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The following is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., begun and holden at St. Joseph, Missouri, August 26 to 29, A. D. 1890.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Past Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Past Commander-in-Chief.

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TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

AUGUST 26, 1890.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order in Board of Trade Hall, at 10:15 A. M., with Commander-in Chief Charles F. Griffin in the chair.

Past Commander-in-Chief Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois, was escorted to the rostrum by Chief of Staff John G. Winfrey.

Col. Moses P. O'Brien, of Nebraska, was appointed Chief Mustering Officer *pro tem.*, in the absence of Bro. James A. Rice, of Iowa.

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

On roll-call the following officers were found to be present: Commander-in-Chief Chas. F. Griffin, Lieutenant-General H. B. Baguley, Major-General Geo. W. Pollit, Chief of Staff John G. Winfrey, Adjutant-General Chas. A. Bookwalter, Quartermaster-General Eustace W. Homan, Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall, Chief Mustering Officer *pro tem.* Moses P. O'Brien, Judge Advocate-General O. B. Brown, Surgeon-General E. A. Bracklow, M. D., Chaplain-in-Chief Clay D. Herod.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will announce the Committee on Credentials.

The Adjutant-General announced the Committee on Credentials, as follows: The Adjutant-General, C. A. Bookwalter; G. H. Hurlburt, of Illinois; Colonel C. S. Nation, of Kansas; Colonel Chas. J. Deckman, of Ohio, and Colonel H. S. Fuller, of Wisconsin.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee on Credentials will retire to consider the matters that will come before them, and the Commandery will take a recess for thirty minutes, by which time the committee will probably be ready to report.

12 O'CLOCK M.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will come to order and hear the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Adjutant-General submitted the following report from the Committee on Credentials:

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

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following brothers as entitled to a seat and a vote in the Ninth Annual Encampment:

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief, Charles F. Griffin, Indianapolis.
 Lieutenant-General, H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, West Virginia.
 Major-General, George W. Pollitt, Paterson, New Jersey.
 Chief of Staff, John G. Winfrey, Evansville, Indiana.
 Adjutant-General, Charles A. Bookwalter, Indianapolis.
 Quartermaster-General, Eustace W. Homan, Indianapolis.
 Inspector-General, Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan.
 Chief Mustering Officer, James A. Rice, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
 Judge-Advocate-General, O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio.
 Surgeon-General, E. A. Bracklow, M. D., 407 W. 46th street, New York.
 Chaplain-in-Chief, Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kansas.
 Elective Members Council-in-Chief, Henry Frazee, Cleveland, Ohio; J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Massachusetts; E. T. Roe, Springfield, Illinois; W. O. McDowell, Newark, New Jersey; C. D. Jones, Norton, Kansas.
 Honorary Life Members, A. P. Davis, W. E. W. Ross, J. A. Eldridge, J. A. Rodriego, J. A. Bangs, William H. Pierpont, John A. Thompson, R. M. J. Reed.
 Past Commanders-in-Chief, Frank P. Merrill, Malden, Massachusetts; George B. Abbott, Chicago; George W. Marks, Brooklyn, New York.
 Past Grand Division Commanders, R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia; Leland J. Webb, Topeka, Kan.; Raphael Tobias, New York City; Charles S. Crysler, Independence, Mo.; E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio; W. J. Maskell, Chicago; W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore; I. S. Bangs, Maine; Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Colonel, Robert W. Biese, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
 Past Colonel, M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Delegate at Large, H. S. Chase, Chattanooga, Tennessee.
 Delegate, Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama.
 Alternate at Large, J. H. Myers, Greenville, Tennessee.
 Alternate, W. C. Wright, New Orleans, Louisiana.

ARKANSAS.

Colonel, Otis E. Gulley, Springdale.
 Delegate at Large, J. H. Wilkins, Paris.
 Delegate, W. B. Moore, Alma.

CALIFORNIA.

Colonel, Fred. V. Wood, Oakland.
 Past Colonels, L. P. Callahan, Los Angeles; C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles; Edward C. Robinson, Oakland; E. W. Conant, San Jose.
 Delegate at Large, W. F. Hiard, Sacramento.
 Delegate, John Waterland, Chico.
 Alternate at Large, D. J. Mattock, Los Angeles.
 Alternate, C. D. Robinson, Oakland.

COLORADO.

Colonel, Charles H. Anderson, Denver.
 Past Colonels, Frank C. McArthur, Denver; H. D. Kendig, Denver, 17 S. Grant Ave.; Elmer T. Beltz, Laramie, Wyoming.
 Delegate at Large, L. W. Kennedy, 633 S. Twelfth street, Denver.
 Delegate, A. L. Fugard, Pueblo.
 Alternate at Large, J. M. Kennedy, 633 S. Twelfth street, Denver.
 Alternate, E. E. McKinnon, Canon City.

CONNECTICUT.

Colonel, H. W. Wessells, Litchfield.
 Past Colonels, William H. Pierpont, New Haven; G. Brainard Smith, Hartford.
 Delegate at Large, E. J. San Souci, Hartford.
 Delegate, S. P. Jonas, Meriden.
 Alternate at Large, Geo. A. Reynolds, Meriden.
 Alternate, C. P. Holle, New Britain.

ILLINOIS.

Colonel, George B. Stadden, Springfield.
 Past Colonels, A. W. McFarland, Chicago; R. V. Mallory, Lincoln; George B. Abbott, Chicago; C. T. Orner, Bloomington.
 Delegate at Large, E. M. Kinman, Jacksonville.
 Delegates, E. A. Wells, Murphysboro; J. B. Lidders, Rock Island; James I. Lyons, Chicago; C. A. C. Garst, Le Roy; G. H. Huriburt, Belvidere; M. M. Pinckley, Bushnell.
 Alternate at Large, A. M. Houser, Belleville.
 Alternates, John Lynch, Jr., Olney; G. W. Whyte, Danville; A. L. Guilford, Chicago; C. C. Paddleford, Tuscola; W. F. Jenkins, Chicago; H. D. Davidson, Bloomington.

INDIANA.

Colonel, John W. Newton, Winchester.
 Past Colonels, E. S. Walker, West Lebanon; George C. Harvey, Danville.
 Delegates, Ralph St. J. Perry, Indianapolis; H. G. Ogden, Danville; George
 H. Pennington, New Albany; J. G. Lellor, Muncie; William E. Males, Evansville.
 Delegate at Large, T. J. Jackson, Muncie.
 Alternate at Large, George Behler, Garrett City.
 Alternates, Harry O. Rhodes, North Manchester; J. F. Stickel, Union City;
 F. A. Withers, Rising Sun; David W. Wood, Anderson; Frank H. Martin, Lebanon.

IOWA.

Colonel, John H. Pickett, Oskaloosa.
 Past Colonels, James D. Rowen, Des Moines; Fred W. White, Waterloo.
 Delegate at Large, R. Shaw Van, Denison.
 Delegates, Leon Rizer, Fort Madison; Al. Sorter, Iowa City.
 Alternate at Large, Sam. Armstrong, Washington.
 Alternates, George Van Houten, Lenox; E. D. Wolfe, Dubuque.

KANSAS.

Colonel, C. D. Jones, Norton.
 Past Colonels, Arnold C. Dolde, McPherson; Leland J. Webb, Topeka; Clay
 D. Herod, Erie; C. S. Nation, Fredonia.
 Delegate at Large, T. J. Anderson, Topeka.
 Delegates, J. H. Fisher, Chanute; E. F. Parks, Washington; W. Y. Morgan,
 Strong City.
 Alternate at Large, J. E. Henning, Salina.
 Alternates, E. S. Anderson, Salina; J. V. Stewart, Spearville, Charles Webster,
 McPherson.

KENTUCKY.

Colonel, A. R. Dyché, London.
 Past Colonels, Will K. West, Newport; N. M. Pell, Louisville; George H.
 Capito, Louisville.
 Delegate at Large, Chas. F. Weaver, Louisville, U. S. Marshal's office.
 Delegate, James Van Pelt, Newport.
 Alternate at Large, E. G. Daly, Louisville.
 Alternate, Ed. R. Sprague, Covington.

MAINE.

Colonel, A. C. Cloudman, Cumberland Mills.
 Past Colonels, Frank P. Merrill, Malden, Mass.; A. S. Libby, Portland; C. H.
 Rice, Bangor; John C. Blake, Auburn; Thomas G. Libby, Vinal Haven; Edward
 K. Gould, Rockland; Waldo H. Perry, Portland; Chas. F. Hutchins, Bangor.
 Delegate at Large, H. L. Wright, Auburn.
 Delegate, R. L. Whitcomb, Portland.
 Alternate at Large, C. F. Mountfort, Brunswick.
 Alternate, A. W. Rhoades, Rockland.

MARYLAND.

Colonel, S. E. Thomason, Washington, D. C., 1600 Q Street, N. W.
 Past Colonels, George W. Collier, Baltimore, 1107 N. Bond Street; Miles W. Ross, Baltimore; E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., 1525 T Street, N. W.; Sherman J. Brown, Washington.
 Delegate at Large, John R. Neely, Washington, D. C., (War Department).
 Delegate, D. E. Barras, Frederick City.
 Alternate at Large, U. W. Hall, Washington, D. C., (Pension Office).
 Alternate, R. W. Wilson, Baltimore, 12 W. Fayette Street.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Colonel, W. A. Stevens, Malden.
 Past Colonels, J. J. McAndrew, Lynn; J. B. Maccabe, East Boston; C. F. Sargent, Lawrence; F. J. Bradford, Lowell; H. A. Crossman, Springfield; J. H. Hinkley, Beverly; N. C. Upham, Fitchburg; D. B. Purbeck, Salem.
 Delegate at Large, Willard Howland, Chelsea.
 Delegates, Fred M. Page, Salem; William R. Davis, Somerville; A. W. Batchelder, Salem; D. F. Goulding, Somerville.
 Alternate at Large, C. D. Rooney, Winchester.
 Alternates, H. A. Lyons, Mt. Adams; G. A. Henderson, Hingham; H. D. Sisson, Pittsfield; A. A. Upton, Orange.

MICHIGAN.

Colonel, F. D. Eddy, Lowell.
 Past Colonels, B. M. Fellows, Bronson; Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale; Frank M. Williams, Grand Rapids.
 Delegate at Large, Frank M. Gier, Pittsford.
 Delegates, W. A. Morse, Grand Rapids; George E. Cogshall, Grand Rapids; W. S. Redfield, Jackson.
 Alternate at Large, N. G. Cooper, Sturgis.
 Alternates, G. C. Cooper, Lansing; M. W. Bullock, Ashley; C. F. Stout, Ewart.

MINNESOTA.

Colonel, E. D. Morris, Red Wing.
 Past Colonels, E. M. VanCleve, Minneapolis; E. H. Milhan, St. Paul; F. W. Rowlson, St. Paul; A. S. Morgan, Duluth.
 Delegate at Large, A. P. Courtney, Minneapolis, 2835 Nicollet avenue.
 Delegate, W. R. Johnson, St. Paul 301 Chestnut street.
 Alternate at Large, W. H. Salter, Duluth.
 Alternate, A. J. Messer, Minneapolis.

MISSOURI.

Colonel, H. J. Kline, St. Joseph.
 Past Colonels, Chas. S. Chrysler, Independence; J. J. Speaker, St. Marys, Kansas; Fred. Neudorff, St. Joseph; A. H. Vandivert, Bethany; E. R. Durham, Bethany; R. Loebenstein, Warrensburg.
 Delegate at Large, B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis (Union Depot).
 Delegates, C. P. Lindsey, Kansas City, 1401 Joy street; W. G. Hines, Savannah; J. F. Humann, St. Louis, 920 N. Ninth street.
 Alternate at Large, E. B. Howard, Jr., Greenfield.
 Alternates, Chas. Tamm, Washington; O. G. Null, Maryville; Jas. Brennan, St. Louis, 2508 N. Eleventh street.

MONTANA.

Colonel, A. E. Veazie, Helena.
 Past Colonels, W. H. Perkins, Helena; E. G. Worden, Helena; John R. Miller, Helena.
 Delegate at Large, G. F. Dougherty, Butte.
 Delegate, F. W. Combs, Helena.
 Alternate at Large, W. J. Jameson, Butte.
 Alternate, N. J. O'Brien, Butte.

NEBRASKA.

Colonel, F. J. Coates, Omaha.
 Past Colonels, S. W. Coglizer, Weeping Water; A. M. Appleget, Tecumseh; Moses Patrick O'Brien, Omaha.
 Delegate at Large, W. D. Guttery, Wahoo.
 Delegate, J. W. Bartholomew, Maud Island.
 Alternate at Large, E. Y. Scott, Greenwood.
 Alternate, C. M. Rowitzer, Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Colonel, James H. Joyce, Great Falls.
 Past Colonels, F. H. Challis, Manchester; F. E. Libby, Great Falls; F. M. Shackford, Lake Village; M. F. Crowley, Portsmouth; F. B. Perkins, Manchester.
 Delegate at Large, E. E. Bean, Manchester.
 Delegate, W. S. Willie, Great Falls.
 Alternate at Large, Frank E. Flint, Manchester.
 Alternate, C. H. Little, Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

Colonel, George H. Perkins, Atlantic City.
 Past Colonels, Henry E. Hatfield, Elizabeth; Ed. C. White, Trenton; Fred D. Morse, Elizabeth; Andrew Derrom, Jr., Paterson.
 Delegate at Large, W. E. Allstrom, Long Branch.
 Delegate, W. D. Kingsland, Paterson.
 Alternate at Large, P. Atwood Elliott, Red Bank.
 Alternate, Howard A. Ray, Camden, 637 Ferry street.

NEW YORK.

Colonel, George Addington, Albany.
 Past Colonels, E. F. Fellows, Brockport; E. W. Hatch, Buffalo.
 Delegate at Large, Bartow S. Weeks, New York City, 11 Wall street.
 Delegates, H. M. Ford, Syracuse; Benjamin Raphael, Brooklyn, 505 Lorimer street; N. L. Harrison, Hornellsville.
 Alternate at Large, E. C. Byers, Hoosac Falls.
 Alternates, W. K. Terhune, Goshen; L. H. Hendel, Lowville; W. M. Watson, Binghamton; H. C. A. Cooper, Rochester.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Colonel, A. H. Davis, Lisbon.
 Past Colonel, Frank V. Kent, Grand Forks.
 Delegate at Large, F. E. Moorehouse, Bismarck.
 Delegate, R. S. Knudson, Grand Forks.
 Alternate at Large, Frank M. DeMers, Fargo.
 Alternate, A. G. Messer, Grand Forks.

OHIO.

Colonel, Charles J. Deckman, Malvern.
 Past Colonels, E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus; Harry R. Bacon, Toledo; E. W. Poe, Columbus; Wheeler C. Wykoff, Columbus; F. W. Myers, Steubenville; Henry Frazee, Cleveland; George W. Ensign, Defiance; George W. Leonard, Urbana; William E. Bundy, Cincinnati.
 Delegate at Large, J. V. Hilliard, Newark.
 Delegates, H. C. Armstrong, Xenia; D. Q. Morrow, Hillsboro; H. D. Davis, Hillsboro; J. A. Averdick, Cincinnati; David Joseph, Cincinnati; H. V. Speelman, Coalton; H. S. Buckland, Fremont; L. A. Perce, Bucyrus; John F. Wilson, Sidney.
 Alternate at Large, A. C. Messenger, Coalton.
 Alternates, F. D. Stewart, Fostoria; H. H. Cassill, Mt. Vernon; A. E. Heiss, Mansfield; Don C. Cable, Nelsonville; E. L. Johnson, Cincinnati; C. H. Orr, Columbus; W. R. Marshall, Cuyahoga Falls; F. T. Bristol, Mansfield; H. Clay Runyan, Catawba.

OREGON.

Colonel, S. H. Griffith, East Portland.
 Delegate at Large, A. F. Hofer, Salem.
 Delegate, Frank Melvin, East Portland.
 Alternate at Large, Willis Brown, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Colonel, George W. Gerhard, Lock Haven.
 Past Colonels, James H. Closson, Philadelphia, 21 W. Chelton Avenue; Louis M. Wagner, Philadelphia, 138 S. Fourth Street; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, 1221 Arch Street; E. W. Alexander, Reading; Robert E. Hopkins, Vicksburg; William H. Smith, Allentown; H. H. Hammer, Reading; A. K. Howard, Titusville; Frank M. Hartzell, Pittsburg; H. M. Russell, Philadelphia, 420 W. Huntingdon Street; Charles J. Miller, Philadelphia, care of P. R. R., 233 S. Fourth Street; George P. Brockway, Titusville; J. Lewis Rake, Reading; W. B. McNulty, Philadelphia, 1419 Percy Street.
 Delegate at Large, W. J. Martin, M. D., Ashland.
 Delegates, S. B. Harto, Catasauqua, Lehigh County; Frank Dietrick, Wilkes Barre; W. W. Brunner, Sunbury; John A. Wood, McKeesport; F. L. Armstrong, Meadville.
 Alternate at Large, Archibald Lester, Allentown.
 Alternates, Eugene C. Snyder, Trevorton; John Dachrodt, Easton; E. J. Coke, Reading; W. G. Bireley, Pittsburgh; A. D. Fasig, Reading.

RHODE ISLAND.

Colonel, Theodore A. Barton, Providence.
 Past Colonel, Charles H. West, Newport.
 Delegate at Large, George A. Abbott, Providence.
 Delegate, John F. Clark, Valley Falls.
 Alternate at Large, James Warren, Jr., Providence.
 Alternate, Wade W. Williams, Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Colonel, C. B. Cooke, Arlington.
 Past Colonel, C. C. Bras, Mitchell.
 Delegate at Large, W. A. Rogers, Mitchell.
 Delegate, L. D. Logans, Watertown.
 Alternate at Large, W. H. Hintz, St. Lawrence.
 Alternate, J. J. Lillebridge, Pierre.

VERMONT.

Colonel, H. O. Bixby, Chelsea.
 Past Colonels, J. C. Rutherford, Burlington; F. D. Procter, Procter; C. F. R. Jenne, Brattleboro; John E. Fox, Burlington; George E. Terrill, Underhill; F. I. Eaton, Montpelier; E. T. Griswold, Bennington.
 Delegate at Large, George E. Wright, St. Albans.
 Delegate, Dr. O. A. Gee, Brandon.
 Alternate at Large, A. G. Fay, Montpelier.
 Alternate, Max L. Powell, Richford.

WASHINGTON.

Colonel, B. W. Coiner, Tacoma.
 Delegate at Large, Hiram E. Allen, Spokane Falls.
 Delegate, J. B. Cromwell.
 Alternate at Large, O. B. Hinkle, Spokane Falls.
 Alternate, F. A. Curtis.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Colonel, E. D. Hazen, Parkersburg.
 Past Colonels, R. H. Freer, Ritchie C. H.; H. B. Baguley, Wheeling.
 Delegate at Large, E. B. Morris, Buckhannon.
 Delegate, A. W. Brake, Auburn.
 Alternate at Large, A. M. Lazier, Morgantown.
 Alternate, W. T. Marsh, Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

Colonel, H. S. Fuller, Milwaukee.
 Past Colonels, John Finney, Milwaukee; Samuel F. Peacock, Milwaukee; F. J. Walthers, Milwaukee; John P. Sheridan, East Saginaw, Michigan; Charles H. Hudson, Madison.
 Delegate at Large, E. W. Krackowizer, Milwaukee.
 Delegate, Thomas L. Jacobs, Menasha.
 Alternate at Large, C. A. Armstrong, Boscobel.
 Alternate, William Rowe, Eau Claire.

(Signed,)

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
 G. H. HURLBURT,
 C. S. NATION,
 CHAS. J. DECKMAN,
 H. S. FULLER.

(When the State of Nebraska was reached.)

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, I wish to state that the Colonel of the Nebraska Division stated to us that the alternate delegate, C. M. Rowitzer, was present, and the Delegate at Large, W. D. Guttery, was absent. The committee did not feel authorized to insert the name of Brother Rowitzer in place of Delegate at Large Guttery, and have left that to the Encampment to be decided later.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The business in order, at this time, is the calling of the roll of delegates as reported by the Committee on Credentials. When that is done, any correction that may be necessary can be made.

The Adjutant-General continued, and concluded the calling of the roll.

MOSES PATRICK O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, before the report of the Committee on Credentials is adopted, I desire to move that "Whereas, W. D. Guttery, one of the representatives of Nebraska, is absent, and his alternate, C. M. Rowitzer is present, that Brother Rowitzer, as alternate, be permitted to vote and act in his stead."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I do not understand that a motion is necessary in such a case. If the delegate is not present and his alternate is, the alternate takes his seat without motion.

MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, the reason why I made the motion was because the committee seemed to be in some doubt about it, and their report was indefinite as to this case, and I made the motion because I thought it would be acceptable.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The delegate not being present, the alternate is entitled to take his seat.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, do I understand that all the gentlemen whose names have been called by the Adjutant-General, are entitled to vote, or only those who have answered to their names?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Those whose names have been called are entitled to vote. Of course, if they are not present they can not vote.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, I understand they have turned in credentials for the entire State delegation of Pennsylvania, and I do not know that there is a single representative here from that State.

W. J. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania: Yes, sir; there are two of us here.

BARTOW S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, do I understand you that the alternate delegate is entitled to fill the position of the Delegate at Large in the absence of the Delegate at Large, without any special action of the Encampment?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: No, sir; I did not so rule.

BARTOW S. WEEKS, of New York: That is the condition of affairs in the Nebraska Division, as I understand it. The Delegate at Large is absent, but the delegate is present. The alternate at large is absent and the alternate delegate is present. Now the question is, can the alternate delegate take the place of the Delegate at Large? I do not think he can do that without some action on the part of the Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is not the case stated by the brother from Nebraska when he made his motion.

MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I made a mistake; I was misinformed. I thought Brother Rowitzer was Brother Guttery's alternate. It seems that is not exactly the case, but that Brother Guttery is the Delegate at Large and Brother Rowitzer is simply the alternate delegate. I desire to renew my motion in that form.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother O'Brien will state his motion.

MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I move that whereas W. D. Guttery, Delegate at Large from Nebraska, is absent, and as his alternate at large is also absent, that Brother C. M. Rowitzer, being present, be allowed to act instead of Delegate at Large W. D. Guttery.

COLONEL F. J. COATES, of Nebraska: I second the motion.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, in order that this may not be local in its application, and as in my own division the Delegate at Large and the alternate are both absent, and in order that our Division may be represented, I move, as an amendment to the motion of Colonel O'Brien, that where the Delegate at Large or his alternate is absent, that the delegation may fill up that position with any other delegate or alternate present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That motion is out of order. The Constitution provides the only manner in which the delegation may be filled, and a motion can not reach the question in that way. If there are no further remarks the chair will put the question.

The Commander put the question and the motion was agreed to.

B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: Commander, there is no member of the California delegation present. Brother Williams, of the California Division, is here, and he has a letter from the Colonel of the California Division, which has been presented to the Adjutant-General. I move that Brother Williams be received into this Encampment.

MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order, and that is this: That this gentleman has not been elected either as a delegate or as an alternate to represent the Division of California, and therefore this Encampment has no right to give him a seat on this floor.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I would ask to have the letter read before we pass upon this matter.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is now on the point of order. I understand that the brother is a member of the Order in good standing, and the motion is that he be admitted to a seat on the floor in this Encampment. Am I right about that? Or, is the motion that he be admitted to a seat on the floor and entitled to vote?

B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: That he be entitled to a seat and a vote.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is then out of order, upon the grounds stated by Brother Frazee. The Chair sustains the point of order.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL BOOKWALTER: Commander, I will state on behalf of the Committee on Credentials that there seems to have been considerable confusion, and but a small percentage of the brothers brought with them the old credential card. The larger number of them depended upon certificates filed by their Colonels

in the hands of the Commander-in-Chief as their credentials. In compiling our report we took the list as prepared by the Colonels of the various divisions and decided to report to this convention the names of just such brothers as were certified to us by the Commanders of the various Divisions as the delegates and the delegates at large. After this report is made, if there are any alternates on the floor whose delegates are not here, we considered it would be a very easy matter for the Colonel of that Division to call attention to it, and we could insert the name of that alternate and check off the name of that delegate. We believed that it was no more than right and proper that the name of every man who was duly elected a delegate or delegate at large to this Encampment should appear upon the records of the Encampment, and by presenting this report was the only way that we could so secure the preservation of these names.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there are no further corrections the report of the Committee on Credentials will stand approved, and the committee continued until further orders. The next business in order is the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting. What is the pleasure of the Commandery in regard to them? Shall the minutes of the preceding meeting be read, or will they be approved without reading?

GENERAL LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

GENERAL GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

MAJOR-GENERAL GEO. W. POLLITT: I wish to call attention to the fact that we were voting upon approving the minutes, as printed; or does the motion just agreed to simply dispense with the reading of them?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It simply dispenses with the reading of the minutes. Of course it does not approve them. The next business in order is the appointment of committees. I desire to announce the following committees:

On Reports of Officers.—Lieutenant-Colonel B. S. Weeks, of New York; Colonel O. E. Gulley, of Arkansas; Past Colonel F. J. McArthur, of Colorado; Past Colonel R. Loebenstein, of Missouri; Past Colonel Moses P. O'Brien, of Nebraska.

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations.—Judge Advocate-General O. B. Brown, of Ohio; Past Colonel E. W. Hatch, of New York; Past Colonel Joseph B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts; Brother J. F. Human, of Missouri; Colonel B. W. Coiner, of Washington.

On Rituals and Ceremonies.—General E. H. Milham, of Minnesota; Past Colonel W. E. Bundy, of Ohio; Colonel John W. Newton, of Indiana; Colonel W. E. Stevens, of Massachusetts; Past Grand Division Commander Raphael Tobias, of New York.

On Resolutions.—General L. J. Webb, of Kansas; General G. B. Abbott, of Illinois; E. W. Krackowizer, of Wisconsin; Colonel George H. Perkins, of New Jersey; Past Colonel E. W. Poe, of Ohio.

On Distribution of Work.—Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Armstrong, of Ohio; Colonel John H. Pickett, of Iowa; Colonel S. E. Thomason, of Maryland; E. W. Morris, of West Virginia; S. P. Jonas, of Connecticut.

We will now proceed with the reports of officers.

GENERAL JOHN G. WINFREY, of Indiana: Commander, before we proceed with any other business, I move that William S. Garber be appointed the Reporter for this Encampment, and that his report be accepted as the official report of our proceedings.

MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that Brother William S. Garber be appointed the official reporter of the proceedings of this Encampment, and that his report be accepted as the official report of the proceedings of the Encampment.

A. W. BATCHELDOR, of Massachusetts: Commander, does that imply that we shall have no right to question his record?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: No, sir; but that we simply accept his report as the official report of the Encampment. Of course if any corrections should be found necessary, they can be made.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Reports of officers are now in order, and I will now read my report as Commander-in-Chief, for the past official year.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 18, 1890.

To the Officers and Brothers of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

BROTHERS—In the preparation of this report of my doings as your Commander-in-Chief for the official term which will soon expire, it has seemed to me that it should, so far as possible, be shorn of oratorical flourish and confined strictly to a business statement of facts and suggestions for the good of the Order. This I deem to be the real and only purpose of such reports.

I assumed command of the Order September 14, 1889. The property of the Commandery-in-Chief was transferred to me at Chicago, September 25; Headquarters established in the rooms of the State Department, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, appropriately decorated and opened September 30. Two large rooms and two fire-proof vaults have been used for Headquarters purposes, with rent, fuel, light and janitors' services, at a cost to the Order of nothing.

HEADQUARTERS FURNITURE.

On receiving the property of the Order, I found it essential for the systematic transaction of its business and the safe-keeping of its books and papers to purchase additional furniture.

I therefore purchased, for Headquarters use, a Remington typewriter, with oak cabinet; an oak book-case for the Headquarters library; a walnut base, with drawers and cupboards upon which to place the letter-filing cabinet; a letter-copying press, a dozen and a half newspaper files, a Shannon document file cabinet, containing thirty-two boxes and sixteen drawers, and other essential articles of less importance. With the exception of one desk and chair, the desks, tables and chairs used are the property of the State of Indiana.

HEADQUARTERS RECORDS.

I have always been of the opinion that the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has come to stay. Keeping this fact in view, it has been the policy of this administration to arrange, systematize and preserve all books, papers and doings of whatever kind of the Order, so far as they come within the possession or control of National Headquarters. To this end, one of my first duties was to devise and have substantially bound suitable records in which to record or index every paper of whatever description which is now in, or may hereafter come into the possession of the Commandery-in-Chief. No paper has been considered of too little value for preservation.

There has been prepared for use at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters a "General Index of Documents;" a "Record of Courts-Martial;" a "Record of Dispensations;" a "Record of Division By-Laws;" a "Record of Official Commissions;" a "Record of Commandery-in-Chief Officers;" a "Record of Charters Revoked;" a "Record of Decisions on Constitution, Rules and Regulations;" "Quartermaster-General's Cash Book," and "Journal," and "Adjutant-General's Cash Book."

A General Order was issued directing all Divisions to forward to National Headquarters duplicate copies of their Division By-Laws. This order has been faithfully complied with. Since assuming command, I have required all proceedings in courts-martial to be made in duplicate; one, after approval, to be returned to the proper Division Headquarters; the other recorded and filed at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. There is, therefore, on file a complete record of all papers and evidence in each court-martial proceeding passed upon by the Commandery-in-Chief during the past year.

Several new Division Rosters have been issued with additional columns, making the record more comprehensive and complete.

The proceedings of all the annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief, which heretofore existed only in detached form, have been gathered together. The proceedings of the Third Annual Encampment, which existed only in manuscript, have been printed, and all substantially bound together in one book, thus furnishing a permanent record of all the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief, reports of its past officers, and general and special orders. A copy of this book has been furnished the headquarters of each division, to be filed and retained at Division Headquarters.

A request, through General Orders, was early made that all newspapers devoted to the interests of the Order, and those containing a Sons of Veterans' column, be forwarded to Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This request has been generally complied with, and the papers have been filed with a view to binding permanently at the close of the year. Some have already been bound. The Order will thus secure, at small expense, a permanent record of valuable facts for future reference.

In the preparation of records and the execution of the great mass of detail work necessarily following, the assistance of Adjutant-General Bookwalter has been invaluable. Without the active and earnest co-operation of both the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General in this work, your Commander-in-Chief would have been overwhelmed.

SUPPLIES.

I have endeavored to improve the character of all supplies, both in the stock used and the subject matter. Several new forms have been issued and many changes made in old ones. In all changes the object has been to simplify and condense, and not to complicate. I adopted from the first, the plan of securing competitive bids on prices of all supplies, and written bids are, therefore, on file for all

supplies procured during the year. While the quality of supplies has been improved, the cost to the Order has not been increased. In securing low prices and honest work, the experience of Adjutant-General Bookwalter has saved the Order hundreds of dollars, he being an expert, and understanding thoroughly every department of the printing business. At a low estimate all supplies have been furnished 25 per cent. cheaper than they could have been purchased by the Divisions. The custom established by previous Encampments, of adding 10 per cent. to the cost price of supplies for payment of express, etc., has been adhered to with satisfactory results. The added 10 per cent. barely pays cost of transportation. In other words, supplies are furnished to divisions at actual cost, plus the cost of transportation. The statement, therefore, which has lately been given circulation that the Commandery-in-Chief is making a *profit* of 10 per cent. on supplies furnished Divisions is not true. The Quartermaster-General's report shows a considerable amount of supplies on hand, but they are all first-class stock, and represent cash to the Order. The quantity is greater than I could desire, but no invoices, bids, vouchers or bills for supplies were ever turned over to me, and I could, therefore, make no accurate estimate of the quantity of a given article that would be needed during the year, hence we ordered too much of some articles and not enough of others, and it now only affects the amount of cash on hand.

RECORDS OF JUDGE-ADVOCATE GENERAL.

In addition to the records heretofore named, two records of a general character have been prepared for the use of the Judge-Advocate General. One, a Record of Courts-Martial examined and passed upon by him; the other, a Record of Decisions on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. These records correspond to those found at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters heretofore named, so that the incoming Judge-Advocate General will be furnished with a complete record of the doings of his predecessor. It is due Judge-Advocate General Brown to state that these records were designed by him, and are admirably suited to the purposes for which they are intended.

DIVISION RECORDS.

I was astonished, on assuming command, to find no system of records had ever been devised for use at Division Headquarters, and that the records of many Divisions were in deplorable condition—lacking any attempt at systematic business method. There being no prescribed records, each new Colonel was thrown upon his own resources. It has, therefore, been a pleasant, though laborious, part of my duty to devise and place in the hands of each Division Colonel a set of records, which, it is believed, will guarantee uniform and systematic business methods in all Divisions. They consist of Adjutant's cash book, Quartermaster's cash book, Quartermaster's journal, Division black book, record of commissions issued from Division Headquarters, a register of charter and additional members, Quartermaster's receipt book, record of dispensations, and a book of vouchers. In addition, the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's consolidated quarterly reports are substantially bound, enabling these officers to preserve at Division Headquarters a duplicate of each report forwarded by them to the Commander-in-Chief. I do not claim perfection for these or any of the records which have been devised. Some improvements have already been suggested. They are, however, vastly better than none, and it is believed will serve as a foundation upon which to build a complete and substantial system for all branches of the Order. In the preparation of these records valuable assistance was rendered in the way of suggestions from officers and past officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, Division officers, and brothers high in the Order. I am doubly gratified and under great obligations, especially to Division officers, for their earnest co-operation in the attempt to systematize and improve our business methods.

DIGEST OF DECISIONS.

By resolution of the Eighth Annual Encampment, the Commander-in-Chief was directed to appoint a Committee on Digest. A committee was therefore appointed, consisting of the Judge-Advocate General, and Brothers D. W. Wood, of Anderson, Indiana, and Merrill Moores, of Indianapolis, Indiana. It has been to me a source of great regret, as well as of inconvenience, that I have not been able to secure the decisions of my predecessors in office, either for my *own* guidance, or for the use of the committee in the preparation of the digest. The committee was, however, furnished with all decisions of this administration, numbering one hundred and ten (110), from which has been carefully prepared a digest and blue book similar to that of the Grand Army of the Republic. The work of the committee, which was principally performed by Brother Merrill Moores, though very tedious and laborious, will be found to have been thoroughly and skillfully performed. The lack of any printed digest or record of decisions for the use of Camp and Division officers has made it necessary for the Judge-Advocate General and myself to decide practically the same question many times, thus largely increasing our labors. The same state of facts has doubtless been largely true of Division officers. This digest, in the hands of Division and Camp officers, will greatly relieve the burden named by furnishing a quick answer to questions which may arise, without the necessity of applying to headquarters.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1.—I therefore recommend that the digest be sold at thirty-five cents per copy, and that it be placed on the Camp packet list and furnished all new Camps organized.

COURTS-MARTIAL.

Twenty-one courts-martial, in which the sentence was dishonorable discharge from the Order, have been approved. The comparatively small number of these proceedings, which has reached headquarters, indicates that the moral condition of the Order is good and improving. It is a startling fact, however, that of the twenty-one courts-martial named, twenty of them were based upon or contained charges of embezzlement. No stronger evidence can be adduced of the necessity for more rigid business methods. It is also noticeable that 180 brothers have been reported by Division Adjutants dishonorably discharged. How they were thus discharged without approval of the Commander-in-Chief is a conundrum.

The forms of court-martial blanks prescribed and in use at the present time are in some particulars not in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, or of United States Army Regulations, by which we are, to a great extent, governed in such proceedings. As the Order grows, these forms, like the others, need to be amended.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2.—I therefore recommend that the forms of court-martial blanks now in use be amended and revised, and an entirely new set adopted.

THE ROWLEY JUDGMENT.

One of the legacies of the Commandery-in-Chief is a judgment rendered in favor of Brother H. T. Rowley, at Pittsburgh, in the Common Pleas Court of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, at the January term, 1888, for the sum of \$578.05 and costs taxed at \$39.50. At the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Brother W. S. Parker, of Pennsylvania Division, was appointed a committee to investigate this claim and report to the Commander-in-Chief. The report of Brother Parker was rather favorable to a settlement of the claim. It nevertheless seemed to me that so large a claim ought not be paid without further investigation. An opinion secured from the Judge-Advocate General, and correspondence with Major A. P. Davis, who is conversant with all the facts, satisfied

me that the claim was not a just one. I finally went to Pittsburgh, made a personal investigation, secured a complete transcript of all the papers and records in the case, and was so fortunate as to be able to secure a copy of the evidence. I learned that no defense or appearance to the case was made by the Commandery-in-Chief, or by any officer authorized or claiming the right to appear for it, and no service was ever had upon any officer of the Commandery-in-Chief. The judgment was rendered by a State court, and therefore no execution can issue thereon through which to reach property of the Commandery-in-Chief in another State. Without going into further details, the investigation satisfied me of two things: First, that the claim is not a just one and ought to be resisted by all honorable means; second, that it can not be collected from the Commandery-in-Chief as it now stands. I have therefore declined to recognize or to pay any part of the judgment. All evidence, papers and correspondence collected in relation thereto have been carefully filed and preserved at headquarters for future reference.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ARNOLD.

By resolution adopted at the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief one hundred dollars was appropriated, with which the Commander-in-Chief was directed to purchase and have erected a suitable monument at the grave of Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold. I opened correspondence in relation thereto, investigated prices, and finally referred the matter to Past Colonel J. Lewis Rake, of Pennsylvania Division. Both he and I arrived at the same conclusion, namely, that the sum named is entirely inadequate for the purchase of a monument befitting the rank and eminent services of our deceased brother. I had hoped that Pennsylvania Division might contribute an equal amount, and that a monument might be erected as a joint tribute of the Commandery-in-Chief and Pennsylvania Division, but the finances of Pennsylvania Division would not permit such an outlay. As a result, no monument has been erected.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3.—I recommend that the appropriation for the purpose named be at least doubled, and that Pennsylvania Division be requested to contribute as much as possible, to the end that a monument may be erected which will be a credit to the Order, and a just tribute to the memory of one of its chief officers.

INSURANCE.

The charitable and benevolent features of our Order might profitably be enlarged upon and reduced to a system. There exists in connection with many of the best established secret societies, under control and direction of officers selected from time to time by their supreme bodies, a system of insurance which has proven cheap, substantial and satisfactory. The addition of a fixed system of insurance would, in my judgment, be a valuable adjunct to our Order, and meet with popular favor.

RECOMMENDATION No. 4.—I recommend that a committee of three be appointed, in such manner as may be directed, who shall report to the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a plan of insurance for the consideration of that body.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

A careful examination of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations will convince the most obtuse mind that there are many defects and inconsistencies therein, demanding careful and immediate attention. Changes, alterations, additions and amendments have been made from time to time until they are like a patchwork quilt. The Order sadly needs an entirely new and comprehensive Constitution and set of rules and regulations.

