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### TUESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

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The Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., convened in Trocadero Hall, at 10 o'clock A. M., with Commander-in-Chief E. W. Alexander in the chair.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Brothers and members of this, the Twentieth Annual Encampment: In assembling today we do so under particularly sad and trying circumstances—the cruel and cold assassination of the Great Chieftain of this country. And in view of these conditions, necessarily, the arrangements of the local committee of this beautiful city of Providence have been greatly interfered with, out of and in due respect to the conditions as they exist. And for like reasons, necessarily, the business of this Encampment must be done with dispatch, and, if possible, arrange for the adjournment not later than Wednesday night, regardless of hours, inasmuch as Thursday has been set apart as a day of prayer.

Without any further remarks, I would call upon the Chairman of the local committee, Col. Clinton, and ask if there are any introductory remarks in behalf of your city by any gentleman present.

**FRANK J. CLINTON,** of Rhode Island: Commander: Of course the feelings that possess us at this time of sorrow possess those who are not of our own membership. It was arranged to have here the Chief Executive of the State to extend to you the Rhode Island welcome. I understand that at the time specially announced for the Encampment to open he was here, but does not seem to be present at this time, and perhaps he will have the pleasure of saying a few words to the Commandery-in-Chief a little later. We had also expected the Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Rhode Island, but he is also unfortunately absent. We have with us the Past Commander of the Department of Rhode Island, who is also a member of our Order, and I would ask him to speak in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** We shall be pleased to hear from the Past Department Commander, Col. Barton.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME ON BEHALF OF G. A. R.

**THEO. A. BARTON,** of Rhode Island: Commander, and Brothers, Comrades: I certainly am taken by surprise, and I am quite unable

to respond in a fitting manner. It was our expectation that Department Commander Charles T. Morris, of Pawtucket, would be here and respond this morning. I received from him a few days past a letter, stating that he was detained at Cleveland and could not be here with us. He expresses great regret that he is not able, as a Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as a Son of a Veteran, to greet you here today. In his absence, it was expected, and we were promised the presence of the Senior Vice Department Commander, and why he is not here I cannot understand, except the fact that he is a business man, a very busy business man, and may have been unexpectedly detained at his place of business.

I shall not attempt to express in words that which the heart cannot respond to, as a comrade and as a brother. I think that you will appreciate most heartily that I make no extended remarks; but on behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic extend to you a most cordial, a most generous, and a most hearty welcome. (Applause).

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Col. Reed, of Pennsylvania, will please respond to the remarks of welcome.

#### RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief: A sadness inexpressible overpowers us at this meeting. Three times has this nation of ours been called upon to mourn its Chief Executive. I feel that I voice the sentiments of every member of this Encampment when I say that we, as Sons of Veterans, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and patriotic Americans, are about tired of this thing, and we believe that our Congress, and the officers of the several States, as well, should take some means of eradicating that from our midst. I believe that just so long as we permit the latitude that is granted to these people (men and women as well), to express the sentiments of disloyalty that generates that feeling which has resulted in the death of our President, just so long as we permit that in our community, so long will we be called upon to mourn in this way as we have in the last week for our President. I feel, brothers, and I speak it in all sincerity and solemnity, I feel that Comrade McKinley was a very much greater and grander man than either you or I were willing to accord him. (Applause.) Naturally as patriotic residents, as Sons of Veterans, we feel like following the advice of our late President, in saying that "It is God's will, it is His way." We also feel with him that he is nearer the throne, that he has left behind him a fact that shall inspire us to greater efforts in our work of building up and erecting a monument somewhat commensurate with that of the Grand Army of the Republic. I regret exceedingly that the arrangements of the committee, which I understand have been very elaborate, have been interfered with, but in our great sorrow we are willing to forego all those things, and to express, as I understand, at some subsequent meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, some expression of this Commandery-in-Chief to the present Executive of this great nation. I feel somewhat like Garfield did at the assassination of the president—President Lincoln, when he said that the dark clouds were around and about us, that though the President was dead, the government still lives; and I feel that way today, and I believe I voice the sentiment of every member of this Order throughout this country of ours, that, though the President has passed beyond the pall, that the government of these United States of America still lives. (Applause.) That it is so grand, so glorious, built upon such a lasting foundation that, no matter what may come upon this nation, it will exist forever, because it was founded by the sacrifices of our heroic ancestors and re-cemented by the blood of our fathers. Brethren, there is nothing that might be said upon an occasion of this kind that would be more appropriate than what has already been said, and words fail me—words would fail any man, though he

was a second Webster, to express the sentiments and thoughts that are welling up in the minds and hearts of each one of you delegates here today. I do not propose making a speech; I do not feel like making any, and neither do you feel like listening to one. I was called upon in the moment, and I have made no preparation, and I am glad I did not, I am glad I did not know, I am glad it is simply an outburst of the spontaneous feelings of every man within the sound of my voice. And brethren, I have just this one thing to say: I hope that each one of us will obey—that we will respond heartily and willingly to the request of the Commander-in-Chief that we do our business in a quiet, unostentatious way, as speedily as possible and adjourn. It would not be proper, in my opinion, to hold a session on Thursday. Therefore, it will be necessary for us to finish up our business today and tomorrow. You and I perhaps may have different views on subjects that may come before us, but let us be governed with this one idea, that is, if we have anything to say, say it in just as few words as possible, and if somebody has already said what we wanted to say and expressed our ideas, there isn't any use of you and I getting up and saying the same thing, and we will avoid the consuming of very much valuable time. If somebody has brought out some point that you and I have some ideas about, let us express them in just as few words as possible. If we do that we will get through with the session and adjourn and be able to participate with our fellow-citizens in the solemn ceremonies of next Thursday. Commander-in-Chief, I thank you for calling upon me, and I reiterate, that we will perform our duties as well, but in a quiet way, and just as quick as we possibly can. Do not let us repeat what somebody else has said, and do not let us get up and talk because we want to get our name in the book. Let us talk because we want to enlighten somebody, and that those who vote may thoroughly understand it, but after it has been gone over do not let us thrash over old straw. That is all I have to say, Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** We will now proceed to open the Encampment in due form.

**G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois:** Commander, I ask a special privilege. We have for the first time in this Encampment with us today the father of the New England part of our organization, Gen. I. S. Bangs, of Waterville, Maine. He was the first Grand Commander of the first Grand Division, and one of those who did service for the establishment of this organization, and I especially request that, as a mark of courtesy and respect, he be invited to the platform. (Applause.)

Gen. Bangs was escorted to the platform by G. B. Abbott and introduced to the Encampment.

**GEN. I. S. BANGS, of Maine:** Commander, Brothers, Comrades: It is a very great delight to me to be present on this occasion.

It is a white day in my life—I thank you my brothers, for your hearty greeting and for the privilege of expressing my thanks.

I would be glad to say something of the early days of the Order, but I am admonished that it would not be proper for me to take the time of the Encampment. When I look into your youthful, intelligent faces, my brothers, I am forcibly reminded of the "Boys of '61";—your fathers, who 40 years ago marched to the sound of the guns—young men and beardless boys; full of impetuous youth; who went to the war in the uniform we now wear, with a mother's love and blessing, wearing the mother kiss like an insignia of knighthood—I am proud to have been one of that vast army of loyal men, that went to the field to save the country from the disunion—thankful for my preservation through the perils of Virginia campaigns, while so many of our best and bravest were left behind.

The hero of my boyhood and youth, before one could count the heroes of the Mexican and the Civil War by the thousand, was the

French soldier La Tour D'Auvergne, who was worthy in life the honor paid him after his death. He was educated for the army and entered it in 1767.

He served always with distinction, and in more than 40 battles constantly refused all offers of promotion, saying he was only fit for the command of a company of grenadiers. Finally the various grenadier companies being united, gave him the command of 8000 men; but he would retain only the rank of Captain and hence was known as the first grenadier of France. For many a year, there was a touching and beautiful custom to be witnessed in this splendid body of soldiers, and which was meant to commemorate the heroism of a departed comrade.

When the companies assembled daily for parade and the roll was called, there was one name to which its owner could not answer,—It was that of La Tour D'Auvergne. When it was called, the oldest sergeant present stepped a pace forward, and raising his hand to his cap, said proudly:

"Died on the field of honor."

I said that our best and bravest were left behind: Their nameless and unknown graves are scattered far and wide over the hills and valleys of the South, from whose fields of strife they passed to that lofty sphere where the mornings and the evenings are one eternal day. "Died on the field of honor."

May we learn the lesson of their sacrifice; may we profit by their example of lofty patriotism, that sealed their loyalty with their lives. "Died on the field of honor."

Our honored President, William McKinley, is dead. He was the soldier and statesman, the loving husband, the upright citizen, sans peur et sans reproche.

Salute the dead, for he too, "Died on the field of honor."

#### ENCAMPMENT CALLED TO ORDER.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** We will now proceed to open the Twentieth Annual Encampment in due form. Any person not a member of the organization will please withdraw. The officers and members of the Twentieth Annual Encampment will please come to order. On account of the absence of the Adjutant-General, Col. Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island, will act as Adjutant-General during this Encampment. The Adjutant will call the roll of officers.

#### ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of officers and the following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief answered to their names:

Commander-in-Chief, E. W. Alexander, Reading, Pa.; Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Charles S. Davis, Washington, D. C.; Council-in-Chief, Don C. Cable, Nelsonville, Ohio; C. J. Post, Grand Rapids, Michigan; James B. Adams, Atlantic City, N. J.; Quartermaster-General, Fred. E. Bolton, Boston, Mass.; Inspector-General, E. F. Buck, Peoria, Ill.; Surgeon-General, Dr. A. W. A. Traver, Providence, R. I.

#### APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Junior-Vice Commander Davis will please assume the position of Senior-Vice Commander. Col. Clinton of the Rhode Island Division will please assume the Junior-Vice Commander's position. Col. Arthur B. Spink of Rhode Island, has been appointed Acting Adjutant-General during this encampment. As inside guard I will appoint Frederick E. Ingersoll, and as outside guard R. L. Oakley. As Chaplain-in-Chief, the Rev. Herbert C. Dana will serve during this encampment.

Inspector-General, and Surgeon-General, as assistant, you will examine those present and ascertain if all are in possession of the semi-annual password and countersign, and see that the guards are at their respective stations.

**THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL:** Commander, I find, on due inspection, all present entitled to remain, and the guards at their respective stations.

Whereupon the Twentieth Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was opened in due form.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The Chair would announce the following committees:—

**ON CREDENTIALS.** Acting Adjutant General A. B. Spink of Rhode Island; Past Commander Newton J. McGuire of Indiana; Commander George E. Libbey of New York; Past Commander Charles E. Merrill of Maine; Commander Edgar Allen, Jr., of Maryland.

**ON RESOLUTIONS.** Commander E. H. Lounsbury of Massachusetts; Past Commander W. A. Morris of Iowa; Commander Frank T. Reid of Illinois; M. Crowley of Massachusetts.

**ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.** Past Commander-in-Chief Geo. B. Abbott of Illinois; Past Commander-in-Chief Chas. K. Darling of Massachusetts; Past Commander-in-Chief Asa W. Jones of Ohio; Past Grand Division Commander R. M. J. Reed, of Pennsylvania; Past Commander Frank P. Merrill of Maine.

**ON PRESS.** Past Commander Wm. G. Dustin of Illinois, Past Commander T. A. Barton of Rhode Island; Wm. R. Congdon of Rhode Island.

**ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.** Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. E. Bundy of Ohio; Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard of Illinois; Past Commander Wm. M. P. Bowen of Rhode Island; Past Commander H. D. Sisson of Massachusetts; John V. B. Clarkson of New York; The Commander-in-Chief serving as a member ex-officio.

The Committee on Ritual we will leave open pending the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports, covering recommendations made by the Commander-in-Chief.

The Committee on Credentials will please organize and take up their work immediately.

Pending the report of the Committee on Credentials we will receive the reports of the various officers so that they may be submitted to the Committee on Officers' Reports and that committee can take up the work during our noon recess.

Senior-Vice Commander, please assume command.

The Senior-Vice Commander assumed command and Commander in-Chief Alexander submitted the following report:

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

*To the Officers and Members of the 20th Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

One year has elapsed since our 19th Annual Encampment, at which time you unanimously selected me as your Chief Executive for the ensuing year. With a keen sense of the honor conferred and likewise of the responsibilities assumed, I cheerfully entered upon the discharge of the duties imposed, and now that the year has elapsed and we have assembled again in annual session, it is my pleasure and duty as well, to render you an accounting of my stewardship for the past year, which, I regret to say, has not been as active in many particulars as I had anticipated, owing to unforeseen business demands and domestic cares. You will note fact of my making what may be considered radical recommendations in portions of my report, which I assure you are based only upon the most conscientious conclusions, and these conclusions only arrived at after most thorough and careful observations and not a few conferences with the oldest and most active members of our organization. These recommendations are based solely looking to the future and



government of our Order, born of the most precious memories and which, as organization in its growth or maintainance of its membership has not been such in my judgment as the memories so dearly purchased by our fathers' blood deserves or demands. I hope that the brother representatives of this Encampment will not be over critical in passing premature judgment upon changes suggested, as they are made only in behalf and the future of this grand Fraternal Organization of Patriotic Manhood. For if our future, as an Organization, is to be maintained then some radical changes must be made along the whole line, particularly in such as may and will guarantee the retention of a membership when once obtained. The appalling figures of our having mustered from 1889 a total of 163,000 members and to-day coming to this Encampment with an enrollment of but 26,102 members have forced me to ask what is the matter and look around for the cause and remedy, if possible. Brothers, should not this true condition awaken every representative on this floor to the importance of some radical and needed changes throughout our entire organization and its forms and methods of government, so as to insure an interest and retention of every recruit mustered, in which alone lays the future salvation of our grand and noble organization.

#### MEMBERSHIP, ETC.

"What's the Matter?" has been a caption of numerous articles and the subject of much correspondence in our official organ—THE BANNER—which I have read with interest from time to time and gave careful thought to. I assume you are all familiar with the subject and the various discussions brought out in the opinions of others published.

Where are the 54,510 members that were in the order in 1891, under Commander-in-Chief Webb? Where are the 105,000 members mustered into the Order since that time—since that year, since that administration?

They were mustered. They were admitted into our camp rooms. They wore our regulation badge. They were on the rolls of the Camps as Sons of Veterans. Where are they now?

I invite your attention to the membership column of the various Divisions, for answer. Take for example the larger Divisions: The high water mark of membership in the Ohio Division, in 1889, under Commander-in-Chief Abbott, was 9,728. To-day its membership is 1,024. No other Division before that, since nor even now, has had or has now that number of members, 9,728.

Illinois' highest membership mark was in 1890, under Commander-in-Chief Griffin, with 7,969. It was the next largest Division in membership to Ohio, and no other Division has had that membership before, since nor now. The membership in Illinois to-day is 1,533.

The next Division in membership was Massachusetts. Its high water mark was in 1892, under Commander-in-Chief Weeks, with 5,197 members. To-day its membership is 3,342.

New York Division came next, 4,532 members being the number of its high water mark, in 1891, under Commander-in-Chief Webb. To-day the membership is 2,750.

All the other Divisions, with one exception, show losses from their highest membership to the present time; but several are now appearing to be on the upward movement again and gaining slightly in members from their lowest mark.

This exception to which I refer to, and I trust you will pardon the reference, is Pennsylvania Division. With the exception of a loss of not quite 700 from 1892 to 1894, this Division has been on the increase annually. Its membership at the lowest was 4,888 after it had reached the 5,000 membership mark. Since that time it has steadily advanced, kept on gaining and increasing until to-day its membership is about 8,000. Massachusetts seems also to be recovering, and Illinois is advancing. I am assured that the losses in New York and Ohio are temporary and that those Divisions will recover the ground they have fallen back on,

Iowa and several other Divisions are making steady gains, and while not so large, seem to be substantial and permanent.

I appreciate the fact that no one Commander, or no one person can be held accountable or responsible for the losses in the respective Divisions. We have a good corps of Division Commanders, and all seem to be faithful and conscientious in doing the best they can.

In the year 1889-1890 we had the high water mark in the muster of new members, and from this source 27,608 recruits were secured. From that time we have steadily decreased in the number of mustered. The number differs from 12,057 in 1894-1895 to 5,966 in '98-'99. The last year we mustered 6,029 new members. The losses in this organization, are however, frightful to contemplate, and there must be some reason for it. I realize how this has been discussed, what remedies have been suggested and what has been considered to prevent them.

In 1891-1892 we lost twice the number we recruited—43,210 members, total loss. Of this number 38,967 were suspended. The next highest number lost was in 1892-'93 when we sustained a loss of 39,369. Approximately we lost over 30,000, 20,000, 21,000, 17,000, 16,000, 11,000, during the succeeding years.

There was a time when our gains exceeded our losses, but steadily it occurs that the losses exceed the gains.

This leads me to ask the question—Why can we not retain the members mustered? I can understand that it is impossible to retain every member and all members that we get into the Order, but I cannot understand why we lose so frightfully. I am unable to submit a remedy, but I believe it is a question, that if all take part in discussing and consider well the various sentiments, something may be evolved or produced by which we can find some way to in a measure, at least, retain the greater portion of those we get into the organization. It is a serious proposition that confronts us.

I have dealt only in approximate figures, but the Adjutant General's report will show in detail and careful compilation what this subject means to us, implies and impresses us with, so that we can all give it our careful study.

I am of the opinion that this matter, like all others, can be met; and I feel that it ought not longer be delayed. If it is the Constitution, the Ritual, or whatever it may be that is the cause, let us discover it; let us meet it; overcome it and prepare so that it will not again be encountered. We must do something to prevent the fearful losses we have been sustaining, or we will not be able to exist as long as we have.

I am not a "calamity howler" nor am I inclined to look at this Order from darkness and at it in the darkness. I believe that it can be made a grand and glorious fraternity; that it is in its place to-day—that we are not organized too soon; I believe that we can survive the severe shocks we have encountered, and that we will go on; but, just how we are to go on, I am not prepared to say, unless I am satisfied that we have found the cause of the trouble and root it out. I believe you will all agree with me on that point.

For the membership we have in the main, as to numbers, our record of recruiting compares favorably with that of any other Order; and other Orders cannot be compared with us because of our eligibility clause, which is so different from other societies, and which naturally affects us in comparison to the others.

The trouble does not lie in the matter of bringing in the members, or getting new material into the Order; but the trouble we have to overcome is to retain and keep those whom we get into the Order, those whom we have and those whom we want.

We have been in existence twenty years. With all that appeals to the eligibles to this Order our membership ought to be at least 200,000. I use that figure to be conservative. There is no reason why we should not have 400,000 or 500,000 members. Work sufficient to have that membership has been done by every Commander-in-Chief and his officers and staff, since the Order has been in existence.

I will not assume that I can suggest the cause or say to you why the Order has had the experiences it has, or why we cannot retain our members.

But I do believe that I can say to you knowingly some of the features we now have are responsible at least to a degree for the conditions we have confronting us; that these features ought to be done away with, improved, or other methods used. I ask your indulgence to simply consider my opinions as herein expressed, to be my experience and the knowledge I have been able to obtain, from twenty years of service in the Order; and I am glad to say that in discussing these features with others, some of whom have commanded you in the past, that my views have met with their favor and their hearty concurrence and approval.

