsylvania, 26; Rhode Island, 1 and Vermont, 8.

Camp, No. 1, of Philadelphia, had the greatest number of Brothers in line, viz.: 100, while Massachusetts had the greatest number of Camps, having 100 per cent. uniformed.

Letting the number of Brothers in line represent 100 per cent., the 3 Divisions having the greatest per cent. of members uniformed are: California, 98.7 per cent.; Massachusetts, 98 per cent., and Montana, 96 per cent.

The three Divisions having greatest per cent. of members armed are: Minnesota, 62 per cent., California, 51 per cent., and Montana 50 per cent.

The three Divisions having the greatest per cent. of members attending Sunday Service are: Kentucky, 117 per cent.; Indiana, 109 per cent., and Nebraska, 98 per cent.

	No. of Camps.	No. of Brothers in line.	No. uniformed.	No. armed.	No attending Sunday service.	Position in line.	No. of deaths.
California.....	12	243	239	126	191	7 5	0
Connecticut.....	26	491	405	113	325	6 20	8
Illinois.....	88	1783	971	685	1178	26 23	27
Indiana.....	55	767	432	148	812	11 14	30
Kansas.....	26	495	190	80	345	7 13	6
Kentucky.....	2	52	24	18	60	1 1	
Maine.....	30	509	383	183	314	13 17	2
Massachusetts.....	65	1633	1600	263	1244	10 12	43
Michigan.....	45	617	401	209	366	5 30	10
Minnesota.....	19	337	272	210	240	2 9	8
Montana Territory.....	4	46	44	23	28		3
Nebraska.....	4	51	26	2	50	1 2	1
New Jersey.....	12	342	196	51	312	4 9	
Ohio.....	215	5195	1993	1017	4015	55 84	96
Pennsylvania.....	102	2573	1819	374	1191	15 32	48
Rhode Island.....	5	101	76	28	84	2 3	7
Vermont.....	19	332	161	77	240	2 5	12
Washington Territory.....	1	18	9		15		1
Total.....	751	15569	9214	3613	11370	179 238	264 89
Colorado Dakota Florida West Virginia Wisconsin Iowa Maryland Missouri New York New Hampshire	No Report.						

Thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me, by appointing me a member of your staff, and for the fraternal treatment I have received at your hands while such, I herewith submit my consolidated report of Divisions, and remain in F., C. and L.,

CLAY D. HEROD,
Chaplain-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

There being no objection all of the Officer's reports were referred to the Committee on Officers Reports.

Motion by Brother John Nevins seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick that a recess be taken until nine o'clock Thursday morning, August 16th.

Brother L. J. Webb, seconded by Brother E. G. Rathbone, moved to amend the same by making it 8 o'clock. Lost.

The original motion was then put and lost.

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

WHEELING, W. VA., Aug. 15, 1888.

General G. B. Abbott and Members of the 7th Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

We, your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to submit the following report on the recommendations referred to us from the various Divisions:

COLORADO.—Recommend: (1) The adoption of the shoulder strap as an insignia of rank for all Division Officers. While in active command—provided a majority of the Camps in such Divisions are armed and equipped. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2 Adoption of "Roberts' Rules of Order," to govern the several branches of the Order in lieu of "Cushing's Manual." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

3. The establishing of an Insurance Department in connection with, and under the direct supervision of the Commandery-in-Chief. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

1. CONNECTICUT. — That such part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as prescribe the manner of election of Commissioned Camp Officers be so amended and changed as to provide for their election subject to approval and appointment by the Colonel of the Division. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That some Tactics be adopted for the government of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

We recommend that a new Section (to be Section 1) of Article XXI, Page 64, be added to read as follows:

"The Order shall be military in its formation and organization, and all matters of drill shall be governed by the Regulation Tactics of the United States Army."

Also that Section 1 of this Article (XXI) be made Section 2. Recommendation concurred in.

That Section 2, Article 1, Chapter 2, be amended to read as follows: "And also to the Colonel of the Division," to be added at end of Section. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Loebenstein, seconded by Brother Averdick, that Section 2, of Connecticut, as adopted be re-considered.

Moved by Brother Rowen, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that the motion to re-consider be laid on the table. Carried 26 to 21.

Moved by Brother Whyte, of Illinois, seconded by Brother Loebenstein, to take a recess till 8 o'clock a. m., August 16. Lost.

We recommend that two sections be added to Article VI, page 34, in reference to the bond of the Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Rowen, seconded by Brother Nevins, that the bond be \$10,000, and that it be purchased from some Fidelity Company, and that the cost be paid out of the funds of the Order.

Moved by Brother McDowell, seconded by a delegate that a recess be taken until 8 o'clock a. m. Carried.

The encampment was called to Order Thursday morning, August 16, 1888, at 9:45, with General Abbott in the chair.

Brother James Nevins, of Camp 31, Division Ohio, was appointed Corporal of the Guard.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother McDowell, of New Jersey, that the last article relative to the Commander-in-Chief's bond be referred back to the Committee. Carried.

Brother Gilkey was given the floor to call the attention of the Encampment to the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment to be held at at Columbus, Ohio.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother Dawson, of Kansas, that an order to be drawn on the Quartermaster General for \$100 to defray the expenses of the Sons of Veterans in carrying out their programme at the G. A. R. Encampment, to be held at Columbus, Ohio. Carried by rising vote of 43 to 20.

Moved by Brother Hatch, of New York, seconded by Brother Myers, of Ohio, as a substitute that the chair appoint some person to draw up a subscription paper to raise the above one hundred dollars (\$100). By motion of Brother Hall, of Michigan, the previous question was called for and seconded by Brother Freer, of West Virginia. Lost.

DAKOTA.—1. Chapter 1, Article V. That the words "All Sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations" be stricken out and the words "All male lineal descendants of said deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines," be inserted in lieu thereof. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That Section 10 be added to Chapter 5, Article VI, to read as follows: "When a Charter member of any Camp is dishonorably discharged from the Order, the Camp or Camps of which he may be a Charter member, may by a two thirds vote, cause his name to be stricken from the Charter." We recommend its adoption. Lost.

Moved by Brother Webb, of Kansas, seconded by Brother Van Houton, that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri called for the previous question which was carried. The original motion was then put and lost.

3. That the following be added to Chapter 5, Article III, Section 3: "And shall be paid quarterly, in advance, upon the members in good standing at the close of the previous quarter." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

ILLINOIS.—Page 6, Article I, Section 3, that Section 3 be made to read as follows: "Camps shall rank from date of muster." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

That the following be inserted before Article XXIV, page 65: Article—, Section 1. Resignation and leave of absence of Commissioned Officers shall be presented to the Commanding Officer for action by whom the commission was issued. We recommend that the following be made Section 1, Article XXII (page 64), under the caption of "Resignation and Leave of Absence."