RECOMMENDATION No. 5.—I recommend that a committee of three be appointed to prepare and report to next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a Constitution, Rules and Regulations to be adopted as a substitute for those now in force, and that provision be made for the payment of all necessary expenses of the committee.

THE RITUAL.

Our Ritual might be profitably amended and enlarged upon in many respects. The ceremonies in the mustering of new applicants might be greatly improved. No provision is made in the Constitution for public installations, and but slight reference thereto in the Ritual. No ceremony is provided for the installation of Commandery-in-Chief officers, or of Division officers, and no prescribed ceremony for the opening and closing of sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief. The muster ceremonies might with great benefit be enlarged to three degrees, the first representing Friendship, the second Charity, and the third Loyalty. It is an almost universal comment that the muster-in ceremonies do not meet the expectations of the candidate.

RECOMMENDATION No. 6.—I recommend: *First*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a Ritual combining the features hereinbefore suggested.

RECOMMENDATION No. 7.—*Second*, That Division Colonels be given the power, in their discretion, to grant special dispensations for public installations of officers in their respective Divisions.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

As heretofore indicated, considerable attention has been given the subject of special dispensations. The power of the Commander-in-Chief and Division Colonels to grant special dispensations in given cases is not sufficiently definite.

RECOMMENDATION No. 8.—I recommend: *First*, That the Commander-in-Chief be clothed with power, on proper application, to suspend, in his discretion, by special dispensation, any constitutional provision. Such power, if granted, should be rarely exercised; but there are times when the use of such authority would prevent hardships, inconvenience and expense.

RECOMMENDATION No. 9.—*Second*, That Colonels of Divisions be clothed with authority to suspend delinquent Camps or officers thereof, as the case may be, in their discretion, for failure to make quarterly reports, subject, however, at all times, to an appeal therefrom to the Commander-in-Chief.

CONSOLIDATION.

During the past official year we have been making satisfactory progress in the good work of bringing into our organization, members, officers and Posts of the Post System, Sons of Veterans. In the State of New York, 25 Posts have been mustered into our Order, bodily. We have been making strong acquisitions from all quarters of the States in which the Post System has made its stronghold, notably in New York. There has been considerable correspondence and negotiations with a view to merging the Post System, as a body, into ours, but, as yet, no definite or decisive results in that direction have been reached. Naturally, officers of that organization, who have toiled for, and earned promotion, are loth to abandon their own and join us, when, by so doing, they leave their past rank behind. We, who have been successful—the victors in the contest for supremacy between the two organizations—can afford to be generous—magnanimous. We must not forget that, like ourselves, they are sons of Union Soldiers; that their fathers stood side

by side with ours in the same battles for National existence, and that their organization has for its aim the accomplishment of the same noble objects. Our interests and purposes being so nearly identical, we ought all to be marching under the same banner. We, it is true, have lived and grown and waxed strong without their co-operation, but we want them with us. They are, to all intents and purposes, our Brothers, and we want them to join us in our work of patriotism and of love, to divide our responsibilities and share our triumphs.

RECOMMENDATION No. 10.—I recommend an amendment to the Constitution, to the effect that all officers of the Post System joining our Order shall retain their past rank, with the same powers and privileges as like past officers in our Order.

FINANCES AND PER CAPITA TAX.

The general condition of our finances, as demonstrated by the report of the Quartermaster General, is very satisfactory. Although during the past year over \$1,200 has been expended for permanent improvements—that is to say, furniture, records, digest, etc., which will not need to be duplicated for a long time—we are able to report to this Commandery-in-Chief a large sum *in cash*, as demonstrated by the report of the Quartermaster General, with no outstanding indebtedness, save the expenses of this Encampment. It should not be forgotten, however, that the expenses of this Encampment will probably be somewhat in excess of those of previous years, the sum of \$300 having been appropriated by the Council-in-Chief as a prize to the company making the highest average in the competitive drill.

The accounts and moneys of the Commandery-in-Chief have been carefully and systematically kept. Both the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General have kept an accurate account of every penny handled by them. The care and skill displayed by the Quartermaster General in this respect has been extraordinary. He has taken an itemized voucher for every penny that has passed through Commandery-in-Chief headquarters. An accurate record has been kept by the Adjutant General of all moneys received by him for per capita tax and charter fees, and the same turned over daily to the Quartermaster General, who has receipted for the same upon the Adjutant General's cash book prepared for that purpose. A separate bank account was opened on the first day in the name of the Commandery-in-Chief, and so far as possible all accounts have been paid by check. No mistakes in accounts, therefore, have been possible, and none have been made. It has been our endeavor to transact the business of the Order with the same care and economy that we would transact our own. It will be readily seen that my motto has been, not "How much money can I turn over at the close of my term;" but "How can I best expend the money entrusted to me in improving the condition of the Order and furthering its interests."

Notwithstanding the excellent condition of our finances, it should not be forgotten that my successor in office will need to purchase some additional furniture in the way of desks and tables; rent, light and fuel will need to be paid for during next year, and there are still additional records needed for the use of Headquarters, Divisions and Camps. I am of the opinion that, with no misfortunes, by the close of another year the extraordinary requirements and expenses of the Commandery-in-Chief will have been met. Until that time it would be bad policy to curtail our income. No extravagancies need be encouraged, but it should not be forgotten that every dollar expended by the Commandery-in-Chief officers is for the benefit of the Order at large.

RECOMMENDATION No. 11.—I therefore recommend that the *per capita* tax payable to the Commandery-in-Chief remain as heretofore—four cents per quarter, sixteen cents per annum.

Great objection has been made to the requirements of our Constitution, which, strictly construed, compel new Camps to pay the full amount of per capita tax for the quarter in which they were mustered. Considerable confusion and annoyance

has arisen on this account. Some Colonels have failed to report such new Camps for the first quarter. Others have insisted upon paying only a proportionate amount of per capita tax for them. Others, again, have unquestioningly paid the full amount. The rule established by the Grand Army requires Posts in that organization to pay the full amount of per capita tax for the quarter in which they were mustered. Such a rule, however, seems unfair. Camps organized during the last week of the quarter are thereby compelled to pay per capita tax for eleven weeks during which they were not in existence. Action should be taken fixing a well defined rule governing such cases.

RECOMMENDATION No. 12.—I recommend that the Constitution be amended to the effect that for the payment of per capita tax by new Camps, the quarter shall be divided into four equal parts of three weeks each; that is to say, upon Camps organized during the first three weeks of the quarter there shall be paid for that quarter to the Commandery-in-Chief, four cents; upon Camps organized during the second three weeks of the quarter, three cents; upon Camps organized during the third three weeks of the quarter, two cents; and upon Camps organized during the fourth three weeks of the quarter, one cent; this rule would, of course, create some complications for Division officers in the making out of quarterly reports, and considerable additional labor for the Adjutant-General; but it seems to be the only manner in which the burden may be further equalized.

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY REPORTS.

There exist many diversified opinions regarding the manner of making quarterly reports and the subject matter thereof. As a result, much confusion is apt to arise, both at Division and National Headquarters. There is, moreover, no possible method by which the Adjutant-General can ascertain whether or not the consolidated quarterly reports of the Division Adjutant and Quartermaster are correct, as reported to them by Camps. On this subject the report of the Adjutant-General is more in detail and should be carefully weighed.

RECOMMENDATION No. 13. I recommend that the Constitution be amended requiring First and Quartermaster-Sergeants of Camps to make their quarterly reports in triplicate, one to be retained at Camp Headquarters, one to be forwarded, with the money, to Division Headquarters, and the third to be forwarded direct to the Adjutant-General.

OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS OF THE G. A. R.

The requirement of our Constitution that members of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be obligated by each Camp to which they are admitted, is extremely annoying to many of them and a useless formality. One obligation is as good as a thousand.

RECOMMENDATION No. 14.—I recommend an amendment to the Constitution to the effect that Camps obligating members of the G. A. R. furnish them, over the signature of the Captain and First Sergeant, attested by the seal of the Camp, a card stating the fact, giving the Comrade's name, date of obligation, name and location of Camp, etc., and that such card be accepted in all other Camps as *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated, and that a second obligation be not required. The card should not, of course, be accepted as evidence of good standing in his Post, but merely of the fact that he has been duly obligated in a Camp of Sons of Veterans.

OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Without going into detail, I desire to direct careful attention to each of the reports of officers of the Staff, and the recommendations contained in each of them.

The recommendations of the Surgeon-General for the re-organization of his department are worthy of careful attention, and have my cordial endorsement.

The powers and duties of appointive members of the Staff are not in a single instance sufficiently well defined and specific. This is especially true of the Surgeon-General.

INSPECTIONS.

The annual inspection of Camp and Division Headquarters is one of the most important requirements for the perpetuity and healthy growth of our Order. Under the skillful guidance of Inspector-General Hall, the business of the annual inspections has been most thorough and useful. I desire to call especial attention to the absolute necessity of thorough and rigid inspections of Division Headquarters. No matter how painstaking and careful an officer may be, those under him may grow careless and negligent, but the certain knowledge that a stranger will thoroughly inspect and overhaul the books and papers and make impartial report of the conditions as he finds them is a wonderful incentive to those in charge. The great danger of these inspections is that the true facts may be covered up—whitewashed. In times past the records of Division Headquarters have, to my knowledge, been reported in excellent condition, when, in fact, the only record in existence was upon slips of paper and in the hat of the Colonel. They have been reported with money on hand when, in fact, the Division was seriously in debt. There is but one possible way in which these whitewashed reports may be avoided: Let inspectors be appointed who are strangers to the Division officers, and who are competent to and will make thorough investigation and possess the moral courage to make true report thereof. It is a pleasure to state that such instances as that above named have been rare in the past, and probably have not existed at all in the inspections of the present year. It is gratifying to note that the report of the Inspector-General indicates a decided improvement in the conditions and business methods of Division Headquarters. What is true of Division Headquarters is also true of Camps. More rigid inspections of Camps would result in great good to every member interested. The Camp is the foundation stone of the Order, and, being such, I fear that too little attention is given to the manner of keeping and the conditions of the Camp records, its familiarity with the Ritual and its knowledge of military tactics, which is essential to a successful performance of all Camp ceremonies. I would make the inspection of Camps a school of instruction. No brother should be detailed to inspect a Camp unless he is competent and willing to instruct the Camp and its officers in all the details and ceremonies which are essential to a successful and prosperous Camp. It is more pleasing to cover up the faults of our brothers, but it is a much greater kindness to correct them. There ought, also, be an annual inspection of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters by competent brothers who are not members of the Council-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATION No. 15.—I recommend: *First*, The adoption of an accurate and fixed system of markings for use in inspections, which shall not be left to the discretion of the Inspector, whereby all Camps will be inspected upon a common basis.

RECOMMENDATION No. 16.—*Second*, Some action of this Encampment providing for an annual inspection of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

BADGES AND DECORATIONS.

The badge and decoration department has, since the inception of the Order, been admirably handled by Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburgh. Major Davis, acting for the Commandery-in-Chief, secured patents for the membership badge and the various emblems and button-hole decorations. At the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief these patents were assigned and transferred to "The Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.," on condition that Major Davis should be continued in charge of the badge and decoration department of the Order, with the right and privilege to manufacture such badges, emblems and designs, "subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief." (See pages 156 and 157, Proceedings Eighth Annual Encampment; also, page 58, Proceedings Sixth Annual Encampment, Des Moines.) By the conditions of the assignments of these patents, Major Davis was created an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, and it is clearly within the power, and, therefore, the duty of the Commandery-in-Chief to establish some "rules and regulations" governing prices of these emblems, badges and decorations.

This is especially true of the membership badge. The price of these badges to members of the Order should be regulated by the Commandery-in-Chief, so as to make their cost to every brother as light as possible, and, at the same time, insure to Major Davis a just and fair compensation for his time and capital expended in their manufacture and sale. It is expected that every member of the Order shall wear the membership badge. Many brothers possess two or three. The number sold must therefore be very large. These badges are sold by Major Davis at fifty cents each. I have made investigation as to the price at which they may be obtained of manufacturers, and have secured bids from different firms, who offer to furnish them to the Order at nineteen cents each, in five thousand lots, including the making of the dies; this does not include the ribbons which costs about twelve cents per yard, or one and a half cents per badge, making total cost twenty and a half cents. Remember the manufacturer's profit is included in this price. From these figures it is quite evident that the difference between twenty and a half cents—the price for which they can be secured—and the present selling price at fifty cents, is too great a profit, especially since the same is paid by brothers of the Order, many of whom can ill spare the money. We have gained by muster-in during the past eleven months, something over twenty-seven thousand (27,000) members. Each of these is supposed to be the owner of a membership badge. It is, therefore, certainly a fair estimate to say that 20,000 membership badges have been purchased during the last eleven months by new members alone, at a cost to them of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Waving the fraction of a cent and calling the actual cost of the badge twenty-one cents, the figures demonstrate that the profit on these 20,000 badges is 58 per cent. or 138 per cent. on the amount invested. In other words somebody has made a profit in about eleven months on membership badges alone, of five thousand eight hundred dollars (\$5,800). Since preparation of the foregoing statement, I have received a proposition from one of the most reliable houses in the west, to furnish the membership badges complete, including ribbon, in lots of ten to twenty thousand, at twenty cents each; also a proposition to furnish the Past Captain's iron cross complete, in lots of one to five thousand, at twenty cents each. These bids include the making of all necessary dies. We may be just, even generous with Major Davis, but in doing so we must not forget the thousands of brothers of the Order whose interests it is our duty to defend. It is to the interest of the Order that every brother wear the membership badge or some one of the button-hole decorations at all times, and to this end it is absolutely essential and right that the price thereof should be reduced to the minimum. In doing justice to Major Davis we must also be just to ourselves.

RECOMMENDATION No. 17.—I recommend the appointment of a committee of three to consult with Major Davis and report to the Encampment rules and regulations fixing the price of badges and decorations of the Order, and a constitutional amendment requiring Major Davis, as an officer of the Order, to make annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief of his doings in the sale and handling of badges, emblems and button-hole decorations of the Order, so long as he remains in charge of that department.

UNPAID ACCOUNTS.

The records of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters turned over to me, and as reported to Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, show unpaid accounts from many Divisions, which they repudiate, claim to be incorrect, and decline to pay. They should either be paid or cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION No. 18.—I recommend the appointment of a committee of three to examine such unpaid accounts and make report to the Commandery-in-Chief as to their validity, and, if valid, the matter of securing payment thereof.

NEW DIVISIONS.

Two new Divisions have been organized, namely: Washington and Oregon. Each is now in a flourishing and prosperous condition. This is especially true of the Division of Washington, which, though organized January 1st, 1899, now numbers nineteen Camps in good standing.

Camps have been organized in Oklahoma, and before the close of another year it will doubtless be ready to assume the dignity of a Division.

Texas has four Camps, with others under way, and Utah may soon be organized as a Division.

RECOMMENDATION No. 19.—I recommend an amendment to the Constitution providing that each new Division when organized shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief fifteen dollars, for which it shall receive a Division Charter and complete set of Division records.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The work undertaken at Headquarters in the preparation of additional records and other needed reforms, together with my other official duties, has necessarily confined me very closely to Headquarters. The inconvenient arrangement of dates of encampments prevented my attendance at as many of them as I desired. I have, however, found time to visit twenty two States and Territories in the interest of the Order, and have reason to believe that such visits have been productive of some good. The enthusiasm, earnestness and general condition of the Order everywhere, as well as the efficiency and ability of its officers, greatly exceeded my expectations, and there is bright promise of still greater improvement and efficiency. The Order has been slow to take root in the far Western States and Territories, but the material is ample and the quality of the best, and it will not be long until the progress, both in numbers and efficiency, of Divisions in and beyond the Rockies will compel the older Divisions of the Eastern and Central States to look to their laurels.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The growth of the Order in the past year has been highly satisfactory. The increase has been considerably greater than in any previous year of its existence; over twenty-six thousand have been gained by muster-in during the past eleven months; but the greatest growth, that in which we may take most pride, is its marvelous strides in efficiency and popular favor. The press, in almost every

town and city where a Camp is located, has given the Order due and frequent consideration. It has been often and well advertised. We have still some prejudices to overcome, but time and a dignified and consistent conduct of our affairs will efface them. There is, however, one fact demanding earnest and careful consideration. The number of members who are annually dropped and not re-instated is alarmingly large. More care should be taken to retain members after they are once secured. In our strife to secure new Camps we should not lose sight of the old ones. A few Camps thoroughly organized and prosperous will prove of more value in the end than double the number of weak, poorly organized Camps, compelled to maintain a continual struggle for bare existence.

OUR RELATIONS TO THE G. A. R.

Our relations to the Grand Army of the Republic are very flattering and encouraging. Since the resolutions of endorsement of their National Encampment at Milwaukee, in 1889 the interest of members of the Grand Army in our organization has grown with remarkable rapidity. Nearly every State Encampment of the G. A. R. occurring this year has adopted resolutions endorsing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., encouraging the organization of Camps, and urging the veterans to assist us in the work. This feeling seems to have spread into almost every nook and corner of the United States. It has been my pleasure during the past year to meet many of their Department Officers in the different States or Territories, and they have been universally kind and courteous, exhibited an earnest desire for our growth and perpetuity, and given assurances of all possible encouragement.

General Alger, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, has everywhere spoken in glowing terms of our Order, and urged the veterans to assist us. In his annual report at Boston he used this language: "The Sons of Veterans, numbering over one hundred and twenty-five thousand members, is growing rapidly, and is reported in excellent condition. We should do everything in our power to aid them in their work. They are our boys, and to them we must soon commit our trust." On the same occasion our Order was twice referred to in most eloquent terms by the President of the United States. To maintain the confidence thus reposed in us, to hold the position thus attained, we need to be ever watchful, courteous and dignified toward the veteran soldier at all times and under all circumstances, and to pursue consistently and modestly the principles of our organization.

THE MILITARY FEATURES OF THE ORDER.

Great interest has been manifested in the past year in all sections of the country in uniforming and proficiency in military tactics. The proportion of members of the Order uniformed, drilled and equipped has largely increased. Favorable legislation has been secured in many of the States. Laws for the arming and equipping of Sons of Veterans at State expense have been enacted in some of the States. Military drill and discipline has proven one of the most interesting and valuable features of our Order, and is meeting with popular favor. At several of the Division Encampments the military display has been superb, and has invariably met with the admiration and approval of citizens generally, and members of the G. A. R. in particular. Field Encampments, with strict military discipline, have been adopted by some Divisions with great success and profit. Such Encampments ought to and will ultimately be adopted by every Division. With a view to encouraging greater proficiency in military tactics and larger accessions to the ranks of uniformed, drilled and equipped men, the plan for a competitive drill, which is to take place during the sessions of this Encampment, was suggested, and, with the approval of the Council-in-Chief, the assistance of the

Committee of Arrangements, and the hearty coöperation of many brothers of the Order, will be carried out. It is an experiment, but it will prove successful and beneficial, and, in my judgment, should be made a permanent feature of each annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATION No. 20.—I recommend, first, an amendment to the Constitution prescribing definitely the uniform of the various arms of the service, of the United States Army for all uniformed, armed and equipped Camps.

RECOMMENDATION No. 21.—Second, that the military body of the Order be made a distinctive feature, similar to the Uniform Rank, K. of P., but based entirely upon military law, to be divided into companies, battalions, regiments and brigades, with distinct elective officers.

SALARIES.

The appropriation by the Eighth Annual Encampment for the clerical force at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters was \$2,000. That sum is entirely inadequate for the services to be performed. I have fortunately been able to keep within the amount named, excepting that \$183 has been paid for extra clerical assistance needed in the work of copying, recording and indexing documents, and other labors resulting from the many changes at headquarters. It will thus be seen that, notwithstanding the large amount of extra work, I have only expended for clerical assistance the sum of \$2,183. The services of a stenographer and typewriter have been required every hour. The Adjutant General and Quartermaster General have devoted their entire time to the business of the Order, and, notwithstanding that fact, the work has been so great that the Commander-in-Chief, for the want of sufficient clerical assistance, has been compelled to perform a large amount of clerical and detail work, of which he should have been relieved. The absurdity of paying the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General but \$750 each for services for which they would receive in ordinary business double that amount, and requiring them to furnish bond in the sum of \$10,000 each is too apparent to need argument. The Commander-in-Chief devotes his time and labor gratis. Sufficient appropriation should therefore be made to enable him to secure an Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, and other needed clerical assistants and pay them adequate salaries, so that his time need not be devoted to clerical and detail work.

RECOMMENDATION No. 22.—I recommend that the appropriation for headquarters clerical force for the ensuing year be fixed at not less than \$3,000, and that an additional appropriation be made to further remunerate Adjutant General Bookwalter and Quartermaster General Homan for their services during the past year.

THE STAFF.

The members of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief have rendered constant and valuable assistance. To particularize would be unfair. The most agreeable and friendly relations have existed, and each has shown an unusual devotion to the interests of the Order and pride in the business of the department in his charge. Each has performed a great amount of labor for which he will never receive due credit, except in the reward of an approving conscience and the recollection of duty well done.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Too much credit can not be given to the local Committee of Arrangements for the enthusiastic and business-like manner in which they have prepared for our reception. The committee was organized immediately after adjournment of the Ninth Annual Encampment. Each member thereof was given his place and duty

to perform, and each has performed his part apparently to perfection. Great credit is due Past Colonel Loebenstein and Colonel Kline because of the admirable manner in which each has carried the responsibility incumbent upon him as Colonel of Missouri Division. The thorough work of the committee has relieved the Commander-in-Chief of much care and responsibility, and for their assistance and uniform courtesy he desires to return his thanks.

The concluding part of this report is the most painful and difficult of all. It has to do with severed ties, with bonds of love and friendship of no ordinary texture. Joy over relief from heavy burdens and great responsibility; sorrow and sincere regret that the official relations of the past eleven months must be laid away as a garment, and some of the sweetest friendships of my life grow dim and musty by lapse of time and distance, and the ceaseless round of busy care. For what little of good I have accomplished for the Order, I am indebted in large degree to the uniform co-operation and support of my Brothers of the Order, who seem always to have been ready to give me the benefit of every doubt. I shall always look back upon the eleven months just passed as, *thus far*, the most laborious and most pleasant of my life. If I have erred in judgment, if, in the perplexity of overwhelming care, I have weakly or unwittingly done injustice to a Brother, I beg him to forget the fault, and apply sweet charity to the wound.

Respectfully submitted in F, C. and L.,
CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Brothers, this report, unless there is some action, will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. It is now late, but if it is the sense of the Encampment we can proceed further and hear the reports of the Adjutant General and the Quartermaster General, so that they may be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports before we adjourn for dinner.

GENERAL JOHN G. WINFREY, of Indiana: Commander, I move we do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to and the Commandery adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, August 27, 1890, at 9 o'clock A. M.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, August 27, 1890.

Commandery-in-Chief was called to order by Commander-in-Chief Chas. F. Griffin, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Adjutant General called the roll of officers and delegates.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have a number of announcements to make before the Commandery proceeds to other business.

I have here a couple of invitations that it is desirable the Commandery take some action upon.

The first is a dispatch and reads as follows:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 26, 1890.

General Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Rhode Island sends greeting, and a cordial invitation for the Encampment to meet in Providence in 1891.

T. A. BARTON,
Division Commander.

BROTHER TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move that this invitation be laid on the table until the subject of the time and place for holding the next national encampment comes up in its regular order.

BROTHER O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have also the following communication to lay before the Commandery:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 26, 1890.

Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans:

DEAR SIR—The Mayor of Leavenworth City and the President of the Board of Trade, on behalf of the citizens of the city of Leavenworth, desire to extend to you and through you to the organization of the Sons of Veterans of the United States, now in session in the city of St. Joseph, Mo., the hospitalities of the city of Leavenworth, Fort Leavenworth and Soldiers' Home.

M. L. HACKER,
Mayor of Leavenworth City.

W. N. TODD,
President Board of Trade.

J. G. LEFFLER, of Indiana: Commander, I move you that the invitation be accepted.

The motion was carried.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have also the following communication:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CITY OF JEFFERSON,
August 21, 1890.

*H. L. Graham, Esq., Chairman Committee on Invitation,
Sons of Veterans, St. Joseph, Mo.:*

DEAR SIR—I find, on my return to Jefferson, your invitation of the 11th inst., to attend the Ninth National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, and to welcome the organization to the State. I regret that it will be impossible for me to be with you upon the occasion referred to, as my health will not justify, and for the further reason that absence from the capital, caused by sickness, has brought an accumulation of work which I can not neglect at present. Wishing you a pleasant and successful reunion, I am

Yours very truly,

DAVID R. FRANCIS,
Governor.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have still another letter which I think you will all want to hear. It is as follows:

HEADQUARTERS G. A. R., RUTLAND, VT.

Colonel H. L. Graham, Chairman Committee of Invitation, St. Joseph, Mo.:

MY DEAR SIR AND COMRADE—Your elegant invitation to attend the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was duly received. Please accept my sincere thanks for this great courtesy. I have dictated a letter of some length, in reply to a similar invitation from Colonel Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, which will obviate the necessity of further reply to your invitation,

and wherein I express great regret that I have accepted an invitation to attend another large soldier gathering of the same date, in another State, but expressing my great sympathy and interest in your most worthy and noble Order.

Please extend my compliments to your associates on the committee, and believe me,

Fraternally yours,

W. G. VEASEY,
Commander-in-Chief, G. A. R.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have here the letter of Commander Veasey to me, to which he refers in the letter just read. It is as follows:

RUTLAND, VT., August 20, 1890.

Chas. F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, Indianapolis, Ind.:

MY DEAR SIR—I thank you for your telegram of congratulations and for your invitation to attend your National Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 26th day of August.

I assure you it would afford me the greatest pleasure to accept that invitation, and it brings to me the greatest regret that I can not accept on account of the fact that I have already promised to attend, at that time, a reunion encampment of all of the veterans of New Hampshire, but allow me to express to you my great interest in your organization.

I sometimes think the country does not appreciate the importance of it. I think your work and your influence for the best interests of our country is second only to that of the Grand Army of the Republic. The very best work of any American citizen to-day is to help by his words, influence and example, to perpetuate the spirit of loyalty that dominated your fathers in 1861-65. So long as that spirit continues, our country is safe. A republic like ours has no other reliance than the loyalty of its citizens, and if that should die out, the republic must go with it.

It will be the work of your organization soon and alone to keep that sentiment alive in the hearts of the people. I sincerely hope that during my administration as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, it may be my good fortune, as it will be my pleasure, to meet your organizations in their different encampments, and I assure you that so far as I have any influence, it will be exercised most cordially in your behalf.

Again thanking you, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. G. VEASEY,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have here an autograph letter, which you will doubtless be pleased to have read:

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, August 19, 1890.

H. L. Graham, Esq., Chairman, Etc.:

DEAR SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the very cordial invitation extended to me by you and your associates to attend the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held at St. Joseph, Mo., August 25 to 30.

It is a matter of very sincere regret to me that I can not accept this invitation, for my recent observation of several thousand of the members of this patriotic organization in the Grand Army parade at Boston, very greatly interested and very deeply touched me. They follow in our footsteps, and are the sure defense of the Republic.

Wishing these young men and their great organization every good, and hoping from them great good to the Nation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

BENJ. HARRISON.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Now, I have quite a number of communications here, replies to invitations sent by the different Department Commanders of the Grand Army of the Republic in the various States. Is it the pleasure of the Commandery that they be read?

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move you that they be printed in the records of the proceedings of the Encampment without reading.

C. A. C. GARST, of Illinois: I second the motion.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I move an amendment that the names only of the parties replying to the invitations be printed in the record, except in the case of the letters from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army, and from the President of the United States.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I will accept that amendment.

E. W. KRACKOWITZER, of Wisconsin: Commander, I would suggest, also, that the letter of the Governor of this State ought to be printed in full. I will offer that as a further amendment to General Brown's amendment.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I will accept that amendment.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion as amended, and it was agreed to.

The communications referred to by the Commander-in-Chief, received in reply to invitations sent out by the committee, were from the following Department Commanders:

George Nassieur, of the Department of Missouri.

Geo. J. Walker, Department of West Virginia.

T. S. Clarkson, Department of Nebraska.

Floyd Clarkson, Department of New York.

A. M. Mathews, Department of New Jersey.

J. F. Denniston, Department of Pennsylvania.

Ira F. Collins, Department of Kansas.

Thomas Cogswell, Department of New Hampshire.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, I move the Commandery take a recess for five minutes to allow the ladies representing the Ladies' Aid Society an audience in the National Encampment.

B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery took recess accordingly.

The following proceedings were had during the recess:

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would suggest a committee to escort the ladies into the Camp. Will that be taken by consent?

Cries of "Consent," "Consent."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint Chief-of-Staff Winfrey, Colonel C. T. Orner, of Illinois, and Colonel Frazee, of Ohio, as a committee to escort the ladies to the Encampment.

GENERAL L. J. WEBB: I think, Commander, there ought to be another member of the escort committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint General Webb as an additional escort. [Laughter and applause.]

The committee retired and returned, escorting Miss Josie Munholland, of Illinois; Miss Ada L. Shannon, of Pennsylvania; Miss Adra B. Hayes, of Illinois; Mrs. Florence McClelland, of Iowa, and Miss Belle Seaman, of Missouri Aid Society.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Ladies, I extend to you a very hearty and cordial welcome to our Encampment. Chief-of-Staff, escort the ladies to the rostrum. Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing to you, on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society, Miss Munholland.

MISS MUNHOLLAND: Gentlemen, I came with the express understanding that there was to be no speechifying, but I promised to do my best in a reading capacity:

Brothers, our warmest greetings here we send,
And would by words express
But feebly all the pleasant things
We pray your deeds to bless.

To-day that army, grand and true,
That guards us down below,
With pride may claim the gallant boys
Assembled at St. Joe.

Tied by the triple links of Faith
And Charity and Love,
One path we'll tread till called to meet
The grand review above.

In joy or woe, at work or play,
To you our best is paid,
For sympathy and help, pray call
On the National Ladies' Aid.

GENERAL JOHN G. WINFREY, of Indiana: Commander, I move that the poem delivered by the representative of the Ladies' Aid Society be placed upon the records of this meeting.

W. J. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Ladies, permit me to say briefly that we very greatly appreciate your kindness and your presence here, and the very beautiful sentiments expressed in the poem which we have just heard. I assure you that the Sons of Veterans are in hearty accord with your organization, and we extend to you at all times, under all circumstances, our very best help and most cordial sympathy. We thank you for your visit. [Applause.]

MISS MUNHOLLAND: Permit me to say that we thank you most heartily for this cordial and hearty greeting.

The ladies retired, escorted by the committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will now come to order. The time for which the recess was taken has expired.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Then, Commander, if we have been in recess when these last proceedings were had I would like, on behalf of General Winfrey, to renew his motion which was made during recess, that the speech of the lady representing the Ladies' Aid Society be incorporated in our minutes, and that all the proceedings in connection with the reception of the ladies from the Ladies' Aid Society be incorporated in our proceedings.

The motion was seconded and agreed to.

BENJAMIN RAPHAEL, of New York: Commander, on account of the absence of some of the officers of our Division, some recommendations from the New York Division that should go to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations were not forwarded within the time and published in General Orders, as prescribed by the Constitution. I wish to move that the rules be suspended, so that these recommendations may be referred to the proper committee and come before this Encampment in proper form, the same as though they had been sent in at the proper time and duly published in General Orders.

GENERAL E. A. BRACKLOW, of New York: I second that motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is that the recommendations from the Division of New York, which were received too late for publication in General Orders, be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. I will say, in explanation, that Colonel Addington failed to forward to me the recommendations passed by the Division of New York until last Friday. So that they were not, of course, received within time for publication. The effect of this motion being to suspend the rules, a two-thirds majority is required to carry it. Those in favor of the motion will signify same by saying aye. Those opposed, no. The motion is agreed to, two-thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative.

COLONEL WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the same courtesy be extended to the Division of Ohio.

C. A. C. GARST, of Illinois: I second the motion.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I desire to have Iowa also included in that list. I move, as a substitute for the motion, that all recommendations from any Division Encampment be permitted to be presented to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, regardless of the fact whether they have been sent to headquarters or not, and regardless of the fact whether they have been published in General Orders or not.

COLONEL FRANK C. MCARTHUR, of Colorado: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Does the Brother from Iowa move to suspend the rules?

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Yes, sir; I would put my motion in that form.

COLONEL B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I wish to support that motion. The Division of Washington adopted certain recommendations for changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and in the Ritual. They were not sent into Headquarters within the time required by the Constitution. That was my fault, but it was a new Division, and I was new in the work and was not fully familiar with the requirements, and I think I ought to be excused. I think, further, that whenever we get any recommendations we ought to consider them, because we might get very valuable recommendations that had not gone through as required by the Constitution.

GENERAL E. A. BRACKLOW, of New York: Commander, it seems to me that we ought to draw the line somewhere in this sort of thing. As explained by the Colonel from Washington, just now, there were good reasons why the recommendations from his Division were not presented in time. But I do not think the convention ought to act on amendments that have not come before us as the Constitution

provides, unless there be a good reason for it. In other words, if a Division fails to get its recommendations acted upon by this National Convention because of the criminal negligence of its Commanding officer, the Division should suffer for it and know where to put the blame. Otherwise we would be encouraging Division officers to neglect their duty, thinking the matter would be treated all right anyway.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, this same subject came up at Wheeling, and we were in a dilemma there. According to a strict construction of the Constitution, we had no right to take up subjects that it was of very great importance should be acted upon by that convention, and instead of the Divisions being the sufferers by not getting the recommendations in, the Order was likely to be the sufferer. By mutual consent the Encampment at Wheeling threw that restriction aside at that time and went on and considered the propositions that were made before the convention in open session.

The Commander-in-Chief read the several sections of the Constitution covering the question before the house.

GENERAL E. A. BRACKLOW, of New York: Would the Brother from Iowa be willing to accept a slight amendment modifying his motion, so as to cover recommendations received from individual members, as well as from Divisions, so that we can get through with them all at once. In my opinion all recommendations of this kind ought to be received, no matter where they come from.

The amendment was not seconded.

The Commander put the question on the motion of Brother Shaw Van, and the Adjutant General reported eighty-four voting in the affirmative, and none in the negative.

So the motion was agreed to.

COLONEL LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I would rise to a point of information. I would ask if the minutes of yesterday's session have been read and approved?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: They have not.

COLONEL M. P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I move that the minutes of yesterday's session be approved without reading.

S. P. JONAS, of Connecticut: I second the motion.

The Commander put the question, and the motion was not agreed to.

COLONEL H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: Inasmuch as some of our Brothers do not seem to have understood the question before the house, and I having voted with the minority, can not make the motion, I will ask some member of the Missouri Division, who voted with the majority, to move a reconsideration.

CLAY D. HEROD, of Kansas: Commander, I move that we reconsider the vote just taken. I voted with the majority.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander put the question on the motion to reconsider, and the motion was not agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will read the minutes of yesterday's meeting.

The Adjutant General proceeded to read the minutes of yesterday's session. When he had reached the list of Brothers reported by the Committee on Credentials, as entitled to seats in the Commandery:

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, I move that, in the reading of the minutes, where roll-calls are mentioned and where reports are made which are now in print, that they be omitted from the reading of the minutes.

JAMES I. LYONS, of Illinois: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the reading of the minutes was continued accordingly.

COLONEL M. P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I move that the minutes be approved as corrected.

The motion was seconded.

The Commander put the question, and the motion was agreed to.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, in order to save time and facilitate business, I would move that the Inspector General be instructed to place guards at the doors to this room fifteen minutes prior to the meeting of this Encampment, in its several sessions, and that the password be there taken up, instead of in the room.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is not in order. The business now before the Commandery is reports of officers. It would require a motion to suspend the regular order before the matter referred to in the motion of Brother Orner, can be taken up. You will have to move to suspend the rules.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, I move a suspension of the rules, so that a motion to instruct the Inspector General to place guards at the outer doors, and there take up the password, instead of taking it up after the convention is in session, will be in order.

COLONEL GEORGE H. CAPITO, of Kentucky: I second the motion.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that we have no power to suspend the ritual in regard to the opening ceremonies at this Encampment.

GENERAL F. A. BRACKLOW, of New York: We only open and close the Encampment once throughout the entire meeting; at its beginning and final adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I am inclined to the opinion that the point of order is not well taken. If it was a regular opening and closing of the Encampment we could not do it. But ours is a continuous session and the intermissions are only recesses. I therefore overrule the point of order.

The Commander put the question on Col. Orner's motion, and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Inspector General is so instructed. Brothers, shall we proceed with the reports of officers? The next business in order is the report of the Lieutenant General. The members of the Committee on Constitution desire my presence in their room for a moment, and I will ask Major General Pollitt to take the chair, while the Lieutenant General makes his report.

Lieutenant General Baguley submitted the following report:

LIEUTANANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR—Pursuant to General Order No. 8, directing me to assume command of our forces at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, I proceeded to Boston, arriving in that city on Monday, August 11th, established headquarters at the State House, and reported to Gen. Alger for orders.

I did not deem it necessary to issue any General Orders, as your General Orders Nos. 7 and 8 contained all the data at hand in relation to our demonstration at Boston.

There were very few reports received from either officers or commands until the morning of August 12th, the day set apart for the grand parade.

Having made the following staff appointments: Chief of Staff, J. H. Hinkley; Assistant Adjutant-General, Joseph B. Maccabe; Acting Judge-Advocate General, L. J. Webb. Aides: Colonels D. B. Purbeck, N. C. Upham, C. F. Sargent, Geo. H. Perkins, Fred. J. Bradford; and Lieutenant-Colonels: D. F. Goulding and William Davis, we proceeded to the rendezvous, where General Alger had directed us to form our column.

Our forces reported promptly at the rendezvous, but as it was raining at the time, and we were in the saddle, it was impossible for us to keep a record of the names and numbers reporting, but after our column was formed, we estimated our force at 4,500.

The number of uniformed, armed and equipped Camps, were, indeed, a surprise to all, and equal in appearance to any armed body of men that ever appeared in a parade—in fact it was one of the most pleasing features of the day—exciting admiration and favorable comment upon every hand.

Our column received one continuous ovation along the entire line of march, and produced an impression on the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic that will be lasting in its effect.

At every Camp Fire and Banquet our Order was complimented in the highest terms by the President of the United States and leading comrades of the G. A. R.

The Divisions of Massachusetts and Rhode Island are deserving of special mention for the magnificent appearance and discipline of their Camps.

Colonel Stevens, of Massachusetts, is entitled to the highest praise for the able and efficient manner in which he handled his Division, and the Bureau of Information, composed of Sons of Veterans, a new feature at G. A. R. Encampments.