All Past Commanders-in-Chief have in the past, submitted plans and suggestions to overcome our troubles. I am not better able nor more competent to do so to-day than they were; but you will accept my ideas at least, in the spirit with which they are intended. I therefore beg your indulgence, request your careful consideration, and act accordingly.

One of the primary evils of our organization to my mind, is that it is too cheap. I don't mean by that, that we do not value our heritage, the honor of being Sons of Veterans and sons of Union Soldiers and Sailors who preserved this Nation. I don't mean to convey the idea that we do not appreciate the sacrifices and services of our fathers, and as Sons of Veterans we are composed of the best blood of the land.

What I do mean is that we do not put enough financial value on our Order and permit too many to get their opinion from that point of view. There are many who will say that if you make it so expensive to join, you won't get anybody to come into the Order. Well, in reply to this argument, I want to say, that for twenty years we have been getting them into the Order for \$1.50 each, and less, in some instances. I am informed, and what is the consequence. You are losing more than you get into the Order annually.

I believe that if we exact a value or a price commensurate with the Order's meaning, the place it ought to fill in the country, that we will retain the greater mass of members we have, and gain many that we do not now have and never did have in. In other words: If a man pays for something he is going to invariably appreciate it and will hold to it for that fact as much as anything else. Once get such into the Order, and you will always have them.

But, I would not deprive the humblest from uniting with us. I would want every son of a Union Soldier or Sailor in this Order and he should be in it. Therefore, it must be understood that I would not establish a price or cost of joining so great as to deprive any person eligible and desirable.

Take the example of the Pennsylvania Division. Within a few years ago Camps were organized there as they are in most of the Divisions to-day. The charter fee was all that was required; badges were secured by the Camp after institution and by those who could afford to pay for them or would pay for them. The result was that in very many instances after paying a few quarters per capita tax the camp would go into decline, and eventually be lost by suspension and finally disbanded. This was a customary occurrence at Division Headquarters. It was forcibly met however. Upon recommendation of the Headquarters force the Division decided that no Camp should be mustered unless and until it paid a fee of \$50.00 (including the charter application fee) and this sum had to be used for the entire equipment of the Camp room, with all necessary paraphernalia and a Camp outfit complete before muster; and with that outfit the Camp was mustered and planted; and none of those disbanded. Paying for the outfit and getting something for their money stopped the usual and frequent disbandment of Camps in that Division. So I believe, that if our people pay for what they get

and get what they pay for, it will in a great measure have some effect to prevent the large losses and go far to hold those we have.

All other Divisions could take valuable suggestion from this and would find it most meritorious in serving them.

I believe also that if we interest our members more than we do at present and keep them informed as to the occurrences and events transpiring in the Camps throughout the country, it will have a tendency to retain them.

This leads me to recommend that the BANNER be supplied to every member of the Order. It is being done in some of the Divisions at present and the consequence is that in those Divisions renewed activity and interest in the work of the Camps, the Divisions and the Order in general, is taken. At the same time a brother receives such a publication, he will read it and usually find something in it to interest him, and the result will be that he will take an interest in the Order, at least it will go very far to remind him that he is expected to pay his dues to the Camp and that will be one way of keeping him in the Order. The BANNER can be made the medium for the Commander-in-Chief to reach every member of the Order in that way; under the present system only those who attend the meetings of the Camps can be reached by the Commander-in-Chief, through general orders, because it is impossible to send each Brother a general order. This same matter applies to the Division Commanders. Frequently if they could reach the general membership, a delinquent Captain would not long be in command of his Camp, because those who do not attend their Camp meetings would know that he was direct and steps would be taken in many instances to save that Camp by providing a new Captain. Many members are suspended that are not aware of the fact that their remittances are due; and, if they are aware of it, they fail to pay because the proper effort with them is not made to obtain their dues.

I recognize the strength of the argument that if a Brother has not enough love for the Order, appreciation of the obligation he has taken to pay his dues; that it is not necessary to make a collecting agency out of the Camps to retain their members by requesting them to pay their dues, they do not deserve to be members, but it is not as important as the fact that by asking them or reminding them to pay they will invariably do so. My judgment is that if we reach the rank and file with something of interest and worthy of their attention, that we can hold them for the Sons of Veterans.

#### ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

The Adjutant General's position is a burdensome one and requires a competent and active Brother for that position. The correspondence is voluminous. If it is not promptly attended to great damage to the Order and membership can and must result. The work incidental to the records is also very great and much of it unnecessary. But the records are provided and without other authority they must be continued. The valuable suggestions and recommendations of the Adjutant General, owing to his experience, I concur in and recommend be adopted.

The Quartermaster General's office is also quite an important one and needs constant attention. Delays in filling requisitions and furnishing supplies, are not tolerated and not condoned by the membership and naturally it would be resented. The office, as now conducted, gives satisfaction and in Q. M. General Bolton we have a faithful and conscientious servant.

Naturally these positions deal with the figures and statistics of their departments and the Order, and I invite your careful consideration of them.

#### SURGEON GENERAL.

The forms for the reports to this department can be very much simplified and can be made to give information of interest, and I recom-

mend that they also be changed accordingly. There is much in this department that could be reduced, and the time to render these reports should be changed so that they could be gotten into that department earlier and at a more favorable time for the compilation of returns.

#### INSPECTIONS.

The present system of inspection of Division Headquarters and Camps I do not consider satisfactory. It is unwieldy and not favorable for the results that should be attained. The expense incident to inspections is too heavy and invariably proves burdensome.

I would recommend that the present inspection system be abolished. I would also recommend in this connection that the blanks be so arranged that an inspection can be had on paper at least temporary or for a few years, from which something better may be developed and adopted.

Let the blanks be so prepared that the proper Camp and Division Officers and Staff, can fill them out and give the required information thereon. Have the blanks forwarded to the Inspector and from him, through Division Headquarters to the Inspector-General.

The present manner of ratings and markings and questions to be answered in our forms to-day, are of little consequence, inappropriate and not in accordance with the spirit of our Order and do not fill any want or supply any information to the extent that they cause the trouble and expense necessary to secure.

I am induced to make this recommendation upon careful study of this matter and the experience of many in the past. I am convinced that if each could have the experience of Headquarters or Division Headquarters it would be an easy matter to persuade all that the present inspections do not meet with the satisfaction or results that they ought to bring out or that an inspection should produce.

#### CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

It is hard to remedy the matter of delays that occur in this department in reports not being more promptly forwarded, owing to Memorial Day being on the date it is. It is hard because of the lack of interest in Camps or their officers not forwarding reports of the Chaplain to the proper department in good time. Nearly all Division Encampments are held either prior to or immediately after this date, and consequently retiring or new administrations have much to contend with in obtaining these reports. There is of necessity delay in compilation of the returns.

But this can be overcome by imposing a penalty, at least it will materially aid in overcoming the delays. I would, therefore, recommend that failure to forward reports of all these departments—Inspectors, Surgeon-General, Chaplain-in-Chief and all others from which reports are required, deprive such Camps and Divisions from representation in the respective Divisions, until such reports are filed.

#### JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

I concur in the recommendations and suggestions of the Judge Advocate General with reference to our court-martial forms and requirements. While they are excellent in their way, yet, I feel that they can be simplified and thereby improved for the general purposes for which they are intended and used. They should be made simple and plain to be understood by all, and then better results can be secured. Not all of us have the knowledge of law and legal information that the present blanks and forms require for a thorough case to be made out on, and I recommend that the recommendations of the Judge Advocate General with relation to a more simplified form being adopted, be approved and provided.

It has been suggested that an Opinion or Decision is rendered during the year by a Judge Advocate General or Commander-in-Chief, the same be promulgated and announced to the membership for their guidance and government. This has considerable merit, I am free to say; but inasmuch as it is required that these Opinions or Decisions must first be approved or adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment before they properly become laws and regulations of the Order, it is a question in my mind whether it would be practicable or feasible, on account of a Commander-in-Chief rendering a decision that might not be concurred by the Encampment and might not become a law. It is true that a decision is rendered frequently more than a year before it is made a law or promulgated as such, and therefore it ought to be made known before so long a period expires.

I call your attention to this feature so that if you desire to provide for it, I am certain you can find some way that will meet the idea.

#### THE MAJOR A. P. DAVIS WILL.

In pursuance of the action of the 19th Annual Encampment, leaving the question of the release of the bequest of the late Major A. P. Davis at their discretion, beg to report that I had the Council-in-Chief polled on the proposition of release of said bequest with the unanimous consent for release, which was legally executed through and made a matter of record in the Allegheny County Courts of Pennsylvania.

#### BUTTONHOLE DECORATION—OR RECOGNITION BADGE.

Reports from all over the country, and from membership generally, condemned the buttonhole decoration adopted at the last Encampment. There was universal dissatisfaction with it. The general complaint was to the effect that it was not emblematic nor expressive sufficiently to indicate that as an emblem it represented our Order. The membership wanted something more expressive as to patriotism and more symbolic.

This subject I had under consideration with several of the staff officers, and members of the Order of various Divisions and a few Past Commanders-in-Chief. As a result we concluded to substitute something that we felt and believed, would overcome all objections and be approved and adopted, with good grace and with pleasure. The design I recommend for your favorable consideration and adoption as the official buttonhole decoration of the Order, is a bar, covered with a miniature flag, star and field, embracing the National Colors. If concurred in by this Encampment, it will mean that we, as Sons of Veterans, will always carry with us our National Ensign, and teach all with whom we come in contact, that the flag is one of our first considerations as an Order and as individuals. It seems to me that no mind can conceive any design near to it for effect, as a mark or as a symbol.

I recommend, if this design be adopted, that it be patented in the name of the Commandery-in-Chief, by the Quartermaster-General, and that all who have purchased the present buttonhole decoration, be furnished with the new design, without expense, upon the return of all issued to Camps, by them, to the Quartermaster-General, through the respective Divisions. Members who have purchased the present decoration and Camps that have them, should not be compelled to again go to that expense but should be supplied with the new mark upon returning all issued during the year.

#### MUSTER OF CAMPS.

While the muster of new Camps was urged and the recruiting of membership strongly advocated, and we have made a nice gain from this source, yet, it is not flattering to the extent that I wish I could report. We have mustered within the past year 88 Camps and 2,074 members.

The work of recruiting seems to be most effective in the larger Divisions. The smaller Divisions for some reason or other do not have that energy or means, or interest that is displayed in the more successful Divisions, to get in new recruits and increase their membership.

I am unable to suggest even the cause for this; but added to the disadvantages under which they labor, there also is an apparent apathy or lack of concentrated effort to build up their membership in their Camps.

I am pleased to announce that we have a Camp in Honolulu, attached to the California Division and it is in a prosperous condition. The charter application for this Camp was approved by my predecessor and was mustered several months ago.

#### FINANCES.

The matter of finances is a serious proposition—it is always a serious proposition. But, I feel that you should give it more than ordinary consideration. In fact, our situation demands it. The fact that not more effective work in all departments, but especially in the matter of mustering new Camps and getting the Order before the public has not been more extensively pushed, is the result of the present conditions and the system we have of securing revenue. I submit for your consideration that something is necessary to meet requirements that an Order like ours demands and requires. If you want to be progressive, active, accomplish results in the way of organizing, sustaining the Camps and maintaining the membership, we must provide means, must secure funds to a larger extent than the plans we now have to obtain them, and must develop all in lines that can meet successfully all that is necessary in this line of action.

I recognize that this is a matter for the Council-in-Chief. I submit that it should be presented at this Encampment, met, provided and disposed of satisfactorily and definitely.

I appreciate how we all feel on the question of increased taxation, but unless other plans are presented, I know of nothing to suggest that could assist in developing this vexed problem.

Your attention is called to the report of the Quartermaster-General. That department is most excellently conducted and the Quartermaster-General's experience with relation to the finances of the Order will sustain the view I take the liberty of presenting on this subject.

I recommend that the Council-in-Chief give this subject its careful consideration, and present some suggestion, recommendation or plan whereby a larger revenue can be secured for the Order, or for the work that the Commandery-in-Chief Officers can prosecute and should always be enabled to carry on, to organize and recruit Camps and members.

#### RITUAL.

In some sections of the country I learn that our ritual is not regarded with that degree of respect and pride that it ought to receive; or perhaps it is due to the fact that something better is anticipated by those who unite with us and are disappointed in the simplicity of our ritualistic features.

Past Commander-in-Chief Rake and the Adjutant-General having been constituted a Committee on Ritual by appointment at the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, have on numerous occasions, with myself, given this subject considerable attention.

Events so shaped themselves the past year, that the committee could not find itself in position to recommend anything different to propose at this time; they are not ready to submit anything to this Encampment in the nature of changes in the way of ritual, and therefore, I recommend that the action of the previous Encampment be continued and the committee kept at its work.

If, however, this Encampment is of a different opinion, and desires the discharge of the committee, and will take up the matter of present-

ing a new ritual, I would suggest that all be simplified, and work reduced, and outside of the obligation, a few suggestive and impressive floor movements. I would urge that more patriotic and instructive charges leading to the war for the preservation of the Union, be embodied, so that the membership can be taught incidentally, what our fathers did to save this country and how they saved it; with what sacrifices they had to contend, the hardships they encountered, and the history of Andersonville and Libby Prisons be brought out distinctly.

Such subjects must never be let die; and although, we congratulate all on the union of all sections in our country today; on the fact that we are a united people, a happy, prosperous and progressive nation, and while we forgive all of the war of 1861's cruelty, the sufferings and pain and hardships, yet I feel that we must not let our members forget. They must be taught that the blood their fathers shed was for the country's preservation, and they should learn in our ritualistic work how the nation was preserved and by whom it was saved. It should also set forth by brief statistics the number of brave and true who died for us—in prison pen and on battlefield; who found watery graves or died aboard ship and all ought to be brought out historically and impressively.

#### WAR SERVICE CROSSES AND CERTIFICATES.

The War Service Cross for members of the Order who served in the War with Spain and in the Philippines, seems to be generally liked and to meet with favor; there is some complaint that they are not more elaborate, but as they supply a feature that is quite commendable, and since it is not the intention to have them for their intrinsic value, I am of the opinion that nothing more should be added to them to increase their cost. I would like to see all members entitled to have them receive them and be supplied with them, and I trust this will be continued to be brought to the attention of the Camps and all provided with them for presentation to such Brothers.

The certificates which we issue with each badge are an excellent feature, and they are greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

I submit that every member of the Order should also be provided with a Certificate of Membership in the Sons of Veterans, and these should be supplied on the occasion of the muster of each member into the Order. The Certificate should be emblematic of our principles, objects and appropriate for the son of Union Soldiers and Sailors, to have framed and cherish as a keep-sake, in his home. Little expense would necessarily have to be gone to to provide such certificates.

#### DEATH BENEFIT ASSOCIATION.

Past Commander-in-Chief Jones and other predecessors of mine have referred to and explained the features of the Death Benefit Association. I cannot refrain from adding my opinion to theirs, and from the knowledge I have been able to secure on this subject, I am an earnest advocate of the Death Benefit Association for the Camps and Members. I believe its adoption by the Camps generally would materially aid them, add to their membership, secure many recruits for the Order, and that the matter would be quite an incentive for the Order's interest and in its behalf. I find that the majority if not all, the largest and most successful Camps are beneficial—paying either sick benefits or death benefits. This is notably the case in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and other Divisions.

While I do not desire to inflict any more experiments on the Order, I do feel that it would not be an error to have Camps first take up this matter, join the Death Benefit Association, and if successful, in a short time it will develop satisfactorily, and then the Commander-in-Chief can consider it.



I recommend, however, that the Death Benefit Association be recommended to the Order in general by this Encampment, and that all Camps be urged to join the Association and connect themselves therewith.

The matter of Camps becoming beneficial I think should be left to their own judgment; but the most successful are the beneficial Camps.

#### MEMORIAL DAY AND UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

The observance of our Camps and the membership generally of Memorial Day was flattering as to the results and impressions upon the public. The report of the Chaplain-in-Chief will show in detail, with reference to the same, but owing to the many Camps failing to report in Divisions that did not secure such reports, due and proper credit cannot here be given. Memorial Day is generally observed as Memorial Day throughout the land, and the Sons of Veterans are not lacking in their devotions and the regard they have for the sacredness of the day.

As a most fitting feature preparatory to the observance of this day, I recommend that annually, succeeding Commanders-in-Chief, and all Division Commanders, issue in a General or Special Order relating to Memorial Day, the address of President Lincoln delivered by him at the dedication of the battlefield of Gettysburg. I recommend that his address be printed in all Division Commanders Orders or the orders of Commander-in-Chief previous to Memorial Day, that the same may be read in every camp room prior to the day—May 30, annually.

I am glad to report that the Camps universally attend divine service in a body and in full uniform on the Sunday previous to Memorial Day. This, I earnestly hope will be continued and made a feature of each Commander-in-Chief's and all Division Commanders' orders.

Union Defenders' Day was successfully observed by many Camps and this I am pleased to report is also increasing in popularity with the Camps. I trust this event as a celebration in our Camp rooms will continue to grow in the hearts of all and that the day—February 12, will always be regarded as a Sons of Veterans holiday and be fittingly and properly observed.

#### DISCIPLINE.

There was but one dishonorable discharge during the year, the same being the result of a courtmartial. While even this one case is to be regretted, yet it is to be remarked that in a membership of the number we have, it speaks highly of the regard all have for the obligation they have taken and the personnel of the organization. We are to be congratulated for the fact that only one person was found guilty, or that it was necessary to discharge him from the Order.

The Divisions have excellent discipline and the Camps seem to have a genuine fraternity and regard for the members composing the Order. This should be so and it is a most commendable spirit. But with all this there is still more room for improvement in the personal conduct of each and every one of us with relation to the principles of the Order—"Friendship, Charity and Loyalty."

#### RELATIONS WITH G. A. R.

On the subject of fraternal relations of the Sons of Veterans with the Grand Army of the Republic, I feel that more should be accomplished than merely to pay our respects to this grand organization annually through a committee from our Encampment. We should be in closer touch with the comrades of the great order. That we could better serve their every want and interest and thus make the few short years left them at least comfortable and free from every care and responsibility. It's a duty we recognize we owe each and every one of us to our noble sires and we only await their pleasures and commands, which at all

times shall be ours, and I sincerely hope our committee, consisting of Past Commanders-in-Chief Bundy and Shepard may have some tangible report to present upon the subject.

#### THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Aid Society, as an Auxiliary, has been both devoted and interested in our welfare and have rendered valued services in many instances and in more directions than one. No appeal has been in vain, but has been met with ready response. I vouchsafe in saying the Regents of Military College can and do likewise thoroughly appreciate the services rendered by our sister co-workers in their loyal ambition to assist.

#### WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

I am pleased to note the continued live interest of this band of Loyal Women in our behalf. We have received not a few courtesies at their hands during the past year. Their interest has been both live and practical in rendering aid to the College and assisting in the organization of Camps.

#### MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY.

The project for the Memorial University is in able hands and is well directed. The work of the Board of Regents and all connected with the management is most commendable and deserves the strongest moral and financial aid and support that can be given. I earnestly trust that this matter will receive the personal attention and personal interest of every member of the Order. Owing to the beginning or development of the project there was not that general promulgation of matters pertaining to the subject during the past year and is now necessary. I hope to see much activity in behalf of the University during this and the succeeding years. It must be made a crowning success and I haven't the slightest concern nor doubt but that it will be.