"Leaves of Absence and Resignations shall be applied for and forwarded to respectively, the commanding Officer in charge of the Headquarters from whence the commission was issued." Recommendation concurred in.

Section 2. The elective officers of Camps shall resign to the Colonel commanding, and if accepted, the Colonel shall order the next ranking Officer to assume command and proceed to call an election to fill the vacancy thus created according to Section 2, Article VII, Chapter 2. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 3. Elective officers of a Division shall resign to Commander-in-Chief, and if accepted the Commander-in-Chief shall convene the Division Council and they shall proceed to fill the vacancy as provided for in Section 3, Article VI, Chapter 3, Page 25. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 4. Elective officers of Camps absenting themselves from the jurisdiction of their Camps for thirty (30) days or more shall apply to the Colonel Commanding for leave of absence. We recommend its adoption as Section 2 of Article XXII. Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Russel that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Section 5. Elective Officers of Divisions absenting themselves from the Division sixty (60) days or more shall apply to the Commander-in-Chief for leave of absence. We recommend its adoption as Section 3 of Article XXII. Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that thirty (30) be changed to sixty (60). Carried. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 12, Chapter 2, Article VI., additional section, to read as follows: Captains of armed and equipped Camps may appoint an Ordnance Ser-

gant, with rank of Fifth Sergeant, with such duties as naturally pertain to his office. We recommend its rejection. Objection being made it was moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

Page 54, Chapter 5, Article X, Section 3. Change to read as follows: The rank of non-commissioned Staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division and Camps shall be marked by chevrons, the same size, form and color used and worn from 1861 to 1865 by U. S. Army, except Quartermaster Sergeant of Camp, who shall wear a tie of one bar. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Section 4. That Camp and Picket Guards shall wear as an insignia of rank, Corporals' chevrons. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 42, Chapter 5, Article I, Section 4, strike out the word "shall" and insert the word "may." We recommend its adoption.

Page 8, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 6. Change so as to read as follows: The name of rejected applicants shall be forwarded immediately by the Captain Commanding through Division Headquarters to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters for publication and shall also be entered upon the black books of all Camps, with date of rejection. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 9, Chapter 2, Article II, Section 9. Strike out that part following the word "purpose." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

KANSAS.—1. We suggest that that portion of Section 4, Article II, "Camp Constitution," entitled "Admission to Membership," providing for number of black balls to reject an applicant, be amended to read. "If on a count of the balls deposited it appears that not more than twenty are cast and three or more of them are black," etc., the candidate shall be declared rejected. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

2. We respectfully submit the recommendation that the Commandery-in-Chief, at its next session, adopt some regulation whereby the members of the W. R. C. and the L. A. S. may be admitted to our Camps on the same conditions and terms as members of the G. A. R. in good standing are. We recommend its rejection. Objected to by Brother Isenburg.

Motion made by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, of Iowa, that thereport of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

KENTUCKY.—Recommends the change of rank strap from collar to shoulder. We recommend its rejection.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Van Houten that the report of the Committee be concurred in.

Motion by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Hinkley, that the resolution be adopted. Substitute offered by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Isenburg, that the whole matter be referred back to the Committee. Carried, vote 40 to 12.

Also the adoption of stripes in pants legs, said changes to be governed by the U. S. Army Regulations of 1887. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

MASSACHUSETTS.—That members of the Order be prohibited from wearing any badge or decoration which was presented to them by any government other than the United States of America. We recommend its rejection.

Committee recommended a substitute. Objection raised. Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Lidders that the report of the

Committee be concurred in. Moved to substitute by Bro. Herod, seconded by Bro. Webb, that the resolution be adopted. Moved by Bro. Hatch, seconded by Brother Speaker, that it be changed by inserting "military" after the word any, in second line and that this be substituted for the whole matter. On point of order raised by Brother Roc, of Illinois, the Commander-in-Chief ruled that no proposed changes could be acted upon, unless offered by some Division as provided for in the Constitution. Brother Webb appealed from the decision of the Chair and on call of the roll, the Chair was sustained by vote of 42 to 28.

Moved by Brother Lidders, seconded by Brother Hatch, that we take a recess until 2 o'clock. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Encampment called to order at 2:30 p. m., by the Commander-in-Chief. Brother Sells, of Ohio, appointed Corporal of the Guard.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Reisel, that the reading of the minutes of the morning's session be postponed until to-morrow morning. Carried.

OHIO.—Page 6, Article 1, Section 3, be changed to read: The rank of a Camp shall be determined from the date of its muster. Already handled in Illinois recommendations.

Page 40, Article X, Chapter 6. To read Chapter 5 instead of 6 and to strike out all the words after "Commander-in-Chief."

We recommend that this Section or clause be stricken from the Constitution, and that in its stead the following be added:

"Article XXVI. Any Article or Section of Chapter 5, Rules and Regulations, may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting during any session of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment." Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Herod, to suspend the Rule. Carried.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Hall, that the Commandery-in-Chief confirm the action taken by the Commandery in the resolutions heretofore offered. Carried.

The Committee then took up the recommendations of the Divisions in their regular order, where dropped to consider the first two resolutions offered by Ohio.

The second resolution from Massachusetts:

Resolved, That Chaplains of Camps be elected instead of appointed, as at present. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

MICHIGAN.—Recommends that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed that Division Encampments be held not later than July 25, and Commandery-in-Chief Encampments not later than September 30.

We recommend that "January" be substituted for "April" in Section 1, Article III, Page 24.

Amendment offered by Brother Miller, seconded by Brother Webb; to change the date from July 1 to July 10. Carried.

MINNESOTA.—That an additional Section be added to Article IX, Camp Constitution, Pages 16 and 17, to read as follows: The Captain, First and Quartermaster Sergeants shall not serve on Camp Council. We recommend its adoption as Section 4, Article IX, Page 17. Recommendation concurred in.

Article XIX, Page 10. The Chaplain, under recommendation of Captain Commanding shall be commissioned by the Colonel to rank as Second

Lieutenant without command. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

That Article XVIII, Page 20, be changed to read: Camps may assist needy soldiers, sailors or marines and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines and members of the Order by appropriations from the general Camp fund. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Amend Section 1, Page 26, to read: The Division Council shall consist of the Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, and the three elective members. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, on motion made by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, it was concurred in. Carried by vote of 40 to 27.

Amend Section 3, Article IX, page 28, to read: Five members of the Division Council shall constitute a quorum. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Amend Section 1, Article VIII, page 36, to read: The Council-in-Chief shall consist of the first three elective officers and five members to be elected by the Commandery-in-Chief. We recommend its rejection. Recommendations concurred in.

Article X, Section 1, page 53, after word "officers," insert "non-commissioned officer;" after word "shoulder straps" insert "chevron." We recommend its rejection, as the same subjects is handled in another recommendation. Recommendation concurred in.