Colonel Stevens, ably seconded by his Adjutant, — Porter, detailed three hundred Sons of Veterans from his Division for the Bureau of Information with headquarters on Boston Common. At almost every corner, day and night, during the entire week could be seen members of this detail wearing the badge of the Information Bureau, and the valuable assistance they rendered the visiting Comrades can only be appreciated by those familiar with the crooked by-ways of ancient Boston.

The Order is also indebted to Past-Generals Hinkley and Maccabe and many other brothers from the New England States for the manner in which they looked after the good of the Order in general during this, the greatest demonstration that has been made by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in the history of our Order.

The following extract from General Order No. 7, of Department Commander Geo. H. Innis, of Boston, indorses officially the sentiment expressed by all those who were afforded an opportunity of witnessing our column in parade: "To the Sons of Veterans our thanks are also due. The magnificent showing made as to numbers, discipline and superb marching excited the admiration of all who saw them, and demonstrated to the world at large that these sons inherited the true military spirit of their fathers."

During my tour of duty I was called upon to make a ruling on a question on which our laws are not as clear as they might be.

General B. F. Butler Camp, of Massachusetts Division, appeared for parade with a large portrait of General Butler framed in the National colors. I ruled that the National flag and the official banner of the Order were the only colors that could be paraded by Camp.

I would therefore recommend that you embody in your report to the Ninth Annual Encampment a recommendation to amend our laws, making it unlawful for any body of the Sons of Veterans to parade in any official parade any banner or color other than the National flag and the official flags of the Order.

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

H. B. BAGULEY,
Lieutenant-General.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Lieutenant-General, what shall be done with it?

COLONEL GULLEY, of Arkansas: General, I move that the report of the Lieutenant-General be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

J. B. LIDDERS, of Illinois: I second the motion.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The question is on the reference of the report of the Lieutenant-General to the Committee on Officers' Reports. As many as are in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying, aye. Those opposed to it, no. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried, and the report is so referred.

Lieutenant-General Baguley resumed the chair.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The business before the house being the reports of officers, the next in order is that of Major-General Geo. W. Pollitt, of New Jersey.

MAJOR-GENERAL POLLITT: Lieutenant-General, the only report I have to make is a verbal one. If the Commandery will allow me to make a verbal report, I will make it now. Otherwise, I will take time to write it.

MAJOR-GENERAL'S REPORT.

I have to report that during the past year I have had no particular duty assigned to me in my capacity as Major-General. The only Division Encampment that I attended was that of my own Division, the New Jersey Division, and in that Encampment, as Assistant Inspector-General, I inspected the headquarters of the New Jersey Division, and I did what I could to reflect the lustre that attached to the position of Major-General upon that Division [Applause], and endeavored to make the brothers of the Division of New Jersey satisfied that the Encampment had paid them a great compliment in electing me to the position of Major-General. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking those Colonels of Divisions who have so kindly sent me their Division's General Orders. It has been a source of great pleasure to me to peruse the contents of these orders. I have found a great deal of interesting information contained in them. Some of it was new, and some of it was not; but I hope, in the future, even if I should not be an officer of the Commandery-in-Chief, they will continue to send me their General Orders. [Applause.]

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The next business in order is the report of the Adjutant-General.

Adjutant-General Bookwalter submitted the following report:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 20, 1890.

Gen. Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

GENERAL—I have the honor to hereby submit my report of the condition of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., together with a statement of the business transacted through the department entrusted to me, for the term beginning September, 1889, and ending August, 1890.

RECORDS.

During the past year, many new and permanent records for both National and Division Headquarters, have been prepared. The books at National Headquarters have been thoroughly systematized, and no paper has been considered of too little importance to be indexed and properly filed.

A General Index of Documents has been prepared, in which is properly indexed all papers of a miscellaneous and general character, each paper being given a box and paper number, and filed in the document filing case belonging to the Order.

A Record of Courts-Martial has also been prepared, giving name of accused, residence, Division, Camp, character of offense, findings of the Court, decision of Commander-in-Chief, box and paper number of documents. By General Order No. 2, 1889, the making of all proceedings in Courts-Martial in duplicate, was directed, one to be retained at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, and the other at Division Headquarters. This rule has been carefully complied with, and a complete record of the papers and testimony in all cases decided during the past year, is now to be found in National Headquarters.

A Record of Dispensations, in which has been kept a complete record of all dispensations issued from Headquarters.

A Record of Division By-Laws, in which is indexed the By-Laws of each Division, giving date received, name of Division, date approved, date returned to Division Headquarters, and box and paper number. By General Order No. 2, 1889, all Divisions were directed to forward to National Headquarters, duplicate copies of their Division By-Laws. This Order has been faithfully complied with.

A Record of Official Commissions, in which has been recorded each commission issued, with name, date, rank, Division, etc.

A Record of Commandery-in-Chief Officers, with name, postoffice address, rank of each member of the Council-in-Chief, and Commandery-in-Chief elective officers for each year. We have not been able, however, to obtain a complete record of members of the Council-in-Chief for past years.

A Record of Charters Revoked, giving date of revocation, Division, location, name and number of Camp, and cause of revocation.

A Record of Decisions on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, giving date of question or appeal, date of decision, name of Division, Article or Section construed, nature of decision, box and paper number. A copy of each decision has been attached to all papers relating to the question or appeal decided, and filed as heretofore indicated.

A Cash Book and Journal specially suited to the needs of the Quartermaster-General, and Cash Book for the use of the Adjutant-General.

Several new Division Rosters, with additional columns, have also been prepared, making the record more comprehensive and complete. Such Rosters have been furnished to all Divisions not heretofore supplied. These records can not fail to be of inestimable value to future Commandery-in-Chief officers.

In addition to the above, a set of Division books has been prepared and forwarded to each Division. The same are now in use, and while not as full and complete as could be desired, are, beyond doubt, a great step in advance of the old haphazard system which has prevailed in a number of Divisions.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

I also submit herewith tabulated statements of the quarterly reports of the various Divisions, showing the growth and shrinkage of the same, and also presenting a statement of the amounts received from each Division for per capita tax. In presenting these statements, which were originally prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution for the information of the Commandery-in-Chief, I do so, realizing full well that, from a mathematical standpoint, they could not be regarded as works of art; in fact, it is an impossibility to present to you such a statement as should by law be made. The responsibility for this condition of affairs does not, however, rest upon my shoulders. It is due to the incorrectness of reports from Division Headquarters.

At the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Paterson, N. J., Brother A. L. Guilford, then Adjutant General, called the attention of Division commanders to this same matter, but it is with regret I state that but little improvement has been made. Should reports from Divisions be prepared correctly, there would be no difficulty whatever in making an accurate statement of the condition of the Order, but in the present state of affairs that would be an impossibility. It is quite evident that a majority of the reports of Division Adjutants and Quartermasters are prepared independent, one of the other, and when the same reach National Headquarters discrepancies are found. Quite frequently Adjutants, in recapitulating their reports, show a gain by reinstatement from last quarter of a certain number, and Quartermasters in remitting forward tax for but half a quarter on possibly one-tenth of this number. This necessarily entails considerable correspondence, and in a majority of cases arouses a controversy and results in nothing but a flat refusal on the part of Division officers to look at the matter in a right light, and a declaration of their intention to appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief rather than submit to what they profess to believe an injustice.

I can conceive how Division officers are hampered in their work by the careless manner in which Camp reports are forwarded to them, but there can be no excuse for the Colonel who will report in one quarter 2,800 men in good standing, and then begin his report for the following quarter with the remarkable statement, "Number in good standing at date of last report, 2,951." Neither can there be any excuse for the action of Colonels, as has occurred, in reporting loss by disbandment of Camps, as follows: "Camps disbanded, three; loss in membership by such disbandment, one." Admitting that this statement were true, the loss of the Camps in question certainly will not materially affect the standing of the Division, as according to this record they had but one-third of a member each.

I would also call your attention to the one item of "dishonorably discharged." Under the Constitution of the Order a member can not be dishonorably discharged without proceedings in court-martial and verdict of guilty, and the approval of the findings finally by the Commander-in-Chief. A reference to table No. 10 of this report will show that during the past year but 21 such cases have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. This fact, however, has not prevented Division Commanders from reporting over 180 members lost from this source alone.

In the preparation of the tables above mentioned, I have been compelled, in order to strike a balance, to considerably alter a number of the reports from Divisions, but in no case has this been done except where errors in addition, subtraction or multiplication have been made by the Division officers. The reports, as now presented, balance, as it was contemplated by the framers of our laws that they should, but in order to strike this balance certain changes, before mentioned,

were necessary. However the amount of money shown to have been received from per capita tax agrees to the cent with the report of the Quartermaster-General and balances with the stubs of receipts on file in the department of said officer. A summary of the figures contained in these reports shows the following facts: During the year beginning September, 1889, and ending August 20, 1890, there was gained by organization and muster in, 27,108; by transfer, 946; by reinstatement, 9,309; a total gain of 37,363.

The total loss during the year, less number suspended for second quarter, 1890, and number out on transfer was as follows: By suspended, third and fourth quarters, 1889 and 1890, and first quarter 1890, 22,925; by Camps disbanded, 1,532; by death, 245; by honorable discharge, 107; making a total of 26,104. This number deducted from the number gained by muster makes a net gain of 11,259.

The deaths in the organization during the year occurred in the following Divisions:

Alabama and Tennessee	1	Missouri	11
Arkansas	2	Minnesota	4
California	2	Nebraska	4
Colorado	1	New Hampshire	4
Connecticut	5	New Jersey	2
Illinois	13	New York	11
Indiana	18	Ohio	56
Iowa	14	Pennsylvania	35
Kansas	8	Rhode Island	1
Maine	6	Vermont	6
Maryland	1	West Virginia	3
Massachusetts	21	Wisconsin	3
Michigan	8		

I will not attempt to give a detailed statement of the amount received for per capita tax, as such matters are treated of at length in the report of the Quartermaster-General, and by right belong thereto.

NUMBERING OF CAMPS.

Considerable annoyance and trouble has been caused during the past year by the system followed by Division officers in numbering Camps. While a majority of the Colonels have numbered their Camps consecutively, others have followed no definite plan. I would recommend that the Commander-in-Chief take some definite action looking towards securing uniformity in this matter. I would also recommend that action be taken to prevent the duplication of numbers, and as a means to that end, would suggest that a provision be inserted in the Constitution, absolutely prohibiting such duplication. The reasons for this action are manifold, but the principal argument in its favor is the impossibility to properly preserve the records at Division and National Headquarters, when the same number is given to a Camp in a different location, about every third year. There are now several Rosters in National Headquarters, in which as high as three Camps are enrolled on a page intended for but one. This can but result in confusion.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Table No. 6 is presented as a statement of the condition of the Order on July 1, 1890, as compared with August 10, 1889. This table shows that on the first mentioned date there was reported an aggregate membership of 62,413, as against an aggregate membership on August 10, 1889, of 52,132. During the past year, according to this statement, the following Divisions have shown a gain in the number of members in good standing:

Alabama and Tennessee,
Arkansas,
California,
Colorado,
Connecticut,
Florida,
Illinois,
Indiana,
Kansas,
Kentucky,
Maryland,

Wisconsin.

Massachusetts,
Michigan,
Minnesota,
Missouri,
Nebraska,
New Hampshire,
New Jersey,
New York,
Pennsylvania,
Rhode Island,
Vermont,

The following Divisions show losses :

Iowa,
Montana,

South Dakota.

North Dakota,
Ohio,

The recapitulation of this table, as above stated, is taken from the number in good standing; this shows that Illinois has made the greatest gain, 3,747 members, while Ohio has made the greatest loss, 1,788 members. The aggregate membership of these Divisions in good standing at present is as follows: Ohio, 7,940, Illinois, 7,969. It will be seen from the above that the hustler Division has at last gained the ascendancy.

I also present a comparative statement of the number of members in the jurisdiction of the Sons of Veterans at the close of the last seven administrations. From this it will be seen that we now have enrolled 68,581 members, as against 57,633 at the close of the administration of General Abbott, a gain of 10,948.

During the past year 4,621 letters and official communications have been received at National Headquarters, while 5,643 letters have been written.

There has been issued twelve General Orders, ten Special Orders, two Official Circulars and two Circular Letters.

Charters have been issued to 671 new Camps during the past year. Duplicate charters have been issued to fifty-six Camps, a number of the same being to replace old ones destroyed by fire and other causes.

The list of Tabular Statements submitted is as follows:

First—Consolidated Reports of Divisions for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1889.

Second—Consolidated Reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1889.

Third—Consolidated Reports for the quarter ending March 31, 1890.

Fourth—Consolidated Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1890.

Fifth—Table giving number of members gained by organization of new Camps in all Divisions, from September, 1889, to August, 1890, inclusive.

Sixth—Comparative Statement of the number of members in good standing, suspended, and total number of members on September 7, 1889, and August 20, 1890.

Seventh—Roster of Division elective officers. 1890-91.

Eighth—Roster of Division Colonels, with addresses, 1890-91.

Ninth—Comparative Statement of the number of members under the jurisdiction of the Order, at the close of the last seven administrations.

Tenth—Number of Courts Martial during the past year.

I include copies of all General Orders from numbers 1 to 3, 1889, and numbers 1 to 9, 1890; Special Orders numbers 1 to 9; Official Circulars, numbers 1 and 2, and Circular Letters numbers 1 and 2.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., October 1, 1889. }
 General Orders }
 No. 1. }

I. Having been, at the eighth annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Paterson, N. J., September 9 to 13, 1889, duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief for the ensuing year, I hereby assume command, and establish headquarters at Room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

II. At the eighth annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Paterson, N. J., September 9 to 13, 1889, the following officers for the ensuing year were duly elected and installed, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly:

- COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, Charles F. Griffin, Indianapolis, Ind.
- LIEUTENANT GENERAL, H. G. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.
- MAJOR GENERAL, George W. Pollitt, Paterson, N. J.
- COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF, Henry Frazee, Cleveland, O.
- J. H. Hinkley, Beverly, Mass.
- E. T. Roe, Springfield, Ill.
- W. O. McDowell, Newark, N. J.
- C. D. Jones, Norton, Kas.

St. Joseph, Mo., was selected as the place for the ninth annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and the second Tuesday in August, 1890, as the time.

III. All Aids-de-Camp and officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, appointed during or prior to the eighth annual session thereof, are hereby relieved from duty as such, and will report to their respective Commanders for orders.

IV. The following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief have been appointed for the ensuing year, with rank of Brigadier General, from September 11, 1889, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly:

- ADJUTANT GENERAL, Charles A. Bookwalter, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, E. W. Homan, Danville, Ind.
- JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL, O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio.
- INSPECTOR GENERAL, Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.
- SURGEON GENERAL, E. A. Bracklow, M. D., New York City.

Further appointments will be announced from time to time in General Orders.

V. To avoid confusion, loss and delay, and secure uniformity in the transaction of official business, the following rules and regulations will be strictly observed:

All communications for these Headquarters will be addressed to Room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana.

All reports and all communications of a general character will be addressed to Charles A. Bookwalter, Adjutant General.

All requisitions for supplies, and correspondence relating thereto, will be addressed to E. W. Homan, Quartermaster General.

All drafts and money orders will be made payable to E. W. Homan, Quartermaster General.

Requisitions for supplies will not be honored unless accompanied by the requisite amount of money in payment thereof, by registered letter, post office order or draft on Indianapolis, New York or Chicago. Personal checks, or drafts upon any other cities, will not be accepted.

Officers, Past-Officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and Division Officers will forward communications direct to these Headquarters, and all others will forward official communications through their respective Division Headquarters.

All official matter to be referred to the Judge Advocate General, will be addressed to the Commander in-Chief, and pass through these Headquarters.

VI. The eighth annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief made the following changes in Constitution Rules and Regulations:

Page 8. Section 5, Article II. Strike out the words "in the one in which he was rejected," and insert "in any Camp."

Page 10. Section 2, Article V. Strike out "by a three-fourths vote of the Camp," and insert "as provided in Section 1, Article III, page 9."

Page 55. Second paragraph, Section 1, Article X, changed to conform to changes made at Wheeling, to the effect that the regulation U. S. shoulder straps (not miniature rank straps) shall be worn by the officers of all uniformed bodies of the Order.

Page 58. Section 6, Article XI, was stricken out.

Pages 58 and 59. Article XII. Entire article stricken out, but does not affect Advisory Boards already in existence.

Page 68. Article XXV was stricken out.

VII. The eighth annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief affirmed the findings and sentence of the Court-Martial in the trial of Past Commander-in-Chief Walter S. Payne, and passed the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, Walter S. Payne, of Postoria, Ohio, has been tried by a Court-Martial and sentenced to a dishonorable discharge from the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and

"WHEREAS, The verdict of said court was in accordance with the evidence submitted thereat, be it

"Resolved, That this Commandery-in-Chief hereby records its condemnation, disapproval and prohibition of the use of funds of the Order by any officer or a member thereof for his private purposes under any pretext or under any circumstances.

"Be it further resolved, That in view of the past services of said Walter S. Payne to this Order, and in consideration of the punishment already undergone, that he be restored to eligibility to membership, with the right to apply therefor to Camp 60 of Ohio, of the Ohio Division or any other Camp."

Brothers will take notice that by the action of the Court-Martial above referred to, Walter S. Payne was and is deprived of his membership and all past rank and past honors in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. This action of the Court-Martial, as will be seen by the foregoing resolution, was sustained and affirmed by the Eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., but the offense charged in the said Court-Martial proceedings was by said Encampment condoned in so far that he is restored to eligibility and may again become a member of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., by making the prescribed application, being elected and mustered in in due form. That there may be no misconception of the action of the Encampment it should be understood, that Walter S. Payne has not been and is not restored to his past rank and honors, and is not now a member of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and is not entitled to any privileges as such. He bears now precisely the same relation to the Order as any other son of a Union soldier who has never made application for membership in the Order.

VIII. At the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, on September 13, 1889, the following report of the committee, to whom was referred the question of consolidation of the Camp and Post Systems, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., was unanimously concurred in:

"PATERSON, N. J., September 13, 1889.

"Your committee to whom was referred the matter of consolidation beg leave to report the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, At the Seventh Annual Encampment, S. V., U. S. A., a committee was appointed, under resolutions, a copy of which is hereto attached, to confer with a committee of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, and report upon some terms of consolidation; and,

"WHEREAS, Said committee duly appointed met in consultation, and, failing to agree upon terms of consolidation, entered into an agreement to refer their differences to a committee theretofore appointed by Commander-in-Chief Warner of the G. A. R.; and,

"WHEREAS, The G. A. R. Committee of Arbitration having submitted terms of consolidation, the respective National Commanders of the two systems agreed to said terms, and issued orders carrying into effect the details thereof; and,

"WHEREAS, Commander-in-Chief Marks, of the Post System, relying upon the action of the Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., brought under the jurisdiction of this Commandery Posts of his order, and is now, with such of his loyal followers as kept faith with the agreement of their officers, presenting for ratification, to this Encampment, the terms acquiesced in by our Commander-in-Chief; and

"WHEREAS, One Hedges, representing certain parts of that system as Commander of the Department of New York, entered at the Milwaukee National Encampment, G. A. R., a protest in behalf of said posts (a certified copy of which is hereto attached and made part of this report), [Exhibit A], repudiating said agreement heretofore mentioned, following which said action on the part of Hedges the said National Encampment, G. A. R., refused to adopt the report of the G. A. R. Committee of Arbitration as to terms of consolidation (a copy of which report is herewith submitted), [Exhibit B], and adopted instead thereof a resolution endorsing unqualifiedly our Order as the Sons of Veterans U. S. A., (a certified copy of said resolution is herewith submitted), [Exhibit C]; and,

"WHEREAS, While denying the authority of said Committee of Conference or the Commander-in-Chief of our Order to bind or commit us to any terms of consolidation, nevertheless we recognize the position of Commander-in-Chief Marks and members of the Post System who with him ratified and adopted the said terms of consolidation and came under the jurisdiction of the Camp System, and, notwithstanding the repudiation of the said agreement by the said Hedges, or the action of the G. A. R., we feel that some recognition is due Commander Marks and those who came with him into our Order; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That our Constitution, Rules and Regulations be so changed as to make legal the use of either term, 'Comrade' or 'Brother,' in the designation of members, and the titles of Camp officers may be as they now exist under the C. R. and R. of either system at the option of Camps.

"Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief be instructed to promulgate this report, together with the papers herewith submitted, in the next General Order.

Alabama, M. D. FRIEDMAN,
 Connecticut, S. P. JONAS.
 South Dakota, C. C. BRAS.
 Illinois, E. T. ROE,
 Indiana, C. A. BOOKWALTER.
 Iowa, R. J. MILLER.
 Kansas, CLAY D. HEROD.
 Kentucky, GEO. H. CAPITO.
 Maine, FRANK P. MERRILL.
 Maryland, S. J. BROWN.
 Massachusetts, A. W. BATCHELDER.
 Minnesota, E. D. MORRIS.
 Missouri, H. J. KLINE.
 Nebraska, MOSES P. O'BRIEN.
 New Jersey, W. O. McDOWELL.
 New York, EDWARD W. HATCH.
 Ohio, WM. E. BUNDY.
 Pennsylvania, W. S. PARKER.
 West Virginia, H. B. BAGULEY,
 Wisconsin, WILLIAM ROWE,
 GEORGE W. MARKS." not bid
 full record
 as of 10/11/14

IX. Colonels of Divisions and all others will give all possible aid and encouragement to extend the membership and influence of the Ladies' Aid Society. The principles and purposes of this organization are similar to ours, and every Son of a Veteran should make its cause his own. By its success we have nothing to lose—much to gain.

X. Good and sufficient cause appearing, on recommendation of the Colonel of Vermont Division, the charters of Camps 1, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 27, 29, 32 and 33 in said division, are hereby revoked. By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant General,

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

EXHIBIT A.

The present alleged consolidation between the Post and Camp Systems is ineffective and of no effect, for the following reasons:

First. The representative of the Post System had merely the authority to jointly discuss and report. There is no evidence that the representative of the Camp System was otherwise empowered.

Second. The consolidation was irregularly and improperly ratified by the Post System. It was adopted by a majority vote at a Special Encampment held April 10th, 1889, in Albany. The rules and regulations of the Department of the S. O. V. Post System provide that they shall only be amended by a two-third vote at a regular election.

Third. There is no evidence that the proposed consolidation has ever been adopted by the National Department of the Camp System.

Fourth. The Post System, S. N. Y., an incorporated body, has repudiated it.

Fifth. It is reported that some of the Camp States have likewise repudiated it.

Sixth. Admitting the proposed consolidation adopted, its terms have not been lived up to by those outside the Post System. The National Commander of the Post System either has or stands ready to turn over, as far as he personally can, the organization.

Seventh. The Camp System in the S. N. Y. has utterly failed so to do, although required to that effect by the alleged Articles of Consolidation.

Eighth. At present in the S. N. Y. the Post System outnumbered at least four to one the regularly organized Camps together with those Posts that have without authority given up their charters.

Ninth. An attempt to force the alleged Articles of Consolidation will, in the present chaotic state of affairs, destroy the Post System in the S. N. Y., or force it, according to its rules, to become a distinct organization.

We, therefore, pray your honorable committee to offer no report to the G. A. R. upon this particular subject, relegate the entire matter to the point when efforts at consolidation were first made. We respectfully suggest the following tenets and status of the Post System:

First. The welfare of the Republic demands that the time shall never come when there will be no G. A. R. The encroachments of time will soon obliterate, however sad the fact, the present G. A. R. Its place can only be taken by the sons who naturally succeed to their birthright. For efficiency and permanency, judgment dictates that but one generation should be enlisted at a time.

Second. The Post system exists for the following purposes, as set forth in its Rules and Regulations:

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SONS OF VETERANS.

We, the sons of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the army, navy and marine corps of the United States, whose fathers aided in maintaining the honor, integrity and supremacy of the National Government during the late rebellion, do unite to establish a permanent association for the objects hereinafter set

forth, and through our National Encampment do ordain and establish the following Rules and Regulations for the government of this association:

CHAPTER I. ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

This Association shall be known as the SONS OF VETERANS.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects to be accomplished by this organization are as follows:

First. To preserve and strengthen those fraternal feelings which bind together the sons of soldiers and marines who suppressed the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.

Second. To assist such soldiers as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of fallen heroes.

Third. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for and fidelity to the National Constitution and laws; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and incite insurrection, treason or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions, and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights and justice to all men. No loftier or more sacred aim ever actuated a social organization outside the limits of the present G. A. R.

Fourth. Such an organization can only exist properly and permanently when modeled, as far as may be, directly in the line of the G. A. R.

Fifth. To compromise on any other basis means to destroy the vitality of one or the other of the present two systems.

Sixth. The Post System, so named after the G. A. R., was first organized, and yet has no desire to exempt the field.

Seventh. The G. A. R. has the inherent and inclusive right to name its successors. It should, therefore, logically examine the two systems carefully and decide between them peremptorily, or better still, appoint a committee to draft a new scheme of organization, including Rituals and Rules to govern the S. O. V. This system, when adopted in the several States, would naturally fall into the control of the strongest bodies there existing, and remove, finally, any strife for individual or personal preferment.

Eighth. It would settle, once for all, the question of address between members, the question of the titles for officers, and all questions incidental thereto. It would increase the order numerically, and divorce therefrom the attrition incident to strife between the present Orders.

Respectfully submitted,

[A correct copy.]

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,

Adjutant General.

JOB E. HENGES,
Dept. Com. State of N. Y., S. O. V.

EXHIBIT B.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SONS OF VETERANS.

Commander-in-Chief and Comrades:

Your committee beg leave to report that soon after their appointment they received notice from the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans representing the "Camp" system, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans representing the Posts system, that steps were being taken looking to the consolidation

of the two organizations, and asking that certain differences be referred to your committee, and in accordance with this request the committee convened in Cincinnati on the 9th day of January last, when the Commanders-in-Chief of the two organizations appeared before them and stated the respective merits of the two organizations.

Another meeting was held at Chicago on the 23d day of February last, when the differences received further consideration, and an agreement was reached whereby the Commanders-in-Chief of the two organizations agreed upon a basis of consolidation. The committee approved of the basis and recommended its approval and adoption by each organization. Up to the present time neither organization has notified this committee of any action having been taken, and your committee have not deemed it wise at this time to make recommendations establishing relations between the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans, preferring to wait until the two organizations have settled their differences by consolidation.

And we therefore recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, who shall continue the work begun by this committee, and, if possible, bring about the consolidation of the two organizations, and report at the next National Encampment a plan establishing relations that should exist between the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. CONGER,
G. M. DEVLIN,
T. W. BENNETT,

Committee.

Report read and referred to Committee on Resolutions, August 29, 1889.

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,
Adjutant General.

EXHIBIT C.

WHEREAS, On the 23d day of February, 1889, the committee appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, pursuant to the authority given by the Twenty-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, reported to the Commander-in-Chief a basis of consolidation of the two branches of Sons of Veterans, which report was acquiesced in by the commanding officers of both branches at that time; and,

WHEREAS, The branch known as the "Post System" now repudiates that action and refuses to consolidate on the basis reported by the committee, and has reorganized said system; and,

WHEREAS, The order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now numbers nearly 80,000 members, and the branch known as the "Post System" numbers less than 2,000 members; and,

WHEREAS, The principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are such as every Comrade and every Son of a Veteran can consistently support, said principles and objects being the embodiment of the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty; therefore, it is—

Resolved, By the Twenty-third National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, that the order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and it is hereby recognized as the Order of Sons of Veterans, and we bid them God speed in their noble and patriotic work; and we recommend to all sons of ex-Union soldiers and sailors, over the age of eighteen years, that they unite with that order, to be prepared to take up and carry on the work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and the maintenance of the Federal Union saved and preserved by their fathers.

L. J. WEBB,

Department Kansas.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions, reported back favorably, and adopted by the Twenty-third National Encampment, August 29, 1889.

EUGENE F. WEIGEL,
Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOV. 1, 1889. }

General Order }
 No. 2. }

I. The following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief have been appointed with rank of Brigadier General from September 14, 1889, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly:

- CHIEF OF STAFF—J. G. Winfrey, Evansville, Ind.
- CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER—James A. Rice, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
- CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF—Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kansas.
- Aides-de-Camp are hereby appointed on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, from September 14, 1889, as follows:
 - Senior Aide, Col. Otis E. Gulley, Springdale, Arkansas.
 - Colorado—Past Col. Frank C. McArthur, Denver.
 - Connecticut—Past Col. Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven; Capt. Edward Reisel, Hartford.
 - South Dakota—Capt. W. A. Rogers, Mitchell.
 - Illinois—Capt. A. L. Guilford, Chicago.
 - Indiana—Capt. O. P. Ensley, Auburn; Capt. John W. Newton, Winchester; Capt. George H. Penington, New Albany; Capt. George P. C. Newman, Hammond.
 - Iowa—R. J. Miller, Oxford; G. L. Goodale, Lenox.
 - Kansas—Capt. Edwin J. Bookwalter, Halstead.
 - Kentucky—A. R. Dyche, Fred Singleton, William Boggers, Milton McFerran.
 - Maine—Col. Edward K. Gould, Rockland.
 - Michigan—Past Col. Earle Hemenway, Hartford.
 - New Jersey—Capt. Arthur Vecelius, Paterson; Capt. Harry Marchbank, Newark; Capt. George H. Perkins, Atlantic City.
 - Rhode Island—F. C. Monroe, Riverside; W. R. Williams, Woonsocket.
 - Wisconsin—Capt. William Rowe, Eau Claire.

II. All official communications to Surgeon General Bracklow should be addressed to him at 408 West 46th street, New York City. Some of the Division Surgeons have failed to forward to the Surgeon General their reports; others are late in forwarding, because of delay in receiving reports of Camps. These reports are important and must not be neglected. Colonels of Divisions will therefore see that all Camps make prompt reports to the Division Surgeon. All Division Surgeons who have not yet reported to the Surgeon General will do so immediately. Colonels of Divisions are hereby charged with the enforcement of this order.

III. No complete record of court-martial proceedings is found in these Headquarters. It is therefore ordered, that henceforth all papers and proceedings in courts-martial shall be made out in duplicate, and forwarded to these Headquarters for approval. One duplicate will be retained in these Headquarters and the other, with the action of the Commander-in-Chief indorsed thereon, will be returned to the proper Division Headquarters, and there filed and preserved for future reference.

IV. By-Laws adopted by the Division Encampments of New York, Nebraska and Vermont, respectively, have been received, examined and approved, and are now in full force and operation. The Colonels of the above named Divisions will immediately forward *duplicates* thereof to these Headquarters, to be here filed and preserved for future reference. After the promulgation of this order, all Division by-laws to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief, must be prepared and forwarded to these Headquarters in duplicate, duly certified by the Colonel and Adjutant of the Division by which they are adopted, under the Division seal.

V. All official communications to Adjutant-General Bookwalter and Quartermaster-General Homan, should be addressed to them at room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. Confusion and delay has been occasioned by forwarding official business to them at fort Wayne and Danville, Ind., respectively. They are found daily at these Headquarters.

VI. Walter S. Payne was, on September 19, 1889, received and mustered as a member of Camp No. 60, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Fostoria, Ohio. He is now, therefore, a member in good standing of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., entitled to all the benefits, courtesies and privileges as such, and his name will be crased from all black-books.

VII. Camps No. 236, Polk, Ohio, and No. 319, Fletcher, Ohio, of the Ohio Division, having neither made report nor paid per capita tax for three successive quarters, on recommendation of the Colonel of said Division, their charters are hereby revoked.

VIII. Consolidated reports for the quarter ending September 31, 1889, show a large increase in membership over last report. Missouri Division (Colonel Loebenstein) was the first to report, and shows a gain of 856 since last quarterly report. Division Colonels are urged to begin earlier the work of securing reports from Camps, and report more promptly to these headquarters.

IX. The Colonel of each Division is urgently requested to have regularly forwarded to Quartermaster-General Homan at these headquarters each issue of the leading newspaper devoted to the interests of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., published in such Division. Such newspapers will be appropriately filed and preserved in these headquarters as the property of the Commander-in-Chief, and will ultimately prove of great value.

X. The long nights of the next four months will afford ample opportunity to do work for the Order. Every brother, Camp and Division is earnestly urged to put forth unusual effort to increase our membership, popularity and influence. See to it that each member of every Grand Army Post in your town, city or Division is thoroughly posted as to the principles and purposes of our Order. Send frequent and urgent invitations to the local Grand Army Posts to attend the meetings of your Camp, either singly or in a body. Make them feel that we desire to work with and for them; not to usurp any of their prerogatives. Let there be frequent meetings of Camp officers to rehearse, memorize and become familiar with the work, until every portion of it is performed with true military precision. Make special effort to render each meeting of your Camp bright and interesting, and secure the attendance of every member. The officers alone can not make the Camp successful, but they must have the attendance and coöperation of every member.

XI. The press is one of the most potent factors for the advancement of our cause. "The National Reviville," published at 78 Fifth avenue, Chicago, Ill., contains in every issue interesting reports and communications from each Division in the United States. In no other way can you secure so comprehensive a knowledge of the magnitude and importance of the Order as from the columns of the Reviville. Send it frequent accounts of your doings, so that every brother throughout the length and breadth of the land may know of the success and growth of the Order universal. There is also in nearly every Division one or more papers devoted to the interests of the Order in that Division. These ought to be encouraged. Send them frequent items. Make a full report of every muster; call attention to every meeting of unusual interest. Help to place the paper in the hands of as many brothers as possible. If there is a paper published in your town, city or Division devoted to the interests of the G. A. R., induce the editor to set apart one or more columns to the interests of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and then contribute items of interest to that column. Let the motto, principles and objects of the Order be kept standing at the head of the column. You will thus be able to reach members of the Grand Army and their sons who may not be members of the Order, as you can reach them in no other way.

If the course indicated in this and the preceding section of this General Order is followed, the next Quarterly Report will show an amazing growth in the membership and usefulness of the Order.

XII. Partial settlement has been made with my predecessor. After paying the expenses of the Paterson Encampment he has turned over to this administra-

tion \$1,263.48. The minutes and proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief have not yet been transcribed and turned over to me. Orders for Constitutions and Rituals will, therefore, be delayed until they may be filled by copies amended in accordance with the action of the Paterson Encampment.

XIII. Colonels of Divisions will call special attention in General Orders to sections 10 and 11 of this General Order.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 26, as follows:

Date.	Camp No.	Location.	State.	Applicants.	Date.	Camp No.	Location.	State.	Applicants.
Sept. 2	38	Milbank,	S. Dakota	14	Oct. 4	189	Scotts, Mich		21
" 2	" 22	San Pedro,	Cal.	11	" 5	" 56	Brandon, Vt.		23
" 2	" 141	Lafountsin,	Kans.	14	" 5	" 57	Poultney, Vt.		16
" 3	" 251	Roaring Spring,	Pa.	19	" 5	" 143	Meltherson, Kans.		17
" 3	" 191	Russell,	Iowa	15	" 5	" 255	Quarryville, Pa.		16
" 3	" 23	Stockton,	Cal.	14	" 5	" 190	Casnovia, Mich.		17
" 5	" 409	Richfield Center,	Ohio.	12	" 5	" 81	Grand Island, Neb.		21
" 5	" 17	Wobb's Cross Roads,	Ky.	17	" 7	" 192	Ute, Iowa		22
" 6	" 278	Bogota,	Ill.	12	" 7	" 193	Oelwein, Iowa		21
" 6	" 279	Watsaka,	Ill.	30	" 7	" 191	Waverly, Iowa		20
" 6	" 280	Marissa,	Ill.	11	" 7	" 51	Orono, Mo.		17
" 7	" 22	Belleville,	Kans.	17	" 12	" 60	St. Croix Falls, Wis.		14
" 7	" 142	Chase,	Kans.	12	" 12	" 61	Blanchardville, Wis.		10
" 10	" 24	Arroyo Grande,	Cal.	12	" 12	" 19	Danville, N. H.		12
" 10	" 281	Bridgeport,	Ill.	15	" 12	" 195	Magnolia, Iowa		18
" 10	" 282	Chester,	Ill.	15	" 16	" 144	Mankato, Kans.		15
" 10	" 186	Hartelle,	Mich.	12	" 16	" 145	Vulloy Falls, Kans.		14
" 10	" 187	Olivet,	Mich.	15	" 17	" 82	Loup City, Neb.		33
" 10	" 410	Ripley,	Ohio.	29	" 18	" 146	Leoti, Kans.		16
" 30	" 411	Dresden,	Ohio.	10	" 18	" 149	Harrisonville, Mo.		15
" 30	" 412	Tremont City,	Ohio.	20	" 21	" 54	Lake Benton, Minn.		15
" 30	" 413	Fort Recovery,	Ohio.	18	" 21	" 69	Brooklyn, N. Y.		30
" 30	" 28	Lone Tree,	W. Va.	16	" 22	" 43	Utica, N. Y.		15
" 30	" 104	LANCASTER,	Mass.	20	" 22	" 25	East Los Angeles, Cal.		18
" 30	" 414	Little Hocking,	Ohio.	13	" 22	" 283	Tamara, Ill.		15
" 30	" 146	Cole Camp,	Mo.	30	" 22	" 284	Kansas, Ill.		14
" 30	" 13	Byrdstown,	Tenn.	16	" 22	" 285	Lena, Ill.		18
" 30	" 14	Adamsville,	Tenn.	25	" 22	" 286	Harvard, Ill.		14
" 30	" 188	Lawrence,	Mich.	15	" 22	" 287	Cluthage, Ill.		15
" 30	" 415	Olmstead,	Ohio.	18	" 25	" 83	Clark, Neb.		21
" 30	" 416	Bloomdale,	Ohio.	16	" 26	" 147	Ellinwood, Kans.		25
" 30	" 417	Hudson,	Ohio.	12	" 26	" 50	Haverhill, N. H.		12
" 30	" 147	Stratford,	Mo.	18	" 26	" 84	Norfolk, Neb.		22
" 30	" 148	Dora,	Mo.	27	" 26	" 420	Metamora, Ohio.		15
" 30	" 12	Marshall,	Ark.	18	" 26	" 421	Mescow, Ohio.		16
Oct. 3	" 418	Belleville,	Ohio.	19	" 28	" 39	Bloomington, S. Dakota		25
" 3	" 419	Lyons,	Ohio.	15					

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A. }

ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 1, 1889. }

General Order }
No. 3. }

I. The following are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from December 1, 1889: Alabama and Tennessee—Wm. C. Wright, New Orleans, La.; John Sutterer, Cullman, Ala.; H. B. Miller, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. R. Gideon, Knoxville, Tenn. Colorado—G. C. Pitman, Laramie, Wyoming; F. M. Rumsey, Flagstaff, Arizona; C. S. Matthes, Albuquerque, New Mexico. California—Capt. F. L. Baldwin, Box 518, Los Angeles; Past Capt. Charles E. Hailstone, 1422 Folsom St., San Francisco.