Illness of a very near relative prevented me from having the privilege and pleasure of attending the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial College, June 26th. It was a matter of very deep regret to me. Appreciating the importance and necessity of this body being properly represented, I called upon Past Commander-in-Chief Frank L. Shepard of Chicago, to serve me and right well did he do so, as the representative of the Commander-in-Chief.

It is a source of great regret that the finances did not permit the ordering of the officers and staff to Mason City on the occasion of the cornerstone laying of the College, so that we might have had a fitting representation of our entire Order in the demonstration. It should have been possible and all officers and staff should have been in attendance. The report of the representative of the Commander-in-Chief of the event, is made a part of this record, for your information, and follows:

June 28, 1901.

*E. W. Alexander, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Reading, Pa.*

MY DEAR COMMANDER:—In accordance with your request, I attended the exercises of the laying of the cornerstone of the Memorial College, at Mason City, Iowa, on Wednesday, the 26th, leaving Chicago, Tuesday evening and returning Thursday morning.

The occasion was made all that could be expected by the citizens of Mason City. They had a parade at 1 o'clock through the down town streets and to the college ground where the exercises took place. Judge Mathews, of Dubuque, Iowa, Judge Torrence of Minneapolis, and Prof. Beardshear, of the Iowa State College, were the principal speakers. After the speaking, representing you and in your name, I laid the cornerstone of the first and principal building, the foundations of which are

all completed and the structure above the ground now to be built. This building will cost from \$75,000 to \$85,000 and will in every respect be a fine structure. A special train was run from Minneapolis to Mason City, carrying about 250 people, consisting of Sons of Veterans and their friends. Sons of Veterans and members of the Grand Army and citizens from all over the State of Iowa were in attendance. The work thus far accomplished speaks well for the Board of Regents and for the local citizens of Mason City, and indicates favorable results far beyond the expectation of most of the members of our Order.

The location of the institution in Mason City will, I believe, prove more favorable and satisfactory as time goes on, located as it is in the centre of a great territory, from which to draw for the support and maintenance of the institution, and in the success of which the people will take great pride. In my judgment the success of the institution is no longer a question of doubt, but is and will be a reality, reflecting credit on our Order, and resulting in great good to it.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK L. SHEPARD.

### CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

You will all admit that there are many persons out of the Order that should be in it. Every community has eligible members but for causes known to themselves as well as to us, in many instances, they refuse to connect themselves with the Camps. In many instances they are prominent in business, professions, commercial life or other walks, and yet they would make good members of the Order if they were in it.

I would not have one member of our Order to-day give way in consideration of those not members, but I would like every man who is eligible to join this Order become a member of it. To secure their membership, it is my judgment that we ought to strive for as much as to retain our present members. It is a matter for the Camps to say whether or not they have desirable men in the classes I refer to to get into the Order, and therefore, I am not advocating the admission of classes in more favorable walks of life than we ourselves are in. I am not arguing in favor of such to have the preference over our present members but I am urging all to become members of the Sons of Veterans; and to get them, retain those we have, reinstate such as we have had and lost, I am convinced that something should be done with our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or the laws we are governed by, so that we can have an authority that will meet all requirements, and I believe go far to answering substantially and really the question—"What's the Matter?"

Let us at least give it a trial. It can do no more evil and give us no greater losses than we have sustained in the past. But I conscientiously believe we can to a very large extent remedy many of the degrees or faults that have been the cause for us not being as prosperous as we have the right to expect we should be.

The present Constitution is in conflict on various subjects and is contradictory as to law in a number of places. I admire the intention of our present Constitution. I have no criticism to make of it with a view of casting any reflection or discredit upon its framers; or the purposes for which it was provided. But it is too much Constitution. It is far more in volume than the Constitution of the United States, or any of the respective States of the Union.

The Constitution, Rules and Regulations also do not meet the requirements of to-day. At one place its decision or law is set forth entirely different and at variance with the intention and law of another place on another subject.

With due regard for it as a law, as our law, with due appreciation of the work it contains, and with no idea of criticising unkindly, I beg your indulgence to submit that it was prepared at a time when we as an Order generally, were composed of boys—when we were boys. I

do not think you will charge me with harshly criticising the present Constitution, Rules and Regulations, when I say that it does not now fill the requirements necessary, a man's organization, as ours has now developed and come to be.

With the country's growth and progression, we grow and progress and spread out. Our ideas change and conditions change and all have to be met.

Therefore, I am led and convinced by one motive for the future success of this Order, to submit the following recommendations pertaining to this subject to the matter of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations:—viz.

That the Commandery-in-Chief put forth a Constitution embodying the general law for the Order in a simple manner, keeping the organic law of the United States government as a guide.

That Divisions and Camps in their order following, be permitted to have the greatest latitude in their own government, not inconsistent with the general laws of the Commandery-in-Chief.

After the eligibility clause and its definition, recite the subordinate branches; the officers of each (omitting military titles) and their duties.

Provide for semi-annual reports on blanks to be furnished for Divisions by the Commandery-in-Chief; and for Camps by the Divisions. Abolish all reports by Staff Officers and drop Inspections.

Plainly and simply provide for the observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day by the Organization generally in such manner as Camps may elect.

Make a minimum fee of say \$25.00 for a Camp Charter, of which sum \$20.00 shall be paid to Divisions and \$5.00 to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Muster fee of members, say \$5.00, of which sum \$1.00 shall be paid to Divisions, and \$1.00 to the Commandery-in-Chief.

That the present Past Division Commander's badge be made in bronze and be the general membership badge, with the present Div. (red) ribbon, the same badge in silver for Past Division Commanders and in gold for Past Commanders-in-Chief.

That sitting Camp officers wear plain blue ribbon; Division officers, plain red; and Commandery-in-Chief officers, plain white, while in office only, on the bronze badge.

The new buttonhole bar for all.

That the Adjutant-General and Adjutants perform the work necessary in their respective departments. Quartermaster-General and Quartermasters simply receive and pay out money or funds, and be actual treasurers.

Make only a mention of uniform by stipulating that where Camps desire to adopt the military feature as a whole or to have a Guard or Firing Squad, they must adopt the regulation uniform for U. S. Infantry and equip not less than a minimum Company; the military feature in any event to be subordinate to the Camps.

That charter and membership fees be made payable promptly by Camps to Divisions, and monthly by Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Per capita tax payable semi-annually.

That Camps be allowed to elect when they will meet, after passing upon same to its liking.

Provide for colors for the Commandery-in-Chief, Divisions and Camps; let Camps do as they please about getting them.

Establish one headquarters for the Commander-in-Chief, with the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General at the same.

#### CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I desire to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to my staff as such good and advancement has been accomplished during

the year has, in a great measure, been due to their able and untiring services.

To the Division Officers and Brothers, I am indebted for the uniform courtesies extended and assistance rendered during my official year.

To Past Commanders-in-Chief McCabe, Wm. E. Bundy, Shepard and Rake and Past Colonel Wm. G. Dustin I am especially obligated and thankful for special work done and assistance rendered.

Quartermaster-General Fred. H. Bolton and Adjutant-General H. H. Hammer have been a tower of strength in their respective positions, which have been both laborious and important charges. They are brothers endowed with special qualifications, fitting them particularly for the arduous and exacting work of their departments and by the faithful performance of their duties at all times, they have made my official year not only pleasant, but happy. That my term is about ended wherein you have conferred the highest honors, permit me to assure I shall ever remain mindful of them and the obligation assumed as one of you, which I hope and pray I may ever prove faithful to. Respectfully submitted,

E. W. ALEXANDER, *Commander-in-Chief.*

The reading of the Commander-in-Chief's report was greeted with great applause and prolonged cheering.

**THE SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** If there are no objections this most excellent report of our Commander-in-Chief will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. It is so ordered.

The Commander-in-Chief assumes command.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: Commander, while messages of sympathy are being offered, it seems to me that this, that I am about to offer, is particularly appropriate for this body. Our deceased President was the only President of the United States who ever attended a meeting of this body. Back in our own State he always, during his incumbency as Governor, attended the meetings of our State organization, and I would move, Commander-in-Chief, the following message be sent by the Commander-in-Chief of this organization:—

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 17th, 1901.

*Judge Wm. R. Day, Canton, Ohio.*

The Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, is profoundly grieved in the loss to the nation in the death of their friend, the President of the United States. Please convey to Mrs. McKinley the sympathy of this body in this hour of her great bereavement."

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: I second the motion, and suggest it be adopted by a rising vote.

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The next in order will be the report of the Senior Vice-Commander.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, in all deference to the other officers, I offer a suggestion that the reports of the other officers be submitted without reading. I think it will save a great deal of time. I don't want to take any glory from the various officers, but I think that is the best way to do.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Is there any objection to the suggestion? There seems to be no objection.

The following reports were then submitted, without reading: Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Inspector-General, Chaplain-in-Chief, Judge Advocate-General, Surgeon General and Council-in-Chief.

## REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

OMAHA, Nebraska, July 27, 1901.

*H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR:—The Senior Vice Commander begs leave to thank the brothers of the Encampment for the honor conferred on him a year ago at Syracuse, N. Y. My duties have not been burdensome, and I have been too busy with my commercial interests to give the time that should have been given to my office, though I assure you I have tried to do my best. I recommend to the brothers of this 20th Encampment and all members of our grand and noble Order to lend what financial aid they possibly can for the upbuilding of our Memorial College, at Mason City, Iowa. We should not stop with this, but spread the glad tidings to all patriotic organizations and persons. This must be done by each and every one of us if we wish to make this great undertaking a success, and if it is a success it will bring credit to our Order and to ourselves.

Hoping that we may all live to see this college one of the leading institutions of the whole world, I remain your fraternally,

ALBERT H. RAWITZER, *Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.*

## REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

*H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief:

When elected one year ago it was my intention to take an active part in the affairs of our Order in general, but it is with regret that I have to admit that matters over which I had only partial control have so ordered themselves as to prevent me from doing much that I hoped to accomplish when I took the office.

The calls upon me as a National Officer have not been numerous, but, though not required to enter largely into the national affairs of the organization, a very considerable portion of my time has been devoted to Sons of Veteran work for my Division and for my Camp. It seemed best to do that which came to hand rather than to go hunting for some larger but more uncertain field of labor. Consequently my efforts have been largely local in character and only collaterally of interest or benefit to the Order at large.

I attended the Annual Encampment of Maryland Division at Wilmington, Delaware, and was there received as the duly accredited representative of the Commandery-in-Chief.

On Memorial Day the honor and pleasure was mine of attending the services at Arlington National Cemetery, and by special invitation of Commander I. W. Stone, of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R. I occupied a seat among the speakers and distinguished guests of the day assembled there to do reverence to the memory of those who served their country in its time of need and who are now answering "roll call" on the other shore. I am pleased to be able to say that at Arlington the Sons of Veterans were recognized to the extent that one of them from the Badger State was selected to deliver an address and acquitted himself fully as well as the best of a number of brilliant speakers.

My official relations with all the National and Division officers have been of the most pleasant kind, and I take this opportunity of making my acknowledgements to my brothers for courtesies received at their hands.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

CHAS. S. DAVIS, *Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.*

## INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

PEORIA, ILL., August 31st, 1901.

*Mr. H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General S. of V., U. S. A.*

SIR:—In presenting herewith report of my services as Inspector General, believing it would be of considerable interest to the Order, I have followed very closely the form adopted by my predecessor. An exceptionally earnest effort was made to secure a complete inspection, with the result that every Division Headquarter and all but 175 Camps were reported; the Divisions of South Dakota and the Gulf being the only ones not reporting.

A careful perusal of my statistical report will reveal a general decrease in the Order, both financially and numerically, but with a larger percentage of the existing Camps better situated as to quarters; more interest shown in patriotic exercises and meetings, and a larger sum being expended in the cause of charity.

From my experience during the year just closed, it seems apparent, because of the very general lack of interest in the military feature, that the inspection of Camps as now provided for is not in accord with the requirements. There is also much dissatisfaction with the expense feature, which many seem to think unnecessary and a burden. I have therefore taken the liberty of preparing and attaching hereto an inspection blank covering, I believe, all the vital questions pertaining to the individual Camp, which, if intelligently answered, will furnish the requisite information desired by the national organization in a much more comprehensive and compact manner than now. It provides for an actual statement of facts in no way burdened by military questions or percentages. It provides that the inspection shall be made by the commanding officer of a Camp or some one whom he shall invite at a stated meeting in November or December; and that it may be authentic and accurate I believe such inspection should be attested by the Camp Council under oath.

I respectfully submit this for your consideration and that of this assemblage, recommending favorable official action by the Commander-in-Chief.

(Inspection having been done away with, the report is omitted.)

In the matter of inspection of Division Headquarters, the same complaint of expense was encountered, and it seems to me provision should be made whereby the Division Councils will semi-annually thoroughly inspect Division Headquarters and report to Commander-in-Chief under oath; that funds should be provided by the Commander-in-Chief so that whenever occasion may require the Inspector General or some one delegated by him, may visit the various Division Headquarters, thoroughly inspect them and furnish such assistance as may be needed. The necessity for such action, however, to be subject to the decision and under the control of the Commander-in-Chief and performed only upon orders from said officer.

In this way I believe many irregularities would be overcome and the opportunities for carelessness, inattentiveness and neglect of duty on the part of the Division Officers reduced to a minimum. The actual condition of our Order, as it confronts us today, is deplorable, considering the vastness of our possibilities; and, from a careful review of the situation as found through extensive correspondence with almost every Division, I am fully convinced, and I believe voice the sentiment of nearly every one here who has given it careful consideration, when I say that the fault lies largely with the smallness of our dues and initiation fee and the lack of a general knowledge of our Order, its objects, aims and possibilities for its future. While material increase of dues and initiation fee would in all probability result in an immediate decrease in membership, yet those remaining would be such as would form a solid, unchanging foundation upon which could be

builded a superstructure far surpassing our present strength both in finance and influence.

It has been my good fortune during the past three or four years to be intimately acquainted with brother W. G. Dustin, the publisher of THE BANNER; I have watched with interest the progress and effect of this publication. I believe it has done more to create interest, beget enthusiasm, hold together and bring activity to the Camps of our Order through the educational feature than any other plan which has ever been adopted by a Division in our organization.

I believe a so-called campaign of education, not alone among eligible sons, but among the Woman's Relief Corps, Grand Army of the Republic, Ladies' Aid Society and all patriotic organizations, coupled with materially increased initiation fees and dues, will do much toward the substantial up-building of our Order. I believe THE BANNER should be made the official organ. I also believe that sufficient funds should be provided the Commander-in-Chief, enabling him to inaugurate and energetically carry forward a campaign of education which will bring to the knowledge of every patriotic citizen a realization of the scope and importance of the work we are undertaking, and which will effectually place our Order before the Grand Army of the Republic in the light of one anxious to assist, rather than one with a desire to take from their shoulders the laurels won on the field of battle.

In closing, permit me to express to Commander Alexander my sincere appreciation of the honor conferred upon the Illinois Division in the placing of one of their number among his official family. I appreciate to the fullest extent the kind assistance rendered and consideration shown me by yourself, and my heartfelt thanks are extended not only to you but to all who have so freely given of their time, their knowledge and their influence, that the work of this Department might be made successful and of benefit to our organization.

I have the honor to remain,

E. F. BUCK, *Inspector General S. of V., U. S. A.*

#### INSPECTION OF DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

In the matter of inspection of Division Headquarters, it was the endeavor to so assign Assistant Inspectors-General that the expense incurred would be nominal and yet secure for such services a competent brother living outside the jurisdiction of the Division which he inspected. In this I believe we were successful, and the sincere thanks of the entire Order are due these brothers for the able and economical manner in which they performed the duty assigned them.

The headquarters of the Quartermaster and the Adjutant-General were not inspected.

A careful examination of the consolidated report hereto attached and marked Exhibit "A" will show the manner in which each Division is handling its business. The following statistics will, I think, be of general interest to those giving careful attention to the details of our Order.

The headquarters of all the Divisions in the Order, twenty-nine in number, were inspected.

Colorado and Iowa have no By-Laws.

Colorado, Kansas, New Hampshire and Oregon keep no record of their Division Encampments or the proceedings of the Division Council. Oregon and Kansas have no register of members.

In Massachusetts and Colorado there is no roster of officers kept.

All Divisions with the exception of the Gulf are now keeping a record of the dispensations issued.

All Divisions excepting the Gulf are keeping an Adjutant's cash book and a general cash book.

Colorado and Massachusetts do not keep a ledger.



In Massachusetts and Colorado, the Quartermaster keeps no account with the individual Camps.

All Divisions forwarded reports except the Gulf.

The Division accounts are properly kept in all Divisions except Colorado.

The indebtedness of the several Divisions is as follows: Iowa, \$200.00; Kansas, \$215.12; Michigan, \$63.00; Missouri, \$68.69; Oregon, \$15.00; West Virginia, \$7.00; Wisconsin, \$20.00; South Dakota, \$24.00; Gulf, \$30.00; making a total indebtedness of \$642.81.

There is in the various Division treasuries \$1,707.34, an average of \$58.87.

There is on hand in the various Divisions in supplies \$536.33, all of which are of current issue except about \$50.00 in West Virginia.

The Division Commander of Minnesota is bonded for \$500.00. The Division Commanders of Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa are bonded for \$1,000.00. The remaining Division Commanders, with the exception of Oregon, Rhode Island and the Gulf who give no bond, are bonded for the current amounts.

Quartermasters in the Divisions of Illinois, Minnesota and Vermont have given bond for \$500.00. In Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, West Virginia, South Dakota and the Gulf no bond has been given. In the remaining Divisions a bond has been furnished according to the requirements of the constitutional rules and regulations.

In eighteen Divisions of our Order the Quartermaster and Adjutant-General is paid a salary.

There are 25,263 members in good standing, but are so divided that a number of the Divisions are exceedingly weak, and it seems advisable that some action would be taken which would either strengthen these small Divisions or consolidate them with those Divisions close to them.

There are 798 Camps in the Order with an average membership of  $31\frac{1}{2}$ .

Twenty-three per cent. of 189 of the Camps in the organization were suspended during the last year.

As was reported last year I find the statistics relative to the entire number of Camps, organized and suspended during the existence of the organization was incomplete, so that no satisfactory report can be made of them.

In Maine, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island field days were held.

Correspondence is not properly attended to in South Dakota and the Gulf.

The General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief are promptly forwarded and Camp requisitions are properly filled in all of the Divisions.

#### CAMP INSPECTIONS.

Most of the Division Inspector's Reports were very satisfactory and in some cases they were models of neatness and accuracy, and we deem it but just that the Inspectors of the Divisions of Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania be especially commended for the satisfactory manner in which they performed their duties. The reports were very unsatisfactory in some Divisions, and much labor was entailed upon this department by correcting inexcusable errors, which apparently were the results of carelessness and indifference.

Exhibit "B" presents a consolidation of all Division Inspectors' Reports received to August 20, with compilation of all statistical information therein contained, and we desire to call attention to the following items as of interest to the Order at large.

Reports were received from twenty-six Divisions and all the statistics, percentages and averages in this report, are based on the information received from these Divisions. South Dakota and Washington failed to report.

There were 895 Camps in the 26 Divisions reporting, and 720, or 80 per cent. of these were inspected, and 175 or 19 per cent. were not inspected. 45 Camps surrendered their charters since last inspection.

### CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

RISING SUN, Indiana, August 15th, 1901.

*H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit my report as Chaplain-in-Chief for the present time.

In the matter of reports, there has been no decided improvement over previous years. The Division Chaplains in general are to be congratulated and are entitled to words of boundless praise for the interest manifested in endeavoring to secure a correct report from each Camp in their respective Divisions. But it is apparent that some Camp officers fail to give their reports the required attention.

If such reports received the necessary attention it would not devolve upon the Division Chaplains to return so many reports for correction. Many mistakes occur in reports from Camp officers and quite a number fail to report at all. The records at Division Headquarters are compiled for Camp returns, and the records at Commander-in-Chief headquarters are compiled from the Division returns. It is difficult therefore to make a correct record of each Division, and one that will be of serviceable value when the Camp officers fail to give their reports the required attention.

On the other hand it would be an easy matter to make correct, valuable and serviceable records for the Commander-in-Chief if more attention would be given to the making of reports of Camp Officers.

Believing that the proper observance of Memorial and Union Defenders' Day are the means of materially strengthening our Order, an extra effort was made in that direction this year by causing a circular letter to be sent to each Camp, calling attention to the proper observance of these days and the Camps in general complied with the suggestion therein contained.

I have received reports from every Division, except Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Oregon, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia; each of these have been written to, but for some reason no report has been received.

The consolidated report shows the actual work done in the various Divisions.

No. of Camps reporting.....	546
" brothers in Camps reporting.....	20,949
" brothers in line Memorial Day .....	4,436
" brothers armed and in line Memorial Day.....	4,436
" brothers uniformed " " " .....	8,951
" firing squads .....	188
" Camps addressed by Sons of Veterans.....	288
" brothers attending services Memorial Sunday....	9,508
" Camps observing Union Defenders' Day.....	287
" deaths in the past year.....	127

In closing this, my report, I desire to thank the Division Chaplains for their kind treatment during the past year, and especially am I indebted to Commander-in-Chief Alexander and Adjutant-General H. H. Hammer, for the many courtesies extended in discharge of my official duties.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
R. S. THOMPSON, *Chaplain-in-Chief.*

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL.

To H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General.

SIR:—I have the honor to submit my report herewith as Judge Advocate-General.

Nine several matters have been referred to me, and all have been returned to the Commander-in-Chief with my recommendations thereon. The findings in two cases of court-martial have been considered, one being approved and the other disapproved, and recommendations made accordingly. The present blanks in use for the holding of a court-martial, whenever one is necessary, are not suitable for the purpose; to understand them, the Judge Advocate of a Court must be a well-read and experienced lawyer; and this is not always wise or possible. It is probable that justice frequently miscarries with such an ambiguous and intricate form; it could be considerably simplified and the chance of errors decreased, thereby materially furthering the interests of justice; I would recommend that this Encampment appoint a suitable committee to revise the Court-Martial blanks in use by our Order. A member elected a delegate to his Division Encampment failing to vote as instructed is censured by resolutions passed by his Camp, he appeals, claiming that said resolutions are unconstitutional; resolutions upheld. Two appeals from decisions of a Division Commander were considered and the decisions of the Division Commander were upheld. Amendments to the By-Laws of the Divisions of West Virginia, California, Connecticut and Colorado were referred to me; two were approved and in the other two cases certain changes were recommended.

I have visited the Division Encampments of New Hampshire and Maine representing the Commander-in-Chief; my correspondence with the other officers of the Commandery-in-Chief has been one of the great pleasures of the office.

Thanking you, Commander-in-Chief, for the honor of my appointment, and trusting that my labors have been satisfactory. Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

ERNEST B. FOLSOM,  
*Judge Advocate-General.*

## REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

PROVIDENCE, August 18, 1901.

H. H. Hammer, Adjutant General, S. V., U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to submit to you the following report: Having been appointed Surgeon upon the Staff of E. W. Alexander, I at once set about to see what could be done to make my department a success.

I sent a circular letter to all Division Surgeons asking them to make out their reports and send them to me on or before January 1, 1901. I also asked them whether or not they thought the present Surgeons' blanks (forms 47 and 48) were satisfactory, and if not what changes would they suggest. I did not receive a single report on time; the first three reaching these headquarters, however, were Minnesota, Missouri and Maryland.

The only Division Surgeons to answer my circular letter and to suggest any changes to the present form 48, were Eddy, of Connecticut; Morrison, of Maryland; Hawks, of Illinois; Davis, of New Jersey, and Brown, of Rhode Island.

In April I got out another circular letter, this time to the Division Commanders asking them to kindly stir up their Division Surgeons. This seemed to be productive of better results as the reports came in a little faster. I want at this time to thank the Division Commanders for their kindness and courtesy to me, and to let them know how much I appreciate their assistance.

I have been obliged to write four, five and even six letters to some of the Divisions in order to get their report.

Two Divisions kept me waiting so long that my report to the Commander-in-Chief was about a week late.

I have only cited these instances to show what hard and persistent work it takes to get a complete report; and that something must be done in the future to compel Divisions to send their report in on time. In order to accomplish this, I would suggest that each Division Surgeon as soon as he is appointed should see to it that every Camp in his Division is supplied with Surgeons' Blanks, form 47, and that his Division Quartermaster should supply all camps which are not so supplied.

At this late day I found three Divisions using the old style blanks-form 47. Another thing which would facilitate matters would be to appoint only practicing physicians to fill the office of Division Surgeon. I have found that they work harder and take more interest in their work than do those outside of the profession.

As there are 257 physicians in the order there should be enough to go around.

There should be some penalty imposed upon Divisions who fail to make a correct Surgeon's report and until this is done, nothing can be accomplished in this department.

In some cases Division Commanders and Division Surgeons will not take the slightest notice of letters from the Department of Surgeon General making inquiries regarding their report.

In the case of one of the Divisions which kept me waiting, I wrote six letters, not only to the Division Commander, Division Surgeon, but to the Division Adjutant and others. I also had to ask some of my friends on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief to help me out, but not until I had telegraphed did I get a report.

The following report is complete and correct, the second one in the history of our Order:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS MUSTERED (INCLUDING CHARTER MEMBERS).

No. of members in good standing.....	22,501
" of members mustered since last report.....	3,426
" in State Militia.....	985
" in U. S. Army.....	255
" in U. S. Navy.....	46
" of G. A. R. members.....	643
Total number of drilled men.....	8,345
No. of members able to bear arms.....	20,609
" of members over 45 years of age.....	1,229
Age of oldest member (Mass.).....	74
Average age of all members.....	29 years, 3 mo.
No. of widowers.....	595
" of married members.....	11,707
" of unmarried members.....	10,199
" of deaths within one year.....	144
" of cases of sickness during year.....	1,264
" of injuries during year.....	323
Total No. weeks disability, from sickness.....	4,616
Total No. weeks disability, from injury.....	1,000
No. of Camps paying funeral benefits.....	139
Average amount.....	\$119.02
No. of Camps paying sick benefits.....	123
Average amount.....	\$2.53
No. of Camps engaging in regular drill.....	217
" of members foreign born.....	205
" of clergymen.....	114
" of physicians.....	257
" of dentists.....	91

No. of attorneys .....	491
“ of teachers .....	335
“ of students .....	621
“ of artists and draughtsmen.....	164
“ of musicians .....	484
“ of merchants .....	1,469
“ of salesmen .....	1,045
“ of clerks and bookkeepers.....	2,334
“ of electricians .....	225
“ of telegraph operators.....	165
“ of mechanics .....	3,617
“ of engineers .....	367
“ of railroad conductors.....	166
“ of printers .....	501
“ of sailors .....	78
“ of farmers .....	2,397
“ of miners .....	303
“ of skilled laborers.....	1,872
“ of laborers .....	3,749
Miscellaneous .....	1,656
No. of Divisions in Division.....	28
“ of Divisions reporting.....	28

Some very interesting things are to be noted in looking over this report; a few of which are as follows:

Massachusetts has the oldest member, his age being 74 years; the average age of all members is 29 years, 3 months, the number of deaths during the year is 144, or about 64 per cent.; number of weeks lost by sickness, 4,616; number of weeks lost by injury, 1,000; number of weeks lost from both causes, 5,616. The average amount paid by Camps who pay funeral benefits is \$119.02; the average amount paid by Camps who pay a sick benefit is \$2.49 per week.

There could be many more interesting deductions made from the above report, but this has been so thoroughly gone over in the past, especially by Dr. Wilcox in 1893, that I will call your attention only to two other matters:

*First.* I should like to make one change in the present Surgeons' Blanks, forms 47 and 48.

The question number of members mustered (including charter members) should be made question No. 1, and not as it is apart from the rest.

The reason for this is that the question is hardly ever answered, either by Camp Captains or Division Surgeons, the reason given is, that they do not notice it.

*Second.* Regarding reports being sent in on time. The Surgeons' Reports from Camps should be made a part of the Camp Inspection and should be made out and on hand for the Inspecting Officer to look over the same as other reports on the night of inspection. If this is done all reports will be sent to Division Surgeons on time as inspections occur during November or December.

In closing this report, I wish to express my appreciation for the kindness and courtesy extended to me by Division Commander and others who have aided me in my work. To the Commander-in-Chief and members of his staff, I am especially grateful.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

A. W. A. TRAVER, M. D.,

*Surgeon General.*

## REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 17, 1901.

To Officers and Members of Twentieth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans. U. S. A.

BROTHERS:—The Council-in-Chief herewith submits a record of its proceedings for your consideration and approval.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1901.

At the close of the 19th Annual Encampment your Council-in-Chief convened at the Yates House and was formally organized by electing Don C. Cable, of Ohio, as chairman and C. J. Post, of Michigan, as secretary. The bond of the Commander-in-Chief was fixed in the sum of \$10,000, and of the Quartermaster General in the sum of \$5,000 and later the bonds of the officers were submitted to and approved by your Council-in-Chief, the securities proving satisfactory.

The Council-in-Chief passed upon and approved of the bills incurred by the officers of the 19th Annual Encampment.

By unanimous action of your Council-in-Chief, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, in official question No. 1, the week in which Sept. 15, 1901, occurred was the date approved for the convening and holding the 20th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

During the year the Council-in-Chief authorized the proper officers of the Commandery-in-Chief to sell the obsolete Yost typewriter and also to execute a legal release to the heirs of A. P. Davis of the contingent bequest of \$500, made to the Commandery-in-Chief by the will of the late Major A. P. Davis.

Pursuant to the General Order, No. 3, series 1901, the Council-in-Chief convened at Narragansett Hotel, Providence, R. I., 10 A. M., Sept. 16, 1901: Present: Don C. Cable, chairman; Jas. B. Adams, and C. J. Post, secretary. The books, vouchers and requisitions of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General were severally checked up, compared and examined, were found to be correct and satisfactory in every particular; the cash on hand was counted and found to balance.

The Council-in-Chief presumes upon behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to express its gratification and approval of the business-like and economical administration of the present officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and especially commends Adjutant General Hammer and Quartermaster General Bolton for the excellent and correct condition of the financial records of the Commandery-in-Chief, but more forceful and more eloquent than any words which your Council-in-Chief can express stands the encouraging fact that there is now in the strong box of the Quartermaster General \$2,020.94 and \$1,078.37 in supplies, which shows the Commandery-in-Chief to be in better financial condition than it has been for a number of years.

All accounts have been certified to on the respective books.

We recommend that the indebtedness shown on the books of the Quartermaster-General due from the defunct Divisions of the Gulf \$5.59 be charged off to profit and loss.

We commend that the per capita tax to be paid by the Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief be fixed at 36 cents per year per member, to be computed at that rate from January 1, 1902.

DON C. CABLE,  
C. J. POST,  
C. S. DAVIS,  
JAMES B. ADAMS,

*Council-in-Chief.*

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Upon reflection, the Chair deems it advisable that the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General's reports should be read to this Encampment before being submitted to the committee. I therefore ask the Acting Adjutant General to please submit the Adjutant General's report.

Acting Adjutant General then read the following report:

### REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

*E. W. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.*

**SIR AND BROTHER:**—Agreeable to your request in the absence of the Adjutant General, the following vital statistics compiled from the official records of the Adjutant General are submitted for the information of the Encampment.

The books and records are complete and accurate.

Eighty-nine charter applications have been approved; 86 camps have been reported as mustered and were issued charters.

All elective and appointive officers of the Commandery and elective officers of Divisions have been issued commissions.

Sixteen dispensations have been granted and are duly recorded.

The financial receipts of the department are as follows:

For Per Capita Tax .....	\$1,235.92
“ Charter Fees.....	177.00
“ Sale of Typewriting Machine.....	15.00
Total.....	\$1,427.92

These amounts have been paid over to the Quartermaster General and properly credited.

The recapitulation for the four quarterly reports received by the Adjutant General give the following results:

### RECAPITULATION OF QUARTERLY REPORT.

GAIN.	By Muster.	By Trans.	By Reinstatement.	Members.	
	Camps.	Members.	Camps.		
September quarter, 1900.....	14	949	49	35	771
December “ “.....	10	1,245	29	69	537
March “ 1901.....	26	1,735	74	30	788
June “ “.....	23	2,100	75	19	493
Aggregate.....	82	6,029	1 227	153	3,589

LOSS.	By Dis.	By Death.	Hon. Dis.	By Trans.	By Sus.		
	Camps.	Mem.	Mem.	Mem. Camps.	Mem.		
September quarter, 1900.....	3	26	29	47	32	91	2,897
December “ “.....	5	69	28	63	34	40	1,833
March “ 1901.....	14	211	43	74	45	55	1,945
June “ “.....	3	30	32	58	30	77	2,770
Aggregate.....	25	336	132	242	141	260	9,445

	Camps.	Members.
Number in good standing June 30, 1901.....	805	26,490
Total gain.....	237	9,849
Aggregate.....	1,102	36,339
Total loss.....	288	10,310
Number in good standing June 30, 1900.....	805	25,893
Number mustered since June 30, 1901, (new Camps).....	9	217
Total membership, September, 1901.....	814	26,103

Divisions of South Dakota and Washington not represented in report of June 30, 1901, (234 members last report.)

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed.)

FRED. E. BOLTON, *Q. M. General.*

## QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

E. W. Alexander, *Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.:*

SIR:—I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the business transactions of this department for the term ending August 31, 1901. Report supplemental to report to Nineteenth Annual Encampment:

Cash on hand, as shown by report .....	\$1,199.67
Received for per capita tax .....	61.40
Received for charter fees .....	4.00
Received for supplies .....	1.00
Received for miscellaneous .....	.01
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,266.08</u></b>

Paid for office expenses .....	\$ 9.77
Paid for general expenses .....	12.75
Paid for salaries .....	125.00
Paid for account Military College Fund, (A. L. Sorter) .....	100.00
Paid for expenses Nineteenth Annual Encampment .....	415.90
Paid for rebate account charter fees .....	1.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 664.92</u></b>

Cash on hand at beginning of administration .....	\$ 601.16
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*Receipts and Expenditures from Sept. 13, 1900 to Aug. 31, 1901.*

## RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at beginning of administration .....	\$ 601.16
Received for supplies .....	3,414.58
Received for per capita tax .....	4,225.24
Received for charter fees.....	175.00
Received for sale of typewriter .....	15.00
Received for rebate account travelling expenses.....	129.59
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$7,959.41</u></b>
<b>Total cash receipts .....</b>	<b><u>\$8,560.57</u></b>

## EXPENDITURES.

*Expenses of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment in Addition to Those Paid by the Preceding Administration:—*

W. C. Schneider, stenographer .....	\$ 53.35
Proceedings .....	417.51
Express on portrait .....	1.25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 472.11</u></b>

## TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General .....	\$ 110.15
Representative at laying of corner stone, Memorial University .....	26.94
<b>Total .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 137.09</u></b>



## SUPPLIES.

Badges and decorations .....	\$1,054.30
Camp and Division supplies .....	396.36
Cost of shipping .....	76.50
Insurance .....	17.78
Wrapping paper, twine, etc. ....	5.67
Total .....	<u>\$1,550.61</u>

## OFFICE EXPENSES.

Rent and Janitor's services, Commandery.....	\$ 185.70
Rent Quarter-Master General .....	380.04
Light and toilet supplies, Commandery.....	13.71
Light and toilet supplies, Quarter-Master General.....	23.27
Telegrams and express, Commandery .....	14.91
Telegrams and express, Quarter-Master General .....	2.55
Postage, Commandery .....	87.14
Postage, Quarter-Master General .....	47.00
Stationery, all National Officers .....	61.68
Stationery, Commandery .....	25.68
Stationery, Quarter-Master General .....	12.75
Miscellaneous, Commandery .....	2.00
Total .....	<u>\$ 856.43</u>

## GENERAL EXPENSES.

Moving Commandery Headquarters .....	\$ 40.41
Gold Star, Commandery-in-Chief .....	150.00
Record book, certificates, etc., account War Service Cross....	110.72
Division Officers' commissions .....	22.68
Commandery ribbon .....	10.00
Printed matter, Inspector General .....	4.00
Password and countersign .....	4.00
Miscellaneous .....	3.95
Total .....	<u>\$ 345.82</u>

Salaries .....	\$2,750.00
General orders .....	320.71
Expense fund Military College Committee, transfer .....	4.07
National Military College Fund, transfer .....	10.00
Furniture .....	36.75
Twentieth Annual Encampment .....	35.00
Miscellaneous .....	21.04
Total expenditures .....	6,539.63
Balance cash on hand .....	2,020.94
Supplies on hand, inventoried at cost.....	1,078.37

*The Financial Condition of the Commandery-in-Chief, on August 31  
1900, Was as Follows:—*

## GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUG. 31, 1900.

## Dr.—ASSETS

Furniture .....	\$ 417.10
Supplies .....	1,363.30
Cash .....	1,199.67
Due from Divisions .....	10.65
Total .....	<u>\$2,990.72</u>

CR.—LIABILITIES

Due to Divisions .....	\$ 17.32
Monument fund .....	20.00
Expense fund, Military College Committee .....	4.07
National Military College Fund .....	110.09
Surplus .....	2,839.33
Total .....	<u>\$2,990.72</u>

The Financial Condition of the Commandery-in-Chief, at the Close of Business, Aug. 31, 1901, is as Follows:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUG. 31, 1901.

DR.—ASSETS

Furniture .....	\$ 393.47
Supplies .....	1,078.37
Cash .....	2,020.94
Due from Divisions .....	36.58
Total .....	<u>\$3,529.36</u>

CR.—LIABILITIES

Due to Divisions .....	\$ 27.11
Monument fund .....	20.00
Surplus .....	3,482.25
Total .....	<u>\$3,529.36</u>

The Account of Profit and Loss From Sept. 13, 1900 to Aug. 31, 1901, is as Follows:—

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, SEPT. 13, 1900, TO AUG. 31, 1901.

LOSSES.

Furniture, (10 per cent. reduction) .....	\$ 45.38
Supplies .....	111.11
Salaries .....	2,750.00
General orders .....	320.71
Traveling expenses .....	137.09
Office expenses .....	856.43
General expenses .....	345.82
19th Encampment .....	472.11
20th Encampment .....	35.00
Balance (net gain) .....	1,157.44
Total .....	<u>\$6,231.09</u>

GAINS.