Article IX, Section 2, page 52. Camps equipped as in the different branches of the U. S. Army may wear the uniform adopted by the War Department for such branches in the regular service. We recommend its rejection as it is handled in another recommendation. Recommendation concurred in.

That the second and third lines of Section 1, Article IX, page 52, be altered by the abandonment of the letters "S. V." and that in lieu thereof be inserted the words "Regulation Sons of Veterans" in both cases, also that the same change be made on the fifth line of said Section where the letters "S. V." appear. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

That a new Section be added to said Article IX, to read as follows: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine-sixteenths of an inch. Device—crest of a coat-of-arms of the Order; eagle to be surmounted by thirteen stars, according to original sample, on file at Headquarters of the badge and decoration department. Commandery-in-Chief and Division officer may, if they so elect, wear the same button, containing as a device the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at Headquarters. We recommend that the following be made Section 4 of Article IX, page 52: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine-sixteenths of an inch. Device—the full coat-of-arms of the Order, according to sample on file at said Headquarters, also that Section 4 of this Article be made Section 5, and Section 5 be made Section 6.

Objection being raised, on motion of Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Averdick that the report of the Committee be adopted, except that all buttons bear the coat-of-arms. Carried.

On Kentucky's second recommendation, Committee reported a substitute that the insignia of rank for all acting officers be the same as worn by

our fathers from 1861-65 that the insignia of past rank be the miniature rank strap worn over the badge. Objection being raised, moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Griffin, to adopt the report of the Committee.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Speaker, to strike out all pertaining to past rank.

Amendment offered by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother D. Q. Morrow, that all uniformed Camps and Division Officers wear shoulder straps and all officers of Camps not uniformed and equipped, be debarred from using them.

Moved as substitute by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Hall, that Section 1 of Article X, page 53 be amended to read as follows: insignia of actual rank in the several bodies of the Order to be worn by officers during their period of service, be the regulation shoulder strap of the U. S. Army of 1888, provided that officers of Camps not uniformed, armed and equipped, wear a single miniature rank strap on the left breast, diagonal over their membership badge. Carried.

On motion of Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Rathbone, that the balance of the Article be adopted as reported by the Committee. Concurred in.

MISSOURI.—1. That the word "Surgeon-General" be inserted after the words "Judge Advocate General" in Section 1, Article VIII, page 36. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

2. That the word "Company" be changed to "Commandery" in Section 4, Article VII, page 35. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

3. That the word "Commandery-in-Chief" be changed to "Commander-in-Chief" in Section 3, Article III, page 33. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

4. That the word "incredibility" be changed to "credibility," in Section 5, Article VI, page 49. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 49, Section 3, line 5. Change "Commander-in-Chief" to read "Division Colonel." Division Colonel shall be tried for alleged offences only by courts convened by Commander-in-Chief. Commander-in-Chief shall be tried for alleged offenses only on request of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief, and on such request a court convened by the Lieutenant General, or the Lieutenant General shall on request of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief, appoint a court of inquiry to investigate charges against the Commander-in-Chief. We recommend its adoption with corrections and additions as above. Recommendations concurred in.

Page 59, Section 4, paragraph 2, should read, "Old Gold" instead of "French Flag." Also paragraph 3, same change. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 63, Article XVIII, amended, is to read, in line *three* insert after word "Countersign:" To Divisions not in arrears for per capita tax. We recommend its adoption as corrected. Recommendation concurred in.

VERMONT.—Change Article V. Section 1, so as to read: That all lineal descendants of Sons of Veterans shall be eligible to membership in the Order upon attaining the age of twenty-one years. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

WEST VIRGINIA.—To submit the following amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the Camp Constitution, viz: In the first sentence the words

"Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment" shall be added, and in the second sentence the words "Also on the night of election" shall be stricken out, so that the first and second sentences will read as follows: The Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Camp Council, Delegates and their Alternates to the Division Encampment shall be elected by ballot. The nominations for these offices shall be made at one stated meeting prior to the time of election, and a majority of all votes present shall be necessary to a choice. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Hemenway that the report be concurred in. Carried.

2. To submit the following amendment to the Division Constitution, Article II, Section 3, viz: That the word "members" be stricken out and the word "Delegates" be inserted. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

3. To submit the following amendment to Article VI, of the Camp Constitution: "2d. Uniformed and equipped Camps shall, in addition to the above officers and staff, have an additional Sergeant and five Corporals; Corporal of the Guard, Camp and Picket Guards being the first, second and third Corporals respectively. We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

WISCONSIN.—Page 6, Chapter 2, Section 1. Strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "fifteen," adding in parenthesis after the word "Veterans" in the sixth line "ten of whom must be present for muster." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 17, Chapter 2, Article IX, Section 3. Strike out the words "at the end of each six months" and substitute the words "at the last meeting night of each quarter." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 17, Chapter 2, Article XI, adding a section which shall read as follows: Section 2. For the non-payment of fines a member may be suspended and dropped in the same manner and form as provided for the non-payment of dues. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 18, Chapter 2, Article XII, Adding after the word "arrears," in the fifth line, "including the dues for the current quarter." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 19, Chapter 2, Article XIII. Insert the words "and relief" after the word "visiting" in the second line. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 20, Chapter 2, Article XVIII. After the word "marines" in second line, insert the words "or relief of members of the Order." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 21, Chapter 2, Article XX. Adding Rules and Regulation after the word "Constitution" in the first line and transferring the whole Article to Chapter 5. We recommend that this entire Article, XX, Page 21, be stricken out. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 66 To become Article 25. We recommend its rejection, as it is handled elsewhere. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 22, Chapter 3, Article I, an additional Section to Article I, Chapter 3. All Camps not within the jurisdiction of any Chartered or Provisional Division, shall form a Provisional Division-at-Large, under command of a Colonel, appointed each year by the Commander-in-Chief, and who shall rank as an elected Colonel, with equal powers. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hemenway report of Committee be adopted. Carried.

Page 25, Chapter 3, Article V, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election," after the word "Division" in the second line. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 28, Chapter 3, Article IX, Section 2. Strike out the words "two weeks" and inserting therefor the words "six days." We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 28, Chapter 3, Article IX, Section 4. Adding questions requiring the official vote of the Division Council may be submitted by the Commander by printed blanks for that purpose except for the election to fill vacancies. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 34, Chapter 4, Article IV. Adding "after elective members and Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General with rank of Colonel. We recommend its rejection.

Objection being raised, moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Smith report of the Committee be concurred in. Carried.