Illinois—Jas. B. Lidders, Rock Island; John Lynch, Jr., Olney; Frank A. Guerney, Springfield.

Iowa—Johnson Bigham, Cedar Rapids.

Michigan—Past Major Jacob Mattern, Lowell.

Minnesota—Russell O. Philips, Owatonna; C. L. Bohannon, Tracy; Francis G. Drew, Minneapolis.

New Jersey—David Strauss, ———.

New York—Clarence E. Holmes, New York City; Howard E. Smalling, Cohoes; J. A. Stanch, Buffalo; N. L. Harrison, Hornellsville.

Washington—Past Capt. E. W. Young, Seattle.

II. By order of the Eighth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Paterson, New Jersey, all "Orders" must be of uniform size, 5½ inches by 8½ inches; Colonels of Divisions will therefore take notice, and henceforth comply with this Order of the Commandery-in-Chief.

III. Colonels of Divisions will promptly forward to Quartermaster General Homan, at these Headquarters, three copies of all Orders to their respective Divisions, as soon as issued, for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, and to be filed for future reference.

IV. It was ordered by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, that Orders issued by Colonels of Divisions shall be designated as "ORDERS," and those issued by the Commander-in-Chief as "General" Orders, to distinguish between them and avoid confusion. "General" Orders are issued only by the Commander-in-Chief. Colonels of Divisions will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

V. No record whatever of Division By-Laws, approved by Commanders-in-Chief, is found in these Headquarters. Colonels of Divisions who have not already done so, will therefore immediately forward to these Headquarters full, true and complete copies of the By-Laws of their respective Divisions, including the action of Commandery-in-Chief officers indorsed thereon, duly certified to by the Colonel and Adjutant of the Division by which they were adopted, under the Division seal. Such copies should be plainly and neatly written or printed on Cap Paper, in form to be filed away and preserved. Write only on one side of the paper. A complete record of Division By-Laws at these Headquarters is almost indispensable and of great value to every brother in each Division affected. An early and careful compliance with this Order will be expected.

VI. All requests for Decisions on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or Ritual, must be written on separate paper, and on one side only, and not mixed up with correspondence on other subjects. All such questions, with the decisions thereon, will be filed and preserved in these Headquarters. When contained in letters embracing other subjects, much confusion, inconvenience and delay is occasioned. Officers desiring prompt decisions will find it to their advantage to adhere to this rule.

VII. Rituals revised in accordance with the action of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, are now ready for distribution; radical and important changes have been made therein. It was also ordered that they be bound in cloth, in style similar to Burial Service Books. This necessarily increases the cost thereof, and to enable the Commandery-in-Chief to furnish them without loss they will be sold for 8 cents each, instead of 3 cents, as heretofore. It being the imperative duty of each Camp to supply itself with the latest edition, Colonels of Divisions are urged to forward their orders for same to Quartermaster-General Homan immediately.

VIII. The Constitution, Rules and Regulations, revised in accordance with action of Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, are ready for distribution, and will be furnished at same price as heretofore. In accordance with action of said Encampment, slips have been prepared of uniform size with C., R. and R., with amendments printed thereon, to be inserted in books already on hand, and may be secured at these Headquarters. It is therefore optional with

Colonels whether they order the new books or the printed slips, but the difference in cost is so small, and the danger of losing the slips or of pasting them over the wrong section is so great that it will be found profitable and advisable to secure the revised edition of the book, and thus avoid mistakes.

X. The following "Press" Committee is hereby appointed, namely:

JOS. B. McCABE, East Boston.

W. O. McDOWELL, 120 Liberty street, New York City.

H. J. KLINE, 163 Jule street, St. Joseph, Missouri.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, 431 Broadway, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

GEO. H. SHIERS, St. Paul, Minnesota.

E. T. ROE, Springfield, Illinois.

PAST COL. FRANK M. CHALLIS, Manchester, New Hampshire.

It will be the duty of this committee to actively look after and promote the interests of the Order through the medium of the public press in such manner as in their judgment may seem best. All brothers are earnestly urged to heartily assist and cooperate with this committee in all things for the advancement of our cause. We need to enlist the newspapers of the country in our behalf.

XI. For good and sufficient cause, on recommendation of the Colonels of the respective Divisions, the charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked, namely:

Camps Nos. 148 and 206, Ohio Division.

Camp No. 46, Missouri Division.

Camps Nos. 2, 4, 10, 12 and 13, California Division.

XII. The proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief are now in the printers' hands, and will be ready for distribution in a few days. They will be furnished the Colonels of Divisions from these Headquarters.

Let it be distinctly understood, in advance, that these proceedings are not for SALE, but every member of the Order in good standing is entitled to a copy thereof, by making application to his Division Colonel, and inclosing the necessary postage to convey it to his address. Any member of the Order found guilty of selling for gain any part of these proceedings will be severely dealt with.

XIII. The question of the eligibility of Frank McCrillis, late Colonel of Illinois Division, to become a member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., propounded to Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott, during his official term, is one of the legacies handed down to this administration. Past Judge Advocate General Appelget, to whom the question was referred, decided the question in the NEGATIVE, and so reported to the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Paterson, N. J. The claim of Frank McCrillis to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., is based upon the service of his father, Samuel McCrillis, who was a member of what was known as the "District Army of Squirrel Hunters," State of Ohio. He was never mustered into the service of the United States Government, and, therefore, was never honorably discharged from the service of the United States. On the contrary, his discharge is signed only by the Governor and Adjutant General of the State of Ohio, which makes it clear that he was in the service of the State, and not of the United States.

It has been officially decided that the "Squirrel Hunters" are not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. This decision does not of necessity determine the case in point, but eligibility to membership in both organizations is based upon the same fact, *i. e.*, the *Service of the Father*.

To entitle an applicant to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., he must be the lineal descendant of an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the Union Army or Navy, as set forth in the preamble to and Article V of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

There seem, then, to be at least two requisites to eligibility with reference to the *service of the ancestor through whom the right is claimed*:

1. "He must have SERVED in the United Army or Navy during the civil war of 1861-1865." That is, "done service" for the United States as distinguished from the State.

2. He must either have died in or been honorably discharged from the service of the United States.

Applying this test it seems perfectly clear that Frank McCrillis was not and is not eligible to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., neither of the requisites above named being found in the record of the service of his father, Samuel McCrillis, through whom he claims.

It, therefore, becomes the painful duty of the Commander-in-Chief to order that the benefits and privileges of the Order be no longer extended to Frank McCrillis, and that his name be placed upon all "black-books."

XIV. By-laws adopted by the Division Encampment of Wisconsin have been received, examined and approved, and are now in full force and operation.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issuing of General Orders No. 2, as follows:

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.
Oct. 23.	15.	Sembright . . .	Tenn.	13	Nov. 9.	40.	Bangor . . .	S. Dak.	12
" 29.	39.	Unionville . . .	Conn.	19	" 9.	105.	Southbridge . . .	Mass.	14
" 30.	256.	Leechburg . . .	Pa.	14	" 11.	423.	Lectonia . . .	Ohio.	34
" 30.	18.	Cane Valley . . .	Ky.	15	" 13.	424.	Paulding . . .	Ohio.	12
" 31.	191.	Adrian . . .	Mich.	19	" 13.	41.	Parker . . .	S. Dak.	17
" 31.	197.	Plainfield . . .	Ind.	18	" 14.	151.	Kidder . . .	Mo.	21
" 31.	196.	Goodland . . .	Ind.	16	" 18.	152.	Union . . .	Mo.	16
Nov. 1.	422.	New Paris . . .	Ohio.	20	" 20.	1.	Scattlo . . .	Wash.	30
" 1.	150.	Allendale . . .	Mo.	18	" 20.	196.	Sanborn . . .	Iowa.	12
" 4.	11.	Hamdon . . .	Md.	19	" 20.	201.	Crown Point . . .	Ind.	12
" 4.	1.	Suddon . . .	N. Dak.	13	" 22.	153.	Princeton . . .	Mo.	15
" 4.	148.	Lucas . . .	Kan.	20	" 25.	58.	Milton . . .	Vt.	18
" 4.	127.	N. Hartford . . .	N. Y.	20	" 25.	27.	Santa Paulus . . .	Cal.	14
" 4.	128.	Canton . . .	N. Y.	26	" 25.	85.	Juniata . . .	Neb.	32
" 5.	288.	Mt. Erie . . .	Ill.	15	" 25.	202.	Knox . . .	Ind.	18
" 5.	289.	Pinckneyville . . .	Ill.	22	" 25.	202.	Dewey . . .	Ill.	20
" 5.	290.	Port Byron . . .	Ill.	24	" 25.	293.	Lellarpo . . .	Ill.	16
" 5.	26.	San Francisco . . .	Cal.	14	" 25.	294.	Springfield . . .	Ill.	18
" 9.	188.	Centreville . . .	Ind.	16	" 27.	149.	Nortonville . . .	Kan.	23
" 8.	13.	Fort Smith . . .	Ark.	14	" 28.	154.	Poplar Bluff . . .	Mo.	17
" 8.	192.	Birch Run . . .	Mich.	16	" 28.	14.	Westerly . . .	R. I.	20
" 9.	291.	Greenville . . .	Ill.	32					
Total No. Camps				43	No. applicants				814
No. on last General Order				73					1,289
Grand totals				116					2,103

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A. }

General Order, }
No. 1. }

ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 1, 1890. }

I. There being more than five camps Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in good standing in the State of Washington, as appears from the records in these Headquarters, the said State of Washington is hereby created a "Provisional Division" in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and Capt. Hiram E. Hall, of Spokane Falls, is hereby appointed Colonel of the said Provisional Division, to rank as such from January 1, 1890, with headquarters at Spokane Falls, Washington. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

II. There being more than five camps Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in good standing in the State of Oregon, as appears from the records in these Headquarters, the said State of Oregon is hereby created a "Provisional Division" in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

and Capt. S. H. Griffith, of East Portland, Oregon, is hereby appointed Colonel of the said Provisional Division, to rank as such from January 1, 1890, with headquarters at East Portland, Oregon. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

III. The official resignation of Col. Chas. M. Cott, commanding Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been officially received at these Headquarters, and accepted, to take effect January 1, 1890. Lieutenant-Col. Wm. B. McNulty, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has been ordered to assume command of said Pennsylvania Division on January 1, 1890, and until a successor to Col. Cott is duly elected and qualified. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

IV. Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from January 1, 1890, namely:

Arkansas—J. A. Mowen, Little Rock; John W. Yoes, Fort Smith.

Connecticut—C. C. Rossberg, New Britain; Willis N. Barber, Meriden.

N. Dakota—Captain C. L. Munsey, Grand Forks; Captain W. H. Squier, Lisbon; Captain Oscar A. Blair, Fort Yates; W. E. Patterson, Forman.

S. Dakota—C. J. Fink, Mt. Verma; A. J. Sherman, Armour; A. T. Hammond, Ashton.

Florida—F. C. Sage, Eustis; P. A. Smith, Jaxville; Xavies Rodgers, Key West; J. F. Recorda, Palatka.

Iowa—L. J. Yaggy, Audubon.

Kansas—W. Y. Morgan, Strong City; John C. Hogin, Belleville; T. J. Anderson, Topeka.

Maine—Colonel C. H. Rice, Bangor; Colonel John C. Blake, Auburn; Captain E. E. Philbrook, Portland.

Massachusetts—Daniel Goulding, Somerville; W. R. Davis, Cambridgeport; Henry S. Lyons, North Adams.

Michigan—Captain Wm. Yates, East Saginaw; Captain John Freund, St. Joseph.

Missouri—Ed. L. Gottschalk, 404 Market street, St. Louis; E. B. Howard, Jr., Greenfield; C. P. Lindsey, 1401 Jay street, Kansas City; Jas. B. Dodson, Kirksville.

Montana—Captain T. W. Hayes, Anaconda; Captain John Kelly, Fort Keogh; J. H. Holme, Helena.

Idaho—Captain S. B. Mann, Boise City.

Oregon—Captain R. N. Bradley, Pleasant Home; Captain C. D. Williams, Grant's Pass.

Washington—Captain W. P. Lucas, Spangle; Captain B. W. Coiner, Tacoma.

Nebraska—J. O. Moore, Palmyra; W. E. Irons, Stratton; F. P. Corrick, Stockham; S. P. McFarland, Creighton.

New Hampshire—Earnest E. Beane, Manchester; J. W. Dufney, Great Falls; Frank S. Ritter, Laconia.

Ohio—W. E. Salkeld, Perry; J. K. Richards, Ironton; E. W. Porter, Maysville; H. C. Armstrong, Xenia.

Pennsylvania—Charles C. Morton, Philadelphia; H. M. Rebell, Pittsburgh; Captain W. F. Dufour, Williamsport; Captain Wm. L. Mathues, Media.

Vermont—O. D. Clark, Montpelier; F. L. Thomas, Burlington; George M. Bell, Middlebury; H. C. Rann, Poultney.

West Virginia—E. B. Morris, Buckhannon; T. H. B. Staggers, Fairmont; E. D. Hazen, Parkersburg; J. E. Carlin, Wheeling.

V. The Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief ordered "That a Committee on Digest be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief." The following brothers are therefore hereby appointed to constitute such committee: O. B. Brown, Judge Advocate General, Dayton, Ohio; Captain D. W. Wood, Anderson, Ind.; Merrill Moores, Indianapolis, Ind. They will be honored and respected accordingly.

VI. It was ordered by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, "That the report of the Committee on Digest in reference to Camp No. 1 (Illinois Division) be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief, to which all papers and other documents shall be

referred, and that the parties interested in the matter shall have the right to appear before that committee and give their statements of the case, said committee to report at the next National Encampment." Now, therefore, the following brothers are hereby appointed to constitute such committee: E. T. Roe, Springfield, Ill.; General Leland J. Webb, Topeka, Kans.; John J. Nolan, Evansville, Ind.

VII. The second week in August, 1890, has been officially fixed upon as the time for the meeting of the next annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston, Mass., to begin with the parade on Tuesday, August 12. That being the same time heretofore fixed for the meeting of the ninth annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the attention of the Order is hereby called to the advisability of postponing our ninth annual Encampment to a time one or two weeks later than that heretofore fixed upon.

VIII. The time for the holding of Division Encampments is approaching. Incoming and outgoing Division Colonels and Adjutants are therefore hereby directed to report to Adjutant General Bookwalter, at these headquarters, *immediately after the adjournment of their respective Division Encampments*, the full name and postoffice address of each Delegate and each Alternate Delegate elected to represent such Division at the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Also, full name and postoffice address of each Past Colonel of said Division who will be entitled to a vote in the said Ninth Annual Encampment. Said report must be signed by the Colonel of the Division, attested by the Adjutant with the Division seal. The making of this report is important and imperative, and must not be neglected.

IX. The semi-annual pass-word and countersign for the first half of 1890 has been settled upon and communicated in due form to the Colonel of each Division, together with the G. A. R. pass-word and countersign for same time. Division Colonels are therefore hereby directed to promulgate the same on or before the night set for the installation of the newly-elected officers to all camps in their respective Divisions which have "sent in all reports and paid per capita tax," in accordance with Article XVII, page 64, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

X. It was ordered by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) "be known as *Union Defenders' Day*, and that the Commander-in-Chief issue proper orders providing for its observance by the Order." It is, therefore, hereby ordered that February 12, 1890, be properly observed by such patriotic exercises as to the brothers in various localities may seem most appropriate and fitting. Colonels are hereby directed to call attention thereto in Division "orders."

XI. Attention is earnestly called to the lack of a life insurance feature in our organization. A life insurance plan, such as is adopted by the Masonic and other fraternal societies, would greatly enhance the benefits and popularity of our Order. It is, therefore, suggested that careful thought and attention be given to this question by the best minds in the Order, that it be considered and recommendations made by the various Division Encampments, some of which will soon be in session, to the end that some safe, intelligent and business-like insurance plan may be adopted at the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

XII. Attention is called to the terrible affliction and destitute condition of brothers of the Order and members of the G. A. R. at Lynn, Mass., by reason of the great conflagration by which that city was recently visited. Local relief committees of the Sons of Veterans have been formed there, of which Past Col. John J. McAndrew is chairman and Capt. William H. Phillips treasurer. Here is an excellent opportunity for the exemplification of the first principle of our Order, that of charity.

Send all contributions to Capt. William H. Phillips, treasurer of the S. V. Committee, Lynn, Mass.

XIII. That portion of General Order No. 2 requiring the making out of all proceedings of courts-martial in *duplicate*, is not being as strictly complied with as

its importance demands. Hereafter no court-martial proceedings will be considered unless the same are forwarded in duplicate. It should be borne in mind that duplicates are both originals, not copies.

XIV. The following recommendation in the report of Adjutant-General Guilford, to the Eighth Annual Encampment, was approved and adopted:

"To conform to the United States Army Regulations, all orders should be issued in series, each series commencing with No. 1, at the beginning of each calendar year."

It was not possible for the present Commander-in-Chief on assuming command September 14, 1889, to issue his General Orders "in series commencing with No. 1 at the beginning of the calendar year" (1889), for the reason that the beginning of that year was long since past and beyond recall. Moreover, my predecessor had failed to so number his General Orders, the one issued January 1, 1889, being numbered 17 instead of "1;" the last one, that of September 1, 1889, being numbered 26, instead of 9, as it should have been in accordance with the plan recommended. This also applies to Division Colonels, all of whom assumed command of their respective Divisions some time after the beginning of the year 1889, and therefore could not, after the adoption of this recommendation in September, begin the issuing of orders "in series, commencing with No. 1 at the beginning of the year." However, beginning with 1890, this plan can be adopted.

It is, therefore, now ordered that on and after January 1, 1890, all orders shall be issued in series, as ordered by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, that of January 1 being designated as "No. 1."

XV. Immediately after the regular installation of newly elected Camp officers for 1890, the installing officer will make his report thereof in duplicate, forwarding one duplicate to the Headquarters of his Division, and the other to Adjutant-General Bookwalter, Room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. It is very important that the records in these Headquarters be completed early. Colonels of Divisions are hereby charged with the enforcement of this order.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issuing of General Order No. 3, 1889, as follows:

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.	
Nov. 29	40	Thompsonville.	Conn.	25	Dec. 14	133	Antwerp . . .	N. Y.	11	
" 29	150	Reading . . .	Kan.	18	" 14	Post	Onconta . . .	N. Y.	27	
" 29	151	Moran . . .	Kan.	12	" 17	205	Butler . . .	Ind.	14	
" 30	81	Dryden . . .	N. Y.	22	" 20	11	Maple Claiye .	Minn.	15	
" 30	19	Covington . .	Ky.	30	" 20	62	Appleton . . .	Wis.	16	
Dec. 2	147	Columbus Jct.	Iowa	22	" 20	63	Kewaunee . . .	Wis.	10	
" 2	155	Seymour . . .	Mo.	16	" 20	64	Barron . . .	Wis.	15	
" 2	86	Calloway . . .	Neb.	18	" 20	239	Conyngham . .	Pa.	16	
" 4	193	Decatur . . .	Mich.	17	" 20	—	Lynden . . .	Wash.	19	
" 4	257	Conshohocken	Pa.	24	" 20	157	Croighton . . .	Mo.	21	
" 5	—	East Portland	Oregon	19	" 20	59	Jacksonville .	Vt.	18	
" 5	198	Lorimore . . .	Iowa	19	" 23	199	West Baden . .	Iowa	15	
" 5	20	Grayson . . .	Ky.	13	" 23	260	Clearfield . . .	Pa.	18	
" 5	60	Manch'tr Depot	Vt.	15	" 24	295	Cowdon . . .	Ill.	23	
" 5	158	Ozard . . .	Mo.	19	" 26	7	Grinnell . . .	Iowa	22	
" 6	202	Georgetown . .	Ohio	23	" 26	427	Lakeside . . .	Ohio	11	
" 7	258	Springfield . .	Pa.	19	" 26	426	Celina . . .	Ohio	17	
" 9	4	Tacoma . . .	Wash.	31	" 26	194	Locke . . .	Mich.	15	
" 9	203	Covington . . .	Ind.	16	" 26	21	— . . .	Ky.	16	
" 10	425	Dayton . . .	Ohio	22	" 28	296	Milford . . .	Ill.	12	
" 10	137	Scipioville . .	N. Y.	10	" 28	297	Walnut Hill . .	Ill.	17	
" 11	87	Greenwood . . .	Neb.	16	" 28	88	Chenoy . . .	Neb.	10	
" 13	100	Charlestown . .	Mass.	23	" 30	423	Staunton . . .	Ohio	14	
" 13	204	Lowell . . .	Ind.	15						
Total No. Camps				47	No. applicants				834	
No. on last General Order				116					2,103	
Grand totals				163					2,937	

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 1, 1890. }

General Order }
 No. 2. }

I. In the organization of the provisional Division of Washington, Capt. Hiram E. Allen, of Spokane Falls, was appointed Colonel of the said provisional Division, but by a typographical error in General Order No. 1, Current Series, Capt. Hiram E. Hall was named as such Colonel. The said Capt. Hiram E. Allen has been commissioned Colonel of the said Division, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

II. In accordance with General Order No. 1, current series, Lieut.-Col. Wm. B. McNulty, of Pennsylvania Division, has assumed command of said Division, has appointed Past Col. H. H. Hammer Adjutant, and established Division Headquarters at Reading, Pa. There is every reason to believe that the work so auspiciously commenced by Past Col. Cott will continue unabated.

III. Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby appointed, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from February 1, 1890, namely:

Maryland—Past Capt. Edward E. Steiner, Frederick; Past Capt. Robert W. Wilson, 1225 Guilford avenue, Baltimore; Past Capt S. E. Thomason, 1600 Q street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Delaware—Past Capt. T. C. Enos, Odessa.

Rhode Island—George A. Abbott, Providence; Wm. J. Nichols, Providence.

Wisconsin—L. J. Rusk, Chippewa Falls; Alfred Vivian, Mineral Point; E. C. Burke, La Crosse.

IV. Division officers and Camp officers are notified that the provision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, that "there shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each Camp of the Order between April 15 and June 1 of each year," will be rigidly complied with. Inspecting officers will be instructed to make rigid and thorough inspections and true reports thereof without fear or favor. Inspection of Division Headquarters will be made especially thorough and critical, and it is hoped that all books, records and proceedings, both of Camps and Divisions, will be found to be in business-like condition. The business of many Camps, as well as some of the Division Headquarters, has heretofore lacked system and business method. No better work can be done by Colonels and Captains than to look carefully after the business end of the organization. This notice is given in advance, that there may be no lack of preparation for inspections.

Colonels are hereby directed to call attention to this section in Division Orders.

V. Some delay has been occasioned in the transaction of business at these headquarters during the past month by reason of the fact that both the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant-General were suffering from the effects of the prevailing disease, influenza, for about three weeks each; both being now convalescent, all business will be promptly attended to.

VI. Brother R. J. Miller, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, late Delegate to the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Paterson, N. J., was on November 1, 1889, appointed an Aide-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, but in the issuance of General Order No. 2, 1889, through some unexplainable error his address was given as Oxford instead of Missouri Valley. To correct the error, Brother R. J. Miller, of Missouri Valley, Iowa, is hereby appointed an Aide-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, from September 14, 1889, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly. The appointment of R. J. Miller, of Oxford, Iowa, is hereby revoked.

VII. With deep regret the announcement is made that upon the day that he was appointed and commissioned an Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Du Four, of Pennsylvania Division, was mustered into that great army whose bivouac is on the shores of Eternity. By his death the Order loses one of its worthiest members and most faithful champions.

VIII. A sufficient number of copies of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief have been forwarded to each Colonel to enable him to supply one to each Camp in his Division. Colonels of Divisions are therefore directed to forward to each Camp in their respective Divisions one copy of such Proceedings, to be kept on file in the Camp-room as the property of the Camp. Additional copies will be furnished each Division soon for distribution to individual members. The original number of these proceedings, which was one thousand more than ever printed before, has been exhausted and three thousand additional copies are being printed.

IX. Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Armstrong, of Xenia, Ohio, having tendered his resignation as Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, the same is hereby accepted, to take effect February 1, 1890. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lieutenant Colonel H. C. Armstrong, Captain H. V. Speelman, of Coalton, Ohio, is hereby appointed an Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from February 1, 1890. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been received and approved since the issuance of General Order No. 1, Current Series, as follows :

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Divisions.	Applicants.
Jan. 1.	132.	Medicine Lodge	Kas	30	Jan. 16.	1.	Beaufort	S. C.	28
" 1.	200.	Fruitland	Iowa	13	" 16.	156.	Solomon City	Kas	19
" 2.	208.	Milroy	Ind.	13	" 17.	159.	Cameron	Mo.	26
" 2.	261.	Turtle Creek	Pa.	18	" 18.	157.	Blue Mound	Kas	24
" 2.	55.	Springfield	Minn.	24	" 20.	61.	White River Jc.	Vt.	27
" 2.	298.	Janesville	Ill.	14	" 20.	185.	Napoleon	Mich.	15
" 3.	206.	Branchville	Ind.	20	" 21.	301.	Oblong	Ill.	18
" 4.	65.	Sheboygan Falls	Wis.	10	" 21.	158.	Atwood	Kas	15
" 4.	153.	Jewel City	Kas	11	" 23.	62.	Orwell	Vt.	21
" 6.	6.	Weston	Ore.	14	" 23.	7.	Portland	Oro.	12
" 7.	299.	Vermont	Ill.	22	" 24.	201.	Emmetsburg	Iowa	16
" 7.	300.	Walnut	Ill.	23	" 25.	56.	Fairmount	Minn.	25
" 9.	66.	Tomah	Wis.	18	" 25.	302.	Sidney	Ill.	22
" 9.	89.	Central City	Neb.	10	" 25.	304.	Martinsville	Ill.	17
" 14.	158.	Montrose	Mo.	14	" 25.	90.	David City	Neb.	22
" 14.	15.	South Kingston	R. I.	23	" 25.	262.	Albion	Penn.	19
" 14.	16.	Olneyville	R. I.	15	" 27.	304.	Illinois City	Ill.	25
" 15.	429.	Yellow Springs	Ohio	19	" 27.	28.	Ferndale	Cal.	16
" 15.	430.	Brecksville	Ohio	10	" 27.	305.	Viridon	Ill.	22
" 15.	151.	Oberlin	Kas.	39	" 27.	306.	Cobden	Ill.	32
" 15.	155.	Gympson	Kas	10	" 28.	431.	Armstrong Mills	Ohio	19

Total No. Camps	42	No. applicants	814
No. on last G. O	163	"	2,937
Grand totals	205		3,751

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 1, 1890.

General Order }
No. 3. }

I. On recommendation of Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall, the following detail is hereby made for the inspection of Division Headquarters, namely :

- Alabama and Tennessee Past Col. N. M. Pell Louisville, Ky.
- Arkansas Capt. E. A. Gillett Springdale, Ark.
- California Past Col. E. L. Robinson San Francisco, Cal.
- Colorado G. C. Pitman Laramie, Wyoming.
- Connecticut Col. Theo. F. Barton Providence, R. I.
- North Dakota Capt. C. L. Munsly Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

South Dakota	C. J. Fink	Mt. Vernon, S. Dakota.
Florida	Lt.-Col. Xavier Rodgers	Key West, Fla.
Illinois	C. J. Post	Chicago, Ill.
Indiana	Gen. G. B. Abbott	Chicago, Ill.
Iowa	Gen. James R. Rice	Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Kansas	Lt.-Col. F. A. Agnew	Newton, Kansas.
Maine	Past Col. E. K. Gould	Rockland, Me.
Maryland	Past Capt. S. E. Thomason	Room 400, Pay Dep't, War Dep't, Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts	Col. Theo. F. Barton	Providence, R. I.
Michigan	Gen. F. D. Eddy	Lowell, Mich.
Minnesota	Past Col. F. W. Rowleson	St. Paul, Minn.
Missouri	B. W. Frauenthal	(Union Depot) St. Louis, Mo.
Montana	J. H. Holme	Helena, Montana.
Nebraska	J. O. Moore	Palmyra, Neb.
New Hampshire	Past Col. C. F. R. Jenne	Brattleboro, Vt.
New York	Capt. Edward Trenchard	152 West Fifth street, New York City.
New Jersey	Maj. Gen. Geo. W. Pollit	Paterson, N. J.
Ohio	Capt. D. W. Wood	Anderson, Ind.
Oregon	Lt.-Col. R. W. Bradley	Pleasant Home, Ore.
Pennsylvania	Gen. J. Lewis Rake	Reading, Pa.
Rhode Island	Col. G. Brainard Smith	Hartford, Conn.
Vermont	Past Col. F. B. Perkins	Manchester, N. H.
Washington	Capt. E. W. Young	Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia	Col. W. E. Bundy	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Wisconsin	E. W. Krackowizer	Milwaukee, Wis.

They will report immediately to Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan, for duty. It is expected that all officers and members of the Order will assist in making the coming inspections thorough, accurate and profitable to the Order.

II. In his official report to the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Paterson, New Jersey, Past Commandery-in-Chief Abbott recommended an annual inspection of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, to occur during the month of April. Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall is, therefore, hereby directed to detail two members of the Order in good standing, not members of the Commandery-in-Chief, who, with himself, shall constitute a Board of Inspectors for the inspection of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, at such time and in such manner as to them shall seem best for the interests of the Order.

III. All Division Inspectors are hereby directed to report immediately for duty and instructions to Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Michigan.

Chaplains of Divisions are hereby directed to report immediately for duty and instructions to Chaplain-in-Chief Clay D. Herod, Erie, Kansas.

Division Surgeons are hereby directed to report immediately for duty and instructions to Surgeon-General E. A. Bracklow, 408 West Forty-sixth street, New York City.

IV. Brothers heretofore detailed for duty as members of the Press Committee are hereby directed to immediately organize and formulate plans for co-operative action upon such lines as to them shall seem to the best interests of the Order. This committee is a very important one, and by organization and co-operation can accomplish great results. The attention of the Associated Press and other newspaper agencies should be called to the various important meetings and the general activity existing in the Order.

V. Colonel George Addington, commanding New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., together with brothers of that Division, who have so earnestly

co-operated with him, is entitled to the congratulations of the Order at large for his successful efforts in bringing members of the Post System in New York into our organization. During the last twenty-eight days Colonel Addington has mustered twelve of the strongest Posts in the State of New York, with an aggregate of 327 members, into the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

VI. It appears by certified statement of the officers of Samuel King Camp No. 42, Division of New York, that Howard E. Smalling, who was, on December 1, 1889, appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief for New York Division, is more than six months in arrears for dues to said Camp, and was, on November 1, 1889, suspended for non-payment of dues. Under Section 4, Article IV, page 46, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., he was, on December 1, 1889, "ineligible to any office in the Sons of Veterans." His appointment and commission as such Aide-de-Camp is, therefore, hereby revoked.

VII. Past Capt. Edward Trenchard, of Lafayette Camp No. 140, New York City, is hereby appointed Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from March 1, 1890. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

VIII. It appearing by resolutions adopted by the Grand Army Post of Lynn, Massachusetts, and by report of a special committee of investigation appointed by Colonel Purbeck, commanding Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that the appeal for aid in behalf of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles R. Mudge Camp No. 1, Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Lynn, Massachusetts, was unnecessary, not approved by the Colonel of said Division, and distasteful to the said Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, Colonel Purbeck, commanding said Division, has been directed to convene a court-martial for the investigation of the action of said Camp and the committee thereof in connection with said appeal for aid. Brothers of the Order are hereby notified not to send further subscriptions to the committee appointed by said Camp in that behalf.

IX. Good and sufficient cause appearing on recommendation of the Colonels of the respective Divisions, charters of camps are hereby revoked as follows:

Kentucky Division—Camp No. 11, Peach Orchard.

Ohio Division—Hillman Camp, No. 10, Youngstown; Petersburg Camp, No. 11, Souerton; Sines Camp, No. 21, New Straitsville; Geo. E. Seney Camp, No. 52, Tiffin; Tunnelman Camp, No. 63, Milford Centre; McGowan Camp, No. 72, Bowerstown; L. C. Butler Camp, No. 74, Andover; Clinton Keever Camp, No. 83, Morrow; Milroy Camp, No. 84, Aid; H. E. Cutler Camp, No. 121, Lodi; James Gray Camp, No. 132, Kingston Center; Salem Camp, No. 133, Adamsville; H. S. Hamilton Camp, No. 172, McArthur; J. A. Bailey Camp, No. 191, Sycamore; J. W. Krapas Camp, No. 195, Dexter City; Barton Smith Camp, No. 198, Hicksville; I. W. Beekman Camp, No. 242, Plymouth; H. Mediam Camp, No. 251, Bradford; Burnett Camp, No. 260, Enterprise; McGeary Camp, No. 298, Shreve; Perry Sommers Camp, No. 322, Roundhead; Chas. A. Patterson Camp, No. 365, Jerry City; Thomas Whitman Camp, No. 362, West Mill Grove.

X. Colonel Sherman J. Brown, commanding Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having tendered his resignation as such Colonel, the same has been accepted, to take effect February 28, 1890, and Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Leonhardt, of said Division, has been directed to assume command thereof, and immediately call together the Division Council for the election of a successor to Colonel Brown.

XI. Division By-Laws have been received and approved as follows: Missouri Division, Kansas Division and Kentucky Division. They are therefore in full force and operation.

XII. All Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief will report for duty immediately to General J. G. Winfrey, Evansville, Indiana, from whom they will receive instructions for special duty in their respective localities.

XIII. Three Divisions have failed to forward quarterly reports and per capita tax for the quarter ending December 31, 1889. Hereafter Divisions failing to report promptly will be published in General Orders.

XIV. On assuming command, no portion of the reports of the first and second Annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief were on file in these Headquarters, and only the manuscript report of the Third Annual Encampment, the same never having been printed. Colonel Loebenstein, commanding Missouri Division, has courteously furnished the Commander-in-Chief with copies of the proceedings of the first and second Annual Encampments, and they, together with the manuscript of the third, have been put in print, making now a complete set of proceedings of all the Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief to date, including General Orders, officers' reports, etc. The proceedings of the eight Encampments will be bound together in one volume and forwarded to the Colonel of each Division, to be filed and preserved at Division Headquarters as the property of such Division. This will provide these Headquarters, as well as each Division, with a complete set of General Orders and proceedings in convenient form.

XV. Reports, Proceedings and General Orders of the Past Grand Divisions are not found at these Headquarters. They are of great value to the Order. Brothers having in their possession all or any part thereof will confer a favor upon the Commander-in-Chief and the Order at large by forwarding the same to the Commander-in-Chief or Adjutant-General for filing and preservation as the property of the Commander-in-Chief. Should any brother feel disposed to make such sacrifice, due credit will be given in General Orders. Rosters and records of enlisted men of the various States are of great interest and value at these Headquarters, and quite a collection thereof has been secured from time to time as the property of the Commander-in-Chief. Brothers who can do so are earnestly requested to forward to Adjutant-General Bookwalter any of such books, rosters, or other publications which would be of interest or value. There should be on file at these Headquarters a roster of enlisted men of every State in the Union.

XVI. The time for holding the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at St. Joseph, Missouri, was fixed by the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief for the second week in August. Afterwards the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was fixed for the same time at Boston, Massachusetts. The two dates conflicting, and many Sons of Veterans desiring to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army, and many Grand Army men desiring to attend the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, frequent letters were received at these Headquarters favoring a change in the time of holding our Encampment. The Commander-in-Chief, believing that we ought not in any respect to appear to conflict with the Grand Army of the Republic, and believing that the interests of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., would be best subserved by a change of date, officially submitted the question to the Council-in-Chief for decision, and the time for the holding of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief is, by the unanimous vote of the Council-in-Chief, fixed for the fourth Tuesday in August instead of the second. Brothers will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

XVII. By unanimous vote of the Council-in-Chief, and by agreement with Colonel Loebenstein, Commanding Missouri Division, and with the local committee of arrangements for the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at St. Joseph, Missouri, prizes will be awarded to the best drilled Camps, uniformed, armed and equipped, to be competed for at the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at St. Joseph, Missouri, the fourth week of August, 1890, as follows:

First prize (by the Commandery-in-Chief), \$150 cash.

Second prize (by Missouri Division), \$100 cash.

Third prize (by local committee of arrangements, St. Joseph, Missouri), Camp colors, to cost not less than \$75.

Full details will be announced hereafter.

XVIII. The following courts-martial were approved by Commander-in-Chief Abbott before the expiration of his term, but have not heretofore been published:

A. L. Fabur, Camp 70, Fredonia, Kans., theft.

A. R. Hall, Camp 79, Lafayette, O., conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

Walter F. Carter, Camp 7, Meriden, Conn., misappropriation of camp funds.

Henry Leiblee, Camp 6, Hartford, Conn., conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order.

F. Abbott, Camp 5, Anaconda, Mont., theft.

The following courts-martial have been approved since September 15, 1889:

Hiram Stormes, Camp 271, Toledo, Ills., conviction on the charge of burglary and larceny.

William F. Anderson, Camp 100, St. Louis, Mo., embezzlement of camp funds.

V. J. Schwarz, Camp 4, Philadelphia, Pa., defrauding widow of deceased brother.

The sentence in each of the above cases was dishonorable discharge from the Order. The same has been approved, and the foregoing names will be entered upon all Black Books.

XIX. Attention of Division Colonels is directed to Section 4, Article IV, page 46, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which provides for the suspension of members six months in arrears for dues, prohibiting them from voting, from entering any Camp-room, and making them ineligible to hold office until such dues are paid.

Division Colonels will cause the names of all such suspended members to be promptly reported to them by the proper officers of each Camp in their respective Divisions, and announce names of such suspended members in Division Orders from time to time, making regular reports thereof to these Headquarters. This is the only method provided by which brothers and officers of Camps in good standing may be protected.

XX. Brothers Leland J. Webb and E. T. Roe, heretofore detailed as members of the special committee to hear and determine the controversy as to the rank of Camp 1, Chicago, Division of Illinois, have each notified the Commander-in-Chief that they have heretofore formed and expressed an opinion upon the disputed questions therein, and desire to be relieved from duty as members of said committee. The excuse is deemed sufficient and they are hereby relieved. Past Colonel E. H. Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio, and T. H. B. Staggers, Fairmount, West Virginia, are hereby detailed as members of said committee, vice Brothers Webb and Roe, relieved.