Per capita tax .....	\$4,225.24
Charter fees .....	175.00
Supplies .....	1,686.26
Traveling expenses .....	129.59
Furniture .....	15.00
Total .....	<u>\$6,231.09</u>

Of this amount \$93.72 on account of obsolete forms and supplies furnished to the Commandery.

Actual expenditures for the year on account of traveling expenses was \$7.50.

Divisions are indebted in the following amounts: Gulf, \$5.59; Kansas, \$1.12; Oregon, \$3.96; South Dakota, \$0.46; West Virginia, \$0.50.

Divisions have credits in the amounts named hereafter: California, \$0.43; Colorado, \$4.47; Connecticut, \$62; Illinois, \$0.51; Kentucky, \$0.02; Maine, \$1.54; Michigan, \$0.35; Minnesota, \$4.05; Missouri, \$0.05; Nebraska, \$0.90; Ohio, \$13.21; Rhode Island, \$1.06.

The financial items of special interest may be classified in this manner: The balance cash on hand, \$2020.94, a gain of \$925.27 over last year, is the largest cash balance that has been reported for the past five years, notwithstanding the fact that the total cash receipts were \$134.05 less than one year ago.

This satisfactory showing is largely due to the economical policy of the administration, and a strict observance of consistent expenditures in the conduct of all departments. In this connection also, the administration is fortunate in not having been obliged to meet any unusual expense, the cost of certificates, record books, paraphernalia, etc., on account of the war service crosses (\$110.72) being the largest item, other than ordinary expenses.

The chief sources of income, in comparison with one year ago, show a gain in the receipts for supplies (\$7.78) and for charter fees (\$9.00) and a decrease on account of per capita tax (\$126.08).

The expenditures show a marked decrease on account of Supplies (\$613.67) and in general expenses (\$436.63) the balance of the items average about the same as one year ago, except in the expenditure for printing and promulgation of General Orders which increased (\$181.21).

In relation to the item of traveling expenses, the total expense in reality was \$137.09, the actual cost to the Commandery but \$7.50. While it is against the wish of the Commander-in-Chief no doubt that mention should be made of the fact, it can be stated in explanation of the figures just mentioned, that to expend \$7.50 and make it cover a cost of \$137.09, was done by the generous contribution of \$129.59, and the person that made the contribution was Commander-in-Chief Alexander. It is needless to add that his action increased the cash balance and the Commandery receives the benefit of his big heartedness.

This department has surrendered the custody of all funds in connection with the National Military College as shown in the last report. The money has been paid over to the proper official of the Board of Regents of the Memorial University.

Through this department, war service crosses have been issued, together with the engraved certificate to all who made proper acknowledgement of the receipt of the decoration.

In line with the recommendations to improve the general condition of the order, consideration should be given to a revision of many of the official forms now in use, particularly report blanks. Simplicity does not characterize most of them, and many can well be dispensed with as useless inventions. All that is really needed is a system of forms that will permit the conduct of business on a plain and simple basis, minus red tape and complexing frills.

In completing the term of service for which I was elected at the 17th Annual Encampment at Omaha, Neb., I desire to renew the acknowledgement of my appreciation of the honor bestowed and the confidence reposed in me. To Past Commander-in-Chief Shepard and Jones, and to all the Division officers with whom I have had official relations I wish to again return thanks for courtesies shown me. During the whole term a great source of satisfaction has been in the cordiality of relations with all officials, and at no time, I am glad to say has any controversy arisen. There has been no portion of my service more agreeable than for the past year. The genial, kindly courtesy of Commander-in-Chief Alexander, combined with the helpful, painstaking word of Adjutant-General Hammor, as well as his considerate good fellowship, has established officially and personally the highest respect for the generous brothers who have honored the Order by their devoted service in its behalf.

To close without a feeble word of appreciation of the services of Assistant-Quartermaster-General Hannon, would be to fail to acknowledge his loyal services, his helpfulness and his friendship.

I trust that whatever errors of judgment I may have made in the past three years, all will do me the honor to believe were made innocent of any other purpose than to serve the good of the Order. I am pleased to render this account of my custody of your funds and the management of this particular department, I am sorry that the showing of improvements is not greater, but yet glad that it is good, and even better than when it came to my hands.

Commander-in-Chief Alexander, Adjutant-General Hammcir, and those other good brethren with whom I have the great honor to serve, permit me to gratify a personal wish in making the closing word of this report an expression of thanks for having been permitted to know you all, and to the Commandery as a body, the sentiment of the pride I feel in having enjoyed your confidence.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

FRED. E. BOLTON, *Quartermaster-General*.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander—a special favor: We note the absence of our faithful and well remembered Adjutant-General, through an affliction that is serious, and I believe it would cheer him to receive a word from this Encampment. I therefore move that the greetings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be sent to Adjutant-General Hammer by the proper officer of this Encampment.

The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously by a rising vote.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Any member who has a communication, either individually, or from Camp or Division, should present it to the committee on Officers' Reports for proper distribution.

T. A. BARTON, of Rhode Island: Commander and Brothers: At the request of the Encampment Committee of Rhode Island, we have to announce to you, that although we have been obliged to reduce our program to a great extent, at the close of this session the official badge will be issued, together with tickets to the further function—an excursion on the steamboat to Rocky Point, which will occur immediately on adjournment. We will take you a few miles down the river and ask you to indulge with us in a Rhode Island clam bake. (Applause.)

**ACTING ADJUTANT-GENERAL SPINK:** Commander, as directed by you the Acting Adjutant-General has to report that the following telegram was sent to Adjutant-General H. H. Hammer.

"H. H. HAMMER, Reading, Pa.: Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., sends greetings of sympathy.

(Signed.)

E. W. ALEXANDER, *Commander-in-Chief*.

**THE ACTING ADJUTANT-GENERAL:** The Committee on Credentials, as a partial report, respectfully submit the following as entitled to seats in the Encampment:

In order to save time the reading of the names was considered as the first roll call, and all brothers present answered to their names when read.

(ROLL CALL NO. 1.)

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted and the committee continued.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I understand we have the pleasure of having with us at this time His Honor, the Mayor of the City of Providence. Will the Inspector-General please escort His Honor to the platform.

Mayor D. L. D. Granger was escorted to the platform and introduced to the Encampment.

#### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

**MAYOR D. L. D. GRANGER:** Gentlemen: I was very glad indeed to accept the invitation to come here this morning and express to you, on the part of the City of Providence, their very hearty and sincere welcome and greeting. Your organization is not unknown in Providence. We have had for many years here a most amiable exponent of all that you stand for in the State of Rhode Island, and we know what it is, and we feel encouraged to know that and realize that what it stands for, what you have done, is today growing and growing stronger throughout the United States. It would seem today that you come to us as no strangers; for today we stand, all of us, together, with a common tie, with a common sorrow. I think that a common grief draws people together more closely than a common joy; and, today in every one of our hearts is the feeling that to each one of us, to each one of us as citizens of this country has come the greatest grief that could possibly come; that the loss of a single man can not be equalled by that of the loss of the President of the United States. We are now, in our hearts, thinking of that scene at Washington, when the body of the late President is being carried to that noble building where so short a time ago he, for the second time, took the oath of office at the behest of the citizens of the United States; and today he is carried there for the last time. At this moment I think we should think not only of the terrible grief, of the terrible loss, but I think there is one thought which is a consolation, that this deed, terrible as it is, has brought together the whole country in a way that nothing else could do. No one thinks for a moment of that which a few weeks ago divided us, but today we stand united, North and South and East and West, united in our loyalty, loyalty to a common country, which nothing but this terrible grief and blow could have brought about. Your organization, looking back, as it does, at the past, and facing also the future; looking back and dwelling upon what has been done for this country and what has been suffered by this country to make it what it is, and at the same time facing the future, with the generations of the future, seems to me of inestimable benefit to the future of this country, and to the youth of this country. The great problems that are brought to us by the situation and deadly theory of living which has been set forth in the life of the man who struck him down. It is not only that, necessary as it is to overcome that, but it must go farther, deeper than that, it must be the determination that every child born in the United States must be instructed in the theory of our government, in the principles upon which we stand, and the history of our government, and what it is. It is your part, it seems to me, gentlemen, to aid in this in a most excellent way. Again, gentlemen, I bid you a most hearty welcome to the City of Providence. (Prolonged Applause.)

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I would ask that Col. Reed of Pennsylvania, respond to the address of welcome.

**R. M. J. REED,** of Pennsylvania: Your Honor, Mayor of Providence: The Commander-in-Chief has delegated me to respond to you, and to say to you that we appreciate your visit to our Encampment, and your recognition of this body in the City of Providence. You have told us that you will understand what the objects of this Order are. We can well believe that, because as long as Brother Spink lives with you, we can well understand that you know what our principles are; but we always love to say to everybody that the principles we stand for, are the principles for which our fathers suffered in prison pens in the South, and for the principles which perched upon their banners at Appomattox; and those are principles broad enough, good enough, grand enough, glorious enough, to inspire every good, true, loving

American. That is what we are, and that is all we are. We are simply sons of those men who served this country well and faithful, preserved it in all its purity, and have handed down to us one of the best governments that God ever vouchsafed to man. There isn't any more of that spirit of animosity in our souls than was in the hearts of our fathers. That was obliterated during the war. Nothing of that kind remains with us. And, while we can forgive and forget, and believe with that grand old Commander Grant, "Let us have peace" we also want it understood very distinctly and emphatically that there is, and ought to be, and shall be, but one flag, and that the flag of the stars and the thirteen parallel stripes. (Applause.) Just so long as the people of this country believe in that, and are satisfied with that—North, East, West and South—there is no antagonism between us and the boys who wore the gray; but we believe, just as our fathers did, that we were eternally right and they were eternally and forever wrong; and as long as they subscribe to that one document, that "This is a government for the people, and by the people," and quoting the words of Lincoln, "By God's help it shall not perish from off the earth," then there is no enmity between the boys in gray and those who wore the blue.

Your Honor, I thank you on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Applause.)

Your Honor, I would like to pin on your breast, by the consent of the Commandery-in-Chief, one of our delegate badges. Take it home to your children and tell them to preserve it for all coming time, and we will feel honored.

MAYOR D. L. D. GRANGER: Sir, I am very deeply impressed at this mark of your friendship, and I shall indeed preserve it. I regret very much that I cannot take it home to my wife and children. (Laughter).

#### RECESS UNTIL 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I move we take a recess until 4 o'clock p. m.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Encampment did not meet until Wednesday, A.M.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 18th, 1901.

The Encampment was called to order at nine o'clock A. M., pursuant to special order No. 1.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with, the Acting Adjutant General checking those present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The first business in order will be the supplemental report of the committee on credentials.

THE ACTING ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, the committee on credentials would report the following, in addition to the roll as called yesterday, as entitled to seats in this Encampment: Pennsylvania Division, R. Louderback, Wm. D. Orr, Wm. P. Horn, Jr., J. M. F. Shannon, Wm. B. McNulty, Geo. W. Dubbs, J. C. Jacoby, Jas. A. Tawney, Walter R. Ross, W. H. Tomer; Maryland Division, D. M. Ritzenhouse.

GEORGE B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I move you that the report as presented by the Committee on Credentials be accepted, and the delegates and representatives be accredited as entitled to seats in this Encampment. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I understand the Adjutant General has a few communications. We will receive them.

Acting Adjutant-General read the following communications:

READING, PA., September 18th, 1901.

*E. W. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.*

Thank Encampment for good wishes reciprocated. Am in dark room and improving. Hope your recommendations will be adopted.

H. H. HAMMER.

HUNTINGTON, VT., September 16th., 1901.

*H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General:*

The Vermont Division sends greetings with best wishes for a successful Encampment. Regret that I am unable to be with you.

Yours Fraternally,

CLINTON J. SMITH, *Division Commander.*

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 17th., 1901.

*E. W. Alexander, Esq., Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.*

DEAR SIR:—A cordial invitation is hereby extended to yourself, officers and members of the Sons of Veterans now in National Encampment in this city, to attend the State Memorial Service as a tribute of respect to our deceased President, William McKinley, to be held in the First Baptist church, in this city, on Thursday, September 19th, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Yours respectfully

CHARLES P. BENNETT, *Secretary of State.*

FRANK J. CLINTON, of Rhode Island: Commander, perhaps at this time it might be well to extend to the Commandery-in-Chief the greetings of Brown University, and also an invitation to attend a special service arranged for this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock. Also the invitation from the management of the Manual Training and the State Normal Schools to visit, at any time during your stay in Providence. Brown University has arranged a very fine program for this Commandery, and it is the earnest desire of the local committee that this invitation be accepted.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: I think we would like to accept all these invitations, but we cannot do it, as the time is limited. We have to attend to business, as it is our duty to do; but we can accept the invitations with thanks, and express our regret at our inability to be present. The motion was agreed to.

The Acting Adjutant-General then read the following communication:

86 GEORGE STREET, September 16th, 1901.

*To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*

GENTLEMEN:—You are cordially invited to attend the Requiem Service for the late President of the United States, to be held in St. Stephen's Church, Thursday, September 19th, 1901, at 10.45 A. M.

Very truly yours,

(REV.) GEORGE McCLELLAN FISKE, *Rector.*

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is your pleasure with the invitation just read?

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I move that the invitation be accepted and the Adjutant-General instructed to notify these gentlemen that owing to the acceptance of the other invitation for one o'clock service we will be unable to attend.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, it seems to me almost folly to accept these invitations, because we know we cannot attend, if we expect to get through with our work to-day. We cannot work to-morrow; very few of us will be here to-morrow; and to accept them, and allow it to be understood that they are accepted, we will be expected to go, and I would hate to have any such false impression go out. I therefore move as a substitute for this motion that we return our thanks for the very kind invitations received, and on account of the fact that we will adjourn to-night and return to our homes to-morrow, it will be impossible for us to attend.

Substitute motion accepted by mover of original motion and motion agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next in order will be the report of the Committee on Ritual. Inasmuch as the report of the Committee on Ritual was made a portion of the Commander-in-Chief's Report, and by natural conditions, referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports, there is nothing to report from this committee, except it be through the Committee on Officers' Reports.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: The Secretary of the committee is not present. I will simply say, as chairman, that the committee concurred in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, that the committee of last year, which was appointed as a sort of standing committee, be continued. We have here one communication\*submitted to us, which we respectfully refer to that committee, and it is not necessary that action should be taken by that committee at this time, because it would come in at a revision of the ritual, and not necessarily require action from this Encampment.

WILLIAM E. BAILEY, of Massachusetts: I move you that the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in this connection be adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would state that the motion is not in order at this time, pending the reception of the report in full.

The next in order will be the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports.

GEORGE B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I beg to state, the Committee on Officers' Reports has completed its report and Col. Reed has been engaged in preparing it. I expect him every minute. We are through with our work.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next business in order would be the reception and references of communications from Divisions, to be called alphabetically. The Adjutant-General will call the roll. When the Division of California was called,

HARRY DUFFILL, of California: Commander-in-Chief: There is a communication from California and I think it is in the hands of the Quartermaster-General, and, if it would not be out of order, I would like to present it, but I cannot do so at the present moment. The Commander-in-Chief: There is no question but what the communication has been handed over to the Committee on Distribution of Work, and will receive due attention. Connecticut and New Jersey also presented communications, which were referred to the Committee on Distribution of Work.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We have now reached the head of unfinished business, which the Chair does not seem to consider just the order at this time, in view of the volume of unfinished business, that of reception of various reports, particularly that of the Committee on Officers' Reports. It is true that our committees have been interrupted to such an extent as not to be prepared at this time, and



pending their arrival the Encampment will take a recess of five or ten minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: The Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to report, and I will ask the Secretary to read the report.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, your committee wants to preface its report by saying: We have carefully considered all these matters, and hope there will not be any lengthy discussion. We have considered them thoroughly, and it is the consensus of the committee.

Secretary Reed read as follows: To the Commandery-in-Chief: Your Committee on Officers' Reports has the honor to report as follows: As is usual, the report of your committee consisted very largely in distributing the work to the appropriate committees. We have also had various recommendations and suggestions from the several officers, on which we report as follows:

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 1. Resolution from Nebraska Division asking that no steps be taken looking to the merging of said Nebraska Division with any other. Approved by the committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would suggest that you adopt each recommendation as read without a motion, unless there is objection. Is there any objection to the section just read. It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 2. Resolutions from Division of Connecticut, favoring the payment by Camps to their Divisions for all printed blanks. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 3. Resolution from Division of Connecticut, favoring the elimination of the military feature in the Order. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 4. Petition from Camp No. 26, Division of Connecticut, asking restoration of rank of Past Captain on brothers C. C. Walker and Geo. M. Crossman. Your committee report favorably."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any objections to this recommendation? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 5. Communication suggesting changes in Constitution. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 6. Resolution from Porter Camp, No. 47, Division of Missouri, regarding receipts of Quartermaster Sergeants. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 7. Resolution from Division of Missouri. A constitutional revision providing manner of reinstatement of dropped members. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 8. Resolution from Camp No. 35, Division of Missouri, making changes in recognition button. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 9. Communication from Division of Missouri, concerning the qualification of Brother Fred. Vetter, of Camp No. 35, to receive Spanish War Veterans' Badge, which was refused by the Division Commander, on the ground that Brother Vetter had enlisted after the war was over. Referred to incoming Commander-in-Chief."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 10. Resolution from Division of Missouri asking that the Commandery-in-Chief meet in St. Louis in 1903. Reported adversely, for the reason that this Encampment cannot legislate for session of 1903."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 11. Communication from Past Division Commander S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, asking special ruling on eligibility of sons of men who served in military regiments during the Rebellion. Referred to Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 12. Letter from Commander-in-Chief J. L. Rake, regretting his inability to attend this session of Commandery-in-Chief. Your committee conclude to have this letter read in Commandery-in-Chief session. The letter is as follows:

CARACAS, VENEZUELA, August 24, 1901.

*H. H. Hammer, Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Reading, Penna.*

MY DEAR BROTHER HAMMER:—It seems that fate has decreed that I shall be compelled to relinquish all hope of being with you at the Encampment this year, an event I had looked forward to with so much pleasure and anticipation, first, to renew the many pleasant acquaintances made in years gone by, and secondly, to have the gratification of assisting in the work of the Encampment, and my sole desire shall be that the wise suggestions of Commander-in-Chief Alexander may result in legislation that will place our Order where it rightly belongs, high among the patriotic societies of our country. Be kind enough to extend to the Commander-in-Chief and members of the Encampment my sincere regret that I shall not be able to be with them, coupled with my best wishes that their deliberations may lead to the future success and prosperity of our beloved Order. I have the honor to remain sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

J. L. RAKE, *Past Commander-in-Chief.*

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 13. Letter from Past Division Commander Pierpont, of Connecticut, of same character as letter from Brother Rake, to be read in session of Commandery-in-Chief." The letter is as follows:

140 EDWARDS ST., NEW HAVEN, CONN.

*A. T. Bogue, Division Commander, S. of V.*

MY DEAR COLONEL:—Your favor of even date has just reached me and I hasten to reply in appreciation of your courtesy. I have thought a great deal about attending our National Encampment this season, as it comes so much nearer to us that it will ever be again during my term of life, and I would dearly love to renew my former affiliations with some of those who were co-laborers with me in the early days of the Order. But I am sorry to state that the intense heat of the summer has so increased the nervous prostration which I have been fighting for more than a year, that I am literally confined to my rooms, seldom strong enough to sit up all day. For several years past I have been unable to attend the Department Encampments of the G. A. R., as

well as our Division Encampments of the S. of V., and fear that I shall have to admit that my days of active work are over. Please remember me to all of my friends in the Encampment, and assure them of my unabated love for the Order in whose councils I may never again have the privilege of sitting as an honorary member. With renewed thanks for your courteous invitation and most deeply regretting my inability to participate in what promises to be a most enjoyable session of our beloved Order, I am, very sincerely yours,

WM. H. PIERPONT,

*Past Col. Com. Division. Past Maj. Genl. S. of V.. U. S. A.*

August 19th, 1901.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 14. Resolution from Camp 1, of Division of Alabama, requesting that rank of Past Captain be restored to Brother Isaac W. Star, for the reason that he and his Camp enlisted during the Spanish War and Camp necessarily disbanded. Recommended by committee."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is concurred in.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 14A. Resolution presented by Brother Harry Duffill, delegate from California, requesting changes in the Ritual. Referred to Standing Committee on Ritual."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 14B. Resolution from same concerning changes in Memorial Day exercises. Referred to Committee on Resolutions."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 14C. Petition of Division of California, asking that the Gold Cross be conferred on Past Commander Frank C. Shipley, at expense of Division of California. Approved by committee."