Page 3, Chapter 4, Article V. Changing this Article to correspond with Article V, Chapter 3, adding the words "if present and assenting at the time of election." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 34, Chapter 4, Article VIII, Section 8. Adding "questions requiring the official vote of the Council-in-Chief may be submitted by the Commanding officer by printed blanks for that purpose, except for the election to fill vacancies. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Also, Section 4, Chapter 4, Article VIII. Strike out the word "four" and insert "two" (weeks.) We recommend its rejection. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 29, Chapter 3, Article XI. Insert before "Committee on Ritual," "Committee on Distribution of Work." We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Page 65, Chapter 6, Article XXIV, paragraph 7. An additional committee to be inserted to be known as the Committee on Distribution of Work. We recommend its adoption. Recommendation concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Loebenstein that the motion in reference to the tactics be taken from the table. Carried.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Garst that Reed's tactics be substituted for United States Army Tactics. Carried.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Webb that the motion be now adopted. Carried.

Your committee would also respectfully recommend the following: Add to Section 3, Article VI., Page 49.

"The Commander-in-Chief shall whenever charges are preferred against any past officer, order a Court of Inquiry or Court Martial as may be deemed advisable and whenever any past officer shall be convicted of any offense, he may be punished as provided by these Rules and Regulations; and he shall also forfeit all honors of past rank, provided that all Past Commandery-in-Chief and Past Grand Division officers, and Past Colonels of Divisions shall be tried only by courts composed exclusively of members of the Commandery-in-Chief."

That Section 7 be added to Chapter 5, Article VII. "That all Colonels of Divisions shall within ten days from date of their installation give a bond in such sum and with such sureties and under such regulations as may be prescribed by their respective Divisions."

That Section 6, Article IX., Page 53 (was Section 5) be changed to read:

"Armed and equipped Camps may upon securing a dispensation from the Colonel Commanding, adopt and wear the United States Regulation Uniform."

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. C. and L. by

R. H. FREER,	} Committee on C. R. and R.
J. B. MACCABE,	
L. J. WEBB,	
O. B. BROWN,	
F. MCCRILLIS,	

The committee on Ritual being ready their report was called for.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Your Committee on Ritual respectfully recommend the adoption of the following recommendation from the Division of Vermont which recommends that they do not approve of any change in the Ritual at the present time believing it is not for the best interests of the Order to keep changing the work in minute details from time to time and your Committee would further respectfully recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief whose duty it shall be to carefully revise the present Ritual and devise one or more degrees of a military character to be used by Camps and to submit their report to the Eighth Annual Session of the the Commandery-in-Chief.

Fraternally submitted in F. C. and L.

MARVIN E. HALL,	} Committee on Ritual.
J. H. HINKLEY,	
GEO. W. LEONARD,	
R. LOEBENSTEIN,	
E. H. MILHAM.	

Moved by Brother Wood, seconded by Brother Swazy that the report of the Committee on Ritual be accepted and adopted. Carried.

The committee on resolutions then reported as follows:

To the officers and members of the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

Brothers, Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully beg leave to offer the following:

Resolved, That in the death of that gallant American patriot, General Phillip H. Sheridan, the cause of liberty has lost an able and conspicuous champion, and the United States of America one of the greatest Generals of modern times, and we hereby, as an Order commemorate his distinguished services as a citizen and soldier.

Resolved, That we wear the usual insignia of mourning during the session of this "Commandery-in-Chief," and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes and published in THE NATIONAL REVELLE.

PENSION RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Many of the brave men who offered their lives in defense of the Union and for the preservation of the stars and stripes, are now languishing in alms-houses, sick, helpless, enfeebled and unable to support life by their own exertions, we therefore declare that we believe it to be the duty of every Nation to care for its defenders, and that the Congress of the United States should take prompt action to provide to these heroes such a competence as shall raise them above misery and pauperism, and protect

and sustain them in ill health and feeble old age, and we heartily endorse the recommendations by the Grand Army of the Republic heretofore made in this behalf.

WHEREAS, The officers and members of U. S. Grant Camp No. 17 of Wheeling, West Virginia, together with the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have been unceasing in their efforts to entertain and make pleasant the Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, and

WHEREAS, The local press has done all in its power to faithfully report the proceedings of this Encampment and has extended to our organization all the courtesies that we could reasonably expect, and

WHEREAS, The city officials and citizens of Wheeling, West Virginia have been most hospitable and cordial in receiving us, their guests, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks and deep appreciation for these many favors and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Encampment.

WHEREAS, The Commander-in-Chief and his able Staff have been faithful in the performance of their duties and under their guidance the Order has prospered in every particular, therefore be it

Resolved, That the special thanks of this Encampment be extended to Commander-in-Chief Abbott and his Staff for the faithful performance of their duties during the past year.

Moved by Brother Griffin, seconded by Brother San Soucie that the resolutions on the death of General Phillip Sheridan be adopted by a rising vote. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Brother DeWitt, seconded by Brother Van Houten that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Sheridan. Carried.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Praze that the case of Wilkinson, Court Martialed and dishonorably discharged be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the chair. Carried.

Chair appointed as such committee, Brother Parker, of Pennsylvania; Brother Wood, of Indiana; Brother Hemenway, of Michigan.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Maccabe that the motion be reconsidered. Lost.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Hall that the Committee on Officers reports be requested to report as soon as possible. Carried.

Moved by Brother McDowell of New Jersey, seconded by Brother Wood that the proper officers of this Commandery-in-Chief proceed at once to obtain a warrant for the arrest of Brother Walter S. Payne.

Moved as a substitute by Brother Rathbone of Ohio, seconded by Brother Bundy that a committee of three with full power to proceed both civilly and criminally against Walter S. Payne be appointed by the chair. Carried.

The chair appointed the following Brothers as such committee: D. Q. Morrors, E. G. Rathbone, and John S. Johnson, all of Ohio.

Moved by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Van Houten that the Judge Advocate General be instructed to prepare Court Martial proceedings against Walter S. Payne. Carried.

Moved by Brother Nevins, seconded by Brother Webb to adjourn till 8 o'clock. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p. m., Brother Abbott in the chair.

Brother Wm. O. McDowell of New Jersey on the part of Joe Hooker Camp, No. 3, of Newark that State presented with an appropriate address to the Commandery-in-Chief, a red white and blue celluloid silver bound gavel, which was accepted with words of thanks by the Commander-in-Chief.

The following resolution was offered by Brother Hatch who moved its adoption, seconded by Brother Russell. Carried.

WHEREAS there now in existence two Divisions or Orders of the Sons of Veterans in the United States one known as the Camp system and the other as the Post system, and whereas it is eminently desirable that said organizations should be consolidated under one head; therefore

Resolved That a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief and that the Chairman of said Committee notify the Commander of the Post system of such appointment and its purposes and request the appointment of a like Committee by their Grand Encampment to meet and consult upon terms of consolidation and report their results to the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as such committee, the following Brothers: Chairman, E. W. Hatch, H. M. Russell, M. Retel, H. B. Marchbank and the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Herod that the election of officers be made the special order of business to-morrow morning. Carried, 40 to 36.