XXI. All officers and representatives entitled to a seat at the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief to be held at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1890, will be expected to appear in the prescribed uniform of the Order appropriate to their respective ranks.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been received and approved since the issuance of General Order No. 2, current series, as follows:

Date.	No.	Location.	Divisions.	Appli- cants.	Date.	No.	Location.	Divisions.	Appli- cants.		
Jan. 30	207	Marengo . . .	Ind.	25	Feb. 11	311	Rutland . . .	Ill.	12		
" 30	209	Greentown . .	Ind.	14	" 12	308	Aid . . .	Ill.	21		
" 30	210	Frankfort . . .	Ind.	22	" 13	160	Ironton . . .	Mo.	15		
" 31	4	Independence .	Mo.	23	" 14	161	Canton . . .	Mo.	25		
" 31	61	E. Bridg'wt'or	Mass.	15	" 14	—	Trenton . . .	N. J.	21		
Feb. 4	307	Momence . . .	Ill.	16	" 14	13	Rock Island	Ill.	15		
" 5	46	Pultney . . .	N. Y.	14	" 19	25	East Albany	N. Y. (Post)	17		
" 5	47	Sandy Hill . .	N. Y.	19	" 19	193	Lapeer . . .	Mich.	22		
" 5	16	Huntingdon . .	Tenn.	13	" 20	433	New Richmond	O.	23		
" 5	17	Central Falls .	R. I.	21	" 20	91	Hebron . . .	Neb.	26		
" 5	18	Apponang . . .	R. I.	11	" 21	29	Glen Easton .	W. Va.	16		
" 6	309	Summer Hill .	Ill.	36	" 21	204	Lake Mills . .	Iowa.	13		
" 6	125	Forest Port . .	N. Y. (Post)	12	" 21	205	Le Claire . . .	Iowa.	23		
" 6	196	Twin Lakes . .	Mich.	11	" 21	160	Colby . . .	Kan.	21		
" 6	9	Lowville . . .	N. Y.	21	" 22	211	Crawf'dsville	Ind.	25		
" 6	263	Mt. Zion . . .	Ill.	12	" 22	161	Clyde . . .	Kan.	15		
" 6	57	Waterville . .	Minn.	14	" 21	434	Lower Salem	Ohio.	14		
" 6	6	Orting . . .	Wash.	21	" 24	41	Lymc. . . .	Conn.	10		
" 6	20	Greenpoint . .	N. Y. (Post)	76	" 25	312	Galva . . .	Ill.	21		
" 6	85	Elbow . . .	N. Y. (Post)	18	" 25	27	Quincy . . .	Mass.	23		
" 6	14	Newark . . .	N. Y. (Post)	15	" 26	162	Stockton . . .	Kan.	27		
" 6	34	Fort Plain . .	N. Y. (Post)	24	" 26	212	Greencastle .	Ind.	47		
" 6	13	Nowfeld . . .	N. Y. (Post)	39	" 26	139	Sandy Creek .	N. Y. (Post)	18		
" 6	108	Groton . . .	N. Y. (Post)	23	" 26	86	S'west Oswego	N. Y. (Post)	26		
" 6	91	Fairport . . .	N. Y.	28	" 26	47	Rome . . .	N. Y. (Post)	41		
" 7	197	DeWitt . . .	Mich.	17	" 26	98	Candor . . .	N. Y. (Post)	17		
" 7	432	Rawson . . .	Ohio.	14	" 26	40	Ithaca . . .	N. Y.	25		
" 8	8	Bozeman . . .	Mont.	36	" 27	162	King City . .	Mo.	37		
" 8	202	Grand View . .	Iowa.	25	" 27	68	Lancaster . .	Wis.	24		
" 8	159	Morehead . . .	Kan.	15	" 27	69	Elroy . . .	Wis.	13		
" 10	203	Low City . . .	Iowa.	27	" 27	70	Lake Geneva .	Wis.	18		
" 10	—	Fargo . . .	N. D.	17	" 28	199	Hannover . . .	Mich.	19		
" 10	58	Morris . . .	Minn.	18	" 28	200	South Lyon . .	Mich.	14		
" 11	310	Waverly . . .	Ill.	13	" 28	14	South Ridge .	Ark.	30		
Total No. Camps					68	No. applicants					1,474
No. on last General Order					203	"					3,751
Grand totals					273						5,225

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A. }

General Order }
 No. 4. } ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 1, 1890. }

I. Attention is earnestly called to the importance of the consolidated reports for the quarter just ended. Officers and brothers are reminded that the representation of each Division to the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, as well as the standing of the Order at large, is based on the reports for the quarter just ended. It is, therefore, important that these reports be accurate, and that all brothers in arrears for dues be kindly urged to pay up.

II. In the issuance of Special Order No. 4, appointing Transportation Committee for the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the name of Brother A. W. Batchelder, Salem, Mass., was in some unaccountable manner omitted. He is, therefore, hereby detailed as a member of said committee, and directed to report to Otto Gresham, chairman thereof, at Indianapolis, Ind. The member of said committee at Cincinnati, Ohio, is Wm. M. Evans instead of Wm. M. Evans, and the member at New York City is Thomas W. McKnight, 132 Nassau street, instead of Theo. W. McKnight.

III. In addition to the consolidated reports provided for in the instructions of Inspector-General Hall, Division Inspectors are hereby directed to promptly forward one copy of said consolidated report direct to Adjutant-General Bookwalter, Room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Ind., for the purpose of filing and preserving in these Headquarters. This is the only provision by which the information contained in said reports will be placed on file in these Headquarters, and is, therefore, important, and a strict compliance with this order will be expected.

IV. The attention of Colonels is called to the fact that important changes and amendments have been made in the blanks to be used by Inspectors, and, therefore, none but the new and amended forms of such blanks can be used in the coming inspections. Colonels who have not already done so are hereby directed to immediately make requisition for such blanks to Quartermaster-General Ho-man at these Headquarters.

V. The attention of every officer and brother in the Order is earnestly called to "*the proper observance of Memorial Day.*" It should not be forgotten that this is one of the declared objects of our organization; it is, therefore, right, proper and obligatory upon every member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., wherever he may be, that he turn out upon that day and assist in decorating the graves of Union soldiers, sailors and marines. No brother who has a just regard for his obligation will be derelict in the performance of this duty without good cause. This ceremony, which is held sacred by every true Son of a Veteran, will occur on the 30th day of May next, and preparations for its proper observance should be immediately commenced by every Camp in the United States. The character of such preparations and ceremonies must necessarily be left to the discretion of members of the Order in the different localities, but every Captain will be expected to notify every member in good standing in his Camp to turn out on that occasion. Let every Camp in the United States turn out in a body. In towns and cities having more than one Camp, let arrangements be made by which all Camps shall march together in a body under the general command of the ranking officer, or of some officer mutually agreed upon. Let all arrangements be amicable and harmonious, as is befitting the occasion. Such an observance of the day will be a duty well performed, and the numbers in line will be a revelation.

Colonels of Divisions are hereby directed to call attention to this subject in next orders, and to begin immediately a systematic preparation for the proper and successful observance of the day in their respective Divisions.

VI. Section 19 of General Order No. 3, current series, is hereby modified, in so far that Colonels of Divisions will not be required to publish in Division Orders the names of suspended members who are in arrears for dues. It has been suggested, and the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that many brothers are in arrears for dues because of carelessness and forgetfulness, and often do not receive proper notice, and many such who will gladly pay up when the matter is called to their attention would feel offended by the publication of their names in orders, and be permanently lost to the Order; hence this modification.

VII. For good cause shown, and on recommendation of R. Loebenstein, Colonel commanding Missouri Division, charters of Camps are hereby revoked as follows: Camps Nos. 25, 29, 42, 58, 63, 68, 78, 79, 87, and 91 of the said Missouri Division.

VIII. In accordance with the request contained in Section 15 of General Order No. 3, current series, Lieutenant-Colonel G. Henry Powell, Canton, Mass., has forwarded proceedings of the First Encampment of the First Grand Division, held at Manchester, New Hampshire, December 27, 1883, and the same has been placed on file. It is hoped that other brothers will respond in like manner.

IX. By mistake in General Order No. 3, current series, V. J. Schwarz, Philadelphia, Pa., who was court-martialed and dishonorably discharged from the Order, was credited with being a member of Camp No. 4, Division of Pennsylvania; he was a member of Camp No. 236 instead of Camp No. 4.

X. Courts-martial have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Frank T. Hagadorn, Camp 138, Chicago, Ill., convicted of violation of obligation and conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

J. A. MacNamary, Camp 81, Chelsea, Mass., becoming intoxicated while in uniform.

Warren A. Roscoe, Camp 381, Norwalk, Ohio, conduct unbecoming a member of the Order.

The sentence in each of said cases was dishonorable discharge from the Order. The same has been approved, and the foregoing names will be entered on all black books. By order of

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

Applications for Camp Charters have been received and approved since the issuance of General Order No. 3, Current Series, as follows:

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.
Mar.	1. 165	Glaseo	Kns.	28	Mar.	22. 163	Junction City	Kas.	13
"	3. 312	Washington	Ill.	23	"	22. 172	Cluflin	Kas.	12
"	3. 311	Beecher City	Ill.	15	"	22. 173	Jerroldstown	Tenn.	21
"	3. 162	Bates	Kas.	19	"	25. 166	Modona	Mo.	24
"	3. 435	Burton	Ohio	15	"	25. 7	Newburg	Ore.	10
"	3. .	Wahpeton	N. Dak.	21	"	25. 206	Redfield	Iowa	23
"	3. .	Bismarck	N. Dak.	15	"	25. 6	Ellendale	N. Dak.	10
"	4. 42	Simsbury	Conn.	21	"	25. 109	Needham	Mass.	22
"	5. 163	Courtland	Kas.	19	"	25. 110	Dalton	Mass.	14
"	6. 213	Cont City	Ind.	28	"	26. 61	Fair Haven	Vt.	32
"	6. 166	Marysville	Kas.	20	"	26. 433	Gulena	Mo.	11
"	7. 283	Mansfield	Penn.	21	"	27. 216	Bridgeton	Ind.	14
"	7. 3	Rock Springs	Wyo.	20	"	27. 207	Marengo	Iowa	28
"	8. 201	Three Rivers	Mich.	32	"	28. 7	Colfax	Wash.	24
"	8. 167	Beverly	Kas.	23	"	28. 8	Mt. Vernon	Wash.	17
"	10. 63	Jannica	Vt.	17	"	28. 9	Valley City	Wash.	16
"	10. 316	Kane	Ill.	17	"	28. 217	Worthington	Ind.	58
"	10. 163	Buffalo	Mo.	21	"	28. 218	Montgomery	Ind.	15
"	11. 436	Tedrow	Ohio	18	"	28. 72	Watertown	Wis.	15
"	11. 437	Conneaut	Ohio	27	"	28. 219	Scottsburg	Ind.	18
"	11. 101	Brookton	N. Y.	20	"	29. 208	Volga	Iowa	16
"	11. 317	Newman	Ill.	48	"	29. 117	Union Center	N. Y. (Post)	18
"	12. 161	Warsaw	Mo.	22	"	29. 41	Green Island	N. Y.	18
"	12. 202	Manistique	Mich.	15	"	29. 16	Indian Lake	N. Y.	11
"	13. 165	Pleasant Hoppo.	Mo.	40	"	29. 60	Buffalo	Minn.	18
"	13. 42	Elk Point	S. Dak.	12	"	29. 173	Baldwin	Kan.	12
"	13. 169	Hawthu	Kas.	29	"	29. 174	McCracken	Kas.	11
"	13. 15	Little Rock	Ark.	14	"	29. 175	Danville	Kas.	21
"	14. 170	Russell Spr's	Kas.	13	"	31. 93	Madrid	Neb.	27
"	14. 43	Wentworth	S. Dak.	20	"	31. 176	Scranton	Kas.	11
"	14. 107	Georgetown	Mass.	11	"	31. 220	Junestown	Ind.	30
"	14. 284	Weathley	Penn.	20	"	31. 221	Waterloo	Ind.	45
"	14. 51	Conway	N. H.	16	"	31. 43	Middletown	Conn.	18
"	15. 285	Bell Vernon	Penn.	28	"	31. 111	Andover	Mass.	23
"	15. 92	Sterling	Neb.	20	"	31. 29	Kelseyville	Cal.	13
"	15. 69	Cascade	Wis.	15	"	31. 222	Ireland	Ind.	29
"	17. 318	Simpson	Ill.	19	"	31. 223	Oakland	Ind.	42
"	17. 319	Sandoval	Ill.	16	"	31. 65	Post Mills	Vt.	11
"	17. 171	Centralia	Kas.	13	"	31. 17	Mobile	Ala.	19
"	17. 59	Princeton	Minn.	16	"	31. 18	Soiavorillo.	Tenn.	19
"	17. 266	Plymouth	Penn.	33	"	31. 209	Danbury	Iowa	12
"	17. 108	Pittsfield	Mass.	22	"	31. 21	Fulton	N. Y.	21
"	17. 214	Fairland	Ind.	15	"	31. 10	North Lakina	Wash.	31
"	18. 320	Mowcagna	Ill.	21	"	31. 20	Scarborough	Tenn.	13
"	19. 267	Hazleton	Penn.	21					
"	19. 52	Augusta	Me.	24					
"	20. 215	Liberty	Ind.	17					
"	20. 71	Sun Prairie	Wis.	28					
"	20. 141	Johnstown	N. Y.	45					
						Total No. Camps	93	No. appl'ts	1,931
						No. on last G. O.	273	"	5,225
						Grand totals	366		7,146

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 1, 1890. }

General Order }
 No. 5. }

I. The proceedings in Court-Martial and findings of the Court in the case of Lieut.-Col. E. E. Philbrook, Camp No. 4, Division of Maine, have been forwarded to these Headquarters. The Court, after due investigation, finds the defendant not guilty upon each charge. Special Order No. 2, current series, suspending Lieut.-Col. Philbrook during the pendency of the said Court-Martial proceedings, is hereby revoked and annulled, and the said Lieut.-Col. Philbrook is hereby restored to full rank as an Aide-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

II. Captain Louis Drechsler, of St. Louis, Mo., has forwarded to these Headquarters the report of the Adjutant-General of the State of Missouri for the year 1865, containing roster of Missouri troops and other important data, and the same has been placed on file in the Headquarters Library.

III. The proceedings of the eight Annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. (1882-1889), have been bound together in one volume, and one copy thereof forwarded to the Headquarters of each Division. There still remain in the department of the Quartermaster-General a number of these books, which will be furnished to members of the Order desiring them for the sum of \$1.50 net.

IV. The program of the prize drill, which is to take place at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at St. Joseph, Mo., is being prepared, and will be furnished in due season to camps desiring to compete, on application to the Adjutant-General. Competition will be open to camps having sixteen or more men in line, the number in line to be taken into consideration in awarding prizes.

V. The following Assistant-Inspectors-General, appointed by General Order No. 3, current series, to inspect Division Headquarters, have performed the duty assigned them and submitted reports:

- Col. Edward K. Gould, Division of New Hampshire.
- Col. F. W. Rowson, Division of Minnesota.
- Capt. E. A. Gillett, Division of Kansas.
- G. C. Pittman, Division of Colorado.
- B. W. Frauenthal, Division of Missouri.
- Col. J. Lewis Rake, Division of Pennsylvania.
- Col. F. D. Eddy, Division of Michigan.
- Lieut.-Col. F. A. Agnew, Division of Kansas.
- Edward Trenchard, Division of New York.
- Gen. James A. Rice, Division of Iowa.

The brothers detailed for similar service who have not yet submitted their reports are urged to forward the same to Inspector-General Hall, Hillsdale, Mich., and duplicate copies thereof to the Adjutant-General at these Headquarters, without delay.

VI. Burial Service books, revised in accordance with action of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., are now in the hands of the Quartermaster-General. Colonels of the various Divisions are hereby directed to provide themselves with the same. The Burial Service of our Order is most solemn and impressive, and each Camp is directed to provide itself with a sufficient number of copies to enable it, should occasion arise, to show due respect to deceased brothers.

VII. The attention of all brothers is again earnestly called to the great duties devolving upon our Order relative to the observance of Memorial Day. Attention of Camps was directed to the importance of this duty in General Order No. 4, and the Commander-in-Chief desires to impress upon the minds of all the advice contained in the closing paragraph of said order: "Let every Camp in the

United States turn out in a body. In towns and cities having more than one Camp, let arrangements be made by which all shall march together under the general command of the ranking officer, or of some officer mutually agreed upon. Let all arrangements be amicable and harmonious, as is befitting the occasion. Such an observance of the day will be a duty well performed."

VIII. For good and sufficient cause, on recommendation of the Colonels of the respective Divisions, the charters of the following Camps are hereby revoked, namely: Nebraska Division, Camps Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 38, 40, 43, 52; New Jersey Division, Camps Nos. 4, 6, 10, 12, 14, 20, 22, 33; Pennsylvania Division, Camps Nos. 73, 89, 159, 173, 174, 178, 211.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief,

Applications for Camp Charters have been received and approved since the issuance of General Order No. 4, as follows:

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Applicants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Applicants.
Apr. 5	321	Dewitt	Ill.	16	Apr. 18	113	Pepperell	Mass.	20
" 5	322	Plainville	Ill.	17	" 18	21	Witts Foundry	Tenn.	19
" 7	179	Eskridge	Kas.	22	" 18	203	Shepherd	Mich.	14
" 7	8	Salem	Ore.	20	" 18	225	Liberty Mills	Ind.	20
" 7	439	Mt. Perry	O.	11	" 21	44	Stafford Sprgs.	Conn.	26
" 9	180	Wathe	Kas.	18	" 21	178	Ada	Kas.	20
" 10	268	Fairfield	Penn.	14	" 21	181	Longton	Kas.	13
" 10	93	Montgomery	N. Y.	11	" 21	61	Mankato	Minn.	15
" 10	323	Barrington	Ill.	15	" 21	62	Northfield	Minn.	38
" 10	112	West Acton	Mass.	17	" 21	74	Green Bay	Wis.	29
" 10	210	Irwin	Iowa	10	" 21	75	Manitowoc	Wis.	17
" 11	2	Creto	Neb.	15	" 21	76	Waterloo	Wis.	15
" 11	12	Plallesville	Col.	12	" 21	22	Gay's Creek	Ky.	10
" 12	177	Tribune	Kas.	16	" 21	11	Toledo	Wash.	14
" 14	4	Spring Ranch	Nob.	18	" 23	119	Unadilla	N. Y.	16
" 14	13	Marshalltown	Iowa	22	" 23	440	Williamsburg	O.	33
" 14	211	East Nodaway	Iowa	20	" 23	270	Bloomsburg	Penn.	19
" 14	224	Heltonville	Indiana	18	" 23	9	Cottage Grove	Ore.	22
" 14	73	Dodgsvillo	Wis.	19	" 25	325	Niota	Ill.	19
" 14	167	Southwest City	Mo.	18					
" 14	66	West Rutland	Vt.	22	Total No. Camps . 44 No. Appl'ts . 846				
" 17	269	Tower City	Penn.	27	No. on last G. O. . 366				
" 17	5	Key West	Fla.	10	Grand totals . 410				
" 17	324	Havana	Ill.	14	7,146				
" 17	223	Laconia	Ind.	24	Grand totals . 410				
					7,951				

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,

General Order }
No. 6. }

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 2, 1890. }

I. The Central Traffic Association has granted a rate of one fare for the round trip over all railroads in that association to members of the Order desiring to attend the St. Joseph Encampment, the fourth week in August. Other traffic associations and individual companies have promised to make the same concession.

The Committee on Transportation, and especially the chairman thereof, has been very actively at work, and the results thus far are very flattering. Reports from every section of the United States indicate that the attendance at the next National Encampment will be very much larger than ever before. Representatives and brothers desiring to attend, should communicate early with the member of the Transportation Committee nearest them and proceed to make up parties.

II. The laws of the State of Missouri are such that Camps desirous of entering the competitive drill at the St. Joseph Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, will need to secure a permit from Gov. Francis to bear arms within the State. By agreement with the local Committee of Arrangements at St. Joseph,

such permit will be granted to all Camps desiring to compete, on application and request from the Adjutant General of their respective States; in other words, Camps desiring to compete will need to procure the Adjutant-General of the State in which they reside, to make application to Gov. Francis, of Missouri, for such permission to bear arms. It is understood that such application is only a formal matter, but is necessary because of the peculiar laws of the State of Missouri. Camps desiring to enter into the competition should attend to this matter early.

III. It is hoped that the Digest of Decisions on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, will be published before the issuance of next General Order.

IV. During the month of June the Division Encampments will make many changes in Division officers and elect representatives to the next National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. Out-going and in-coming Colonels of Divisions must not neglect to forward to these Headquarters upon the blanks provided therefor, at the time or immediately after adjournment of their respective Division Encampments, a certificate of election of the various Division officers and representatives to the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and Past Colonels who will be entitled to a vote therein. This order is very important, and therefore must be considered imperative.

Colonels of Divisions who have not already supplied themselves, will immediately apply to the Quartermaster-General for the necessary blank certificates, in order that they may be ready for immediate use at the meeting of the Division Encampment.

V. At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Boston, Mass., the second Tuesday in August next, the Sons of Veterans who may be present have been invited to act as a Guard of Honor in the grand parade, which will occur on Tuesday of the Encampment. The invitation has been accepted, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will be in attendance, open Headquarters, and assume command on the part of the Sons of Veterans. Every brother who can possibly do so, is earnestly requested to be in attendance, attired in the uniform appropriate to his rank, and take part in the grand parade. A satisfactory attendance and display upon our part will greatly benefit our cause. Let preparations be made early.

VI. Inasmuch as many Division Encampments will meet during the month of June, the Commander-in-Chief desires more earnestly, and in a spirit of Friendship and Charity, to suggest that in the selection of Division officers, especially the Colonel and representatives of the Commandery-in-Chief, at St. Joseph, brothers be chosen with reference to their zeal and knowledge of the work, their peculiar fitness and ability, and their good standing in the communities where they may reside. Let no brother be elected to these important positions as a personal compliment, and because he is a good fellow, unless he is thoroughly qualified, has the ability, experience and knowledge, and will take the necessary time to perform the duties of the office to which he is elected, with fidelity. The world is apt to judge the character of our membership by the men whom we elect to represent us.

VII. Courts-martial have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief since last General Order, as follows:

John E. Shinn, Camp 77, Stanton, Nebraska. Conviction of defrauding members of the G. A. R. and brothers of the Sons of Veterans.

Livingston Conkling, Camp 1, New Jersey Division. Embezzlement of Camp funds.

William Stamm, Camp 19, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Conduct unbecoming a member; conviction of offense against the law of the State of Pennsylvania.

R. A. Hilliard, Camp 22, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Commission of a crime against the laws of the State of West Virginia.

The sentence of each in said cases was dishonorable discharge from the Order, and the foregoing names will be entered on all black books.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been approved since the issuing of General Order No. 5, as follows:

Applications					Applications					
Dato.	No.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.	Dato.	No.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.	
May 1	45	Rockville	Conn.	15	May 16	80	Oshkosh	Wis.	25	
"	441	Kilgore	Ohio	15	"	16	184	Eureka	Kan.	25
"	442	Megadore	Ohio	17	"	16	53	Houlton	Mo.	25
"	443	Shane's Cross	Ohio	23	"	17	185	Holton	Kan.	15
"	23	Elizabeth	N. J.	28	"	17	232	Walkerton	Ind.	38
"	36	Lakewood	N. J.	14	"	17	115	North And'v'r.	Mass.	15
"	16	Fort Worth	Tex.	16	"	17	81	Portage	Wis.	21
"	271	Hopewell	Penn.	16	"	17	233	Rochester	Ind.	41
"	12	Frostburg	Md.	25	"	19	328	Jerseyville	Ill.	25
"	227	Plymouth	Ind.	30	"	19	186	Onaga	Kan.	21
"	228	Princeton	Ind.	25	"	19	213	Shelby	Iowa	23
"	49	Brookfield	N. Y.	32	"	19	6	Ulysses	Neb.	20
"	23	Fearis	Ky.	19	"	19	116	Hanson	Mass.	19
"	34	Wakefield	Mass.	15	"	20	48	Cortland	N. Y.	18
"	149	Flatbush, L. I.	N. Y.	15	"	20	53	Adams	N. Y.	18
"	36	South Otseic	N. Y.	15	"	20	63	Port Richm'd.	N. Y.	20
"	116	Lake Placid	N. Y.	16	"	20	64	Mount Vernon	N. Y.	16
"	23	Harrisville	N. Y.	15	"	21	231	New Haven	Ind.	47
"	12	Attica	N. Y.	11	"	21	235	Abydel	Ind.	35
"	114	Boston	Mass.	12	"	21	273	Bangor	Penn.	19
"	52	Pender	Neb.	18	"	21	448	Osgood	Ohio	10
"	444	Springfield	Ohio	15	"	21	160	Shoanndeah	Iowa	27
"	445	Keeno	Ohio	12	"	21	13	Snohomish	Wash.	15
"	446	Dover Center	Ohio	16	"	21	1	Salt Lake C'y	Utah	13
"	229	Solsberry	Ind.	15	"	22	187	Edmond	Kan.	18
"	30	Fortuna	Cal.	12	"	22	188	Harper	Kan.	17
"	33	La Junta	Colo.	31	"	22	12	Keyport	N. J.	20
"	326	Rushville	Ill.	12	"	22	74	Andover	Ohio	12
"	5	Binghamton	N. Y.	33	"	23	7	Okdale	Neb.	35
"	169	Urbana	Mo.	30	"	23	189	Keightly	Kan.	16
"	168	Moberly	Mo.	16	"	23	449	Jagger	Ohio	16
"	182	Walnut	Kan.	20	"	24	214	Hull	Iowa	18
"	212	Drakeville	Iowa	31	"	24	19	Mucon City	Mo.	26
"	10	Albany	Ore.	20	"	27	27	Philmont	N. Y.	18
"	230	Dalerville	Ind.	30	"	27	215	Lime Springs	Iowa	18
"	19	Providence	R. I.	15	"	28	238	Boaswell	Ind.	26
"	36	Winfield	W. Va.	25	"	28	190	Colwick	Kan.	18
"	46	Colchester	Conn.	25	"	28	69	Bellow's F'lls	Vt.	30
"	170	Ava	Mo.	24	"	29	61	Ortonville	Minn.	20
"	63	Wadena	Minn.	40	"	29	205	Marshall	Mich.	18
"	327	Colchester	Ill.	18	"	31	25	Borwick	Penn.	30
"	183	Haven	Kan.	23	"	31	79	Hampton	Iowa	15
"	6	Camden	N. J.	27	"	31	216	Fayette	Iowa	20
"	231	Monroeville	Ind.	50	"	31	37	Orange	N. J.	24
"	204	Orion Center	Mich.	22	"	31	31	Weston	W. Va.	18
"	67	Windsor	Vt.	23	"	31	217	Geneva	Iowa	21
"	12	Springue	Wash.	17	"	31	4	Sheridan (Wyo)	Col.	19
"	77	Egerton	Wis.	20	"	31	329	St. Elmo	Ill.	21
"	78	Viroqua	Wis.	20	"	31	450	Hampton	Ohio	14
"	79	Thorp	Wis.	12						
"	447	McComb	Ohio	30						
"	63	Richford	Vt.	14						
"	10	Hopewell	N. J.	21						
"	16	5	Beaver Cross	Neb.	15					

Total No. Camps. 103 No. appl'ts. 2,191
 No. on last G. O. 410 " " 7,951
 Grand totals. 513 10,142

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 1, 1890. }

General Order }
 No. 7. }

I. A rate of one fare for the round trip to the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief at St. Joseph, Mo., has been granted since last General Order, over all roads in the "Trans-Missouri Association" and the "Western States' Passenger Association." Similar rates will, no doubt, be granted over all lines in the United States. Brothers contemplating attending said Encampment should make no arrangements for transportation until after all the passenger associations have acted finally upon pending applications for rates. No proposition for a rate of more than one fare for the round trip should be considered.

Brothers from the East and all points accessible are earnestly requested to

secure transportation via Indianapolis, joining the official train at that point, traveling thence via St. Louis to the Encampment. The routes via Indianapolis are the shortest and quickest from all points east. Brothers from points further west can arrange to join the official train at other points, thus securing a concentration of forces that will be present, and make good impressions along the line of travel. The line of travel and the time of departure of the official train will be announced at an early day.

II. By unanimous vote of the Council-in-Chief, the Company (Camp) receiving the highest average in the competitive drill at St. Joseph, Mo., will receive \$300 instead of \$150, as heretofore announced in Section 17, General Order No. 3, current series.

III. Captains of Camps expecting to enter the competitive prize drill at St. Joseph, Mo., during Encampment week (4th week in August next), will report immediately to Adjutant-General Bookwalter, at these Headquarters, and to Col. H. J. Kline, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, St. Joseph, Mo., the probable number of men they will have in attendance, in order that quarters and other accommodations may be secured. An immediate compliance with this order will be expected.

IV. All members of the Council-in-Chief residing east of Illinois are hereby directed to convene in official session at these headquarters at 12 m., on Saturday, August 23, 1890, then and there to make examination of books, vouchers and other papers, and pass upon expenditures, accounts and bills of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief to that date, going thence to St. Joseph, Mo., on the following Monday. Formal notice, in accordance with Article VIII, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, will be issued later on.

V. All members of the Order, and Captains of Camps expecting to be in attendance and participate in the grand parade at the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Boston, on Tuesday, August 12, next, will report immediately to the Colonels of their respective Divisions, and they to Adjutant-General Bookwalter at these Headquarters, and to W. A. Stevens, Colonel commanding Massachusetts Division, Malden, Mass. Captains of Camps will report the number of men they expect to have in line. These reports should be immediately forwarded to insure the securing of quarters and other accommodations, and assist the commanding officer in preparing details of the parade.

VI. The Council-in-Chief has directed the Commander-in-Chief to prepare a complete set of books for the use of Division Headquarters, directing the purchase thereof by all Division Colonels, thus securing systematic and uniform business methods by all Division officers. The Commander-in-Chief has therefore prepared a set of books which are comprehensive, easily kept and cheap, consisting of Quartermaster's Cash Book, Ledger and Receipt Book, Adjutant's Cash Book, Register of Charter Applications, Register of Charter Members and additional members mustered after organization of each Camp, Division Black Book, Record of Commissions of Division and Camp Officers, and a system of vouchers for Division expenditures in blocks of 100 each. The complete set will be ready for distribution not later than July 10, and will cost from \$15.00 to \$30.00, according to size (membership) of Division. They will be furnished at cost price, with freight or express charges added.

A Camp Roster similar to those now used in some of the Divisions has been prepared, with slight improvements, in books of three quires or over, each quire accommodating eighty Camps, and will be furnished Divisions not already provided, at a cost of \$1.10 per quire.

Form 37 (Adjutant's Consolidated Report) and Form 38 (Quartermaster's Consolidated Report) have been printed in original and duplicate, the original report to be forwarded to these Headquarters as heretofore, and the duplicate bound in book form, to be retained as a permanent record at Division Headquarters.

Material and important changes have been made in Form 22 (Installing Officer's Report), Form 23 (Mustering Officer's Report), Form 29 (Special Dispensation), and Form 26 (Charter Applications).

The complete set of Division Records, with the aforesaid blanks changed to conform, will, as soon as completed, be forwarded to the Headquarters of each Division, with bill for same. Prompt payment therefor will be expected.

VII. After August 10 no requisitions for supplies will be filled from these Headquarters. This is necessary on account of change of Headquarters. It will, doubtless, be impossible for the incoming Commander-in-Chief to furnish supplies for three or four weeks after assuming command. Camps are, therefore, directed to secure before August 1. from their respective Division Headquarters, sufficient supplies to last them until October 1. Colonels of Divisions will be expected to make requisition upon the Quartermaster-General at these Headquarters before August 10 for sufficient supplies to last their respective Divisions until October 1.

VIII. Colonels will call attention in next Division Order to sections 2, 3, 5 and 7 of this General Order.

IX. By unanimous vote of the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (Proceedings, page 152) it was recommended "That a committee of five (5) be appointed by the Chair, one of which shall be the Commander-in-Chief, to prepare a set of resolutions and have the same suitably engrossed and framed, and presented to Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, Division of New Jersey, for the grand and substantial manner in which the Eighth Annual Encampment has been entertained."

"The Chair" having failed to appoint said committee, Gen. G. B. Abbott, Past Commander-in-Chief, Chicago, Ill.; Gen. Frank P. Merrill, Past Commander-in-Chief, Malden, Mass.; Col. S. E. Thomson, Washington, D. C.; Lieut.-Col. Henry B. Marchbank, Newark, N. J., and J. P. Sheridan are hereby detailed to immediately prepare and forward to Camp 8, Paterson, N. J., appropriate resolutions in compliance with said action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Charter applications have been approved as follows since the issuance of last General Orders:

Date.	Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.	Date.	Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.
June	5. 237	Butterville	Ind.	25	June	18. 86	Verona	Wis.	10
"	5. 330	Greenup	Ill.	15	"	18. 87	Monomonic	Wis.	15
"	5. 82	River Falls	Wis.	26	"	18. 88	Ontario	Wis.	28
"	5. 63	Plover	Wis.	16	"	21. 24	Monroe	Ky.	29
"	5. 191	Thayer	Kan.	20	"	21. 16	Sub Rosa	Ark.	20
"	6. 451	Sunburg	Ohio	26	"	21. 220	Tabor	Iowa	23
"	6. 192	Wilsey	Kan.	16	"	21. 221	Orient	Iowa	22
"	6. 53	Branswick	W. Va.	20	"	21. 222	Grant	Iowa	17
"	9. 14	Centralia	Wash.	16	"	21. 452	Charloe	Ohio	15
"	9. 218	Reinbeck	Iowa	19	"	21. 274	Lemont	Penn.	23
"	9.	Middletown	Penn.	31	"	23. 12	Astoria	Oregon	14
"	10. 37	Wilmington	N. Y.	25	"	23. 173	Jasper	Mo.	38
"	10. 17	Port Byron	N. Y.	26	"	25. 17	Fallsville	Ark.	20
"	10. 55	Norwood	N. Y.	21	"	25. 219	Brighton	Iowa	20
"	10. 74	Hamilton	N. Y.	18	"	25. 221	Iowa Falls	Iowa	20
"	10. 228	Huntingbush	Ind.	30	"	25. 197	Lenora	Kan.	15
"	10. 229	Mitchell	Ind.	30	"	28. 39	Lyons	N. Y.	19
"	10. 240	Mishawaka	Ind.	37	"	28. 104	Perry	N. Y.	20
"	12. 193	Winchester	Kan.	23	"	26. 453	Pino Grove	Ohio	20
"	14. 123	Little Falls	N. Y.	28	"	27. 19	Lonaconning	Md.	25
"	14. 11	Hood River	Ore.	21	"	27. 20	Emmettsburg	Md.	46
"	14. 241	Breck	Ind.	27	"	27. 454	Tiro	Ohio	11
"	14. 242	Elizaville	Ind.	40	"	27. 275	West Chostor	Penn.	31
"	16. 191	Goff	Kan.	21	"	27. 276	New Brighton	Penn.	17
"	16. 195	Pratt	Kan.	17	"	27. 174	Middletown	Ky.	28
"	16. 117	Hanover	Mars	28	"	28. 25	Burtonville	Mo.	15
"	16. 172	Louisburg	Mo.	31	"	28. 14	Forest Grove	Ore.	10
"	16. 171	Belgrade	Mo.	26	"	28. 65	Eagle Lake	Minn.	23
"	17. 31	Santa Rosa	Cal.	12	"	28. 66	Kurota	Minn.	17
"	17. 204	Bolding	Mich.	21					
"	18. 70	Lowell	Vt.	17					
"	18. 196	Burlingame	Kan.	14	Total No. Camps.	63	No. appl't.	1,508	
"	18. 84	Prescott	Wis.	12	No. on last G. O.	513		10,142	
"	18. 85	Almapoo	Wis.	12					
					Grand totals.	576		11,650	

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 1, 1890. }

General Order }
 No. 8. }

I. The custom of decorating the coat with a profusion of badges and ribbons of variegated colors, is being carried to an extreme. It might be appropriate for an Indian brave at a war dance, but it is unmilitary and brings our Order into contempt. The Commander-in-Chief hopes that the custom will be discontinued by members of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

II. Harry B. Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel and Aid-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief for Alabama and Tennessee, having removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, has tendered his resignation as such Aid-de-Camp and the same has been accepted.

III. Aids-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, with rank of Colonel, from August 1, 1890, are hereby appointed for Rhode Island Division, as follows: T. M. Sweetland, Pawtucket; Charles L. Pettis, Providence. They will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

IV. Edward H. Davis, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, is hereby appointed an Aid-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, for Oklahoma Territory, with rank of Lieutenant-Colonel from August 1, 1890. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

V. Brothers are urged to wear some one of the button-hole decorations of the order on the lapel of the coat when not uniformed. The button is neat and a ready source of recognition between brothers who are strangers.

VI. Captains of Camps intending to enter the Prize Drill at St. Joseph, Mo., August 26, will,

FIRST—Procure IMMEDIATELY, through the Adjutant-Generals of their respective States, permission from Governor Francis, of Missouri, to enter the State under arms.

SECOND—Make formal entry for the drill by notifying Adjutant-General Bookwalter at these headquarters as early as possible, and not later than August 15, of such intention, giving name of Captain, location, name and number of Camp, number of men who will be in attendance, and number who will enter the drill.

THIRD—Forward a DUPLICATE of the statement last mentioned to Colonel H. J. Kline, Chairman Committee on Reception, Accommodation and Prize Drill, St. Joseph, Missouri, and notifying him in addition to the foregoing, the hour of departure for St. Joseph, the route of travel, and the hour of arrival.

The drill programme will be furnished Captains of competing companies on arrival at St. Joseph, Monday, August 25. It will be short and not difficult. The drill will probably occur Wednesday night, August 27, the grounds being lighted by electricity.

VII. Delegations intending to attend the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief should as early as possible inform Colonel H. J. Kline, St. Joseph, Missouri, of their numbers, the route by which they will enter the city and the hour of arrival.

All requests for accommodations must be made to Colonel Kline.

VIII. The Commander-in-Chief regrets that the work incumbent upon him in the settlement of accounts, the making and receiving of official reports, the preparation of the Digest of decisions on C., R. and R. and general arrangements for St. Joseph Encampment and the turning over to his successor the property and business of Headquarters with the least possible delay, render it impracticable for him to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston, Massachusetts, August 12 to 15. H. B. Baguley, Lieutenant-General, has been ordered to assume command on that occasion. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly. General Headquarters for Sons of Veterans will be established at the Probate and Insolvency Committee rooms, State House, Boston,

Massachusetts. All visiting Sons of Veterans, on entering the city, will report immediately to General Baguley at the State House for duty and assignments to place in Grand Parade. Headquarters Massachusetts Division will be established at Committee on Railroads room, State House.