CHAIRMAN G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I wish to state in connection with this matter, we have here communications, resolutions from every Camp in the Division of California, that Past Division Commander Shipley was the pioneer in the Division of California, in the establishment of the Order; he has always been faithful; and for the further fact that for the third time in the history of the Commandery-in-Chief, California has been represented in the Commandery-in-Chief and the Commandery-in-Chief has never extended any mark of courtesy to the Division of California. The Division asks that they may do this at their own expense.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation No. 15. The commendable and comprehensive report of Commander-in-Chief E. W. Alexander, which contains many valuable suggestions and interesting facts in the history of the Order, for the past six or seven years, has the following recommendations:

A recommendation in reference to *The Banner* as the official organ suggesting that provision be made for supplying a copy to each and every member of the Order. In the judgment of your committee, this would be a great benefit, and we therefore recommend that the matter be carefully considered by the Commandery-in-Chief, in the hope that some plan may be formulated by which the recommendations may be carried into execution."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is approved

SECRETARY: "I will say that recommendations B. and C., D. and E., are referred to the Committee on C. R. & R."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is approved.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation F, reported with an affirmative recommendation."

CHAIRMAN G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: This is in regard to the Committee on Ritual. It is recommended that the committee appointed at the Syracuse Encampment last year be continued to complete its work.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation G. Recommending Camps to join the Death Benefit Association. Approved by the committee."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation H. The several decisions of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby approved.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "Recommendation I. These recommendations have all been sent to the Committee on C. R. & R. Your committee having no further recommendations to make."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: Reports of Senior and Junior Vice-Commanders, Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General contain no recommendations, but we find them all carefully compiled and worthy of recommendation.

SECRETARY: "We find on careful review that the Inspector-General has presented a very full and complete report, and we take pleasure in complimenting him on the same. He recommends some important changes in the manner of conducting the inspections, but we refrain from passing upon them, in view of the fact that the whole subject will be considered and reported upon by another committee."

SECRETARY: "The report of the Judge Advocate-General contains a recommendation in which he suggests the preparation and printing of new blanks for courts-martial. In consideration of the fact that there were but two courts-martial during the past term; and the cost of compiling and printing new blanks; your committee deem it inexpedient at this time; and for the above reason do not concur in this recommendation; we therefore report it negatively."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: "The Surgeon-General makes no recommendations but suggests some minor changes, which are respectfully referred to the incoming Surgeon-General.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. ABBOTT,  
R. M. J. REED,  
A. W. JONES,  
CHAS. K. DARLING,  
FRANK P. MERRILL,  
*Committee.*

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any objections? It is adopted.

SECRETARY: Now Commander-in-Chief: The Chairman of the committee will ask for further continuance of this committee as some other matters are to be presented.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief: The Committee on Fraternal Relations is ready to report. Chairman Bundy reads report as follows:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 17th, 1901.

To E. W. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—The Committee on Fraternal Relations appointed by Commander-in-Chief Jones, of Syracuse, to confer with a similar committee chosen by the Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully reports that it was represented by its chairman at a joint meeting held in Cleveland during the National Encampment of the G. A. R., last week. As a result of this conference, a report and recommendations by the Grand Army committee were made to the Council of Administration, which was given power to act, as follows:

"In order to establish closer relations between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, which seems to be an essential and desirable end for mutual benefit, and so that the life work of this organization in the teaching of patriotism, the promotion of good government and the observance of Memorial Day, and above all, that the legitimate lessons of the great Civil War may be perpetuated in truthful history, for the sake of future generations, your committee respectfully recommends:

1st. That the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be invited to hold the annual meeting of their Commandery-in-Chief at the same time and place fixed for the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

2nd. That the courtesy of the auxiliary organization in admitting comrades to its Camp rooms be reciprocated; and that our Constitution be so amended that the members of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in good standing in that Order may visit Posts in session as their guests so that our sons may better appreciate the purpose of the Grand Army, may receive instructions and may become better qualified to carry on and continue the patriotic work of their fathers, and may feel a deeper interest and higher sense of duty in performing any service that may be assigned to them. To this end, the Sons of Veterans shall be requested to communicate their semi-annual password and countersign to our Commander-in-Chief, to be promulgated by him; and all sons presenting themselves for admission to post rooms shall be required to give the same as an evidence of good standing in their own Order, and shall be obligated upon their first visit at the altar to keep secret and inviolable, all the proceedings of the post, and to promote the interests and objects of the Grand Army of the Republic.

3rd. We congratulate the Sons of Veterans upon the noble principles and objects of their Order, upon their patriotic efforts in the past, and upon the evidence of progress and improvement that are now apparent.

We especially commend them for the establishment of the great National Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic as a memorial of the men and women of war times, and appreciate this signal recognition and this movement to perpetuate truthful history, and sacrifices of our comrades and of loyal women of 1861 to 1865. In making this report, your committee wishes it to be understood that the Sons of Veterans shall not, in any sense, become members of the Grand Army of the Republic, now or hereafter, and that organization has never asked nor desired such legislation upon our part. This report has been submitted to the Committee on Fraternal Relations, appointed at our request by the supreme legislative body of Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, and meets with its unqualified approval.

The foregoing policy, as outlined by the report of Col. Armstrong's committee, was in accord with the general plan as agreed upon previously by your committee through correspondence. Since arriving at Providence, your committee has received a telegram as follows:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 16, 1901.

Colonel Wm. E. Bundy, National Headquarters, Sons of Veterans, Providence, R. I.

Our report adopted by National Council has presented closer union of heart and hand seems assured. WM. H. ARMSTRONG.

In this connection, it is only meet and gracious to acknowledge the great obligation of our Order in this behalf, to Col. Wm. H. Armstrong, of Indianapolis, and the friendly committee of the Grand Army, of which he is the able and influential chairman. Your committee recommends,

1st. That the invitation to meet at the same time and place with the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic next year be accepted.

2nd. That the Commander-in-Chief of this Order be directed to furnish the semi-annual password and countersign to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, when the latter is ready to receive Sons of Veterans into the posts of the parent organization.

3rd. That we express in appropriate manner, the appreciation of this Order to the Commander-in-Chief, to Col. Armstrong and his committee, and to the Council of Administration for the action already taken in our behalf.

In this connection, it should be understood that the proposition to admit brothers of our Order as guests of Grand Army posts does not take immediate effect, as it is probable that the Constitution of the G. A. R. may have to be amended.

WM. E. BUNDY,  
FRANK L. SHEPARD,  
E. W. ALEXANDER,  
*Committee.*

The reading of the report was greeted with prolonged applause.

F. H. B. McDOWELL, of Wisconsin: Commander-in-Chief: I move the adoption of the report by a rising vote.

W. A. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I desire the Brother to accept this additional, as a part of his motion; that the Committee on Fraternal Relations be directed to correspond with Brother Armstrong showing our appreciation—that they be directed to prepare such an answer.

WM. G. DUSTIN: Also, that in this rising vote we tender our thanks to the committee for the grand work it has done for this organization.

F. H. B. McDOWELL, of Wisconsin: I gladly accept the suggestion as a part of the motion. The motion was seconded and agreed to unanimously by a rising vote.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment is now ready to receive the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief: I have been requested by the Committee on C. R. & R., to report in part in their behalf. This committee has been in session three days and nine-tenths of three nights since we arrived here. We have aimed, for the most part, to merely edit, to cut out repetitions, to consolidate, where

that could be done, and to eliminate all surplus matter therein contained. The membership would be surprised, as this committee was, upon a careful study of each and every section, to find how badly the C. R. & R. was edited, until the present Commander-in-Chief had appointed this committee and called the matter to our attention, it had not occurred to a single member how much surplus stuff was actually therein contained. So, as I say, in the main, this committee has endeavored to merely edit the Constitution, except in two or three important particulars. When we arrive at those important parts they will be called to the attention of the Encampment. Whenever any actual amendment or change has been made, then it will be brought particularly to your attention. The report will necessarily be long, as it must be taken section by section. So we will ask the consideration of the brothers of the Encampment, that we may rapidly proceed; otherwise it will be impossible for us to get through with the business of this Commandery, as we hope to do, today.

A. W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief: I move that the committee proceed and read their report; where there is no objection to it will be taken as agreed to; where there is objection it shall be laid aside for further consideration. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations was then read by Wm. E. Bundy and Frank L. Shepard, where objections were made the sections were passed, to be considered later.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that we take a recess until two o'clock p. m. The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair desires to name a special committee to visit the Ladies' Aid Society. On this committee I would name, Dr. F. H. B. McDowell, of Wisconsin; Arthur T. Bogue, of Connecticut; Harry Duffill, of California; J. O. Damm, of Missouri; J. C. Carter, of Minnesota; and Frank J. Clinton, of Rhode Island.

EDGAR ALLEN, JR., of Maryland: Commander: Before we adjourn I desire to make a motion which I think you will agree to. That the Adjutant-General be instructed to send a telegram of congratulation to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is also a member of our Order. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

In compliance with the foregoing motion, the following telegram was forwarded to Commander-in-Chief E. N. Torrance:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 18th., 1901.

E. N. Torrance, Minneapolis, Minn.

Am directed by Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, in Twentieth Encampment to extend most cordial greetings to the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic. We wish for the greatest fraternal and patriotic association in the world, the highest prosperity, and express the firm hope that cordial relations existing between our banded organizations may grow stronger and firmer as years go by.

E. W. ALEXANDER, *Commander-in-Chief.*

ARTHUR B. SPINK, *Acting Adjutant-General.*

The motion to take a recess was then agreed to, and the Encampment took a recess until 2 o'clock, p. m.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The members of this Encampment will come to order. The calling of the Roll was dispensed with, the Adjutant-General checking those present.

## ROLL CALL NO. 3.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

**THE ACTING ADJUTANT-GENERAL:** Commander, the Committee on Credentials, as a supplemental report, beg leave to report the following as entitled to seats in this Encampment: Martin A. Grasse, of Wisconsin; Edson S. Bishop, of Connecticut; D. F. Golding, Wm. R. Davis, Jos. B. McCabe, of Massachusetts; Geo. S. Geis, of New York; Arthur M. Soule, of Maine.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C. R. &amp; R. CONTINUED.

The Committee on C. R. & R. continued its report on those matters to which objection was made, and which were passed for future consideration.

**FRANK L. SHEPARD,** of Illinois: In the matter of buttonhole decoration, the committee has spent considerable time discussing it, but the time is too limited in which to reach a conclusion satisfactory to the Committee, and, in view of that I move you that a Committee be appointed consisting of the new Quartermaster-General, John V. B. Clarkson, of New York, a member of this C. R. & R. Committee, and the incoming Commander-in-Chief, and provide for the purchase and distribution of such buttonhole decoration, with instructions that they shall prepare a buttonhole decoration, and their decision in reference thereto be incorporated in the new Constitution before it is edited and published, and become a part thereof.

**E. F. BUCK,** of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

**LEON L. HALL,** of Connecticut: Commander, I move that it be amended that their design be submitted to the next Annual Encampment.

**WM. H. BUNDY,** of Ohio: Commander, the Committee will adopt the amendment suggested by the brother, that the design be submitted to the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. The old provision of the Constitution will stand until it is amended.

**F. H. B. McDOWELL,** of Wisconsin: Commander, I would further amend by making the old bronze button the emblem of the Order until the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The amendment was seconded.

## AFTER DISCUSSION.

**F. H. B. McDOWELL,** of Wisconsin: With the permission of the second, I would add to the amendment a suggestion of our Brother McCabe, that he and such other brothers as prefer to wear the red, white and blue decoration may do so, but the official button be the bronze button.

## AFTER DISCUSSION.

**WM. E. BUNDY:** Commander, I move the previous question.

The motion was seconded.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** The question is upon the previous question; Shall the previous question prevail? Those in favor will give the usual assent of the order. The contrary the same. The ayes have it. The motion as it now stands is that the buttonhole dec-



oration for the ensuing year, pending the adoption of a design and report by the committee named, shall be the bronze button, as well as the red, white and blue decoration. So many as favor the motion as placed will give the usual assent of the Order. Contrary, the same.

It is so ordered.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Section 8, Admission Fee. In this respect I wish to say to the brothers of the Encampment, the committee has conferred with a large number of the members here, among those some who raised objections to the original recommendation of the Committee. We have endeavored to meet the general wish, so far as we can. We realize that a body like this cannot legislate so as to cover every individual case; but we have endeavored to reach a conclusion that it seems to me would meet with the general approval of all so far as possible.

The section was then read as reported by the Committee.

#### AFTER DISCUSSION.

A. W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I move the previous question.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The previous question has been moved, so many as are in favor of the previous question give the usual assent of the order. Contrary, the same sign.

*(Cries of Division.)*

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Division has been called for. Those in favor will please rise and the Adjutant will count. Those opposed will please rise. The vote is 77 for and 44 against. The question now reverts to the original question, or the adoption of the section as read by the Committee.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief: I ask for a roll call. I want to be put on record on this question.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will proceed with the roll call.

The Adjutant-General called the roll and announced the result.

Ayes, 102. Nays, 48. The vote by Divisions was as follows:—

Ayes: Officers of Commandery-in-Chief, 14; Alabama & Tennessee, 1; California, 1; Connecticut, 7; Illinois, 11; Indiana, 7; Iowa, 6; Maryland, 6; Massachusetts, 14; Michigan, 1; Missouri, 1; Minnesota, 2; Nebraska, 1; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 3; New York, 13; Ohio, 4; Rhode Island, 8; Vermont, 1; Wisconsin, 3; Total 103.

Nays: Officers of Commandery-in-Chief 2; Maine, 13; Maryland, 1; New York, 1; Pennsylvania, 25; Rhode Island, 3; Total 48.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The section as read and recommended by your Committee is adopted, and is a part of your constitution.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: That constitutes the report. I move that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be amended according to this report, and that this report be adopted as a whole as the law of the Order, to take effect January 1st, 1902.

The motion was seconded, and adopted by a unanimous ballot, there being one hundred and fifty-one members present.

A. L. SORTER, JR., of Iowa: Commander, I arise to a question of privilege. At this time Mr. Commander, and Brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief, and speaking for the working force, the fellows who are toiling in the trenches to build up this Memorial University. I feel that I would be lacking in a proper appreciation of the action of this

convention did I not now, on behalf of the workers, thank you for the action you have taken in giving a part of the admission fee to the University. It is not Mr. Commander-in-Chief, the small amount which he will derive, as a part of the endowment fund for this University, but it is the additional strength which we have been given, to go before the people and ask for large contributions. The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., small numerically, never could build a University such as we contemplate, without the united support of the American people behind us. We never could do this thing. It is a physical impossibility. Therefore, we have been obliged to go outside of the Order for the bulk of our funds. We came here a year ago with about a quarter of a million of dollars: The work has been going on, and the people ask us, "What is your Order doing? And now we will go back to the people and tell them of this action, and the people will say that you have proved the sincerity of your professions, and more dollars will be given to us. It is not a question of a dollar, or one hundred dollars, or five hundred dollars, or one thousand dollars; it is a question that runs into the millions. Not one dollar in one thousand, which is invested in this University, which is the property of this organization, will come out of the pockets of its members. It comes from the American people who approve of our action, who believe in our sincerity, and who have faith in our ability to carry through to a successful completion a large undertaking. (Applause). This fund is to come from new recruits only. I believe that the records of this Order will show that during the past year nearly, or about one-third of the New Camps we mustered were mustered within the zone of the influence of the University, and mustered by boys who are devoting their time to it.

So much for the past. Now, we are better organized, have a better working force; and, do the best that you will, members of this Order at large, we will still maintain that ratio; and if we can we will muster two-thirds or three-fourths of the Camps this year, and expect an increase from the balance of the Order. Brothers, those of you who voted for this proposition, I want to say to you at this time, that I want you to understand what I strongly understand, (that the boys from Maine, and the boys from Pennsylvania, and the other boys, who voted against the proposition did not vote against it because they were opposed to rearing this monument, which is dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, and endorsed, and enthusiastically endorsed by them, but it was simply a question of how to get about it and do substantially the same thing. Brothers, who voted against the proposition, we bear no malice towards you. We believe we know it, that you are as enthusiastically in favor of this proposition as any of the brothers who did vote for it. And before I sit down I want to say this one thing: That this action has been taken without solicitation upon our part. It was introduced this morning without knowledge upon our part of what was being done; but at the same time we desired it carried, because of the fact that it will now enable us to go out, and, judging the future by the past, we will not only roll up a quarter of a million dollars this year, but a much larger sum; and this great property is the property of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (Prolonged applause).

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: The Committee of Officers' Reports, beg leave at this time to conclude its labors. It will take but a few minutes. Communication from the Division of New York, relative to the changing of the Constitution in regard to providing for the blank of the Surgeon, etc., referred to the Committee on C. R. & R. I presume the same rule prevails that was prevailing when we were first presenting our report, as to its being adopted unless objection is made.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The same rule applies.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: A resolution was presented by the Division of Minnesota to this effect:

"WHEREAS, The late Senator Cushman K. Davis, of Minnesota, and a member of St. Paul Camp, No. 1, Division of Minnesota, S. V., U. S. A., though not an enlisted soldier of the Spanish-American War, rendered valuable services to his country as a member of the Spanish-American War Peace Commission, and as an advisor and an authority on International Law, and

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Division in Encampment assembled, believing him to be justly entitled to a medal from the Sons of Veterans, instructed the Delegates to bring this matter before the National Encampment at Providence, R. I., Sept. 17-20;

*Therefore be it Resolved.* That the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., held in Providence, Sept. 17-20, 1901, grant St. Paul Camp, No. 1, the right to present to his widow, Mrs. Cushman K. Davis, the decoration voted to the Sons of Veterans who enlisted in the Spanish-American War, by the Omaha Encampment, S. V., U. S. A."