Brother Edward Reisel offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

WHEREAS, A full attendance of all members and delegates at each and all sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief is essential to the proper and full transaction of all business, therefore be it

Resolved that at some appointed time during the Convention the Adjutant General shall call the roll of all the States and the delegates and the said roll shall be recorded and that a copy of said roll shall be forwarded to the several Division Encampments for their information.

EDWARD REISEL,)	} Committee.
C. J. ORNER,	
R. LOEBENSTEIN,	
MARVIN E. HALL,)	

Brother McDowell, of New Jersey, then offered the following resolution which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief recognize THE NATIONAL REVEILLE published by James I. Lyon as the official paper of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and that the Commandery-in-Chief subscribe and pay for one copy of the paper for each Camp of the Order, at \$1.00 per copy per annum. The subscription for Camps now in existence shall begin on the adoption of this resolution, and for new Camps on their muster.

Committee on Officers' reports then offered their report which was as follows:

General G. A. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

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

1st. We concur in the recommendation that all efforts be put forth to demonstrate our strength at the Columbus Encampment of the G. A. R., and to that end we recommend that all Colonels of Divisions be requested to secure the attendance of as many Brothers as possible, and that each member use all possible efforts to be present.

2nd. Inasmuch as your committee is informed that the Council-in-Chief are about to report with respect to financial matters connected with the organization, we refrain from making any recommendation connected therewith.

3rd. We recommend in pursuance of your report that two grades of books be carried in stock, one like the present in use, and the other of a more durable and lasting quality.

4th. We recommend that the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to the per capita tax for the quarter ending September 30, 1887, be sustained.

5th. We recommend that the ruling of the Commander-in-Chief with respect to the status of Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have become members of our Order, and been dropped or dishonorably discharged, be sustained.

6th. We recommend that the Commander-in-Chief invest the members of the G. A. R. with expiring pass words and countersigns, the same to be promulgated through regular G. A. R. channels.

7th. We approve of the recommendation to hold executive sessions, and recommend that such sessions be held at each Commandery, on the morning of the second day of each annual meeting, and that the proceedings be kept separate from the regular minutes and not published, and the results only of such executive session be entered in the general minutes.

8th. We concur in the recommendation that the Constitution should be so amended as to require five Camps instead of three Camps to form a Provisional Division.

9th. We recommend the adoption of the recommendation that the Quartermaster General be relieved from handling Camp packages, and that Division Headquarters carry sufficient stock to supply Camps.

10th. We recommend that the salary of the Adjutant General be increased from the sum of \$600 per year to a sum not exceeding \$1,000 per year. The sum, if any, so paid over \$600 per year to rest in the discretion of the Commandery-in-Chief and the Council-in-Chief.

11th. We recommend that the Commander-in-Chief call to the attention of Division Colonels THE REVILLE, and request them to urge upon Camps and members to subscribe for the same.

12th. We recommend the approval of the action of the Commander-in-Chief in declaring vacant the office of a Colonel who, without leave of absence or notice to the Commander-in-Chief, left his charge for an indefinite time.

In conclusion, your committee commend the official acts of the Commander-in-Chief; his administration has been praiseworthy in every respect, as an exhibition of faithfulness and fidelity to duty, with a conscientious regard for the highest welfare of the Order. It meets our hearty approval.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

We recommend the approval of the report, and commend its faithfulness to detail.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.

We refrain from making any recommendation upon this report, as the subject-matter thereof has already been considered by the Council-in-Chief.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

1st. We recommend the approval of this report, and, in doing so, we desire to specially commend it as a model of its kind, which, in fidelity and painstaking care can scarcely be surpassed.

2d. We recommend its careful study to those officers who made and who have not made reports, and to those who may hereafter be required to make them.

3d. We concur in and recommend the adoption of its recommendations, from 1 to 5, inclusive.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

We recommend the adoption and approval of this report.

CHIEF OF STAFF.

We recommend the approval and adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWARD W. HATCH.	} Committee.
W. T. PARKER,	
D. W. WOOD,	
WILLIAM ROWE.	

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Bundy, to adopt by Section.

Section 1, referring to Columbus, adopted.

Section 2, referring to finances, adopted.

Section 3, referring to two grades of books, adopted.

Section 4, Ruling on the 3rd quarters tax of 1887, adopted.

Section 5, in regard to double leaders. Moved by Brother Leland J. Webb, seconded by Brother Barker, of New Jersey, to amend so as to read as follows:

That no member of the Grand Army of the Republic who is now, or hereafter may become a member of this Order, that may be dishonorably discharged from the Order of Sons of Veterans, shall be eligible to sit in any meeting of any Camp, Division Encampment, or Commandery-in-Chief Encampment. Carried.

Section 6, password for G. A. R.

Moved by Brother Orner, seconded by Brother Webb, that a semi-annual G. A. R. pass word be promulgated to the members of the Grand through the regular G. A. R. channel which shall admit them into all Camps of the S. V., U. S. A. Carried.

Seventh section, in regard to executive session. Concurred in.

Eighth section, in regard to Provisional Division. Objected to.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Maccabe, that it be stricken out. Carried. Referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

In regard to Camp packets. Adopted.

Eleventh, salary of Adjutant General. Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother McCrillis, that it be rejected because embodied in the report of Council-in-Chief. Carried.

In regard to THE REVEILLE. Adopted.

Twelfth, Section regarding Colonels leaving Division. Adopted.

Adjutant General's report. Committee recommended that it be received and adopted. Concurred in.

Quartermaster's General's report be passed as it is to be acted upon by the Council-in-Chief.

Inspector General's Report:

First. Recommendation recommending Division inspections was adopted.

Second. Relative to Camp inspections covering six weeks be referred to the Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations.

Third recommendation concurred in.

Fourth recommendation in regard to a fixed form. Moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Hemenway, that the report be adopted. Carried.

Fifth. In reference to Reed's tactics. No action.

Chaplain-in-Chief's report adopted.

Chief of Staff's report adopted.

Resolution in reference to Colonel's bond referred to Committee on Constitution.

Committee on distribution of work reported as follows:

WHEELING, W. Va., Aug. 16, 1888.

To the Officers and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Greeting:

We, your Committee on Distribution of Work, respectfully report that we have attended to the duties assigned us.

Yours in F., C. and L.

H. M. RUSSELL, Chairman.

J. A. AVERDICK,

W. A. ROGERS,

E. J. SAN SOUCI,

D. K. FRAZIER.

Committee continued.

Sixth. Moved by Bro. C. T. Orner, seconded by Brother Bundy, that the following resolution be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

Be it resolved that a standing Committee of seven be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to look after the homes of the soldier's orphans in the several States, and report annually to the Commandery-in-Chief, the condition of such homes and the treatment of the inmates thereof. Carried.

Moved by Brother R. M. J. Reed, seconded by Brother Amies, that the Commandery-in-Chief, in view of the meritorious services in behalf of the Pennsylvania Division, S. V., U. S. A. in particular, and the Order in general, confer the honor of the Golden Cross of the Order upon Past Colonels, Horace H. Hammer, James Lewis Rake and Quartermaster C. E. Diefenderfer. Carried.