Visiting delegations should immediately notify Colonel W. A. Stevens, Malden, Massachusetts, of their numbers, the route by which they will enter the city, and hour of arrival. Every visiting brother will be expected to join the Grand Parade on Tuesday morning, August 12.

IX. Colonels of Divisions have been duly elected and commissioned as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee	R. W. Biese	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Arkansas	Otis E. Gully	Springdale.
California	Fred V. Wood	Oakland.
Colorado	Chas. H. Anderson	Denver.
Connecticut	H. W. Wessells	Litchfield.
North Dakota	A. H. Davis	Lisbon.
South Dakota	C. B. Cooke	Arlington.
Florida	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Key West.
Illinois	Geo. B. Stadden	Springfield.
Indiana	John W. Newton	Winchester.
Iowa	John H. Pickett	Oskaloosa.
Kansas	C. D. Jones	Norton.
Kentucky	A. R. Dyer	London.
Maine	A. C. Cloudman	Cumberland Mills.
Maryland	S. E. Thomason, 1600 Q St. N. W.	Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts	W. A. Stevens	Malden.
Michigan	F. D. Eddy	Lowell.
Minnesota	E. D. Morris	Red Wing.
Missouri	H. J. Kline	St. Joseph.
Montana	A. E. Veazie	Helena.
Nebraska	F. J. Coates, Ch. of Commerce	Omaha.
New Hampshire	James A. Joyce	Great Falls.
New Jersey	Geo. H. Perkins	Atlantic City.
New York	Geo. Addington	Albany.
Ohio	Charles J. Deckman	Malvern.
Pennsylvania	Geo. W. Gerhard	Lock Haven.
Rhode Island	Theo. A. Barton	Providence.
Vermont	H. O. Bixby	Chelsea.
West Virginia	Edwin D. Hazen	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	Harry S. Fuller, 419 Milwaukee St.	Milwaukee.
Washington	B. W. Coiner	Tacoma.
Oregon	S. H. Griffith	East Portland.

All Camps in the Territory of Idaho are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Montana Division. All Camps in the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Colorado Division. All Camps in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Arkansas Division. All Camps in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Alabama and Tennessee Division. All Camps in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Delaware are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Maryland Division. All Camps in Oklahoma are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of Kansas Division.

They will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

X. Division By-Laws have been received and approved since last announcement, and are in full force and effect, namely:

Montana Division, July 26, 1890.

New Jersey Division, July 7, 1890.

XI. The official train of the Commander-in-Chief and party will leave Indianapolis for St. Joseph, Sunday noon, August 24, instead of Monday, August 25, as heretofore announced.

XII. Proceedings in Courts-Martial have been received and approved since last General Order, as follows:

Harry J. Taft, Washington, Division of Maryland—Embezzlement and appropriation of Camp funds.

Edmund E. Strawn, Fort Keogh, Division of Montana—Desertion from United States Army and embezzlement.

W. J. Colling, New York City, Division of New York—Embezzlement and violation of obligation.

Chas. J. Rumbaugh, Herring, Division of Ohio—Embezzlement of Camp funds.

John W. Dunlap, Allegheny, Division of Pennsylvania—Violation of obligation and conduct unbecoming a member.

Harry H. Leonard, Philadelphia, Division of Pennsylvania—Defrauding Camp and embezzlement of funds.

John H. Blake, Lock Haven, Division of Pennsylvania—Embezzlement and conduct unbecoming a member.

The sentence in each case was dishonorable discharge from the Order. The foregoing names will be entered on all Black books.

XIII. Amendments to the General Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, have been recommended by the respective Division Encampments as follows:

CALIFORNIA.—Page 5, Article V, Section 1: Strike out the word "sons," in the first line, and insert in its place the words "male descendants."

Page 5, Article V, Section 1: That the words in the sixth, seventh and eighth lines, "also upon attaining the age of twenty-one years, all sons of members of the Order in succeeding generations," shall be stricken out.

Page 47, Article IV, Section 5: Drop all after the word "him," in the fifth line, and add "upon his written application and the payment of a sum equal to the amount of one year's dues: *Provided*, That a two-third vote of all the members present shall be required to reinstate."

Page 48, Article V, Section 1: That the words in the second line, "between April 15 and June 1," be stricken out, and the words "between October 15 and December 1," be inserted in their place."

ILLINOIS.—Add to Section 1, Article X, Chapter V, page 56:

The device within the rank strap, shoulder strap or shoulder knots of the Camp Chaplain shall be a shepherd's crook, with two bars at either end, and of the Chaplain-in-Chief, a star within the crook.

Page 17, Article X:

That after the word "Chaplain" there be inserted the words "with rank of Second Lieutenant," to designate his rank clearly.

Page 12, Article VI:

After the word "Chaplain" there be inserted the words "with rank of Second Lieutenant," to designate his rank clearly.

Amend Section 3, Article VII, page 12, to read as follows:

"The Captain of a Camp shall, on his accession to the office, recommend to the Colonel the appointment of a Chaplain."

That Section 1, Article VII, page 26, be amended to read as follows:

"On the recommendation of the Captains of Camps the Colonel shall commission the Camp Chaplain with the rank of Second Lieutenant, and shall revoke the same upon the request of the commanding officer of the Camp."

Page 12, Section 1, Article VII, paragraph 2:

On the third line before the word "also" insert the word "may," and after the word "also" insert the words "be made." Page 17: That Article XII shall be transposed and attached to Section 1 of Article VII,

In Section 1, Article II, page 44:

Change the word "quarterly" to "semi-annually," and strike out the words "January and July;" change the word "three" in last line to "six."

In Section 2, Article II, page 44:

Change the word "quarterly," as often as it occurs, to "semi-annually."

In Section 6, Article II, page 45:

Change the word "quarterly" to "semi-annually," and strike out the words "January and July."

In Section 7, Article II, page 45:

Strike out the word "quarterly" and insert the word "semi-annually."

In Section 2, Article II, page 7:

After the word "meeting," in second line, insert the words "accompanied by the required muster fee."

In Section 5, Article IV, page 47:

In fifth line after the word "and" insert the word "only." In the same line after the word "as," strike out all that follows in the section and add the words "an applicant for original membership."

In Section 1, Article III, page 24:

Change "July 10" to "September 30."

Section 3, Article VI, of Division Constitution:

Any vacancies which may occur in the elective offices of the Division Encampment may be filled by the Division Council for the unexpired term; except in the case of the death, removal or resignation of the Colonel, the command shall devolve upon the Lieutenant Colonel, who shall be clothed with all the right, authority and honor of the office of Colonel.

Page 47, add to Section 6:

Colonels of Divisions may issue transfer cards or reinstate dropped members of any Camp that has surrendered its charter, provided the member so dropped has paid the Division Quartermaster the sum of fifty cents.

INDIANA.—"All acting officers of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, identifying themselves with and becoming members of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., shall be entitled to the Past Rank of similar officers of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., namely:

"Commander-in-Chief shall be entitled to the Past Rank of a Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

"Division Commanders to the rank of Past Colonels, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.; and,

"Post Commanders to the rank of Past Captains, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

"It shall be the duty of each outgoing Commander-in-Chief to prepare, have printed and turn over to his successor in office six thousand copies of the proceedings of the Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, at which his successor was elected, and a sufficient amount of money be annually appropriated by the Commandery-in-Chief to defray all costs, expenses and clerical assistance incident thereto.

"All Provisional Colonels' duly appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and serving as such until the expiration of their terms of office, shall be entitled to the rank, powers and privileges of Past Colonels."

MISSOURI.—That Section 1, Article VIII, page 26, be amended to read: "The Division Council shall consist of the Lieutenant-Colonel, who shall be chairman, the Major, and three elective members, none of whom shall hold any other office in the Division."

That Article V, page 5, be amended to read: "The male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861 to 1865, shall be eligible to membership: *Provided*, That no person shall be eligible who has been convicted of an infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the government of the United States."

NEBRASKA.—Chapter I, Article V—Eligibility to membership.

Section 1. "All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-65, shall be eligible to membership: *Provided*, That no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the government of the United States of America."

Chapter III, Article V.—Eligibility of Officers.

Section 1. Any member in good standing in a Camp, if present and assenting at the time of his election, shall be eligible to any office in the Division: *Provided*, That no member shall be eligible to the office of Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel or Major who has not served one year as Captain of some Camp in that Division, or having been elected to fill a vacancy served to the end of a term.

Chapter IV, Article V.—Eligibility of Officers.

Section 1. All members of the Order in good standing in their respective Camps shall be eligible to any office in the Commandery-in-Chief, if present and assenting at the time of election: *Provided*, That no member shall be eligible to the offices of Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General or Major-General who has not served one year as Colonel of a Division, or having been elected to fill a vacancy served to the end of a term.

Chapter V, Article IV.—Arrearages.

Section 5. Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of dues shall be dropped from the roll, and be reinstated only by the Camp which dropped him upon his paying the amount in arrears: *Provided*, That if his Camp be suspended or disbanded the Colonel of the Division shall have authority to issue him a transfer card when he shall have paid to the Division Quartermaster the amount that was due to his Camp.

OTTO.—Amendment to Section 1, Article V, page 5, C., R. and R.

After the word "generations," also the sons of daughters of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-65, continuing the remainder of the section as it now reads.

PENNSYLVANIA.—In Section 5, Article IV, Chapter V, Constitution, Rules and Regulations: Strike out "and reinstated only by the Camp which dropped him, and in the same manner as is provided in Article II, Sections 1-7, of the Constitution," and insert in lieu thereof, "and reinstated only in accordance with Article II, Sections 1-7, of the Constitution, by the Camp which dropped him, or by consent, by a three-fourths vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Camp which dropped him, by any Camp in the order."

Change Sections 5 and 6, Article II, Chapter II, to read:

Section 5. "If an applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned to him, and he shall not be eligible for admission to the Camp rejecting him for a period of three (3) months. A second application shall be made in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first."

Section 6. "The name of a rejected applicant shall be entered in the Black Book of the Camp rejecting him, but if he be subsequently admitted to the Camp, his name shall be stricken from the Black Book."

XIV. Changes in the Ritual have been proposed by the Divisions of California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. In accordance with the provisions of Article X, page 38, Commandery-in-Chief Constitution, these changes are not set out in full, but will be presented to the Committee on Ritual, to be appointed at the Ninth Annual Session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

XV. The final order of this Administration will be issued August 20, 1890.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

V. By-laws of Minnesota Division have been approved since issuance of last General Order and are now in full force and operation.

VI. Proceedings in Courts-Martial have been received and approved since last General Order as follows:

Frank Boyd, Camp No. 11, Geneva, Ind., conviction of an offense against the laws of Indiana.

H. L. Cummings, Camp No. 13, Stoughton, Mass., embezzlement.

George W. Tyson, Camp No. 34, Lambertville, N. J., intoxicated in camp-room; conduct unbecoming a member.

Gus. Nelson, Camp No. 42, LaCrosse, Wis., embezzlement.

The sentence in each case was dishonorable discharge from the Order. The foregoing names will be entered on all black books.

VII. The committee heretofore appointed has completed a Digest of Decisions on the Constitution, Rules and Regulations similar to the Grand Army Blue Book. It has been printed and substantially bound, and will be furnished on requisition or direct application to the Quartermaster-General for thirty-five (35) cents. The book ought to be in the hands of every commission officer in the Order within the next sixty days.

VIII. The official year (eleven months) just closing has not been unfruitful of results for the advancement of the Order. We have advanced not only numerically, but in efficiency and popular favor. A large number of newspapers have been established, devoted to the interests of the Order. The records of both National and Division Headquarters have been established on a substantial business basis. Over three thousand dollars in cash is on hand to be turned over, besides new furniture, records and other accessories to headquarters, of the value of several hundred dollars, and no debts. Two new divisions have been organized and three others will soon be ready. Six hundred and seventy-one Camps have been chartered during the eleven months, with a total membership of 13,587. The total gain in membership by organization and muster since September 14, 1889, is 25,028.

This is the last General Order of this Administration. It is issued with a sense of relief from responsibility and of sincere regret that the official relations of the past eleven months, which have been so pleasant, must so soon be severed.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Applications for Camp Charters have been received and approved since last General Order as follows:

Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.	Date.	No. Camp.	Location.	Division.	Appli- cants.
Aug. 4.	178.	DeKalb.	Mo.	14	Aug. 15.	248.	Delphi.	Ind.	32
" 4.	30.	Tyner.	Ky.	13	" 15.	17.	Holquan.	Wash.	17
" 4.	7.	Parisville.	N. Y.	16	" 15.	18.	Blaine.	Wash.	19
" 4.	144.	Rosendale.	N. Y.	19	" 15.	207.	Fremont.	Mich.	22
" 4.	32.	East Aurora.	N. Y.	17	" 18.	22.	Omaha.	Ark.	10
" 4.	20.	Huntington.	Ark.	21	" 18.	180.	Odessa.	Mo.	17
" 4.	21.	Hot Springs.	Ark.	12	" 19.	93.	Stockbridge.	Wis.	19
" 4.	102.	Petersburg.	Nob.	15	" 19.	338.	Gifford.	Ill.	15
" 4.	103.	Blair.	Nob.	26	" 19.	339.	Vermillion.	Ill.	28
" 7.	1.	Guthrie (Okla).	Kan.	15	" 19.	340.	McLeansboro.	Ill.	40
" 7.	337.	Chillicothe.		17	" 20.	72.	Danby.	Vt.	18
" 7.	92.	Sturgeon Bay.	Wis.	26	" 20.	458.	Malinta.	Ohio.	20
" 9.	24.	Catawissa.	Penn.	26					
" 9.	28.	Chester.	Penn.	17					
" 9.	437.	Columbiana.	Ohio.	21					
" 9.	179.	Green City.	Mo.	32					
" 11.	14.	Highlands.	Colo.	22					
					Total No. Camps . 29 No. appl'ts . . . 591				
					No. on last G. O . 612 " " . . . 12,996				
					Grand totals . 671 13,587				

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 2, 1889. }

Special Order }
 No. 1. }

In Order No. 4, Pennsylvania Division, issued by Col. Cott, October 10, 1889, in paragraph 12 thereof, appears the following:

"Col. Rake's Official Circular No. 1, dated September 1, 1888, is modified in so far that after an applicant's father is found to be a member in good standing in a Grand Army of the Republic Post, we can not properly inquire further into his right to membership so far as his father's record is concerned."

From this decision of Col. Cott, thus promulgated, Past Col. J. L. Rake, of Pennsylvania Division; Past Col. H. H. Hammer, Pennsylvania Division; C. E. Diefenderfer, late Delegate Pennsylvania Division, together with Gen. George G. Meade, Camp No. 16, S. V. U. S. A., Reading, Pa., appeal to the Commander-in-Chief.

After careful investigation of this appeal and the questions therein involved, it is the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief that for the good of the Order, the foregoing decision of Col. Cott ought not to be allowed to stand. In Chapter 1, Article V, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the qualifications necessary to entitle one to become a member of the Order are fully set forth. In Chapter 2, Article II, Sections 1 to 3, inclusive, the mode of ascertaining whether or not the applicant possesses the essential qualifications to entitle him to membership, is set forth in detail. Application blanks have been adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, and it is provided in Section 1 of Article II, Chapter 2, before mentioned, that the applicant for admission shall, in detail, upon one of these blanks furnished by Commandery Headquarters, give his "age, birth-place, residence and occupation, his father's name and rank, the company, regiment or ship to which his father belonged," etc. It is provided by Section 2 that this application *shall* be presented to the Camp vouched for by a member thereof, and the application *shall* then be referred to a committee of three "for investigation and report." Section 3 then provides that "the committee *shall* make careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application."

It seems to be very clear that the decision of Col. Cott, appealed from, is in direct conflict with the provisions of the foregoing sections. It evidently was not the intention of the framers of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to compel a Camp to accept an applicant for membership upon the bare evidence of his relatives' membership in some other organized body. It is true that in the latter part of Section 1, before referred to, it is provided that the applicant shall state to what Post of the Grand Army of the Republic his father belongs or did belong, if any, but this must be construed in connection with that which precedes it, namely, that he must state his father's name and rank, and the company, regiment or ship to which his father belonged. If it had been the intention to admit an applicant to membership upon the bare fact that his father may be a member of some Grand Army Post, it would have been the merest folly to have also him required to state his father's name, rank, company, etc. Had it been the intention of the framers of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations to make membership of the father in a Grand Army Post *conclusive evidence* of the eligibility of the son to become a member of our Order they would have so stated, but there appears to be nothing in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations justifying such conclusion, but, on the contrary, the plain and fair construction thereof, the requirement that the applicant *shall* state his father's name, rank, company, regiment or ship, that a committee of three *shall* be appointed, who "*SHALL* make careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application and recommend his election or rejection," all make it perfectly clear that it is not only the *privilege*, but the *duty* of every Camp, through a properly appointed committee, to make careful investigation of the record of an applicant's father before admitting the son to membership in our Order, without regard to the fact that the father may be a member of some other organized body.

The appeal from the decision of Colonel Cott is, therefore, sustained, and the decision appealed from is hereby revoked.

Colonel Cott is hereby directed to promulgate this decision in full in his next order to Pennsylvania Division. By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 13, 1890. }

Special Order }
No. 1. }

SECTION I. It appearing by resolution of a committee appointed by General Lauder Post No. 5, Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, located at Lynn, Massachusetts, and by the report of a special committee appointed by Colonel D. B. Purbeck, commanding Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., all of which have been forwarded to these Headquarters, and by other competent and reliable authority, that the appeal for aid of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles R. Mudge Camp No. 1, Division of Massachusetts, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., located at Lynn, Massachusetts, in behalf of Members of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans of that city, was unnecessary and without sufficient cause, and is offensive to and repudiated by General Lauder Post, G. A. R., as evidenced by the report and resolutions of their committee in that behalf appointed. Section 12 of General Order No. 1, series of 1890, is hereby rescinded, and all brothers are hereby directed not to forward contributions for aid to the said Camp after receipt of this Special Order.

SECTION II. Section 3 of Special Order No. 60, issued by Colonel D. B. Purbeck, commanding the said Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., suspending Lieutenant-Colonel Charles R. Mudge Camp No. 1, of Lynn, Massachusetts, is unconstitutional, is without authority, and is therefore hereby overruled, annulled and declared to be of no force or effect. The only authority for the suspension of a Camp is that contained in Article I, Section 4, page 43 of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which reads as follows: "Section 4. Charters of Camps may be suspended or annulled by the Commander-in-Chief on the recommendation of Colonel of the Division."

From the reading of this section it is plain that it was the intention of the framers of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations that, as the Commander-in-Chief alone has the power to issue a charter to a Camp, give it life and put it into operation, therefore he alone, on recommendation of the Division Colonel, shall have the power to annul or suspend the same.

SECTION III. Colonel D. B. Purbeck, commanding the Massachusetts Division, is hereby directed to institute court-martial proceedings against all members of the committee of the said Lieutenant-Colonel Charles R. Mudge Camp No. 1, Division of Massachusetts, in accordance with Article VI, of the General Rules and Regulations governing the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., taking such steps as shall secure a full and fair investigation of the conduct of the members of said committee in this behalf, secure to them substantial justice, and sustain the dignity and principles of the Order which they represent.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1890. }

Special Order }
 No. 2. }

SECTION 1. Charges of a damaging nature having been preferred against Lieut.-Col. Edward E. Philbrook, Aide-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, calling in question his conduct in certain matters therein set forth as a member of Shepley Camp No. 4, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Portland, Me., he is hereby suspended as an Aide-de-Camp on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief until the said charges may be investigated and determined.

SECTION 2. The charges preferred against Lieut.-Col. Philbrook reflect upon his conduct as a member of Shepley Camp No. 4, Portland, Me., and have no relation to his conduct as an Aide-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, having occurred previous to his appointment as such Aide-de-Camp. They are, therefore, peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the Colonel commanding Maine Division. The said charges and specifications are, therefore, hereby referred to Col. C. F. Hutchins, commanding said Division, and he is hereby directed to immediately convene a Court-Martial, which shall proceed to investigate and try the charges preferred against the said Edward E. Philbrook.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., February 20, 1890. }

Special Order }
 No. 3. }

SECTION 1. Col. Sherman J. Brown having tendered his official resignation as Colonel commanding Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., the same is hereby accepted, to take effect February 28, 1890. He is hereby directed to turn over all moneys, property and supplies of every character belonging to the said Maryland Division, to Lieut.-Col. E. M. Leonhardt, of said Division, who is hereby directed to receive the same and assume command of the said Division until a successor to Colonel Brown may be duly elected in accordance with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. He will be honored and obeyed accordingly.

SECTION 2. On assuming command of Maryland Division, Lieut.-Col. E. M. Leonhardt will immediately call together the Division Council for the election of a Colonel to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Col. Sherman J. Brown, as prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
 ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
 INDIANAPOLIS, IND., March 15, 1890. }

Special Order }
 No. 4. }

I. The brothers hereinafter named are hereby detailed for duty as members of the Committee on Transportation for the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., which will occur at St. Joseph, Missouri, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1890, viz.:

Otto Gresham	Ingalls' Block	Indianapolis, Ind.
Wm. M. Evans	Johnson Building	Cincinnati, Ohio.
G. B. Abbott	163 State St.	Chicago, Ill.
E. Clark Evans		St. Paul, Minn.
Charles H. Anderson		Denver, Col.
Phil. Kearney Gordon	613 Market St.	San Francisco, Cal.
B. W. Frauenthal	Union Depot	St. Louis, Mo.
Theo. W. McKnight		New York City.
J. Lewis Rake		Reading, Pa.
F. E. Ernst		St. Joseph, Mo.

II. Brother Otto Gresham is hereby designated as chairman of said Committee. The members of said committee will immediately place themselves in communication with the chairman thereof.

III. It will be the duty of said committee to take such action through the chairman thereof as will secure for members of the Order desiring to attend the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the best possible rates of transportation. Individual members of said committee will be expected to look especially after the making up of parties, the securing of special cars and through car service, the furnishing of information to brothers who desire to attend, and the securing of rates in their respective localities.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., April 14, 1890. }

Special Order }
No. 5. }

I. New blank forms, Nos. 47, 49 and 50, have just been provided at these Headquarters.

No. 47 is the blank report of Camp Captains to Division Surgeons, and should be made out in duplicate by each Camp Commander, one copy being forwarded to the Division Surgeon and the second copy filed on the Camp records.

No. 49 is a blank certificate of the election of Division officers, which, according to instructions thereon, should be made out in duplicate by all Division Colonels, one copy being forwarded to the Adjutant-General at these Headquarters and the Second being filed in the Headquarters of the Division.

No. 50 is a blank certificate of the election of delegates and alternates to the Annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief, and also a certificate of Past Colonels entitled by such rank to a vote therein, and, in accordance with instructions thereon, should be made out in duplicate, one copy being retained at Division Headquarters and two copies forwarded to the Adjutant-General.

II. The above mentioned blanks are of great importance, and Colonels of the various Divisions are hereby ordered to procure an adequate supply of the same from the Quartermaster General. Not less than two copies of No. 47 should be ordered for each Camp. Nos. 49 and 50 are solely for the use of Division Colonels, and should be ordered in sets of not less than twelve (12) nor more than sixty copies each.

III. A new and elegant form of Division Charter has been designed and lithographed. Colonels of Divisions not already provided are therefore hereby instructed to immediately forward to the Adjutant-General the names of the charter members of such Division, together with application and fee of ten dollars, on receipt of which a Charter will be duly forwarded.

Colonels of Divisions not already duly chartered will be expected to give this matter immediate attention.

PRICE LIST.

Form 47, per 100	30c
Form 49, per set of 12 (larger orders in proportion)	15c
Form 50, per set of 12 (larger orders in proportion)	25c

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 3, 1890. }
Special Order }
No. 6. }

I. Since the issuance of General Order No. 7, Current Series, the Local Committee of Arrangements for the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief has notified the Commander-in-Chief of their intention to further increase the prizes to be competed for, which will now stand as follows:

First prize, cash.	\$450 00
Second prize, cash.	200 00
Third prize, Camp Colors, value	150 00

Colonels are hereby directed to call attention of Camps to the foregoing facts in their next Division Orders.

II. In making consolidated reports for the quarter ending June 30, 1890, Adjutants and Quartermasters will use the new forms furnished from these headquarters, retaining duplicate of the same in book provided for the purpose. Colonels are expected to forward these reports to National Headquarters not later than July 25.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 11, 1890. }
Special Order }
No. 8. }

I. Inspectors of the Divisions of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Alabama, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Dakota, South Dakota, Maine Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey and Florida are hereby ordered to forward their consolidated reports of division inspections to Inspector-General Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.

II. Colonels of the above mentioned divisions are hereby charged with the duty of securing a prompt compliance with this order. No division should fail to have these reports in the hands of the Inspector-General later than the 20th inst.

By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 24, 1890. }
Special Order }
No. 9. }

I. All appointive members of the Council-in-Chief (being the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief) are hereby directed to prepare and forward in time to reach these Headquarters not later than August 15, their annual official reports to the Commander-in-Chief. The receipt of such reports at a later date would embarrass the Commander-in-Chief in the preparation of his official report to the Commandery-in-Chief.

II. All members of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief are hereby directed to report for duty, attired in the regulation uniform appropriate to their respective ranks, at St. Joseph, Mo., August 25, 1890, preparatory to the meeting of the 9th Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, which convenes on the morning of the 26th. *Full dress* will be expected on all occasions requiring the same.

III. While in attendance upon *business meetings* of the Council-in-Chief and Commandery-in-Chief, all officers, past officers and delegates will be expected to appear at all times attired in the *fatigue* uniform appropriate to their respective ranks. Full dress is inappropriate while in attendance at ordinary business sessions of the Order.

IV. A special meeting of the Council-in-Chief is hereby called for August 23, 1890, at 12 M., Room 3, State House, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the examination of the books, papers, vouchers, accounts and bills of the various officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, in accordance with Sections 3 and 4, Constitution, Rules and Regulations. By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Special Order }
No. 10. }
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Aug. 8, 1890. }

The Chaplain-in-Chief reports that several of the Division Chaplains have failed to report to him. All Division Chaplains who have not already done so are hereby directed to report immediately to Clay D. Herod, Chaplain-in-Chief, covering the points indicated by blanks heretofore furnished by him for that purpose.

Division Colonels are directed to look to the immediate enforcement of this Order. It is of great importance.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

By order of

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Circular Letter }
No. 1. }
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., }
ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, }
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 2, 1890. }

The Commander-in-Chief is greatly embarrassed and chagrined by information just received to the effect that certain enthusiastic and well meaning brothers have, without his knowledge or consent, issued circulars to the various Camps in the Order requesting contributions to a fund from which it is proposed to purchase for him a magnificent sword of the value of \$2,000. It is learned from unofficial sources that a considerable sum of money has already been contributed and is in the hands of the soliciting committee.

While grateful to the brothers who have thus unintentionally placed him in an extremely embarrassing position, and admitting their good faith and good intentions, he nevertheless feels that he can not, with due respect to himself and the Order, accept such a gift, or, in fact, any other gift purchased with any part of the funds thus secured. It would be unfair to past Commanders-in-Chief whom the Order has not thus rewarded, and would establish a dangerous and very inconvenient precedent.

While thousands of Union soldiers are in paupers' homes, and soldiers' widows and orphans in absolute want and distress, would not the acceptance of such a gift be, not only a reflection upon the Commander-in-Chief, but tend to bring into contempt the Order at large. What war-like deeds has the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans ever performed that he should be the recipient of such a

magnificent emblem of authority? Would not the carrying out of the proposed scheme make us ridiculous in the eyes of the old soldier and of conservative, thinking people? Had we not better apply our surplus funds to the relief of the old soldier or the soldiers' orphans?

A considerable sum of money having already been contributed, what disposition shall be made of it, and of that which may hereafter be received by the committee? A part of the declared objects of our Order being "to care for helpless and disabled veterans, their widows and orphans," it is hereby respectfully suggested that this fund be devoted to some benevolent purpose, in connection with one of the National "Soldiers' Homes."

While the Commander-in-Chief can not consent to permit any part thereof to be appropriated to his personal benefit, nevertheless, the same having been subscribed and paid as a personal compliment to him, he will (with the consent and assistance of the soliciting committee) assume the responsibility of directing where and to what benevolent purpose the money shall be applied.

Camps or individuals who have contributed who are not satisfied to have their money thus appropriated can so signify through proper Division Headquarters. Silence will be construed to mean consent.

The Commander-in-Chief does not desire to appear ungrateful, for he very deeply appreciates the kindness of heart that suggested this movement, and the unselfish friendship of the brothers who have contributed of their time and money as an evidence of their good will, but he feels that in the manner indicated we may all appear consistent and maintain our self-respect.

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

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

Circular Letter No. 2. }	HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.,
	ROOM 3, STATE HOUSE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 25, 1890. }

To Division Colonels, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

There has been considerable delay in the matter of the payment of accounts due these Headquarters from a few Divisions, for the set of Division Records lately forwarded to the Headquarters of the various Divisions, with bill for same, and one Colonel has seen fit to question the authority of the Commander-in-Chief to prepare such records, or compel payment therefor.

The authority and duty of the Commander-in-Chief to prepare, designate and furnish both to Camps and Divisions, all necessary blank forms and books, has heretofore been generally conceded. No one conceding the right of the Commander-in-Chief to prescribe forms of blanks and books heretofore used by Camps and Divisions, ought to question his authority to prescribe and compel the use of all blanks and books, which, in his judgment, are essential to the proper and systematic conduct of the business of Division Headquarters. Either the Commander-in-Chief is authorized to designate and compel the use of all blank forms and books used by Divisions, or else he has not the authority to designate and compel the use of any. To permit each Division Colonel to prepare and furnish at his own option, the blank forms and books, which, in his judgment, seem best fitted for the business of his Division, would result in the printing of a separate form of each blank and book for each Division, and each new Colonel would see wherein he might improve upon the blanks and books used by his predecessor. There would be constant changing. Such chaos and confusion would be an irreparable injury to the Order, and very expensive.

At the First Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, held at Pittsburgh in 1882 (see Proceedings, page 16, report of Council-in-Chief), it was ordered

"that the Commandery-in-Chief do furnish all supplies appertaining to the Order, the price of which shall be fixed by the Commandery-in-Chief at a price above the actual cost of manufacture."

On November 1, 1883, (see page 15, Proceedings Second Annual Encampment) the Quartermaster-General issued a circular stating that "in accordance with the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief at the recent National Encampment, all supplies must be furnished from these Headquarters, through the regular channels."

In 1884 at the Third Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (page 52 of Proceedings thereof) it was ordered "that all supplies, blank forms, badges, etc., etc., be purchased direct from the Commandery-in-Chief, through the proper channels."

In 1885 at the Fourth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (page 20 of Proceedings) "the adoption of a uniform set of books and blanks, to be kept by officers of the several Grand Divisions, Divisions and Camps of our Order," was recommended.

In 1886 at the session of the Fifth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief (page 49 Proceedings thereof) it was recommended in the report of the Quartermaster-General, and the report approved "that the procuring of supplies from any other source than the Commandery-in-Chief be made the subject of discipline."

Finally, on page 45, Section 8, Constitution, Rules, and Regulations of the Order, it is said: "Section 8.—The Adjutant-General shall, under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief, carefully establish and maintain suitable forms, * * * * and all supplies of whatever kind SHALL be furnished by the Commandery-in-Chief, through the proper channels."

The foregoing references would seem to place the authority of the Commander-in-Chief, in this instance, beyond dispute, but to make assurance doubly sure, before preparing or printing the sets of Division records in question, he was authorized by the official vote of the Council-in-Chief to prepare the same, forward to Divisions, and compel payment therefor. (See General Order No. 7, Series 1890, section 6.) The power and authority of the Commander-in-Chief in the premises is therefore ample and his duty plain.

As to the expediency and necessity of establishing a uniform system of records for the use of Division Headquarters there ought to be no controversy. It is true that a very few of the Division officers have supplied their headquarters with sets of books which answer their purposes fairly well, but none of them are as comprehensive as the set of books furnished from these Headquarters, and in a great majority of the Divisions the Commander-in-Chief has found a painful lack of any attempt at systematic business methods or the keeping of Division records. The adoption of a uniform system for the keeping of records and accounts for Division Headquarters has come to be absolutely essential. Our Order has grown to magnificent proportions and it is high time that we begin to lay substantial business foundations in every department on which to base our future growth. The Commander-in-Chief has no right to direct that ONE Division shall use a certain set of records unless the order apply to ALL Divisions. He can not make "flesh of one and fowl of another." He must direct the use of these records by all Divisions or by none. The fact should be borne in mind that the purchasing of these supplies by the Commander-in-Chief in large quantities has enabled him to furnish them to Divisions at remarkably low figures.

Of necessity our organization can have but one Commander-in-Chief, and unless he misconstrues his powers and duties to the Order, it is obligatory upon him to prescribe and furnish, at the lowest possible price, all blanks and books which, in his judgment, are essential to the proper and systematic conduct of the business of the Order.

On page 44, section 3, Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Order, it is provided: "Section 3. Each Division Commander, on behalf of the Division he commands, shall make final settlement with the Commander-in-Chief, not later than fourteen days prior to the annual sitting of the Council-in-Chief, for the final auditing of the accounts of said Commander-in-Chief." The annual sitting of the Council-in-Chief for the

final auditing of the accounts of these headquarters will be held on the 25th day of August, 1890. Colonels of Divisions, therefore, will be expected, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing section, to make final settlement with these headquarters not later than the 11th day of August, 1890.

The Commander-in-Chief has no hesitation in asserting that the time and labor spent in devising the set of records in question was a service in which he will be sustained by the sentiment of the Order. Had the same work been accomplished years ago there would have been less confusion in the annual turning over of Division property, more money in Division treasuries, less bitterness in the annual settlements of Division accounts, fewer mistakes and fewer charges of misappropriations of funds. The careful use of the set of records in question will systematize and thereby greatly lessen the work of Division headquarters.

This statement of facts is made with the belief that it will remove any misunderstandings and convince Division Colonels that it is to their own and the Order's interest that they comply in this matter with the requirements of the Commander-in-Chief, and thereby avoid the inevitable results which a failure so to do will bring about.

Respectfully submitted, in F., C. and L.,
C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

TABLE No. 1. Adjutant General's Consolidated Report for the Quarter Ending on the Thirtieth Day of September, 1889.

DIVISIONS.	Number in Good Standing at last Report.	GAIN.			Aggregate.	LOSS.							Number Remaining in Good Standing.	Amount Remitted.			
		By Muster In.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.	By Death.	By Honorable Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.	By Dropped.	By Dishonorable Discharge.			Total Loss.		
																By Camp hav- ing Disbanded.	
Alabama and Tennessee	177	150	2	..	329	..	1	..	1	94	..	..	..	..	..	233	\$9 32
Arkansas	12	104	..	..	116	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	112	14 16
California	265	88	..	70	158	..	..	..	..	159	..	..	..	..	..	253	13 31
Colorado	192	31	..	57	229	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	609	8 30
Connecticut	696	34	2	25	61	..	..	..	..	43	..	..	..	..	..	60	28 80
North Dakota	127	7	..	..	134	..	..	..	..	83	..	..	..	..	..	51	2 53
South Dakota	277	68	..	66	134	..	..	..	..	235	..	..	..	..	..	176	11 08
Florida	43	12	..	..	411	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	53	2 12
Illinois	4,222	391	17	525	933	..	..	..	..	19	12	1	1	18	3	798	195 28
Indiana	3,558	229	16	222	467	..	..	..	..	16	5	1	1	6	6	3,415	138 76
Iowa	1,849	221	5	183	409	..	..	..	..	4	4	10	16	16	3	3,892	81 48
Kansas	2,158	428	3	132	563	..	..	..	..	1	7	31	36	12	1	2,305	97 96
Kentucky	119	11	2	115	126	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	107	8 88
Maine	1,027	11	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	286	33 01
Maryland	312	70	..	83	153	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	313	15 81
Massachusetts	3,507	199	32	43	274	..	..	..	..	32	22	22	290	..	..	345	139 60
Michigan	2,820	548	6	33	587	..	..	..	..	9	9	9	390	..	..	2,915	117 62
Missouri	1,642	592	6	236	856	..	..	..	..	5	5	26	570	..	..	1,892	85 00
Minnesota	856	103	2	54	159	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	172	..	..	183	35 44
Montana	189	16	2	..	18	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	40	..	..	163	8 92
Nebraska	788	176	1	178	866	..	..	..	..	6	3	5	45	..	..	50	36 68
New Hampshire	815	59	3	97	159	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	140	..	..	188	35 68
New Jersey	1,636	108	..	23	131	..	..	..	..	7	1	2	121	..	..	135	78 86
New York	1,584	50	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	380	..	..	652	48 72
Ohio	9,525	940	51	218	1,639	..	..	..	..	30	51	366	1,366	..	..	1,231	48 92
Pennsylvania	6,235	423	13	84	520	..	..	..	..	9	9	34	1,225	..	..	1,499	370 16
Rhode Island	365	82	2	..	84	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	6	..	..	11	438
Vermont	318	32	4	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	104	..	..	120	17 52
West Virginia	700	212	3	45	73	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	..	..	898	37 96
Wisconsin	700	212	3	175	390	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	202	..	..	886	13 60
Total	44,766	5,420	183	2,517	8,120	199	51	141	266	8,368	73	14	9,115	43,771	\$1,871 99		

TABLE No. 2. Adjutant General's Consolidated Report for the Quarter Ending on the Thirty first Day of December, 1889.