The Committee reports favorably on this petition, and recommends its adoption.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is upon the adoption of the recommendation of your Committee on Officers' Reports. Are there any objections? It is so ordered.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Communication from the Division of Minnesota, as follows:

"WHEREAS, Wm. R. Schwartz, a member of St. Paul Camp, No. 1, S. V., Division of Minnesota, whose name is on the roll of honor of the Spanish-American War, although not an enlisted man, being twice rejected on account of his height was sent to Cuba as a civilian clerk in the Quartermaster General's Department, where he served until the close of the war, and

WHEREAS, The said Wm. R. Schwartz is now employed in the same capacity in the army building, St. Paul, Minn.;

*Therefore be it Resolved,* That this session of the Commandery-in-Chief grant St. Paul Camp, No. 1, Division of Minnesota, the right to present to Brother Schwartz the decoration of the order.

J. C. CARTER, *Commander.*

C. S. CASLER, *S. V. Commander.*

The committee recommends adversely, that the petition be not granted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is upon the adoption of the recommendation of this committee. Are there any objections? If not, it is so ordered.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: The following communication the committee refers back to this Encampment, without recommendation, preferring that the Encampment itself should handle the matter.

This is from the Division of New Jersey:

NEW JERSEY, September 17, 1901.

*To the Officers and Members of the 20th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:*

At the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of the New Jersey Division, it was unanimously voted to request your body to grant the rank of Past Division Commander to Robert Morton, Jr. He was at the time of his muster in our order Commander-in-Chief of Post System of the Sons of Veterans, and through his instrumentality Ellsworth Post, No. 2, the largest and wealthiest post in the system, became Ellsworth Camp, No. 32.

The rank of Past Captain is requested for brothers, George Douglass, of Camp No. 8; John E. Gehring, of Camp No. 30; Harry C. Grant,

late of Camp No. 9, and Samuel Reverse, of Camp No. 11. Also the rank of Past Captain for the following brothers who were Post Commanders in the Post System: Wm. C. Schmidt, Charles Schmidt, Jr., Joseph Haas, Alfong Throuth, Frederick Giesking and George Weidinger.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

JOHN W. ROBBINS, *Delegate-at-Large*.

ROBT. C. WOERNER and FRANK M. CUNNINGHAM, *Delegates*.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move you that the request of the New Jersey Division be complied with, that the past rank be conferred on the brothers which Brother Abbott has just read. The motion was seconded.

#### AFTER DISCUSSION.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I want to call the attention of the Encampment to the indefiniteness of this communication. There are four Past Captains, I think it is, that it is requested the rank be given. It does not say that they ever had anything to do with the Post System. And there are three or four, four or five, that were Past Post Commanders. The communication is not definite. It does not come from the Division, as an action of the Division of New Jersey. This is a communication from the delegates. I did not notice that until just now. It has never been the custom of this committee to recommend the giving back of Past Rank to any past rank to any Past Captain until after his Division, in Division Encampment, had requested it. If the Encampment concurs, and it having been taken up in the Encampment, it has been done in the past.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would rule the communication as out of order and without the jurisdiction of this Encampment, inasmuch as the same should have been submitted to their own Division Encampment, and not brought up to the National Encampment, where we are not in a position to judge of the conditions, and may either do a great injustice to ourselves, or to the brothers represented by this document, which is simply individual. I therefore rule the communication out of order.

JOHN W. ROBBINS, of New Jersey: I arise to a point of order. I want to speak from my own position. I was instructed by the Nineteenth Annual Encampment of New Jersey to present this, and I have done so. If our Division officers are negligent in preparing this draft, that is not our fault. We are doing our duty here to-day. That is what we are here for.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Replying to the brother from New Jersey, permit me to say that the Chair thoroughly appreciates your position and considers it extremely unfortunate that your petition comes in so irregular a manner as it does, but you can readily see the force of the argument.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I move that the report of the committee on Officer's Reports be now adopted as a whole. The motion was seconded and concurred in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any other committees to report? Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to report?

EDWARD H. LOUNSBURY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the Committee on Resolutions beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That we rejoice that the cordial sympathy and encouragement heretofore given the Sons of Veterans by the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., still continues; and we desire to testify our hearty appreciation of their loyal efforts to further the interests of our order.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** If there are no objections to the resolution as read the same stands adopted as read. Agreed. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved.* That we heartily commend the earnest and faithful effort of our Auxilliary, the Ladies' Aid Society, who have at all times been ready and willing to assist us in our patriotic work:

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** No objections. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved,* That we congratulate the Daughters of Veterans and their praiseworthy and their successful labors in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** No objection. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be tendered to the Division of Rhode Island, Frank J. Clinton, Division Commander, and the several Camps of the Division as well as the citizens of the State for their generous entertainment.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** No objections. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved,* That the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief be extended to the press, for courtesies extended during the Encampment.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** No objections. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved,* That we congratulate the Memorial University on the splendid endorsement received by it from the G. A. R. at their 1901 Annual Encampment, held at Cleveland, Ohio.

*And be it further Resolved,* That we commend the work and the splendid results attained during the past year by the executive committee of the Memorial University, and would strongly urge that individual members of the Order give their support to the erection of this memorial.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** No objections. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury continued reading:

*Resolved.* That the Commandery-in-Chief in common with the rest of the civilized world deplors the awful tragedy that robbed the nation of its Chief Executive, William McKinley, consecrated the years of his youth to the cause of his country in the hour of her darkest peril, and devoted his mature years to the development of her broaded destiny. His untimely end fills us with grief unspeakable. We bow to the will of an Almighty God. We pray that the everlasting arms may be underneath the lonely widow in Canton to comfort and sustain. We note that the American people are better for his living, will be purified by his death. He will live in history as he lives in our hearts, a type of American manhood, kindly, brave and true. Meeting the problems of life with a dauntless courage; facing the approach of death with a faith that knows no fear. The reading of the resolution was greeted with prolonged applause.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** All those in favor of the resolution will rise. It is adopted unanimously. Chairman Lounsbury continued, please, as follows:

*Resolved,* That the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., condemn the doctrines of anarchy as the greatest of the perils that menace the perpetuity of the American institutions. The generous hospitality of the Republic which early opened its doors to the oppressed of all lands, which of late degenerated into an easy going indifference as to the character of

the stranger that comes within its gates. We have paid for our supineness in the deepest sorrow that has come upon our country within a generation. The time has come for action. We believe it is the duty of every American citizen to require his representative in Congress to make all other things second to the passage of a law that shall make the disseminating of anarchistic doctrines a felony and an attempt on the life of our President, treason, punishable with death.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the resolution will please rise. It is unanimously adopted.

CHAIRMAN LOUNSBURY: Two matters have been referred to the Committee on Resolutions. One from California as follows:

*Resolved.* That we give our hearty approval to the custom on Memorial Day of not only decorating the graves of veterans, but of performing the beautiful ceremony of holding patriotic exercises on the seashore and of scattering flowers upon the water in commemoration of the sailor dead, who have no graves but that of the sea.

LIEUTENANT HARRY DUFFILL, Delegate at Large, from California: Your committee reports that this resolution ought to pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any objections to this resolution. It is adopted. Chairman Lounsbury: The following resolution has been offered:

WHEREAS, It has become apparent by experience and the growing needs of the Order, that an official organ for each member is necessary and will result beneficially to the Order.

*Therefore, be it Resolved.* That the BANNER be continued the official organ of the Order, and that each member of the Order shall be provided with and receive the same, and for that purpose the Quarter-Master-General shall enter into a contract, by and with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief with the publisher of the BANNER, stipulating that the same shall be sent direct to each member once each month, in which shall be published all official communications of the Commander-in-Chief and the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief. For which he shall pay the publisher of the BANNER, one and two-thirds cents per month for each member in good standing in the Order, based upon the quarterly report and payable quarterly. Such contract shall be made for a period of three years and become operative January 1, 1902.

ARTHUR B. SPINK, of Rhode Island: I move the adoption of the resolution as presented by the committee. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The acting Adjutant General then read the following communication:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., September 16, 1901.

*E. W. Alexander, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans.*

DEAR SIR:—The Department of Rhode Island Women's Relief Corps extends greetings to you at your Twentieth Annual Encampment. We are glad to have you assemble in Little Rhody, we are proud of our State and feel sure had our loved President lived, your stay would have been a joyful one. May harmony and brotherly love attend the session of your Encampment. With best wishes. Yours in F. C. & L.

By command of

LIZZIE E. PRENTICE, Dept. Pres.

ELLA F. BURT, Dept. Sec'y.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further reports? If not, unfinished business is in order. If there is nothing we will pass to the order of new business. Is there any new business?

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I would ask what ruling was made regarding the request of the New Jersey Division for past rank.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It was thrown out as irregular.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: On what ground?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: On the ground that it was irregular and not brought before the Division Encampment.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: At the New Jersey Encampment a resolution was duly passed, requesting that the past rank should be given to these particular gentlemen. Now it seems to me the—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Tobias, the Chair must rule that you are out of order.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I request to be allowed to make a motion. Before making it I desire to preface my remarks. It seems to me peculiar that the delegates come to this Encampment and state to the Commander of this Encampment, as well as the representatives, that a certain resolution was introduced and passed, why their word should not be taken. Now I know from my own knowledge that the Division Encampment of New Jersey Division, did pass a resolution, instructing the delegates to come here with a particular request, and I move that the request that the New Jersey Division made through its delegates, giving past rank to those particular brothers—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair rules Brother Tobias out of order again.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I do not offer the resolution as introduced by the New Jersey delegates, I make a motion which I have a right to make as a delegate of this Encampment. I move that the rank, as stated in a certain communication, be given to the particular brothers from New Jersey. I make that as a motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair still maintains that the brother is out of order and will not entertain the motion.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

C. H. F. MORAN, of New York: Commander, I move that the Encampment now proceed to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded, and agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will proceed to the nomination of Commander-in-Chief:

GEORGE C. HARVEY, of Indiana, nominated Frank Martin, of Indiana.

CHARLES E. MERRILL, of Maine, nominated Hon. Edward K. Gould, of Rockland, Maine.

EDGAR ALLEN, JR., of Maryland, nominated Major E. R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C.

E. C. PARKINSON, of New York, nominated George Addington, of New York.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there are no other nominations we will proceed to ballot. I will appoint as tellers, Past Commander Wm. M. P. Bowen, of Rhode Island; Brother F. H. B. McDowell, of Wisconsin, and Brother C. Day Rudy, of Pennsylvania.

The Adjutant-General called the roll by State and the tellers announced the result: Total number of votes cast, 148, necessary to a

choice 75. Campbell received 67, Martin 30, Gould 28, and Addington 23. The vote by Division was as follows:

Campbell—Alabama and Tennessee 1, Illinois 12, Iowa 4, Maryland 6, Massachusetts 5, Michigan 2, Nebraska 1, New Hampshire 3, New Jersey 4, Pennsylvania 25, Rhode Island 3, Wisconsin 1. Total, 67.

Addington—Massachusetts 4, Minnesota 2, New York 14, Rhode Island 3. Total, 23.

Martin—Connecticut 7, Indiana 7, Iowa 1, Massachusetts 4, Missouri 1, Ohio 5, Rhode Island 3, Wisconsin 2. Total, 30.

Gould—California 1, Maine 16, Massachusetts 6, New Hampshire 1, Vermont 1, Rhode Island 3. Total, 28.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** There not having been a majority cast the Encampment will go into a second ballot.

The Adjutant-General called the roll for the second ballot and the tellers announced the result:

Total number of votes cast, 148, necessary to choice 75. Campbell 84, Martin 26, Gould 20, Addington 18. The vote by Division was as follows:

Campbell—Alabama and Tennessee 1, Illinois 12, Iowa 4, Maryland 6, Massachusetts 19, Michigan 2, Minnesota 1, Nebraska 1, New Hampshire 4, New Jersey 4, Pennsylvania 25, Rhode Island 3, Vermont 1, Wisconsin 1. Total, 84.

Addington—Minnesota 1, New York 14, Rhode Island 3. Total, 18.

Martin—Connecticut 7, Indiana 7, Iowa 1, Missouri 1, Ohio 5, Rhode Island 3, Wisconsin 2. Total, 26.

Gould—California 1, Maine 16, Rhode Island 3. Total, 20.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Brother Campbell having received the majority of the votes of this Encampment cast for Commander-in-Chief, I hereby declare him elected for the ensuing year. (Applause).

**FRANK MARTIN,** of Indiana: Commander, I move that the election of Brother Campbell be made by acclamation.

**E. K. GOULD,** of Maine: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to unanimsously by a rising vote. (Cries of Campbell, Campbell).

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I appoint Commander H. V. Speelman, of Ohio; Gen. G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, and Brother Geo. E. Cox, of Connecticut, to escort Commander-in-Chief-elect Campbell to the platform. (Applause.) The Committee appointed escorted Commander-in-Chief-elect Campbell to the platform.

**ADDRESS OF E. R. CAMPBELL.**

*Commander-in-Chief and Brothers:* I am unable to express my feelings on this occasion. I came to this city and to this Encampment with no idea of looking for any office. I simply did not desire office in the Commandery-in-Chief. It was sufficient for me to stand an honorable member on the floor, and know that I was a member of this grand organization. The boys see fit to impose upon me a very great honor. I thank you for it. I am unable to express my feelings to you at this time; but I wish you, and each and every one to know that this thanks which I offer is genuine, and from my heart. And now the time is short; I understand the ladies are waiting, and let us remember and follow the teachings of Him who preached charity to the world. If you will do that, I pledge my word to the best of my ability I will do my duty. (Applause.)

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I understand that the Ladies' Aid Committee of Greeting to this Encampment is in waiting, and, if



agreeable to the Encampment, I would ask that the Committee on Fraternal Greetings to the Ladies' Aid Society act as an escort to this delegation.

The Committee appointed escorted the delegation to the platform, which consisted of Lida Tomer Miller, National President L. A. S.; Julia A. Monahan, National Secretary L. A. S.; Madge Howe Coe, Mrs. E. H. R. Davis and Mrs. Frederick E. Carpenter.

The members of the delegation were introduced to Commandery-in-Chief, and each presented their greetings and well wishes to the members of the Encampment, which were received with hearty applause.

The Commander-in-Chief then called on G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, to respond on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to the greetings of the Ladies' Aid, which he did in a fitting manner.

The visiting delegation then retired.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** We will now proceed to the nomination and election of a Senior Vice Commander for the ensuing year.

WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio, nominated Geo. C. Harvey, of Indiana.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I wish to second the nomination of Geo. C. Harvey, of Indiana. I know him as a Division Commander.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: If there are no further nominations, I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant-General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother George C. Harvey, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The motion was seconded. Bro. Harvey declined the nomination with thanks for the honor.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania, nominated Past Division Commander Samuel S. Horn, of Camp 232, of Pennsylvania Division.

WM. E. HULL, of Illinois: I desire to second the nomination of Past Division Commander Horn.

A. W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, if there are no other candidates to be nominated, I move that the rules be suspended and Adjutant-General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Horn, of Pennsylvania.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Adjutant-General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for S. S. Horn for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, having received the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Senior Vice Commander, I declare him elected for ensuing year.

The Encampment is now ready to receive nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Shall we call by Divisions? (Cries of No).

THEO. A. BARTON, of Rhode Island, nominated Past Division Commander Herbert S. Thompson. (Applause.)

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio, seconded the nomination of Brother Thompson, of Rhode Island, and moved that the Adjutant-General of this Encampment be instructed to cast the unanimous vote for Brother Thompson for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The motion was seconded.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** If there be no objections the suspension of the rules will carry, and let it be by a rising vote. The motion was agreed to unanimously.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Brother H. S. Thompson is duly elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year.

The next is Quarter Master-General. Shall we go through the roll call by States, or accept the nominations without it?

H. V. SPELLMAN, of Ohio: Commander, I don't think it is worth while to waste any words about this. We all know who we want, without waste of words, I present the name of my friend, our friend, the friend of all of us, Brother Fred. E. Bolton, of Massachusetts. (Applause.) And if you will indulge me with the motion, I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Adjutant-General be requested and directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother Fred. E. Bolton, for Quarter-Master-General. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Adjutant-General cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Fred. E. Bolton for Quarter-Master-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: General Fred. E. Bolton, having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment, I hereby declare him elected Quarter-Master-General for the next ensuing three years.

The Encampment is now ready to receive nominations for Council-in-Chief. The following were nominated for Council-in-Chief: S. S. Horn, of Pennsylvania, placed in nomination James B. Adams, of New Jersey. G. B. Abbott, of Illinois, placed in nomination C. J. Post, of Michigan. W. A. Morris, of Iowa, placed in nomination E. F. Buck, of Illinois.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I move, if there are no further nominations, that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant-General be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for the Brothers named for Council-in-Chief. The motion was seconded and agreed to.

The Adjutant-General cast the unanimous ballot of the Encampment for James B. Adams, of New Jersey; C. J. Post, of Michigan, and E. F. Buck, of Illinois, for Council-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The three brothers just mentioned having received the unanimous vote of this Encampment, I declare them elected for the ensuing year.

The question of place of meeting of Encampment next year will not be a matter of consideration for this Encampment, in view of the fact that our next meeting will be at the same place as that of the Grand Army of Republic.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: The members of the Divisions to which you belong, Commander, have come here for the purpose of presenting to the Commandery-in-Chief something as a testimonial of our regard for you as a man, as a brother, and as an officer. I have the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Division of Pennsylvania, this photograph of yourself. Looking at it I am compelled to say that we are not only proud of you as a man, as an executive officer, but we are rather proud of the handsome picture that you make, and I think as the years roll around, and the boys visit the Commandery-in-Chief's Headquarters, they will come finally around to that of Brother Alexander and will say, "Well, there are a number of handsome men there, but of all of them Ed. Alexander takes the cake." (The photograph was exhibited amid great applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I want to say to the brothers of the Pennsylvania Division, that this is the first notice that I have had of any desire upon the part of a Division, or any individual, to establish a rogue's gallery in connection with this organization. (Laughter).

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DAVIS: It seems entirely proper that this present be accepted on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief, and I would ask that Brother Geo. B. Abbott, Past Commander-in-Chief, accept it on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief.

G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Brothers of the Pennsylvania Division: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief we thank you for this portrait of our beloved and retiring Commander-in-Chief. He is about to be

welcomed into the ranks of the "Old Guards," as the Commanders-in-Chief are called, as they take their places in the ranks, and briefly but earnestly, are welcomed. And as one of the "Old Guard" I welcome him to our ranks, and his portrait to hang with the rest of us on the walls of the Commandery-in-Chief's Headquarters. (Applause).

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** We will now proceed with the installation of officers. Gen. Wm. E. Bundy will act as Installing Officer. The newly elected officers were obligated and installed in due form, and escorted to their several stations.

**G. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Installing Officer:** The pleasantest duty, the highest honor to me, that can be given, comes now, when I am asked, on behalf of the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to officially express the thanks and appreciation of the Supreme Body of Sons of Veterans to its retiring Commander-in-Chief for the faithful services, the devotion he has given the organization, and in recognition of his sturdy worth, and in token of the love, regard and esteem with which he is held by his associates, his brothers in this fraternal organization of ours.

Brother Alexander, you have been relieved from Commander-in-Chief. You now take your place in the ranks. But during the last year you have endeared yourself to the brotherhood; your heart has enlarged and it has grown around and encompassed us all with true fraternity. You feel in your heart that every brother stands as near to you as flesh and blood of your own family; and we feel that you are as near to us, for we love you for the patience and faithfulness with which you have discharged your duties. Not for its intrinsic value, although it is beautiful, but as emblematic of our love and regard, it is now my pleasure on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief to present you with the jewel of your past office, the star of the Past Commander-in-Chief. (Applause). May you wear that many, many years, and may we see your face at every Encampment for years and years to come, and when you pin that on, never forget that you have with it the love and regard of all of your associates that have served with you during the past year. (Applause).

**PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ALEXANDER:** Commander-in-Chief, Brother Abbott and brothers of this Encampment: After hearing the kindly and flattering expressions of Brother Abbott, whom you have delegated to make this presentation, I am free to say that it is most difficult for me to respond, in accepting a gift such as this. I want to assure you that during this year's work, which at times perhaps has been arduous, yet I have enjoyed it, recognizing it as a duty. And I want to say to you that in realizing that my year is ended, and that those duties and burdens are taken from me. You may ask, "Are you happy?" Brothers, I am, and I am not. The associations and the labors connected with the organizations have, grown and grown, day by day, and week by week, and month by month, until the major portion, the active membership of this organization has, in the last few months, been as a family to me. They have left nothing undone to promote the success of my administration. And it is those things, that, upon an occasion of this kind causes a feeling of regret, at the severance of these ties. I can find no other word to express it. I want to say to you that the work that has been outlined has been the result of those associates, those kindly associates. I don't want for one moment to have you consider that they emanated strictly from me. They have not. It has been the kindly assistance of the older and better members of this organization that has prompted the suggestions that I have brought forth here, and which you have kindly adopted, in the main, and which I sincerely hope may be the stepping stone of a future to this organization, second to none in this country of ours. (Applause). Brothers, permit me to say that I trust that your walks through me may be strewn with the sweetest flowers of this life. Not only yourselves, but

your families; hoping that you may have a safe journey home, I extend God speed to all of you, and hope that it may be my special privilege to be with you yearly, and I shall look forward with a feeling that I never have experienced as I do now, I thank you brothers. (Applause).

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** I will appoint Charles S. Davis, Adjutant-General, and Raphael Tobias Judge Advocate General. The rest of the staff will be announced later.

The Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General were then duly installed.

**E. W. ALEXANDER,** of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief Campbell, it is my pleasure to append the insignia of your rank to which you have been elevated. I feel that you keenly appreciate the duties that have been placed upon you, and that you are fully qualified to maintain and take care of them. I know that this is appreciated and respected by you, and will be worn, not only with honor to yourself, but to the organization at large. I sincerely trust that your administration may be, not only one of pleasure, but one of success.

**THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Past Commander-in-Chief Alexander, I thank you for your kind remarks; I thank you for the assurance that you have given me that you will, at least, endeavor to assist me in carrying out the arduous duties before me, and when I look back for a moment, and when I look forward to the years to come, and think that I must follow in footsteps of such illustrious brothers as yourself and "Billie" Bundy, Brothers Abbott, Jones and others, I shrink from the responsibilities. But, so help me God, I will do my best, and with your assistance, and the assistance of all my brothers, I think possibly we will get through the year and meet one year hence and enjoy the social times that we have enjoyed here in this beautiful little State of Rhode Island. I thank you kindly. I thank Brother Bundy for performing the installation ceremony and service. I thank you all most heartily. (Applause).

**FRANK L. SHEPARD,** of Illinois: Commander, I move the record of the proceedings of this Encampment be approved without reading. The motion was seconded. The motion was agreed to.

**COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:** Is there any further business to come before this Commandery-in-Chief? If there is no further business we will proceed to close. The Encampment was closed in due form.

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READING, PA., Dec. 6, 1901.

The foregoing is a true and correct record and report of the proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in Trocadero Hall, Providence, R. I., Sept. 17 and 18, A. D. 1901, as reported by Will C. Schneider, official stenographer.

**E. W. ALEXANDER,**

*Past Commander-in-Chief.*

ATTEST:

**ARTHUR B. SPINK,**

*Acting Adjutant General.*

## GENERAL ORDERS, No. 6.

Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., 301, 302  
Columbian Building.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25, 1901.

I. In addition to the officers announced in General Orders, No. 5, the following Staff Officers have been appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Surgeon-General, Dr. John R. Neely, Chicago, Ill. Inspector-General, R. M. Campbell, New Castle, Pa. Assistant Adjutant General, for duty at these Headquarters, Clay G. Collette, Washington, D. C.

II. Colonel Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I., and Colonel H. S. Foster, North Calais, Vt., are hereby appointed Personal Aides. The following brothers of the Order are hereby appointed Special Aides for duty with Headquarters:

NAMES.	LOCATIONS.	DIVISIONS.
S. R. Tupper.....	Mason City.....	Iowa.
Harry Duffin.....	{ Los Angeles (Care of C. I. G. E. Washburn, Times Office).....	California.
F. H. Dunningham.....	Colorado Springs, 4 Nevada Avenue.....	Colorado.
Allen T. Pratt.....	Rockville.....	Connecticut.
Carey R. Tingle.....	Richmond.....	Indiana.
A. L. Crue.....	Rockland.....	Maine.
H. H. Henry.....	Phoebus, Va.....	Maryland.
Edwin R. Olin.....	Boston (101 Milk Street).....	Massachusetts.
Stephen A. Crane.....	Deerfield.....	Michigan.
Harry C. Brown.....	Cartersville.....	Missouri.
O. D. Eaton.....	Osceola.....	Nebraska.
Ernest B. Folsom.....	Dover.....	New Haven.
Charles A. Lentz.....	Palestine.....	Ohio.
Ira E. Morse.....	Cambridge.....	Vermont.
Ernest Phillips.....	Indian Camp.....	West Virginia.
E. F. J. Goldsmith.....	Milwaukee (2440 Vine Street).....	Wisconsin.
Ellis Lewis Garretson.....	Tacoma.....	Washington.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. The official minutes of the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Providence, R. I., on September 16, 17, and 18, are in the course of preparation, and will be promulgated in due time.

IV. The C. R. and R., as amended by the Providence Encampment, has been placed in the hands of the printer by the Quartermaster-General, Fred. E. Bolton, and will be ready for distribution shortly.

V. Inasmuch as the Constitution, which will go into effect January 1, 1902, will abrogate all laws not contained therein, Division Commanders will bear in mind that at the next Annual Encampment of their respective Divisions, the matters of per capita tax and Division By-Laws should be amended to conform to same.

VI. Division Commanders will bear in mind that the quarterly reports of their Adjutants and Quartermasters should be promptly forwarded to these Headquarters, in order that there may be no delay in promulgating important information to the Order. They should impress upon the minds of their officers that correctness in making reports in the first instance is absolutely necessary, and that there is no excuse whatsoever for submitting them incorrectly filled out. All commanding officers should verify communications, of whatsoever nature, forwarded over their signatures, and they will be held personally responsible for the correctness of the same. The delays on the part of certain officials are exasperating, and handicap these Headquarters to a very great extent; but we hope to get everybody in line in the near future, so that we may have a better understanding between the smallest Camps in any Division and the Commandery-in-Chief.

VII. Division Commanders are directed to advise these Headquarters as to the dates when, and places where, the meetings of their respective Division Encampments will be held, so that the Commander-in-Chief may attend or be represented by some member of the Staff.

VIII. Charles B. Orai was, on September 14th, re-elected Commander of the Oregon Division. Senior Vice Commander John H. Leonard was, on October 28th, elected and installed Commander of the Rhode Island Division for the unexpired term, vice Colonel Frank J. Clinton, resigned.

IX. By action of the last National Encampment held at Providence, R. I. THE BANNER was made the official organ of the Order, and after the 1st of January, 1902, it will be placed in the hands of every member in good standing. All official orders and communications from National and Division Headquarters will be published therein.

X. Division Commanders will require Captains of Camps to prepare in duplicate correct lists of the names of members of their respective Camps, together with their post-office addresses (if in a city, including street and number), and forward same to these Headquarters without delay, in order that a mailing list may be forwarded to THE BANNER.

XI. General John McElroy, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, whose excellent work through *The National Tribune*, of Washington, D. C., has been most substantial, and who has in times past placed us under great obligations to him for his timely aid in the organization of new Camps, has given us renewed assurances that *The National Tribune* will publish important matters relative to our Order, and thereby assist us in building up the same. General McElroy is entitled to the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief and of all brothers of the Order for his kind expressions and earnest work in our behalf, and the same are hereby tendered.

XII. It is appalling to note that many of our past officers appear to be very lukewarm towards the Order. Having attained the height of their ambition, they remain silent and passive throughout our ceaseless fight for the upbuilding of Camps. This is not as it should be. Those officers should recollect their obligations. They should especially assist and encourage new members and Camps, and use their best efforts in gaining more recruits, giving advice and sustaining those upon whom the burden of conducting the affairs of the organization now rests.

XIII. The National Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic has selected the City of Washington, D. C., as the place for their National Encampment in 1902. In view of the action of the Commandery-in-Chief at Providence, R. I., in September last, notice is hereby given that we will hold our Encampment at the same time and place, and all brothers will govern themselves accordingly. It is the desire of the Commander-in-Chief that the military feature of the Sons of Veterans be fully represented and make a prominent part of the parade on that occasion. Looking to that end, Division Commanders are urged to take such steps as will bring uniformed, armed, and equipped organizations in their respective Divisions to the Encampment. In Divisions where no such organizations exist it is suggested that a provisional company or companies, fully uniformed, armed, and equipped be organized, and all participate in honoring our fathers in their parade at the Capital of our Nation. Also, it is suggested that members who are uniformed, but not equipped, organize a provisional regiment at large.

XIV. Circular No. 2 is herewith promulgated relative to Union Defenders' Day. It is the earnest desire of the Commander-in-Chief that Division Commanders will see to it that all Camps in their respec-

tive Divisions properly observe the day, and that Division Chaplains report results to the Chaplain-in-Chief.

CHARTER APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Illinois.....	3
Maine.....	1
Minnesota.....	4
Missouri.....	1
New Hampshire.....	2
New York.....	1
Ohio.....	1
South Dakota.....	1
Vermont.....	2
Wisconsin.....	1
	17

CAMPS MUSTERED.

PLACE.	DATE OF MUSTER.	NUMBER MUSTERED.
Breese, Ill.....	October 4, 1901.....	21
Lancaster, O.....	" 4, ".....	31
Lebanon, N. H.....	" 17, ".....	22
Winnebago City, Minn.....	" 25, ".....	19
Red Wing, Minn.....	" 30, ".....	16
Hardwick, Vt.....	" 31, ".....	17
Rochester, Minn.....	November 19, ".....	28
Milwaukee, Wis.....	" 29, ".....	27
Austin, Minn.....	December 2, ".....	20
Auburn, N. Y.....	" 5, ".....	21
Total—10 Camps and 222 members.		

By command of

E. R. CAMPBELL,  
Commander-in-Chief.

CHAS. S. DAVIS, *Adjutant-General.*

UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF,  
BROOKLYN, N. Y., December 25th, 1901.

CIRCULAR No. 2.

BROTHERS OF OUR NOBLE ORDER:—The thread of another twelve-month, strong with the energies of seventy millions of people, has been reeled off from the wheel of the ages and spun into the fabric of our Nation's stupendous development. Like the weaver at the tapestry loom we sit behind our handiwork and cannot see the figures we have wrought. It is the custom of our beloved Order once a year, on Union Defenders' Day, to scan the work not only of our own, but of past generations. Within the past year another martyr scene has wrung the Nation's heart. Again has demon hatred of the pure and patriotic achieved its foul purpose, and stirred our manhood to thoughts too deep for full expression. This calamitous sorrow bears us back with renewed reverence and holy affection to the memory of him whose heart blood consecrated the hallowed temple of national integrity, and the glory of whose martyr sacrifice made luminous the path of national progression wherein we tread. To the memory of that lordly life it is our privilege, year by year, to add our tributes of appreciation and admiration, made not more sincere, but more intelligent as broadening minds grasp more fully to-day than yesterday the gigantic proportions of the great Lincoln's vision of hope and realization of divine destiny for our land. So convincingly benignant was the purpose of Abraham Lincoln, so single-eyed his endeavor, so unselfish his every deed, so un-

assailable his integrity, so magnanimous his mind, so inclusive his heart, so altogether manly was this simple son of the people that even the section that he had to crush in order to save, now vies with us in sincere eulogies to his memory. The benediction of his life rests this day upon a reunited land, a loyal brotherhood of defenders of the Union.

The mantles of our brave fathers, mustered out or still marching in the van, who merged with the great Emancipator their identities in that of the Nation's unity, who unhesitatingly offered their lives and hopes a willing sacrifice for right, are each year more surely enveloping our lives. Their responsibilities have become ours. Their works are our heritage. Their aims must be our ambitions. With them are we building up the walls of the city. From their eyes may we catch the light of devotion, from their deeds the fire of zeal, from their examples, the lesson of faithful, ceaseless vigilant patriotism! Each day swings wide on golden hinges of opportunities; each hour is rife with measureless possibilities; each life is a dynamo of influence; each act is as forceful, for weal or woe, as a Titan's blow, and as irrevocable as the faded sunset. Problems as momentous, evils as insidious and questions as demanding of solution as faced our fathers, are our part to-day. May we prove worthy sons of hero sires. High Heaven counts lethargy, shirking and disinterest as treason. As the spotless Man of Galilee gave not only Himself up on Golgotha, but gave every hour of every day of His matchless life to usefulness and labors of love, so may we learn the spirit of altruism, which is to think last of ourselves. May our prayer be that of the poet: "Help us to play the man!"

Officers and brothers! We will best attest a real regard for our father's devotion by a spirited observance of Union Defenders' Day, February 12, 1902. It is well and fitting to give concrete expressions to our sentiments. Let preparation be made by each Camp for a comprehensive, instructive and enthusiastic recognition of the lessons of the hour.

It is recommended that co-operation be sought with local G. A. R., and associated bodies for a fitting ceremony. Let there be a recognition of the God of Nations. See that public honors are done to the flag. Have "America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" sung; and if agreeable and possible, army camp songs should mingle with the odes of our Order. Addresses in touch with the general topic, "The Land and the Day," such as "The Price Our Fathers Paid," as "The Message of Union Defenders' Day to the Men of To-day" would be appropriate.

Yours in F. C. and L.,

HOWARD WILBER ENNIS, *Chaplain-in-Chief.*

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OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, 301, 302 COLUMBIAN BUILDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31, 1901.

The foregoing is approved, and Division Commanders will take such steps as they may deem proper to have Camps throughout their respective Divisions arrange for such exercises as may seem to them best calculated to insure the observance of Union Defenders' Day, and the greatest good to the Order.

By command of

E. R. CAMPBELL,  
*Commander-in-Chief.*

Official:

CHAS. S. DAVIS, *Adjutant-General.*



PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TO THE GRAND ARMY.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., ROOM  
301, 302 COLUMBIAN BUILDING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 20, 1901.

*To the Officers and Members of Posts, Grand Army of the Republic.*

COMRADES:—We address you at this time with the view of securing your co-operation in extending the Order of the Sons of Veterans. To that end we desire that you will patronize our meetings, enjoy our privileges, and with us do honor to the brave men who dared death for their country, and whose deeds and sacrifices give to us the honorable title we bear. The objects of our patriotic Order are similar to those of your noble organization, and the principles upon which it is founded recommend themselves to all loyal people, and are as follows:

A firm belief and trust in Almighty God; true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America; and our objects are:

To keep green the memory of the services and sacrifices of our fathers, especially those who gave their lives that the Nation might be preserved; to aid the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines in caring for disabled comrades, and for the widows and orphans of the heroic dead; to inculcate patriotism and love of country; and to properly observe Memorial Day, and Union Defenders' Day.

Have an abiding faith in these principles and objects, we seek to extend our membership and influence all over the land. In doing this your commendation will be of great value, your favorable consideration of great assistance to us.

The sons, not less than eighteen years of age, of soldiers, sailors and marines who served under the old flag during the war of Secession are eligible to membership in our Order.

Our ceremonies are simple, yet beautiful in form; and our meetings are conducted in all candor. No political or sectarian discussions are allowed in our Camp rooms. Our Association is founded upon the three great principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. It is not a military organization, and the members are not required to engage in military drill. Still, we have a "Military Rank" to which our members may belong, and in which drill and uniform are prominent features. Nor, is the Order a "Beneficial" organization, in the general acceptance of the term, yet there is an insurance association for such Camps as desire to adopt it.

The ties that bind the two organizations together are cemented by the associations of the present, and the memories of the past, when you shared danger, and endured hardship together in camp, in field, in hospital and in prison pen. In our early manhood we desire to become acquainted and form associations with a common interest based upon the history of the past which you have made sacred. While you are yet alive we would learn your forms and ceremonies, and from your own lips in our Camp Rooms receive the instructions necessary for their continuance. A certain text in Scripture teaches us to "ask, and we shall receive; seek, and we shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to us." We knock at the door of the G. A. R.; we seek recruits through the endeavors of your members; we ask you to encourage your sons to become identified with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and to assist in preserving the memories of the heroic dead and perpetuating the observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day.

Heroes, we greet you. The veterans of to-day were the boys of yesterday. We thank you that we have our country and our flag, and enjoy the fruits of your valor. We are training in our Camp Rooms for the Grand Army of the future, and we give you promise for the future as you gave us safety in the past. Your deeds shall ever be our inspiration. You are completing your instructions to the world. We

are learning the grand lesson of patriotism from you. To be your heirs and successors in our highest aim and desire. Will you, in view of these facts, assist us in our work?

If there is a Camp of the Sons of Veterans in your neighborhood, urge your boys to become members thereof. If no Camp exists, assemble your sons and urge upon them the necessity for organizing one. Open correspondence with the Adjutant-General at this office, or with the Division Commander in your Department, both of whom will be pleased to give you any assistance and information necessary for the upbuilding of the Sons of Veterans.

It may be proper to add that your Commander-in-Chief is a son of a veteran.

Can two patriotic organizations be more closely united or identified with each other? Much depends upon your action. Yours in F. C. & L.  
E. R. CAMPBELL, *Commander-in-Chief.*

*Headquarters Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, Minneapolis, Minn.*

Every lover of his country, and especially every surviving soldier of the Union Army, should rejoice in the assured success as an organization of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Without doubt it is destined to become the foremost patriotic organization of the new Century, and its membership can with certainty be depended upon to protect and defend in times of peace and peril, the honor of the flag and the institutions it represents. The future safety and welfare of the country must of necessity largely rest with the Sons of Veterans, and the time has fully come when the relations between the Grand Army of the Republic and the Sons of Veterans should be more intimate and co-operative than ever before. The fault, if any exists, does not lie at the door of the sons but of the fathers, and the Commander-in-Chief heartily endorses the sentiments and desires so modestly, earnestly and forcibly set forth in the foregoing address of the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and trusts that the recommendations made may be received and acted upon in the same cordial and fraternal spirit in which they have been expressed.

ELI TORRANCE, *Commander-in-Chief. G. A. R.*

*Headquarters Commander-in-Chief, Union Veteran Legion, Washington, D. C.*

GENERAL:—I am directed by the National Commander, Union Veteran Legion, to say to you that he most cordially approves of the aims and objects of your Order in organizing for the purposes stated in your circular addressed to him recently. He also desires me to convey to you assurance of assistance in any possible way. Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

DENNIS O'CONNOR, *Adjutant-General.*

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