Moved by Brother Wood, seconded by Brother DeWitt that the resolution adopted by this Commandery-in-Chief favoring pension legislation in behalf of Union soldiers and sailors be forwarded to Brother Alvin P. Hovey, President of the Union Veteran's Pension Association. Carried.

Moved by Brother Reed, seconded by Brother Frazee that the records be corrected so that Brothers Gilkey and Webb may be shown to be Past Division Commanders. Carried.

The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations made an additional report in reference to Colonel's bonds. Adopted on a motion of-

ferred by Brother Webb, seconded by Brother Van Houten of Iowa. Moved by Brother Russell, seconded by Brother Garst that we do now take a recess until 9 a. m., Friday morning. Carried.

MORNING SESSION Aug. 17th.

Meeting called to order at 10 a. m., Commander-in-Chief Abbott in the chair.

Minutes read and approved to date. Moved by Brother Nevins, seconded by Brother Neudorf that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to three minutes each. Carried.

Nominations for Commander-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother Hatch in a very able speech presented the claims of Brother Leland J. Webb of Kansas and nominated him for Commander-in-Chief.

The nomination of Brother Webb was seconded by Brother Jas. D. Rowen of Iowa.

The nomination of Brother Webb was further seconded by Brother Clay D. Herod of Kansas.

Brother Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio in a telling manner presented the name of Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio.

The nomination of Brother Frazee was seconded by Brother Ben S. Johnson of Ohio.

Brother Jos. B. Maccabe in his usual short terse and business manner presented the name of Brother George B. Abbott.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick of Kentucky.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers of West Virginia.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother M. E. Hall of Michigan.

The nomination of Brother Abbott was further seconded by Brother C. A. Armstrong of Wisconsin.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Maccabe to proceed to a formal ballot. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed as tellers Brother John H. Hinkley, of Massachusetts; Brother John G. Nevins of Ohio, and Brother Clay D. Herod of Kansas.

The ballot being declared closed, on count by the tellers it was found that there had been one more vote cast than there were voters present, therefore the Commander-in-Chief declared another ballot in order; another ballot being taken the vote stood:

Whole number votes cast, 81; necessary for a choice, 41, of which Brother Geo. B. Abbott received 41; Brother Leland J. Webb received 28; Brother Henry Frazee received 12.

Moved by Brother Henry Frazee, seconded by Brother Leland J. Webb that the ballot be declared unanimous by rising vote. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief then declared nominations for Lieutenant General in order. Brother L. J. Webb nominated Brother E. H. Milham of Minnesota; Brother Hall nominated Brother John H. Hinkley of Massachusetts.

Brother Hinkley's nomination was seconded by Brother Averdick of Kentucky. Brother Hinkley's nomination was further seconded by Brother Upham of Massachusetts.

Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio was nominated by Brother Whyte of Illinois.

Brother Milham's nomination was seconded by Brother Van Houten of Iowa.

Moved by Brother McDowell of New Jersey, seconded by Brother G. C. Harvey of Indiana, that nominations for Lieutenant General now close. Carried.

Ballot being taken it was found that the whole number of votes cast was 76. Necessary for a choice 38, of which Brother E. H. Milham of Minnesota, received 41; Brother John H. Hinkley of Massachusetts, 28; Brother Henry Frazee of Ohio 7.

Moved by Brother Hinkley of Massachusetts, seconded by Brother Geo. W. Whyte of Illinois that the ballot be declared unanimous for Brother E. H. Milham for Lieutenant General. Carried.

Moved by Brother Jno. C. Nevins, seconded by Brother McCrillis, that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief for Brother Jno. H. Hinkley of Massachusetts for Major General. Carried.

Ballot was cast, and Brother Jno. H. Hinkley was declared elected. Nominations for elective members of the Council-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother Rudolph Loebenstein of Missouri was nominated by Brother Neudorf of Missouri; Brother C. B. Cook of Dakota was nominated by Brother Joe B. Maccabe of Massachusetts; Brother C. T. Orner of Illinois was nominated by Brother J. B. Lidders of Illinois; Brother Joe B. Maccabe of Massachusetts was nominated by Brother J. J. Speaker of Missouri; Brother G. Brainard Smith of Connecticut was nominated by Brother Edward Reisel of Connecticut; Brother Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio was nominated by Brother Jas. A. Averdick of Kentucky; Brother Geo. Van Houten of Iowa was nominated by Brother De Witt of Iowa; Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers of West Virginia was nominated by Brother H. B. Baguley of West Virginia.

Brother Thos. H. B. Stagger's nomination seconded by Brother Michael Crowley; Brother C. T. Orner's nomination seconded by Brother Geo. W. Whyte; Brother H. B. Baguley of W. Va., was nominated by Brother M. E. Hall of Michigan; Brother W. A. Rogers seconded the nomination of Brother C. B. Cook of Dakota; Brother G. Brainard Smith's nomination seconded by Brother W. A. Stevens of Massachusetts; also by Brother E. J. San Souci of Connecticut; Brother E. R. Kennington of Pennsylvania was nominated by Brother H. R. Russell of Pennsylvania.

Moved by Brother G. C. Harvey of Indiana, seconded by Brother H. B. Baguley of West Virginia that nominations close. Carried.

Brother H. B. Baguley withdrew his name from the list of nominees.

Moved by Brother Geo. Behler of Indiana, seconded by Brother C. D. Herod that the five Brothers receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. Carried.

The report of the ballot by the tellers was as follows: Brothers J. B. Maccabe, 54; R. Loebenstein, 51; C. T. Orner, 44; G. B. Smith, 43; Wm. E. Bundy, 41; C. B. Cook, 37; Geo. Van Houten, 32; E. R. Kennington, 20; Thos. H. B. Staggers, 18; H. B. Baguley, 11; H. R. Russell, 1; A. M. Appelget, 1.

Brother J. B. Maccabe positively declined to accept the election or serve.

Moved by Brother Geo. Van Houten, seconded by Brother Clay D. Herod, that as Brother J. B. Maccabe declines to serve, Brother C. B. Cooke having the sixth largest vote, be declared elected as a member of the Council-in-Chief. Carried.

Nominations for the next place of meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief was then declared in order.

Brother F. Neudorf, of Missouri, presented the following invitations from Camp, No. 17, Division of Missouri, located at St. Joseph and the Manufacturer's Bureau, and nominated that city for the meeting place.

HEADQUARTERS LINCOLN CAMP, No. 17, DIVISION OF MISSOURI, }
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 10, 1888. }

G. B. Abbott, Commander-in-Chief, and Delegates to Commandery-in-Chief:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHERS:—By request and on behalf of Lincoln Camp, No. 17, Division of Missouri, you are by this cordially invited to make the place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief for 1889, the City of St. Joseph, Mo. At this early date we cannot say what form of entertainment we shall prepare, but we can say that for genuine hospitality, the city which is our home, has few equals. We urge that you accept our invitation.