DIVISIONS.	Number in Good Standing at last Report.	GAIN.			Aggregate.	LOSS.							Number remaining in Good Standing.	Amount Reverted.
		By Muster In.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		By Death.	By Honorable Discharge.	By Suspended.	By Dropped.	By Dishonorable Discharge.	Total Loss.			
												By Camp having Disbanded.			By Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.	By Dropped.	By Dishonorable Discharge.	Total Loss.
Alabama and Tennessee	233	81	76	159	392	1	1	1	1	2	16	19	373	10
Arkansas	112	12	24	75	187	1	1	1	1	1	50	5	186	5 72
California	236	74	144	225	481	1	1	1	1	1	65	79	402	22 00
Colorado	208	18	23	231	251	13	13	13	13	13	18	33	198	7 92
Connecticut	695	80	29	121	816	10	10	10	10	10	46	70	746	31 45
North Dakota	174	20	13	33	81	1	1	1	1	1	3	7	177	3 60
South Dakota	124	40	58	98	274	1	1	1	1	1	86	87	187	12 01
Florida	453	1	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	2 16
Illinois	4,552	583	12	1,095	5,455	6	13	35	379	16	449	5,005	222 24	
Indiana	1,924	310	201	517	2,441	4	3	11	256	6	274	2,167	95 44	
Iowa	3,247	503	17	659	3,906	5	5	22	276	1	314	3,592	141 32	
Kansas	2,317	353	20	589	2,976	10	9	26	203	1	217	2,759	112 60	
Kentucky	2,107	130	76	184	2,467	8	5	4	102	1	114	2,353	9 40	
Maine	844	47	5	54	907	2	2	2	11	1	19	887	10 32	
Maryland	313	10	10	54	369	10	10	10	13	13	15	348	113 00	
Massachusetts	3,256	301	29	397	3,883	9	16	24	374	3	335	3,548	113 00	
Michigan	2,915	180	67	267	3,179	60	3	19	211	1	271	2,908	117 00	
Minnesota	1,852	50	72	123	1,975	10	9	9	68	3	86	1,889	113 00	
Missouri	1,852	329	430	762	2,613	10	1	21	368	12	400	2,213	107 52	
Montana	1,198	67	2	69	1,267	1	1	1	20	1	22	1,245	11 72	
Nebraska	916	190	3	196	1,112	2	8	6	112	12	128	984	39 48	
New Hampshire	780	56	56	118	901	4	4	4	9	1	125	776	33 40	
New Jersey	652	35	1	107	755	4	2	1	179	1	189	566	82 80	
New York	1,224	378	4	543	1,787	21	3	18	49	1	102	1,685	74 60	
Ohio	1,024	783	38	1,421	2,445	74	80	54	1,005	1	1,173	9,281	395 36	
Oregon	4,481	417	8	621	5,102	370	11	7	316	166	879	4,225	298 96	
Pennsylvania	1,338	86	3	90	1,424	21	2	2	14	5	116	1,308	20 28	
Rhode Island	898	129	9	212	1,110	3	1	6	100	5	116	994	39 12	
Vermont	245	59	53	112	407	2	1	1	98	23	124	283	14 36	
Washington	245	89	19	119	407	3	4	4	167	1	179	228	44 12	
West Virginia	1,021	86	4	119	1,140	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Wisconsin	43,903	5,446	188	3,451	52,988	592	72	136	298	293	4,921	46,724	\$2,074 77	
Total	43,903	5,446	188	3,451	52,988	592	72	136	298	293	4,921	46,724	\$2,074 77	

TABLE No. 3. Adjutant General's Consolidated Report for the Quarter Ending on the Thirty-first Day of March, 1890.

DIVISIONS.	Number in Good Standing at last Report.	GAIN.			Aggregate.	Loss.						Number Remaining in Good Standing.	Amount Remitted.	
		By Muster In.	By Transfer.	By Reinstatement.		Total Gain.	By Discharge.	By Transfer.	By Suspended.	By Dropped.	By Dishonor.			Total Loss.
Alabama and Tennessee	373	26	1	4	96	5	5	169	1	180	283	\$1 56		
Arkansas	130	26	2	27	157	5	3	146	8	159	157	7 36		
California	402	25	7	32	465	7	1	146	1	159	309	13 80		
Colorado	198	7	1	8	253	2	5	39	8	42	265	9 04		
Connecticut	746	69	7	76	838	7	5	18	1	19	746	29 04		
North Dakota	77	7	1	8	81	1	1	170	1	172	65	2 00		
South Dakota	183	23	1	24	302	1	1	170	1	172	132	8 88		
Florida	51	23	1	24	302	1	1	170	1	172	132	8 88		
Illinois	5,064	874	30	206	6,110	30	36	579	25	612	5,504	228 40		
Iowa	2,163	220	17	204	2,626	4	11	21	1	32	2,056	85 08		
Indiana	3,768	380	10	100	4,066	3	7	32	21	618	3,295	135 80		
Kansas	2,652	483	7	62	3,185	11	45	732	2	785	2,390	98 12		
Kentucky	83	5	1	6	287	1	1	10	88	100	187	8 20		
Maine	1,029	149	2	74	1,154	1	1	179	3	185	969	41 04		
Maryland	462	119	75	124	521	10	38	177	504	372	504	20 16		
Massachusetts	3,498	380	3	47	4,057	6	42	233	2	382	3,725	154 32		
Michigan	2,716	294	3	76	3,120	48	9	233	3	305	2,816	115 68		
Minnesota	865	176	1	24	1,089	7	17	68	8	92	865	42 36		
Missouri	2,239	473	19	241	2,972	11	13	333	8	372	2,600	113 04		
Montana	132	48	2	12	214	2	2	22	26	26	188	9 48		
Nebraska	964	144	2	22	1,162	19	2	10	3	134	1,118	45 60		
New Hampshire	719	47	3	27	856	13	4	101	3	110	746	30 92		
New Jersey	1,113	82	1	11	1,294	4	2	81	3	87	1,207	28 28		
New York	1,882	45	3	67	2,008	11	4	81	3	96	1,912	76 80		
Ohio	9,294	742	33	333	10,412	40	41	1,018	6	1,229	9,183	381 44		
Oregon	41	15	1	237	278	16	21	396	122	519	60	2 72		
Pennsylvania	5,154	455	15	237	5,862	245	16	82	10	261	5,652	216 04		
Rhode Island	507	167	3	172	679	14	5	140	11	176	659	26 48		
Vermont	1,060	123	2	162	1,291	1	5	140	11	176	1,115	44 04		
Washington	368	13	2	18	387	1	1	45	4	52	367	6 28		
West Virginia	306	32	1	31	339	2	2	8	1	156	317	14 08		
Wisconsin	1,024	138	1	11	1,254	1	1	147	4	156	1,068	44 08		
Total	48,446	5,925	259	2,273	56,903	521	61	328	224	7,546	49,357	\$2,055 48		

TABLE No. 4. Adjutant General's Consolidated Report for the Quarter Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June, 1890.

DIVISIONS.	Number in Good Standing at Last Report	GAIN.			Aggregate.	LOSS.							Number Remaining in Good Standing.	Amount Remitted.
		By Muster In.	By Transfer.			By Discharge.	By Suspended.	By Dropped.	Total Loss.					
			By Reinstatement.	By Statement.					By Dishonorable Discharge.	By Death.	By Discharge.	By Transfer.			By Dishonorable Discharge.
Alabama and Tennessee	289	65	1	1	356	8	12	11	1	1	15	841	\$16 69	
Arkansas	158	34	1	1	192	3	7	1	1	1	13	116	4 72	
California	309	74	135	2	520	4	5	1	1	1	79	442	23 08	
Colorado	218	73	2	2	300	4	3	1	1	1	11	253	9 00	
Connecticut	746	143	9	9	902	4	30	2	1	1	47	862	34 84	
North Dakota.	132	54	73	1	259	1	75	1	1	1	76	183	14 48	
South Dakota.	54	10	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	83	2 59	
Florida	504	2,890	61	61	8,160	12	191	1	1	1	191	7,969	391 32	
Illinois	1,923	248	11	28	2,210	12	442	8	1	1	485	1,725	79 72	
Indiana	3,302	976	14	53	4,345	11	57	13	3	2	76	3,580	139 11	
Iowa	2,614	718	10	31	3,376	1	24	4	1	1	53	2,839	122 48	
Kansas	187	41	1	1	237	4	61	17	1	1	65	172	6 88	
Kentucky	970	173	4	27	1,174	3	145	3	1	1	152	1,022	41 96	
Maine	501	144	8	155	659	2	97	2	1	1	102	557	23 28	
Maryland	3,725	450	105	90	4,371	3	62	9	3	1	299	4,072	170 60	
Massachusetts	2,815	335	13	76	3,239	16	12	303	5	13	344	2,897	118 92	
Michigan	1,013	161	2	32	1,211	131	8	45	2	1	201	1,010	41 68	
Minnesota	2,624	786	9	34	3,453	5	1,071	14	6	1	1,093	2,360	95 24	
Missouri	155	12	5	17	172	1	13	1	1	1	214	158	6 92	
Montana	1,118	161	6	14	1,299	20	14	227	3	1	264	1,035	41 96	
Nebraska	706	14	6	24	770	10	26	5	1	1	725	30 04	30 04	
New Hampshire	707	178	3	33	921	3	114	2	1	1	117	801	33 48	
New Jersey	1,951	416	21	450	2,401	16	12	117	4	10	165	2,236	92 32	
New York	9,174	852	60	125	10,211	27	62	2,127	15	15	2,271	7,940	322 60	
Ohio	62	98	125	98	160	57	57	57	1	1	57	103	4 36	
Oregon	5,206	672	8	124	6,010	11	15	878	144	1	1,061	4,949	210 36	
Pennsylvania	659	129	3	134	793	3	3	25	1	1	31	762	30 56	
Rhode Island	1,029	285	9	16	1,319	2	10	177	1	1	191	1,128	47 88	
Vermont	157	168	7	175	332	1	79	1	1	1	82	330	13 20	
Washington	321	44	20	61	385	1	1	1	1	1	1	303	12 96	
West Virginia	1,077	242	28	272	349	2	343	1	1	1	369	980	40 40	
Wisconsin	49,449	10,817	316	1,068	61,150	177	58	329	291	62	9,227	51,923	\$2,139 25	
Total	49,449	10,817	316	1,068	61,150	177	58	329	291	62	9,227	51,923	\$2,139 25	

TABLE No. 5.

Showing Number of New Camps Organized in the Various Divisions from September, 1889, to August 20, 1890, Inclusive; Also, Giving Number of Recruits.

DIVISIONS.	September, 1889.	October, 1889.	November, 1889.	December, 1889.	January, 1890.	February, 1890.	March, 1890.	April, 1890.	May, 1890.	June, 1890.	July, 1890.	August, 1890.	No. of Camps.	No of Applicants.
Alabama and Tennessee	2	1				1	4	1			2	3	11	195
Arkansas	1		1			1	1	1	1		3	3	13	241
California	1	2	2		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	170
Colorado						1	1	1	2	2			5	91
Connecticut		1	1	1		1	2	2	2		1		10	182
North Dakota			1			1	3	3					5	76
South Dakota		1	2				2						5	100
Florida								1					1	10
Illinois	2	5	7	3	9	8	7	5	4	1	7	4	62	1,269
Indiana		2	3	3	2	2	11	3	10	6	5	1	51	1,423
Iowa		4	1	4	2	4	4	3	8	6	2		38	775
Kansas		5	5	2	7	4	14	5	9	7	3	1	57	1,124
Kentucky		1	1	3				1	1	2	2	4	14	277
Maine		1					1		1	1	1	3	7	144
Maryland			1		1				1	1			5	136
Massachusetts	1		1	1	1	1	5	2	4	4	4		21	387
Michigan	3	3	1	2	1	5	2	2	2	2	1	1	22	380
Minnesota		1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2			14	300
Missouri	3	1	5	3	3	3	4	1	4	4	3	3	37	832
Montana														36
Nebraska		4	1	3	2	1	2	2	4		10	2	31	630
New Hampshire		2					1				1		4	60
New Jersey						17	6	2	6	7	7	3	7	135
New York		2	3	4		3	6	2	12	4	7	3	63	1,350
Ohio		8	4	3	5	3	4	2	11	4	4	2	51	1,030
Oregon			1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1			9	166
Pennsylvania		2		4	2	2	5	3	3	4	1	2	26	572
Rhode Island			1			2			1				5	195
Utah									1	1			1	13
Vermont		2	1	2	2		3	1	3	1	1	1	17	342
West Virginia						1			2	2	1		5	82
Wisconsin	1	2		3	2		3	4	5	7	3	2	34	616
Washington			1	2		1	4	1	2	1	2	2	16	329
Total	22	46	37	47	46	64	92	44	102	63	66	29	658	13,671

TABLE No. 6.

Comparing Number in Good Standing, Suspended and Total Number of Members, September 7, 1889, and the Number in Good Standing, Suspended and Total Number of Members August 20, 1890.

DIVISIONS.	Members in Good Standing August 10, 1889.	Members Suspended August 10, 1889.	Total Membership August 10, 1889.	Members in Good Standing July 1, 1890.	Members Suspended July 1, 1890.	Total Membership July 1, 1890.
Alabama and Tennessee	177	106	283	341	12	353
Arkansas	51		51	118	70	188
California	392	10	402	442	59	501
Colorado	192	7	199	253	21	274
Connecticut	696	26	722	862	30	892
Florida	42		42	63	1	64
Illinois	4,222	902	5,124	7,969	191	8,160
Indiana	3,558	513	4,071	3,589	670	4,259
Iowa	1,819	414	2,233	1,725	442	2,167
Kansas	2,159	442	2,601	2,839	431	3,270
Kentucky	119	97	216	172	61	233
Maine	1,027	171	1,198	1,022	145	1,167
Maryland	312	95	407	557	87	654
Massachusetts	3,507	146	3,653	4,072	174	4,246
Michigan	3,320	144	3,464	2,897	303	3,200
Minnesota	856	121	977	1,010	45	1,055
Missouri	2,142	10	2,152	2,300	1,071	3,431
Montana	189	44	233	158	13	171
Nebraska	788	142	930	1,033	227	1,262
New Hampshire	715	142	857	725	26	751
New Jersey	654	99	753	804	114	918
New York	1,522	77	1,599	2,236	117	2,353
North Dakota	123	3	126	132	170	302
Ohio	9,728	1,215	10,943	7,940	2,127	10,067
Oregon				103	57	160
Pennsylvania	4,403	370	4,773	4,919	878	5,827
Rhode Island	365	5	370	762	25	787
South Dakota	319	81	400	183	73	258
Vermont	901	87	988	1,128	177	1,305
West Virginia	318	87	405	303	79	382
Wisconsin	700	96	796	980	348	1,323
Washington				330		330
By Muster, New Camps since July 1	2,599			2,102		2,102
Total	47,577	4,555	52,132	51,157	8,256	62,413

RECAPITULATION.

Aggregate membership reported above	62,413
Suspended first quarter 1890 and not yet dropped	6,168
Total	68,581
See Table No. 9.	

TABLE No. 7.

Division Elective Officers, 1890-1891.

DIVISION.	COLONEL.	LIEUT. COLONEL.	MAJOR.
Alabama-Tennessee	R. W. Bieso	H. C. Wright	Valentine Gilt, Jr.
Arkansas	Otis E. Gulley	George Weymouth	J. H. Wilkins.
California	Fred. V. Wood	L. E. C. Jordan	W. B. Collins.
Colorado	Chas. W. Anderson	A. H. Davis	W. D. Wingett.
Connecticut	H. W. Wessells	F. W. Ingraham	A. E. Chandler.
Florida	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Not filled	Not filled.
Illinois	Geo. B. Staddon	John D. Hall	C. F. Mansfield.
Indiana	John W. Newton	W. G. Young	Will G. Beach.
Iowa	John H. Pickett	Lewis A. Dilley	G. Lee Smith.
Kansas	Chas. D. Jones	F. A. Agnow	E. D. Forno.
Kentucky	A. R. Dyebo	F. G. Singleton	W. S. Knight.
Maine	A. C. Cloudman	E. C. Moran	E. A. Vose.
Maryland	S. E. Thomason	Julius H. Reuss	Frank A. White.
Massachusetts	W. A. Stevens	Charles K. Darling	W. H. Delano.
Michigan	F. D. Eddy	H. C. Thompson	Geo. W. Stevens.
Minnesota	E. D. Morris	F. E. Austin	E. H. Klock.
Missouri	H. J. Kline	E. W. Raymond	C. C. Clendennin.
Montana	A. F. Venzie	Charles F. Morrison	W. J. Jameson.
Nebraska	F. J. Conates	F. P. Corrick	Geo. H. Palmer.
New Hampshire	James A. Joyce	Eugene Davis	George M. Gray.
New Jersey	George H. Perkins	Charles C. Linker	Charles Yeiler.
New York	George Addington	William H. Wyker	William Mudford.
North Dakota	A. H. Davis	E. L. Kinney	Fred Wondersholt.
Ohio	C. J. Deckman	Fred. D. Perry	J. B. Parker.
Oregon	S. H. Griffith	A. F. Hofer	Jiles Stophons.
Pennsylvania	Geo. W. Gerhard	H. L. Robelo	J. H. Krosge.
Rhode Island	Theo. A. Barton	E. O. Riggs	W. R. Williams.
South Dakota	C. B. Cooke	A. H. Pease	H. L. Hopkins.
Vermont	H. O. Bixby	K. W. Morso	H. C. Slack.
Washington	B. W. Coiner	E. E. Ileg	P. E. Randolph.
West Virginia	Edwin D. Hazon	A. W. Lewis	A. W. Westfall.
Wisconsin	H. S. Fuller	Louis Burgermeister	R. A. North.

TABLE No. 8.

Roster of Colonels, Sons of Veterans, U, S. A., 1890-91 :

DIVISION.	COLONEL.	ADDRESS.
Alabama and Tennessee .	R. W. Biese	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Arkansas	Otis E. Gulley	Springdale.
California	Fred. V. Wood	Oakland.
Colorado	Chas. H. Anderson	Denver.
Connecticut	H. W. Wessells	Litchfield.
North Dakota	A. H. Davis	Lisbon.
South Dakota	C. B. Cooke	Arlington.
Florida	J. W. V. R. Plummer	Key West.
Illinois	George B. Stadden	Springfield.
Indiana	John W. Newton	Winchester.
Iowa	John H. Pickelt	Oskaloosa.
Kansas	C. D. Jones	Norton.
Kentucky	A. R. Dyche	London.
Maine	A. C. Cloudman	Cumberland Mills.
Maryland	S. E. Thomason	1600 Q St. N. W. Wash- ton, D. C.
Massachusetts	W. A. Stevens	Malden.
Michigan	F. D. Eddy	Lowell.
Minnesota	E. D. Morris	Red Wing.
Missouri	H. J. Kline	St. Joseph.
Montana	A. E. Veazie	Helena.
Nebraska	F. J. Coates	Ch. of Commerce, Omaha.
New Hampshire	James A. Joyce	Great Falls.
New Jersey	George H. Perkins	Atlantic City.
New York	George Addington	Albany.
Ohio	Charles J. Deckman	Malvern.
Pennsylvania	George W. Gerhard	Lock Haven.
Rhode Island	Theo. A. Barton	Providence.
Vermont	H. O. Bixby	Chelsea.
West Virginia	Edwin D. Hazen	Parkersburg.
Wisconsin	Harry S. Fuller	419 Milwaukee St., Mil- waukee.
Washington	B. W. Coiner	Tacoma.
Oregon	S. H. Griffith	East Portland.

All Camps in the Territory of Idaho are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Montana. All Camps in the Territories of Arizona, New Mexico and Wyoming are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Colorado. All Camps in Texas are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Arkansas. All Camps in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee. All Camps in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Delaware are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Maryland. All Camps in Oklahoma are under the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Kansas.

TABLE No. 9.

Comparative Statement of the Number of Members under the Jurisdiction of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Close of the Last Seven Administrations:

ADMINISTRATIONS.	GOOD STANDING.	SUSPEND'D	TOTAL No. MEMBERS.
Administration 1883-1884	4,316		4,316
Administration 1884-1885	6,309	2,000	8,309
Administration 1885-1886	15,550	917	16,467
Administration 1886-1887	27,042		27,042
Administration 1887-1888	38,977	7,360	46,337
Administration 1888-1889	49,642	8,571	57,633
Administration 1889-1890	62,413	6,168	68,581

TABLE No. 10.

Statement of the Number of Courts-Martial Approved by the Commander-in-Chief During the Year Ending August 20, 1890:

DIVISIONS.	Sept., 1889.	Oct., 1889.	Nov., 1889.	Dec., 1889.	Jan., 1890.	Feb., 1890.	March, 1890.	April, 1890.	May, 1890.	June, 1890.	July, 1890.	August, 1890.	Total.
	Illinois			1					1				
Indiana												1	1
Maryland												1	1
Massachusetts								1					1
Missouri							1						1
Montana												1	1
Nebraska										1			1
New Jersey										1			1
New York													1
Ohio								1					1
Pennsylvania							1			1			3
West Virginia										1			1
Wisconsin												1	1
Total													21

In closing my report, I wish, as a member of your Staff, to tender you my sincere thanks for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me by you, in both our personal and official relations. While our labors have been quite arduous, it has always been a pleasure to me to feel that any effort or sacrifice made in behalf of the Order, has been appreciated by you, and I wish to assure you that in the years to come, it will always be a pleasure for me to remember that I was associated with you in your grand work for the Order. I have sir, the honor to remain

Yours fraternally in F., C. and L.,
C. A. BOOKWALTER, Adjutant-General.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: This report will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports, if there is no objection. The Quartermaster-General will now read his report.

Quartermaster-General Homan submitted the following report:

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A.

I have the honor to present the following report of the financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief for the term beginning September 14, 1889, to the present date:

Cash received from all sources	\$15,742 58
Of which \$1,263.48 was received from General Abbott's Administration	
The amount received for supplies was	\$6,236 46
The amount received for charter fees was	1,274 70
The amount received for per capita tax for the third quarter, 1889, was	1,871 99
For the fourth quarter, 1889	2,074 77
For the first quarter, 1890	2,048 81
For the second quarter, 1890	2,139 25
Received on miscellaneous accounts	96 60
Total	<u>15,742 58</u>

EXPENSES.

Transfer of Headquarters from Chicago, as shown by miscellaneous Voucher No. 2, and old Vouchers Nos. 98 and 99	\$149 48
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FURNITURE.

One file case, as per Supply Voucher No. 17	\$95 00
One base for letter case, as per Supply Voucher No. 30	25 00
One book case, as per old Voucher No. 96	10 00
One Remington typewriter and cabinet, Voucher No. 105	130 00
Bond of Commander-in-Chief, as per office expense Voucher No. 4	100 00
One gold medal for L. J. Webb, as ordered by 8th Annual Encampment, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 49	45 10

TRAVELING EXPENSES OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

To St. Paul, San Francisco, Omaha, etc., etc., as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 102	\$383 80
To Boston, New York Encampment, etc., as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 140	87 60
To Kansas Encampment, Oklahoma, St. Louis, etc., as per miscellaneous expense Voucher Nos. 50-75	90 22

To Chattanooga (Tenn.) Encampment, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 76	\$38 00
To Illinois Encampment, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher Nos. 143-161	48 45
To Connersville, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 27	7 20
To Fort Wayne, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 28	17 00
To Evansville, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 152	25 00

TRAVELING EXPENSES OF STAFF OFFICERS.

Adjutant-General Bookwalter to Kansas, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 66	27 85
Chief-of-Staff Winfrey to Chattanooga, Tenn., as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 65	25 00
Adjutant-General Bookwalter and Quartermaster-General Homan to Connersville, Fort Wayne and Evansville, as per miscellaneous expense Vouchers Nos. 28, 163 and 164	52 35
Firemen's Relief Fund, as per miscellaneous expense Voucher No. 83	25 00
Express, as per Office Expense Vouchers Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, 52, 54, 56, 61, 62, 63, 67, 68, 70, 71, 76, 78, 81, 82, 85, 88, 89, 97, 100, 102, 103, 105, 111, 113, 115, 117, 121, 122, 128, 129, 133, 136, 137, 138, 140, 144, 149, 156; express, as per Postage and Expense Vouchers Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 17; as per Miscellaneous Expense Voucher No. 162—Total	509 44
Postage, as per Office Expense Vouchers Nos. 95 (old), 10, 21, 23, 28, 30, 32, 34, 37, 39, 41, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 69, 72, 74, 75, 77, 79, 83, 84, 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 98, 99, 101, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 119, 120, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 139, 141, 142, 146, 147, 148, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 163; postage, as per Postage and Expense Vouchers Nos. 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18—Total	499 32
Telegrams, office expenses, as per vouchers No. 6, 142, 143, 145, 155, 164, 167; telegrams, miscellaneous expenses, as per vouchers Nos. 6, 8, 9, 19, 22, 23, 34, 41, 54, 55, 69, 78, 89, 110, 113, 114, 132, 136, 172, 175, 180, 181, 189, 190—Total	120 84
Clerical help in preparing, copying and rearranging records of Headquarters, as per miscellaneous vouchers Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 39, 42, 44, 47, 48, 51, 52, 53, 56, 61, 62, 68, 71, 72, 81, 84, 95, 100, 104, 105, 107, 108, 115, 116, 117, 120, 125, 129, 131, 134, 137, 142, 146, 148, 149, 153, 158, 159, 168, 177, 184, 188—Total	221 55
Salaries of Adjutant-General, Quartermaster-General and stenographer	2,000 00

SUPPLIES,

As shown by supply vouchers from 1 to 61, inclusive.	\$7,735 84	
Miscellaneous expenses, as shown by remaining vouchers.	576 28	
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Total expense		\$13,045 42
Cash on hand		2,697 16
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		\$15,742 58
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Supplies on hand.	\$2,119 81	
Records on hand.	442 75	
Furniture, decorations, etc., on hand	335 00	
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Cash on hand	\$2,897 56	
	2,697 16	
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Total property and cash on hand		\$5,594 72
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AMOUNTS DUE FROM DIVISIONS.

Alabama and Tennessee	\$21 05
Connecticut	1 20
North Dakota	13 24
South Dakota	16 00
Florida	12 93
Illinois	40
Iowa	2 98
Kansas	7 20
Maine.	4 32
Massachusetts	20
Michigan	27 43
Missouri	34 75
Montana	29 50
New York	50
Pennsylvania	97 03
Rhode Island	17 75
West Virginia	8 35
Oregon	18 85
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Total	\$313 68

DIVISIONS HAVING CREDIT BALANCE.

Kentucky	\$1 25
Ohio	53
Washington	2 30
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Total	\$4 08

Thanking all brothers with whom I have had official business for their uniform kindness and courtesy, I remain,
Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

E. W. HOMAN,
Quartermaster-General.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The report of the Quartermaster-General will be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

COLONEL S. E. THOMASON, of Maryland: General, I move we take a recess until 2 o'clock.

COLONEL J. H. HINKLEY, of Massachusetts: I move to amend that motion, that at 12 o'clock and thirty minutes we take a recess until 2 o'clock. In the meantime we can hear the report of the Inspector-General.

GENERAL MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I desire to say that my report is almost equal in length to that of the Commander-in-Chief, and it will require for its delivery at least an hour's time. If it is the pleasure of the Commandery that I proceed with it before dinner, I am ready.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: I think it is but right and proper that General Hall should not be placed in a position to have the reading of his report interrupted by a recess. It is a magnificent report, one we all wish to hear, and I hope that we may adjourn immediately.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Will it not be possible for us to take up the report of the Surgeon-General out of its order, and hear that before we take a recess?

The Lieutenant-General put the question on the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Hinkley, and the amendment was not agreed to.

The Lieutenant-General put the question on the original motion, which was agreed to, and the Commandery took recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, nobody has left the hall yet, and I ask for unanimous consent to re-assemble for the purpose of hearing a partial report from the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, which may materially expedite our business.

Cries of "consent," "consent."

The Commandery having been re-assembled:

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The report is as follows:

To the Commander-in-Chief:

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to make the following partial report:

1. We recommend the adoption of the recommendation of No. 5, of the Commander-in-Chief, and that the committee therein referred to be appointed forthwith, and we further recommend that said committee be known and designated as the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations; that the necessary expenses of said committee be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief, and that said committee shall report at the Tenth Annual Encampment.

Signed,

O. B. BROWN, *Chairman,*
E. W. HATCH,
JOS. B. MACCABE,
J. F. HUMANN,
B. W. COINER.

GENERAL MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I move that the recommendation of the committee be accepted and adopted.

SURGEON-GENERAL BRACKLOW, of New York: I second the motion.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Is it likely that the acceptance and adoption of this partial report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations will effect a practical stifling of the recommendations affecting the Constitution, Rules and Regulations made by the different Divisions, and hang all these matters up until this newly appointed committee shall act and report to the Tenth Annual Encampment? If that is to be the case, I think the Encampment should so understand it.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: No sir, it will not. The committee will be in session and continue their duties and will consider all matters brought before the committee. (Applause.)

The Chair put the question on General Hall's motion and the motion was agreed to.

Recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Commandery-in-Chief called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The order of business is Officers' reports. We will hear the report of the Inspector General, and I would suggest, if there is no objection, that the Inspector General at the same time make his report of inspection of Commandery-in-Chief headquarters. It will be remembered that I requested General Hall to appoint a committee, of which he himself would be a member, to inspect National Headquarters, and I suggest that he include that, also, in his other report.

Inspector General Marvin E. Hall submitted the following report:

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 25, 1890.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Complying with Section 2, General Order No. 3, Current Series, I detailed Chairman of the Elective Council, Frazee, of Ohio, and Past Judge Advocate General Appelget, of Nebraska, as assistants, and on April 1, 1890, made a thorough inspection of Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters. This being pioneer work in this line, your committee was compelled to formulate a plan for the inspection. Fixed interrogatories could not be used in this connection, so we began with records of the Order and made extensive inquiry into all methods heretofore used and then being used by the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

We found, of course, much crudity in all the work of the early administrations, and that in some instances much carelessness was manifest, much very important work having been neglected. For instance, we found very imperfect records in regard to the book for registering charters, hundreds of spaces being imperfect; in fact, so many, your committee thought best not to particularize; and

these imperfections are found in all the administrations, except the present one. Prior to January 1, 1889, the record of dates of charters does not appear. Since that date, however, the record is complete.

Of article 2, page 44, we found that section three, relative to division settlements with the Commandery-in-Chief, and the first clause of section 5, relative to noting date of receipt of returns, have not been carefully complied with; that in section 7, same article, relative to consolidated returns, ten days' grace has usually been granted.

A complete file of courts-martial proceedings appears only during the present administration, previous administrations having kept no record of these very important proceedings except as per printed proceedings, and the small book giving names, date, etc.

The Commandery-in-Chief books show nearly all the divisions indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief, while the reports of inspections of division headquarters show no indebtedness to the Commandery-in-Chief. Numerous letters are on file at Headquarters from division officers, claiming that no indebtedness existed; and inasmuch as we were unable to find any items for which this indebtedness was claimed, we recommend that in so far as these old standing differences are concerned, the books be at once balanced.

The present administration, at the time of our inspection, was conducting all business in a very careful manner, former administrations having been badly handicapped by lack of proper books. In all departments of headquarters business, under direction of Gen. Griffin, very complete books of record have been prepared, such as general index of documents, record of decisions by Commander-in-Chief, record of courts-martial, record of opinions and decisions for Judge Advocate General, record of revoked charters, record of commissions issued, record of division by-laws approved, record of dispensations, record of officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, also the National Reveille, properly bound and ready for reference. There has recently been added to the property at Headquarters a typewriter machine, with cabinet, officers' special file case, with base, base to cabinet, letter file, antique oak book case, and letter-press with blotter-bath.

Your committee, with Gen. Griffin, discussed at some length the advisability and desirability of complete sets of books of all necessary kinds for divisions, since which time the Council-in-Chief has seen fit to order such books made and distributed to the Division officials, making their purchase compulsory. This insures uniformity in Headquarters work throughout the Order.

We found all documents and papers requiring secrecy or fire protection prudently cared for in fire-proof vaults. The form of bonds at present in use by the Order is in some States invalid, and we recommend that the same be changed to a joint and severalty bond, so the same may be valid in all States. Your committee regard this a very important matter, and urge that the incoming administration make the necessary change in the blank at once. Every safeguard possible against loss to the Order or temptation to its treasurers should be provided. Your committee found a large mass of Rituals, Constitutions, blank forms, etc., etc., of ancient dates, which have become obsolete and useless through revisions, and we recommend that the same be destroyed by the incoming administration. Your committee deems it a matter of sincere congratulation that the affairs of the Order in general have, as a rule, had honest and intelligent attention, and we believe that, with the improved facilities now in use, its business may be prosecuted with celerity and exactness. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

MARVIN E. HALL,
A. M. APPEGET,
HENRY FRAZEE,

Committee.

HILLSDALE, MICH., August 13, 1890.

To General Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and the Members of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

DIVISION INSPECTIONS.

BROTHERS—Following the precedent established last year, a thorough inspection of Division Headquarters was had in thirty-one divisions—in fact, in all the divisions in the Order except Maryland, which was in such a chaotic condition at the time of inspection that no inspection could be held. While comparison with results reported last year shows a marked improvement in many cases, yet there is still need for vigorous revision in the administration of many division headquarters. A careful summary shows, first, all divisions properly chartered except Florida, Mississippi and South Dakota; but Wisconsin's charter bears a wrong date. It should be September 2d instead of June 10th, 1889. This error should have prompt attention by officers in command. Question 2 proves Florida, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington were working without approved division by-laws. There is a decided gain in this particular, as only nine divisions had by-laws at my last report. Though different methods were used, yet official records and documents were properly recorded in all divisions except Nebraska, Oregon and South Dakota. The lack of a simple, yet comprehensive, system which should work in all Division Headquarters has heretofore heavily handicapped the Order, and proved a serious stumbling-block. This trouble is now most happily removed. Commendable promptness prevailed in reports and dues, but it was noted that a rule of ten days' grace had been made by the Commander-in-Chief for several divisions. The prosperity and harmony of the Order has additional security in the careful conduct of the finances of all divisions. This is a pleasing fact when compared with conditions existing during inspections last year. Yet it was found that Florida and Alabama were under great obligations to their Commanding Officers, who were advancing money from their private purses to maintain the necessary expenses of Headquarters. All other divisions had assets above liabilities; and the total cash on hand was \$1,409.42, a considerable decrease—to be exact, \$846.33—from last report. Of this sum Ohio had the largest proportion, \$743.13; but shows a decrease in that division over last year of \$1,010.12. Many divisions were found badly handicapped by the lack of sufficient funds to administer their affairs to the best advantage. All divisions kept supplies of current series, the total value being \$1,042.15, a gain of \$169.79, of which Ohio's proportion was greatest—\$143.86; closely followed by Vermont and New York, with \$129.17 and \$125 respectively, while several divisions had considerable property in office furniture, colors, etc.

The Colonels commanding California, Montana, Iowa, New Jersey and North Dakota Divisions were openly violating Section 7 of Article 7, Rules and Regulations, relative to bonds, the excuse in some cases being that Councils had not fixed the sum in which their bond should be made. In most cases the bonds were ample, the highest sum being in Kansas, \$2,500; the smallest, \$200, in Wyoming. The Colonels of North Dakota, Oregon and Rhode Island were not enforcing Section 3 of said article, relative to bonds of Quartermasters, but were allowing Quartermasters to handle Division funds without securing the Division against loss. The largest bond given by any Quartermaster was \$2,000, in Kansas and Ohio, while the small security of \$100 to \$200, was found in West Virginia, South Dakota, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Michigan and Wyoming. In view of the fact that embezzlement or misappropriation or illegal disbursement of funds has brought disaster and nearly ruined older organizations, to say nothing of our own, the above statement merits your careful consideration and the application by you of an unfailing remedy. No brother should be allowed to retain any position of trust within our Order, no matter what his social or financial standing, without

indemnifying the organization against possible loss by providing unquestionable security, and the offer by any officer of a "straw" bond should be immediately followed by his reduction to the ranks and trial by court martial.

The membership of the Order, excepting South Dakota and Maryland, not reporting, was 51,132, and there were in the same Divisions 1,907 Camps—a substantial gain over last report. The records show that 3,076 Camps have been organized, and in all (Nebraska and Maryland not reporting) that 607 Camps have been disbanded, while the suspensions without reinstatement amount to 437 Camps, and the suspensions within the year to 441 Camps. Proportions duly considered, the Division showing the best results in retaining Camps in line is Massachusetts.

The electors of the Commandery-in-Chief for the present session might be, if all were present, 244; but it was reported that a total of 163 might reasonably be expected to attend; and this forecast comes within — of being correct, your Committee on Credentials having reported — electors present.

An examination of the books at all Division Headquarters discloses no indebtedness to the Commandery-in-Chief, and great promptness, as a rule, characterizes the transaction of all financial business at the various headquarters, as to correspondence, filling requisitions, etc. Official correspondence to the National Reveille, National Picket Guard, and other influential Sons of Veterans periodicals are found in all divisions except Florida, Iowa, Kentucky, Montana, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Oregon, and their influence in maintaining interest is plainly apparent. All divisions except Arkansas, Florida, Oregon, and Washington have official cap-marks on file at Commandery Headquarters, and Washington has since adopted and placed on file as her cap-mark that symbol of truth, the hatchet.

Division officials, as a rule, are familiar with the secret work of the Order, and take special pains in having Camps properly mustered, although some cases are reported where G. A. R. comrades and brothers not acquainted with our ceremonies are allowed to perform this duty, which would better, perhaps, be left undone than be done in a bungling manner. The importance of enforcing our eligibility clause is duly appreciated by all Colonels in command, and its application strictly enforced, and in nearly all divisions missionary work is actively carried on through G. A. R. circulars or letters and visits to localities where Camps might be organized. In all divisions except Montana the Grand Army of the Republic is in active sympathy and co-operation with our Order, and some Colonels speak with enthusiasm of the assistance rendered. South Dakota appears an exception, the Grand Army there being somewhat lukewarm in their support. The L. A. S. is established as an organization in Alabama, Tennessee, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and West Virginia, and is reported in most cases prosperous and of great advantage to the Order.

The social feature seems to predominate in Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, Colorado, Massachusetts, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Washington; while the sentiment of military discipline is growing in nearly all these, and is the prevailing feature in all the other divisions.

The charter fee, as a rule, is \$15, the exceptions being Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, and Wyoming, \$10 each; Maine, \$12.50; California, \$13; Massachusetts, \$13.50; and Ohio, \$13.75; and complete sets of supplies, as per packet list, is furnished by all divisions except Wyoming, in addition to which Wisconsin provides one copy of Reed's Infantry Tactics and order file; Ohio, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and West Virginia pay expenses of a mustering officer, and Minnesota adds an order file.

A careful summing up of these details shows that division officials are steadily improving upon former methods, and as a rule exercising energy and tact in administering the affairs of the Order; and with the improved facilities being now brought into use, we may confidently look for the official machinery of the Order to run with little friction or jar hereafter.

I desire to explain with reference to Maryland, that since inspection, I have had an official report which shows that that Division is now being carefully handled, but my assistant says there have been no correct records kept, and it would take days to find out what the receipts and disbursements have been.

CAMP INSPECTIONS.

Before compiling results of Camp inspections, the reports of all Division Inspectors were carefully reviewed at my office, and their computation corrected and verified. Only three Divisions (Rhode Island, Massachusetts and California) furnished perfect reports, and the superior ability of their inspectors is shown in the fact that they are the only ones reporting every Camp inspected. The report of every other Division required from one hour to two days' work by myself or assistant before its results could be tabulated; in some cases I was compelled to make out entire new aggregates, footings and averages, using as a basis, the original reports of the assistant inspectors; it was the only way by which the condition of the Order could be correctly placed before this Encampment, and I feel sure that the following calculations more nearly approximate the facts than any that have ever before been presented by this department, and form a correct basis upon which all future comparisons may be made.