H. J. KLINE.

Captain Commanding.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 10, 1888.

To the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned extend a cordial invitation to your organization to hold its next annual meeting in St. Joseph, and bespeak for the delegates a hearty welcome from our citizens.

The Manufacturer's Bureau,
HERSCHEL BARTLETT, *Chairman.*

OLIVER C. HUTCHINSON, *Secretary.*

Brother N. C. Upham, of Massachusetts, presented the claims and attractions of, and nominated Boston, Mass., the next place of meeting.

Brother Geo. H. Perkins, of N. J. nominated Paterson, N. J., as the next meeting place of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Brother J. J. Speaker seconded the nomination of St. Joseph; Brother J. B. Maccabe seconded the nomination of Boston; Brother Wm. O. McDowell seconded the nomination of Paterson.

Brother F. McCrillis seconded the nomination of Paterson. Brother S. J. Brown seconded the nomination of Paterson; Brother E. T. Roe seconded the nomination of Boston; Brother E. W. Hatch seconded the nomination of Paterson; Brother Thos. H. B. Staggers seconded the nomination of Paterson.

A ballot being taken the tellers reported as follows: Whole number votes cast 61, necessary for a choice 31, of which Paterson receives 29, Boston, 23, St. Joseph, 9.

No place receiving the necessary number of votes, another ballot was taken which resulted as follows: Whole number votes cast, 61, necessary for a choice 31, of which Paterson received 35, Boston 26.

Paterson having received the necessary number of votes was declared the next meeting place of the Commandery-in-Chief. Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hall to take a recess till 3 o'clock, and then to meet in the G. A. R. Hall. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Brother McWiggin was appointed Picket Guard and Brother F. D. Morse was appointed Corporal of the Guard.

Moved by Brother William McDowell, seconded by Brother J. L. Rake that the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief take place the week in which the 20th of September, 1889 occurs. Moved as a substitute by Brother F. D. Morse, seconded by Brother C. A. C. Garst (which substitute

after discussion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion) that the meeting be called for, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the week in which the 21st day of August 1889 occurs. Carried.

The Committee on the case of T. O. Wilkinson reported as follows:

WHEELING, W. VA., August 17, 1888.

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

SIR: Your Committee appointed to consider and report upon the application of F. O. Wilkinson, formerly of Camp No. 75, Division of Ohio, for the removal of disabilities under which he now rests by virtue of the findings of a Court Martial and the sentence imposed thereunder, would respectfully report:

That upon due examination we find that the action taken by the proper authorities in the case of Brother Wilkinson, was entirely justified and proper.

That, however, believing the true objects of punishment to be the reformation of the offender and the general benefits arising from example, we regard these ends as having been satisfactorily accomplished, and respectfully recommend that said disabilities be removed in this case, in accordance with the express desire of all persons concerned.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,

W. S. PARKER,	} Committee.
D. W. WOOD,	
EARL HEMENWAY.	

Moved by Brother R. Loebenstein, seconded by Brother J. A. Averdick that the report of the Committee be accepted and adopted and the Committee discharged. Carried.

Committee on resolutions offered the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Brother C. J. Miller and carried.

Resolved, That it is with much sorrow this Encampment learns of the sad affliction of Brother Horace P. Kent, Past Commander of the First Grand Division, in the recent decease of his beloved father and the present severe illness of his devoted wife, and that the heartfelt sympathy of this Encampment is with our Brother in his hour of bereavement and trial. Also the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion was seconded by Brother C. J. Miller and carried.

WHEREAS, A full attendance of all members and delegates at each and all sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief is essential to the proper and full transactions of all business. Therefore be it resolved, That at some appointed time during each session, the Adjutant General shall call the roll of all members and delegates, and the said call shall be recorded and that a copy of said roll call shall be forwarded to the several Division Encampments for their information. Also reported back the resolution referred to them in regard to THE REVEILLE without recommendation.

Moved by Brother Van Houten, seconded by Brother Herod that the resolution be laid on the table. Carried 21 to 18.

Moved by Brother Averdick, seconded by Brother Miller that each Camp be instructed to subscribe to and pay for one copy of the THE REVEILLE.

Moved as a substitute by Brother Roe, seconded by Brother Lidders (which after discussion was accepted by the mover and seconder of the original motion) that the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be instructed to report a clause, making it compulsory on every Camp to subscribe to and pay for a copy of THE NATIONAL REVEILLE. Carried.

It being necessary at this time for some of the officers elect to take the train for home Commander-in-Chief Abbott then installed the following

officers: E. H. Milham, Lieutenant General, John H. Hinkley, Major General, and the following Brothers as members of the Council-in-Chief, Rudolph Loebenstein, William E. Bundy, C. B. Cooke, C. T. Orner. Past Lieutenant General Speaker continued to act as Lieutenant General, as Lieutenant General E. H. Milham could not remain.

The Committee on Constitution Rules and Regulations made an additional report as follows: The regulation coat and vest buttons shall be of gilt, convex, with plain border, large size, seven-eighths of an inch in exterior diameter, small size nine sixteenths of an inch. Device—The full coat of arms of the Order, according to sample on file at Headquarters of the Badge and Decoration Department.

Moved by Brother Miller, seconded by Brother Van Houten to adopt the report of the Committee. Carried.

Also the following:

Article XXV. The Commandery-in-Chief shall, at each Annual Encampment, designate an official paper in which all Commandery-in-Chief orders and circulars shall be published; and it shall be the duty of the Quartermaster Sergeant of each Camp to subscribe in the name of the Camp, each year, for at least one copy of such official paper, and pay for the same out of the Camp funds. Such paper shall be kept on file by the First Sergeant. Also,

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief hereby designate the Sons of Veterans NATIONAL REVELLE, published in Chicago by James I. Lyons, as the *official paper* of the Order, to be published every two weeks at a subscription price of \$1 per year.

Moved by Brother Roe, seconded by Brother Lidders that the report of the Committee be adopted. Carried.

Also the following that Section 6, Article VII, of Chapter V, that the Commander-in-Chief, within thirty days after his election, shall file a bond in such sum as the Council-in-Chief in annual sitting may determine; said bond to run to and be approved by the elective members of the Council-in-Chief, and held in custody by the ranking "member" not "officer" of the Council-in-Chief, rank to be determined by the largest number of votes received at time of said member's election.

SECTION 7. Colonels of Divisions shall, within ten days from the date of their installation, give a bond in such sums and with such sureties and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the respective Divisions.

Brother C. T. Orner offered the following: Be it

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of seven be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to look after the Homes of Soldiers' Orphans in the several States and report annually to the Commandery-in-Chief the condition of such homes and the treatment of the inmates thereof, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Brother Roe. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the Committee would be appointed in General Orders.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Morse, that a Committee of five, on transportation, be appointed. Carried.

The Commander-in-Chief announced that the Committee would be appointed in General Orders.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Van Houten, that the present Constitution, Rules and Regulations as now amended, be declared official. Carried.

Moved by Brother L. J. Webb, seconded by Brother J. B. Lidders, That the Commander-in-Chief cause the Commandery-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A., to be incorporated in some State. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Morrow, that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved, That Major A. P. Davis, the head of the Badge and Decoration Department, of this Order, be requested to make over and assign by proper deeds of conveyance to the Commandery-in-Chief upon the due legal incorporation of the same, all such copyrights and patents of S. V. emblems, badges, buttons and designs, as may be at that time held by him and in his name. Carried.

The report of the Council-in-Chief was then presented by Adjutant General C. J. Post, which was as follows:

FIRST SESSION.

Meeting of the Council-in-Chief called to order at 2:30 p. m., August 14, 1888, by the Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott.

On roll call the following members were found to be present: Generals, G. B. Abbott, J. J. Speaker, H. M. Russell, C. J. Post, A. H. Easter, M. E. Hall, J. B. Maccabe, R. H. Freer, M. Retel, C. D. Herod and members, G. B. Smith, C. B. Cooke, A. M. Appleget.

Motion made by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother C. B. Cooke, that the Walter S. Payne matter be laid upon the table until 8 a. m., August 15. Carried.

Motion by Brother Russell, seconded by Brother Hall, that in the opinion of the Council, we are not legally bound to pay the claim of the Leader Publishing Company, that the Order of the Commander-in-Chief was to R. V. Mallory and not to the Leader Publishing Company, we further believe that the Leader Publishing Company acted in good faith, but in view of the fact that it is a dead loss to the Leader Publishing Company, and if we paid the bill, it would be to us, that we are willing to divide the loss and pay one-half the bill. Carried.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by E. T. Roe, that the bill be allowed and paid in full. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Smith, that Colonel Hinkley be allowed to withdraw the claim of John Low Camp, No. 6, Mass. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Speaker, seconded by Brother Freer, that the action of the Commander-in-Chief in Official Question No. 1, be sustained. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the action of the Commander-in-Chief in Official Question, No. 2, be sustained.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Hall, that a Committee consisting of Brothers G. B. Smith, Russell and Appleget, be appointed to audit the accounts. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall to adjourn to 7:30 a. m., August 15, Carried.

SECOND SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a. m., August 15, 1888, Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, in the chair.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the Commander-in-Chief by his request, be permitted to withdraw the bill for his expenses on his first Eastern trip, amounting to \$282.40. Carried.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Appleget, that this Council-in-Chief recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the salary of the Adjutant General be increased to \$1,000 and the salary of the Quartermaster General be increased to \$600 for the coming year. Lost.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the expenses of the Council-in-Chief to the Seventh Annual Encampment be paid. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Appleget that the Council-in-Chief recommend to the Commandery-in-Chief that the sum of \$1,300 be put at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief to pay the clerical force, which shall include the salary of Adjutant General and Quartermaster General at Headquarters for the coming year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy seconded by Brother Hall that the action and recommendation of Council-in-Chief be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Herod that the per capita tax be fixed at fifteen cents per member for the year beginning October 1, 1888. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Herod, that the action and report be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the cost of supplies furnished by the Quartermaster General be increased 10 per cent. this to include delivery of supplies at Division Headquarters. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Rake that the practice of handling guns, blouses, etc., by Headquarters without profit, be discontinued. Carried.

Action of Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Maccabe, that a recess of the Council-in-Chief be taken, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

THIRD SESSION.

Meeting of Council-in-Chief called to order August 16, 1888, at 9 a. m., to consider the Walter S. Payne matter.

[NOTE.]—(The Council-in-Chief having previously made a verbal report to the Commandery on the W. S. Payne matter which was acted upon.

On motion of Brother E. W. Hatch, seconded by Brother Webb, the reading of the minutes of the Council in regard to the matter was omitted.) The action of the Council-in-Chief in their meeting August 16, at 9 a. m., was as follows:

The Commander-in-Chief, G. B. Abbott, made a statement to the Council-in-Chief, saying that there was still a balance due the Commandery-in-Chief, and unpaid from Walter S. Payne, amounting to \$1,617.48, which he, G. B. Abbott had made every effort and endeavor to collect from said W. S. Payne, but had not been able to collect the same.

Walter S. Payne being present then made statement admitting that he owed that amount \$1,617.48 to the Commandery-in-Chief and had not paid it over as he should have done to Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott. Walter S. Payne being questioned by member of Council-in-Chief, Brother J. B. Maccabe, as follows: Do you not know that you are criminally liable in this matter? To which W. S. Payne replied, Why yes, I know that, and it is something I would not approve of in another Brother.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the matter be referred by the Council-in-Chief to the Commandery-in-Chief for their action. Carried.

Moved by Brother Maccabe, seconded by Brother Hall, that the Council-in-Chief take a recess subject to the call of Commander-in-Chief. Carried.

Minutes of Council-in-Chief read to date and approved by Council-in-Chief.

FOURTH SESSION.

Council-in-Chief called to order at 9 a. m., August 17, 1888, Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott in the chair.

Moved by Brother M. E. Hall, seconded by Brother G. B. Smith, that the bond of the Commander-in-Chief be a Fidelity Bond, and in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bundy, seconded by Brother Dawson that the action of the Council-in-Chief in the matter be concurred in. Carried.

Moved by Brother G. B. Smith, seconded by Brother Hall that the salary of the Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year be one dollar. Carried.

Action Council-in-Chief concurred in.

Committee on Auditing books report that they have examined the books, vouchers and papers and find them correct. Report total receipt, \$19,683.00; total expenditures, \$19,254.91; leaving balance cash on hand \$438.09; balance due from W. S. Payne, \$1,647.48; making total, \$2,086.57.

Moved by Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Speaker that the report of the Auditing Committee be received and committee discharged. Carried.

Minutes of Council-in-Chief meeting read to Council and approved.

Moved by Brother G. B. Smith, seconded by Brother J. J. Speaker that the committee adjourn sine die. Carried.

Moved by Brother McCrillis, seconded by Brother Hall that the report of the Council-in-Chief be accepted as a whole and adopted as amended. Carried.

The following resolution was then offered by Brother L. J. Webb:

Resolved, That at all future meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief no Brother shall be admitted who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor; and it shall be the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to cause all Brothers guilty of being intoxicated during the sessions of the Encampment to be court martialled, which was after discussion lost.

Moved by Brother D. Q. Morrow that the minutes be approved without reading. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Hatch that all committees not standing committees be discharged. Carried.

The Seventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief was then closed in due form.

G. B. ABBOTT,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. J. Post,
Adjutant General.