In the twenty-eight Divisions reporting, 1,599 Camps of 2,083 were inspected; the largest number, 300, being in Ohio; the smallest number, 5, from Montana. The three Divisions before mentioned, that is, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and California, report all Camps inspected, while only 46.8 per cent. of the Indiana and 50 per cent. of the New Jersey Camps were inspected. As might be expected from the above, the first 20 or ranking questions show the highest averages in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, their markings being respectively 91.35 and 85.24. Colorado comes third with a marking of 71, and Maine a close fourth with 70.97; while Indiana is lowest, with an average of 33.24. As all ranking averages are calculated upon the whole number of Camps in the Division, whether inspected or not, inspectors will see the imperative necessity of inspecting all Camps, if they wish their Divisions to rank high in the scale. Indiana, for example, would probably have doubled her present marking if all her Camps had been inspected. The average marking of Camps throughout the Order is 57.30, a considerable decrease from last year, which, however, is due, at least to some extent, to increased care in my revision of Division Inspectors' reports, as many were found with wrong basis for averages.

It is a pleasing fact that reports show 764 first-class Camps, a gain of 224 over last year; 711 second-class, a gain of only 31; and 124 third-class, a decrease of 1. The only Division in the Order with only first-class Camps is Rhode Island, whose entire 17 Camps are first-class; but Massachusetts makes a very enviable record, for of her 105 Camps there are only 19 second-class and no third-class Camps, and the only Division without either first or second-class Camps is South Dakota.

Following is a general digest of the regular numbered questions. Please note very carefully that averages refer to markings, 5 being perfect, and are calculated on the entire number of Camps in good standing in each Division. Percentages refer to the number of Camps inspected; perfect, of course, being 100:

From Number 1 we learn that the Captains of 496 Camps (31 per cent. of all those inspected) have their ritualistic work perfectly committed to memory, a gain of 3.4 per cent. over last year. Montana leads with 80 per cent.; Nebraska is lowest, with 10 per cent. 750 Captains have partially committed work, while 353 have wholly neglected this important duty. The best average marking is that of Rhode Island, 3.90; California shows room for improvement, as her average, in spite of her large proportion of Camps inspected, is only 1.33. The average of the Order at large is 2.41.

Number 2. Lieutenants and Chaplains do not read the Ritual in 560 Camps (35 per cent.), a gain of 1.5 per cent. being thus indicated; Montana, 80 per cent.; Nebraska and California are each 14 per cent. 763 Camps report these officers with partially committed work, and 276 that they always read their work. Rhode Island averages 4.12, the highest; Missouri lowest, with only 1.52; average of the Order, 2.53.

Number 3. Six hundred and nine Sergeants of the Guard (38.1 per cent.) have learned their ritualistic work correctly, this being very nearly the same proportion as that reported last year. Rhode Island's percentage, 65, is the best found; Missouri is poorest, with 12.2. 612 Camps report Sergeants making only partial use of the book, while in 378 Camps these officers read their entire ritualistic work. 3.90, the best average, is calculated from the report of Rhode Island; 1.33, the poorest, from that of West Virginia; 2.45 being the average of the Order.

Number 4. Officers regularly attend meetings in 990 Camps (61.9 per cent.), a gain of 154 Camps, but a slight decrease in percentage from last year. Rhode Island alone is perfect both in marking and percentage; the lowest percentage, 35.7, in Oregon, and the lowest marking, 2.05, in Indiana; average marking of the Order, 3.45. In 531 Camps officers are reported (part) regular; in 28 none are regular. Most divisions need improvement in this important matter of officers' attendance.

Number 5. Members are regular in attendance in 409 Camps (25.6 per cent.), a gain of 2.7 per cent.; Rhode Island reports regularity in 71 per cent. of her Camps, and an average marking of 4.41; Maryland, Massachusetts and West Virginia, on the other hand, report that none of their Camps have regular attendance of members. This great difference in percentages is doubtless due to different methods of marking, to a large extent. In the strictest sense, probably no Camp in the Order could report all members present at every meeting. An arbitrary decision of what shall constitute regularity would obviate the difficulties in obtaining correct results on this question. In 1,112 Camps part of the members are regular, and in 73, none. The average marking of the Order on this question is 2.63; West Virginia, with 1.50, ranks lowest.

Number 6. Perfect and complete records are found in 907 Camps (56.7 per cent.). This is 20 per cent. less than were so reported last year. Rhode Island and West Virginia report perfect percentages, though the marking of the latter is cut down by incomplete inspections. The books and records of 658 Camps are partly perfect, while those of 34 are wholly incorrect. The lowest average is 2.21, from Indiana's report; average of the Order, 3.61.

Number 7. "Are the dues promptly collected?" They are in 1,182 Camps (73.91 per cent.), almost the exact ratio of last year. Montana reports 100 per cent., while California, with 33 per cent., is lowest. In 275 Camps a part of the dues are promptly collected, but in 141 there is great laxity in this regard. The highest and lowest averages, 4.77 and .2, were calculated from the reports of Rhode Island and Indiana, respectively; average of the Order at large, 3.52.

Number 8. Bonds of 1,244 Quartermaster-Sergeants are filed (77.8 per cent.); while 354 are handling funds without securing the Camps from loss. This indicates a gain of 3.2 per cent. in number of camps reporting; 93.3 per cent. in Vermont and 53.8 per cent. in Maryland are the extremes.

Number 9. Officers are uniformed in 628 Camps (39.3 per cent.), exceeding the number at last year's report by 4.6 per cent. Rhode Island heads the list with 94 per cent., while none of the Camps of Alabama and Tennessee, nor of Arkansas, have all of their officers in uniform. In 391 Camps, officers are partly uniformed, but in 580 they wear only citizen's clothes. Rhode Island and Massachusetts rank highest, with 4.88 and 4.73 respectively, while Arkansas averages but .27. Average of the Order at large, 1.86.

Number 10. The officers of 626 Camps (39.1 per cent.) wear rank straps, a gain of 3.2 per cent.; Rhode Island, with 94 per cent., and Arkansas, with none, are respectively highest and lowest. In 163 Camps part of the officers are provided with proper insignia; in 8.0 no distinctive marks are worn, the general average of the Order being 1.87.

Number 11. Side-arms are worn by officers in 496 Camps (31 per cent.); this indicates a gain of 122 Camps, or 3.2 per cent.; no change from No. 10 in relative standing of Rhode Island and Arkansas. In 330 Camps part of the officers are armed; general average, 1.56.

Number 12. The members of the Staff in 569 Camps (35.6 per cent.) are provided with proper chevrons, a gain of 7.8 per cent. The percentage of Rhode Island still maintains the lead, while neither Alabama and Tennessee nor Arkansas have any Camps fully provided. One hundred and thirty Camps in the Order report a part of their Staff officers with chevrons, but in 990 none are worn; average marking of the Order at large, 1.51.

Number 13. The whole number of members uniformed is 16,968 (37.7 per cent.). This number may not be exactly correct, as Ohio's Inspector failed to make consolidations on Questions 13, 18 and 20, nor did he forward Assistant Inspector's reports; so, having no data from which to calculate these totals for Ohio, they were estimated in the same proportion as other States. There is a loss of 4.3 per cent. in the number of members who have uniforms, compared with last year's percentage; but though a loss in percentage, there is a gain in the Order of 1,178; and the gain would be very marked, had we reports from all Camps in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, and other strong divisions having many uniformed Camps not inspected.

Number 14. Every recruit receives a badge in 1,361 Camps (85.1 per cent.), a decrease of 4.4 per cent. Colorado, Montana, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon and Rhode Island report 100 per cent; the lowest, 40 per cent., is found in Arkansas. In 63 Camps part of the recruits are presented with a badge, while in 175 Camps no badge is furnished; thus not only violating our regulations on this subject, but absolutely nullifying the ritualistic work of muster. The general average of the Order is 3.57.

Number 15. General orders are read and filed in 1,530 Camps (95.6 per cent.); while 69, wholly or partly, disregard constitutional requirements in this matter. A very slight decrease in percentages is shown in the Order at large, but the number of divisions with 100 per cent., as shown by Table No. 2, is encouraging. The general average is 3.90.

Number 16. Eleven hundred and eight (1,108) Camp rooms (69.3 per cent.) are properly equipped, a gain of 4.8 per cent. 96.9 per cent. is the highest, and 30 per cent. the lowest; found respectively in Maine and Arkansas. 454 Camps report partially equipped rooms, and only 57 are wholly destitute of Camp room paraphernalia.

Number 17. From fifteen hundred and twenty-five (1,525) (95.3 per cent.) all reports and dues were forwarded to Division Headquarters, showing very little change in percentage from last year's number. Twelve Divisions report 100 per cent., but several others have smaller percentages than last year; the average marking of the Order is 3.8.

Number 18. Consolidations show that 3,955 regular meetings were omitted throughout the Order since last inspections; Rhode Island shows the best results, with an average of 4.47, closely followed by Massachusetts, with 4.4; Indiana ranking last, with 1.91.

Number 19. "Free from all indebtedness" is announced by 1,443 Camps (90.2 per cent.) an increase of 1.7 per cent. None of the Camps of Alabama and Tennessee, Colorado, Maine, New Hampshire, or New Jersey are in debt; while Rhode Island is lowest, with only 65 per cent. free from debt; but inasmuch as Rhode Island makes it a rule to completely uniform and equip, their indebtedness is in the line of benefit, rather than injury.

Number 20. The total number of members having membership badges is 42,382 (94.5 per cent.); Massachusetts, with a rank of 4.97, shows the best average, there being only eleven members in that Division who have not the regulation badge.

Number 21. In the 1,599 Camps inspected, there are 44,335 members in good standing, a gain of 765. This indicates an average membership of 28.04; a slight increase from last year's average. The Camps of New Jersey average 56 men each; this large number being largely due to the small number of Camps inspected in that Division, and to Hugh C. Irish Camp, No. 8, of Paterson, which had, at the time of inspection, 254 members, the largest Camp in the Order. The average membership in Rhode Island is 42; in Maryland, 39.69; while the small numbers of 16.20 and 16.39 indicate the relative size of camps in Arkansas and South Dakota respectively.

Number 22. Five thousand nine hundred and fifteen (5,915) members have been dropped during the year, or 3.9 from each Camp, a slight increase over last year; Colorado Camps, on an average, have dropped 6.33; Maryland, 6.23; Pennsylvania, 6.01; while Oregon, Rhode Island, Alabama and Tennessee seem to have the best method of retaining members, as they have dropped the very small averages of .38, .82, and .90 per Camp, respectively.

Number 23. By muster and transfer card 17,632 have been added to the membership of inspected Camps, 11.03 being the average to each Camp. As a rule, the new Divisions have the largest relative additions, owing to the new Camps being organized therein; but Rhode Island presents the remarkable average of 25.06 added to her Camps in one year, which is without a parallel in the history of our Order, and shows vigorous work done, not only by Division officials, but by Camp officials and members as well.

Number 24. The property of the inspected Camps aggregates, in value, \$187,328.45, displaying the marvelous gain of over 66 per cent. in one year. The New Jersey Camps average \$1,337.90; but this high figure, again, is due to Hugh C. Irish Camp, which has \$12,225.00 invested, and is the richest Camp in the Order; \$10.03 is the lowest average, and is found in Oregon. The average Camp of the Order owns \$117.47 worth of property; this amount, of course, does not include uniforms, side-arms, and equipments owned by individual members and officers of the Order.

Number 25. Over all indebtedness, the amount of money in general camp funds is found to be \$54,515.36, a slight decrease in the average amount throughout the Order; the largest average, \$204.22, in New Jersey; the smallest, \$5.18, in Oregon. Hugh C. Irish Camp has the largest sum—\$1,463.21.

Number 26. The amount of money in relief fund is \$13,004.02, nearly double the amount at last report. New Hampshire has the highest average, \$56.67 per Camp, while neither Alabama and Tennessee, Oregon nor West Virginia has any fund set apart for relief.

Number 27. Annual dues to the average amount of \$2.58 are paid by members of the Order, 12 cents per member, on an average, more than last year; \$7.20, the average in Montana, and only \$1.27 in Arkansas, are the extremes.

Number 28. The average muster fee is \$1.95; the highest in Colorado, \$4; the lowest, \$1.45, in South Dakota, an average below the constitutional limit, as also that of Missouri—\$1.47. I find 18 Divisions allowing Camps to disobey Article VIII, Section 2, Camp Constitution, relative to muster fee, the amounts varying from 60 cents to \$1.32. These Divisions, with the number of camps in each, are as follows: Illinois, Maine, Nebraska and New Hampshire, each one; Massachusetts, Minnesota and Vermont, each two; Maryland and South Dakota, each three; Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, each four; Iowa and Kansas, each five; New York, six; Missouri and Ohio, each eight; and Indiana, eleven. The attention of Colonels commanding is specially called to this fact, and they should proceed at once to correct this fault in their commands; and the constitutional limit should never be broken, it having been fixed sufficiently low in the experience of our Order.

Number 29. Three thousand one hundred special meetings were held during the last year—793 in Ohio, 7 in Oregon, and others intermediate.

Number 30. Six hundred and fifty-seven camps (41.1 per cent.) engage regularly in military drill, a gain of 6.4 per cent; 62.5 is the percentage of South Dakota; 59.6 that of Kansas, and 58.3 that of Connecticut, while in a few Divisions no more than 10 per cent. of camps drill regularly.

Number 31. One thousand three hundred and sixty-eight members have been relieved during the past year, a greater number by 305 than that reported the year previous. Pennsylvania reports 359; Ohio, 304; Arkansas, Colorado, Oregon and South Dakota, one each. Since much of the charity expended is to the G. A. R. comrades and families or to members within our Order, unreported, this result is only approximately correct.

Number 32. The sum of \$13,315.10 has been expended for charity since last inspection, a gain of \$3,454.50, or over 35 per cent. Pennsylvania has the best record, with \$3,528.50; Ohio, \$2,427.18; Massachusetts, \$1,539.50, and so on down the scale to \$2.80, the amount expended by Arkansas.

Number 33. There are 148 Ladies' Aid Societies reported, there being local organizations in all Divisions except Arkansas, Nebraska, Oregon and South Dakota. The largest number in any Division is 41, found in Ohio. The number in each Division will be found by reference to Table 3.

Number 34. 1,025 Camps (64.1 per cent.) report that members of local posts, G. A. R., quite generally attend their meetings, and assist and encourage the Camps in their work. Remarks by inspectors on this point show a constantly increasing interest in our Order by the G. A. R.

Number 35. 1,183 Camps (74 per cent.) hold entertainments or camp-fires, a gain of 220 Camps, or 2 1/4 per cent.

Number 36. The present inspection shows 584 Camps equipped as infantry, 19 as cavalry, and 15 as artillery. This shows a gain of 8 Camps as cavalry and 5 as artillery, but a decrease in number reported last year in infantry, and is still in this department probably too large, owing to the laxity of inspectors on this point; as many Camps have been reported equipped as infantry, although question 38 developed the fact that none of their members were fully armed. A rigid inspection in this question would give us more reliable results. If the facts were at hand, there would doubtless be shown a gratifying increase of equipped Camps over last year, as the evidence we have shows that there has been a steady growth of the military spirit.

Number 37. 3,332 members attended the Encampments of their respective Divisions, a gain of 346. Ohio had present 728, by far the largest number in any one Division.

Number 38. 10,463 are equipped with arms and accoutrements; an encouraging increase of 1,790. This gain shows that different answers would have been found to question 36 if the real truth of the subject had been drawn out. The best percentages of membership equipped are 50.2 per cent. in Colorado, 47 per cent. in Minnesota, and 45.9 per cent. in Vermont; but Ohio has the largest number of men armed, 1,905.

Number 39. The cost per Camp for inspection averages, throughout the Order, \$1.72, 15 cents above the average of a year ago. In Wisconsin inspections are most expensive, being \$3.52 per Camp, while in Colorado and Montana no cost was incurred.

That the conditions developed by the foregoing questions may be more available, and perhaps more easily understood, I have prepared three very carefully compiled tables of comparisons, percentages, averages, etc. I urge each Colonel commanding a Division to carefully study these tables, for from them he can gain exact information as to points of strength or weakness in his command, and can certainly thereby produce better results, not only in his division in general, but in the coming inspection in particular. My successor will probably make some changes in present forms for inspection, yet the essential points brought out in

these tables will doubtless be retained. There is such a mass of figures in them I will not attempt to rehearse them to you, but will give an extract from them which will prove of some interest to all, viz., the standing of the various divisions as therein determined.

At the head stands Rhode Island, with her peerless percentage of 91.35; while Massachusetts, with 3,271 of her 3,793 men fully uniformed, makes a grand dress-parade, and scores 85.24 on her total of 105 Camps. Now, by rapid transit, we pass from ocean-kissed Plymouth Rock to hoary-headed Pike's Peak, and listen to Colorado's sons as they clamor for third place, with a record of 71 per cent. But the unabashed and ubiquitous Yankee quickly insists upon our recall; so we hurry back to the Pine Tree State, and watch the Maine boys write down "Fourth place, percentage 70.97." But the ship-builders can not hold us away from the land of wooden nutmegs, as the Connecticut boys proudly claim our attention to their banner, with "Fifth place—67.27 per cent.," emblazoned thereon. The Green Mountains may not laugh at the touch of the tickling hoc, but they certainly produce sturdy sons, proud of their record of 67 per cent. and sixth place. Thousands of iron-shod miles can not prevent the touch of elbows between Vermont and California, as the latter well-handled division, with seven hundred miles separating her extreme Camps, says to us, "We deserve eighth place, for we have 66.97 per cent." But the boys in the central divisions are not content to rest unnoticed, and so Nebraska's sons, with Coates on, come in strong for next position and 63.44 per cent.; cheering Milham's boys from Minnesota as they come quickly into tenth place, with a record of 62.90 per cent. But Father Davis is not satisfied that his immediate Staff should be too far outranked, and, being the great "Keystone," why should we not grant the Pennsylvania boys next seat to Minnesota's, and mark 60.53 opposite it? As the multiplied thousands of the boys in blue from the Empire State gladly touched elbows with the unyielding Pennsylvanians twenty-eight years ago, so to-day New York's sons, having left their posts for the immediate front in this S. V., U. S. A. army, have a right to claim rank next their old friends, and we grant it, with a percentage of 60.22. And now, with the tenacity of the badger, "Old Abe" at their head, come the boys from Wisconsin, to claim 13th place, and 60 per cent.; giving a friendly hand-clasp to Oregon's lads, as they ask for a position beside them and 59.89 per cent., looking hard eastward to see New Hampshire come slowly up into the 15th place, with 58.91. We seem to hear an echo saying, "On top!" But the "top" settled so low that the Buckeye boys could only figure out 16th place and a percentage of 56.72. But they certainly were "on top"—of the Silver-Land boys from Montana; for they could only reach the 17th notch and a record of 55.88; and next to them comes "Maryland, my Maryland,"—not very proud of her record of 54.01 per cent.; but still with elevated spirits when they look back some distance and see the Wolverines of Michigan hang their heads a little as they stop at No. 19, with a mid-percentage of 50.69. The Iowa boys have evidently been out on picket duty, as they come in rather weary, and right-dress at 20th place with a percentage of 48.78. It is a long climb to the top of Lookout Mountain, but from it we can see Colonel Biese form in position No. 21, and a per cent. of 47.07; and just afterward we see the "Arkansas Traveler" limping along, bearing the label "22—45.91;" and that we may feel that they do not charge too high a price for the splendid welcome given us, our entertainers modestly ask for 23d place, on a percentage of 44.89. Whether it is because they think it glory enough to have on their rolls Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott, or because they skirmished too hard at Jacksonville, the Illinois boys quietly accept No 24, with 41.51 per cent, to their credit. Weary, no doubt, with their great success in entertaining our eighth annual encampment, the New Jersey boys feebly cry out, above the hum of mosquitoes, "Number 25, 39.60 per cent.!" Our Lieutenant-General was so honored in commanding our forces at Boston recently, that after consulting his West Virginians, they agreed to call it enough if they got 26th place, on 39.13 per cent.; and South Dakota was so

grieved at the separation from her twin-sister that she could only sob out, "Number 27, and only 37.13 per cent!" Still, she feels quite proud as she sees Col. Harvey from the Indians away down on the left flank and get ready for a charge from the last or 28th position, at 33.24 per cent.

A careful study of these tables before mentioned will reveal all the conditions which gave the Divisions these rankings, but it may be well to explain that no matter how competent a Colonel commanding may be, if he has made an unfortunate selection in his Inspector, his Division will sadly suffer, for the strongest spur to improvement our Order receives is through inspections, and an incompetent at the head of Division inspections is always deplorable and nearly ruinous. The office should always have the best talent a Colonel can find—a brother combining skill and knowledge of our laws and ritual, as well as excellent clerical education. I do not herein censure any inspector, but I could name several who were so utterly incompetent as to fail miserably in the performance of duty.

I desire to specially commend the inspectors of Massachusetts (Lieutenant-Colonel Darling), of California (Lieutenant Bingham), and those of Rhode Island, Nebraska, Kansas and New York, and to thank all Colonels and Inspectors who have by their energy and thorough qualifications assisted in giving to the Order through this department such splendid results in many Divisions. I regard as almost absolutely perfect the system of inspection used by Lieutenant-Colonel Darling, of Massachusetts, and earnestly advise its adoption by every Division in the Order. Massachusetts was divided into nine inspection districts and an assistant appointed for each district (in every case Past Colonels, Colonel, Adjutants, or brothers of thoroughly well known qualifications, were selected), who inspected every Camp in his jurisdiction. These assistants were called together by the Division Inspector, and thoroughly discussed every question in the blank and the instruction sheet accompanying same. They agreed upon a rule for marking each question, referring to me, through Inspector Darling, certain points upon which uncertainty existed, and finally all abiding by my rulings; thereby all camps had exactly the same relative markings throughout, thus securing absolute uniformity. With perhaps very slight modifications this system can be and should be used by each Division. I have with me, as samples of perfect reports by Division Inspectors, the consolidations of the Inspectors of Rhode Island, California and Massachusetts, which, as before noted, were the only perfect ones received by me, and believe their examination by brothers present would be of great advantage to the Order.

In view of the growing importance of our Order rendering every possible assistance to the Grand Army of the Republic on Memorial Day, and as such duty, particularly in escorting G. A. R. posts, can not be properly done unless all brothers have good knowledge of company movements, I respectfully recommend, that in the next inspection blank company drill, whether a Camp is armed or not, be made a marking question.

In conclusion, I desire, General Griffin, to publicly thank you for the unsought and unexpected honor of conducting the affairs of this important department for the third successive year, for the unbroken confidence you have reposed in me and the constant support given; and to my brothers throughout the Order for the almost universal courtesy, assistance and encouragement rendered.

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

MARVIN E. HALL,
Inspector-General.

See following tables I, II and III:

TABLE I. Showing Average Markings and General Average of Every Division and of the Order at Large.

DIVISIONS.	The Order at Large													
	Number of Camps in Good standing, exclusive of new Camps. (Basis of ranking averages).	Number of Camps inspected.	1. Has the Captain committed his ritualistic work to memory?	2. Have the Lieutenants and Chaplains committed their ritualistic work to memory?	3. Has the Sergeant of the Guard committed his ritualistic work to memory correctly?	4. Are the officers regular in their attendance?	5. Are the members regular in their attendance?	6. Are the records complete and well kept?	7. Are the dues promptly collected?	8. Is the bond of the Quartermaster Sergeant as prescribed?	9. Are the officers uniformed?	10. Do officers wear rank straps in accordance with R. and R.?	11. Do the officers wear side-arms?	12. Are the members of the staff provided with proper chevrons?
Alabama and Tennessee	14	10	2.28	1.71	2.07	3.50	2.71	3.21	3.28	2.53	0.71	1.78	1.07	0.21
Arkansas	10	10	2.36	2.73	2.27	3.25	2.91	3.18	3.61	3.18	0.27	2.25	1.87	1.08
California	21	21	1.25	2.46	2.71	4.13	2.97	4.23	3.67	3.03	2.71	2.25	1.87	1.08
Colorado	7	6	3.14	2.29	2.71	3.86	3.57	4.23	4.14	2.63	3.00	2.57	2.43	3.06
Connecticut	90	90	2.49	2.23	2.53	3.50	2.47	3.40	3.77	2.63	3.46	3.17	3.00	3.07
Illinois	250	151	1.52	1.65	1.67	2.53	2.00	2.58	2.65	2.22	1.46	1.22	0.94	0.96
Indiana	224	162	1.56	1.63	1.69	2.63	1.91	2.21	2.00	1.89	0.92	0.80	0.53	0.57
Iowa	168	162	2.78	2.35	2.14	2.63	2.13	3.23	2.00	2.27	1.39	1.54	1.04	1.03
Kansas	115	109	2.78	2.35	2.14	2.63	2.13	3.23	2.00	2.27	1.39	1.54	1.04	1.03
Maine	95	92	2.71	2.11	2.00	4.16	3.10	4.31	4.35	3.81	3.26	2.49	2.74	1.86
Massachusetts	17	12	2.63	2.33	2.32	3.12	2.63	3.94	3.29	4.03	3.27	2.49	2.74	1.86
Michigan	105	107	2.54	3.43	3.03	3.08	2.62	3.33	3.23	4.03	2.77	2.12	1.06	1.47
Minnesota	128	97	2.16	2.32	2.32	2.99	2.62	3.23	3.13	3.81	1.76	1.47	1.39	4.02
Missouri	38	33	2.15	2.42	2.63	4.11	2.93	3.30	3.13	3.81	1.86	1.57	1.55	1.10
Montana	117	90	1.62	1.52	1.57	3.01	2.57	3.63	3.67	3.24	1.86	1.08	1.32	1.71
Nebraska	5	5	3.00	3.60	3.19	3.00	2.63	3.15	3.17	2.63	3.24	2.70	1.62	0.56
Nevada	58	50	2.14	2.50	2.54	4.00	2.76	4.26	4.29	3.50	3.45	2.50	1.73	2.50
New Hampshire	34	24	2.03	2.38	2.52	3.52	2.62	3.46	3.52	2.90	1.47	1.69	0.94	0.83
New Jersey	42	42	2.18	1.80	2.00	2.30	1.80	2.46	2.46	2.50	1.47	1.50	0.45	2.74
New York	20	10	1.90	1.80	2.00	3.30	2.80	3.10	3.10	2.90	1.47	1.50	0.45	2.74
Ohio	347	300	2.74	2.80	2.67	3.60	2.95	4.11	3.80	2.90	1.47	1.50	0.45	2.74
Oregon	9	8	3.08	2.80	2.77	3.70	2.92	3.88	3.27	3.11	2.14	1.83	1.15	1.03
Pennsylvania	177	148	2.07	2.40	2.33	3.74	2.60	3.71	4.11	3.30	0.50	0.30	0.57	0.31
Rhode Island	24	16	1.42	1.63	1.67	3.13	2.20	3.08	2.71	3.20	1.48	1.48	1.88	1.21
South Dakota	24	16	1.42	1.63	1.67	3.13	2.20	3.08	2.71	3.20	1.48	1.48	1.88	1.21
Vermont	36	30	2.67	3.17	2.78	3.97	2.58	3.92	4.60	3.80	2.08	2.61	2.00	2.73
West Virginia	10	9	1.62	1.69	1.58	2.25	1.50	2.81	2.31	1.88	1.44	1.44	0.91	1.08
Wisconsin	39	31	2.21	2.56	2.56	3.03	2.44	3.91	4.15	3.82	1.71	1.48	1.26	0.77
The Order at Large	2,083	1,590	2.41	2.53	2.45	3.45	2.63	3.61	3.52	3.05	1.86	1.87	1.56	1.51

TABLE I—CONTINUED.

DIVISIONS.	13. Number of mem- bers uniformed us of R. and A.	14. Is a badge pro- vided to every recruit when mus- tered?	15. Are the general orders read in Camp regularly, and filed?	16. Is the Camp room properly equipped?	17. Have all reports and dues been for- warded to Division Headquarters?	18. How many regu- lar members have last inspection?	19. Is the Camp free from indebtedness?	20. Number of mem- bers having mem- bership badges.	General Average.	First-class Camps.	Second-class Camps.	Third-class Camps.	Comparative Rank of Divisions.	Percentage of Camps Inspected.
Alabama and Tennessee	0.85	2	3.57	1.50	3.21	3.57	2.50	2.67	47.07	4	4	2	21	71.43
Arkness	2.09	1	4.00	1.36	3.61	3.81	1.09	2.82	45.91	6	12	4	22	90.91
California	2.95	4	4.85	3.27	3.00	3.85	4.28	4.29	66.98	0	0	5	7	100.00
Colorado	3.27	3.83	4.00	3.70	4.28	3.80	3.83	3.50	71.00	0	0	0	3	85.71
Connecticut	1.24	2.68	2.86	2.68	2.93	3.40	3.20	2.68	67.27	19	35	14	5	80.00
Illinois	0.71	2.17	3.31	2.68	3.23	3.91	2.20	2.07	33.24	37	82	14	21	60.40
Indiana	1.05	3.20	3.37	2.68	3.32	4.00	2.91	2.88	53.28	30	33	7	28	46.87
Iowa	1.30	3.94	4.56	4.01	4.62	4.60	4.21	3.50	63.76	19	30	10	20	67.34
Maine	2.92	4.57	4.51	4.01	4.62	4.60	4.21	3.50	70.07	19	13	0	8	93.97
Maryland	2.06	3.41	4.51	4.01	4.62	4.60	4.21	3.50	70.07	19	13	0	4	91.43
Massachusetts	4.18	4.90	4.82	4.50	3.41	4.71	3.70	4.07	81.91	3	10	0	18	76.47
Michigan	1.45	3.19	3.49	3.21	3.36	3.70	3.70	3.18	50.03	36	19	0	2	100.00
Minnesota	1.71	4.21	4.22	4.05	3.34	3.53	4.76	4.18	62.90	17	43	9	19	71.09
Missouri	0.97	3.23	3.46	2.87	3.60	3.49	3.50	2.80	44.89	17	15	1	10	86.81
Montana	2.63	3.15	3.46	2.88	3.15	3.00	2.50	3.15	55.88	18	47	25	23	76.92
Nebraska	1.40	4.38	4.76	4.10	3.15	3.86	4.80	4.10	63.44	12	32	6	17	62.50
New Hampshire	2.56	3.53	3.53	3.12	3.53	2.97	3.53	3.39	58.91	16	0	0	9	91.34
New Jersey	1.35	2.50	2.50	2.85	2.25	2.35	2.50	3.39	58.91	12	32	6	15	70.59
New York	1.67	3.91	4.38	4.07	4.20	3.80	3.87	3.66	60.22	9	4	0	25	50.00
Ohio	2.74	4.16	4.28	3.88	4.22	3.40	4.05	4.16	56.72	10	10	10	12	86.46
Oregon	0.67	4.44	4.44	3.89	4.33	3.47	4.33	4.04	59.89	162	128	10	10	86.46
Pennsylvania	2.65	3.80	4.20	3.35	4.18	4.47	3.23	4.05	69.53	82	53	7	14	83.89
Rhode Island	4.23	5.00	5.00	4.71	5.00	4.47	3.23	4.88	91.35	17	11	0	11	83.62
South Dakota	0.38	2.50	3.13	2.33	2.33	2.25	2.85	2.25	37.03	22	11	0	27	104.00
Vermont	2.61	3.75	4.17	4.03	4.17	3.72	3.75	3.72	67.00	0	0	0	6	80.00
West Virginia	1.16	2.50	2.81	2.56	2.86	2.37	2.19	2.31	39.13	9	3	0	26	56.23
Wisconsin	1.46	4.10	4.33	3.72	4.35	3.92	3.87	3.82	60.00	9	21	4	13	87.16
The Order at Large	1.87	3.57	2.90	3.35	3.80	3.30	3.58	3.50	57.30	764	711	124	....	76.76

Calculated from totals as found in reports of Division Inspectors.
 Note.—For total marking of any Division on any question, multiply its average by number of Camps in good standing (column 1).
 For grand total, multiply general average by same number. By dividing these totals by number of Camps inspected (column 2), a fair idea
 can be formed of what would have been the averages had all Camps been inspected. The second column from the right shows the relative
 position of Divisions according to general averages. The right-hand column shows what percentage of Camps was inspected in each
 Division. A study of these two columns in connection with each other and with general averages, will prove interesting and instructive.

TABLE II. Showing Percentage of Camps inspected answering "Yes" and "No" to Questions 1 to 20, with Totals to Questions 13, 18 and 20.

DIVISIONS.	1. Has the Cap- tain commis- sioned his Rit- ualistic Work to memory?		2. Have the Lieutenants & Cap- tain commis- sioned their Rit- ualistic Work to memory?		3. Has the Stri- cter of the Guard recommended his Ritualistic Work to memory?		4. Are the offi- cers regarding in their attend- ance?		5. Are the members reg- ular in their attendance?		6. Are the reg- ords complete and well kept?		7. Are the dues promptly col- lected?		8. Is the bond of the Quar- termaster Ser- geant duly re- corded as pro- scribed?		9. Are the offi- cers properly uniformed?	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
Alabama and Tennessee	20	10	20	10	50	50	90	10	30	70	30	70	20	80	20	80	30	70
Arkansas	50	10	30	20	30	30	80	20	10	70	30	80	20	70	30	80	30	70
California	19	67	14	14	48	17	86	17	21	33	33	33	100	62	38	67	38	24
Colorado	33	42	50	38	51	17	67	33	33	100	79	100	67	67	33	67	33	67
Connecticut	28	21	29	13	33	51	50	20	4	96	1	69	3	74	26	37	21	57
Illinois	43	17	56	58	28	18	61	3	9	89	2	80	10	80	20	20	20	42
Indiana	39	14	36	50	33	8	68	4	2	83	2	73	3	86	14	42	14	49
Iowa	29	22	34	17	39	19	69	2	2	82	2	81	4	91	9	66	54	16
Kansas	41	28	50	22	47	34	78	6	6	66	23	77	23	54	46	54	3	3
Maine	46	15	31	15	39	15	39	32	32	77	3	49	4	81	19	89	26	26
Massachusetts	46	14	31	6	38	17	82	32	15	85	3	78	2	79	21	36	45	45
Michigan	23	17	13	29	28	29	85	27	8	78	9	82	4	88	12	36	45	58
Minnesota	27	12	33	15	12	39	50	7	13	52	9	60	14	69	31	21	63	58
Missouri	12	33	14	40	66	20	80	40	31	100	4	100	8	80	20	24	63	54
Montana	80	26	14	28	22	30	40	6	60	6	4	70	8	72	28	24	63	54
Nebraska	10	29	50	54	54	13	98	46	22	46	96	96	8	63	37	63	30	12
New Hampshire	50	10	40	10	60	10	70	30	30	80	80	80	10	80	20	30	30	30
New Jersey	50	10	40	10	60	10	70	30	30	80	80	80	10	80	20	30	30	30
New York	38	27	29	23	24	20	69	22	22	81	78	78	20	66	31	34	38	43
Ohio	36	17	34	15	27	57	57	57	32	80	80	76	24	79	21	34	38	43
Oregon	38	25	38	38	38	38	38	12	9	75	4	88	5	88	12	25	18	18
Pennsylvania	20	31	30	25	35	28	72	1	36	9	4	85	5	78	22	55	15	15
Rhode Island	65	12	65	6	65	12	100	6	71	25	100	88	13	88	12	94	60	60
South Dakota	31	44	38	37	38	31	94	6	56	6	87	87	13	63	37	19	19	19
South Carolina	47	23	57	10	43	37	83	13	13	100	90	90	3	93	7	67	20	20
Vermont	33	22	33	11	33	33	44	44	33	100	50	50	3	67	33	33	33	33
West Virginia	33	22	33	11	33	33	44	44	33	100	50	50	3	67	33	33	33	33
Wisconsin	29	24	35	24	38	32	76	3	15	82	82	83	3	85	15	29	47	47
The Order at large	31.0	22.7	35.0	17.3	38.1	23.0	61.9	1.8	25.5	4.9	56.7	73.9	8.8	77.8	22.2	39.3	36.3	36.3

NOTE.—For percentage of Camps answering "Part" to any question, subtract from 100% the sum of "Yes" and "No" percentages. For number of Camps answering "Yes," "No," or "Part" to any question, multiply proper percentages into number of Camps inspected. (Column 2, Table I).

TABLE II—CONTINUED.

DIVISIONS.	10. Do the officers wear Rank-Straps in accordance with R. & R. Y.		11. Do the officers wear side arms?		12. Are the members of the Staff provided with Chevrons?		13. No. of members unit provided by Art. IX, R. & R.		14. Is a badge presented to every recruit when mustered?		15. Are General Orders read in Camp regularly & filed?		16. Is the Camp room properly equipped?		17. Have all reports and documents forwarded to Division Headquarters?		18. Reg. musters omitted since last inspection.		19. Is the Camp free from indebtedness?		20. No. of members having mem. badges.		Total.
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	
Alabama and Tennessee	50	50	20	60	90	51	60	40	100	100	100	50	30	90	20	14	100	10	172	95	10	172	
Arkansas	100	100	100	100	100	238	90	40	100	100	100	50	70	100	20	14	100	10	421	421	10	421	
California	38	48	50	57	57	120	100	10	100	95	6	52	30	100	20	11	100	14	200	200	14	200	
Colorado	75	4	71	33	33	587	100	100	100	100	79	67	100	100	100	48	96	4	519	519	4	519	
Connecticut	83	52	26	62	66	1,578	91	6	100	91	2	66	6	96	2	371	83	7	3,678	3,678	7	3,678	
Illinois	31	61	17	74	71	576	91	6	100	100	75	66	8	97	2	251	91	6	2,741	2,741	6	2,741	
Indiana	47	49	27	61	70	576	91	6	100	100	58	58	8	98	2	187	80	11	1,619	1,619	11	1,619	
Iowa	17	70	7	79	83	671	84	16	100	96	4	97	8	100	2	261	92	8	2,103	2,103	8	2,103	
Kansas	53	41	17	70	73	516	84	16	100	97	4	97	8	100	2	258	100	15	1,026	1,026	15	1,026	
Maryland	53	20	18	34	34	678	100	15	100	97	77	77	8	100	15	225	85	15	467	467	15	467	
Massachusetts	83	7	86	10	69	15	98	2	100	100	70	70	3	100	4	331	91	9	3,782	3,782	9	3,782	
Michigan	34	44	35	46	36	665	88	12	98	98	1	69	2	100	7	63	88	12	871	871	12	871	
Minnesota	85	57	27	67	36	340	97	3	97	76	3	76	3	100	7	197	87	13	1,889	1,889	13	1,889	
Missouri	16	78	14	80	11	614	83	17	89	11	44	9	9	100	7	186	92	8	1,477	1,477	8	1,477	
Montana	80	20	40	20	80	20	90	100	100	100	2	58	6	100	18	100	80	20	80	80	20	80	
Nebraska	71	25	75	25	75	21	499	100	100	100	2	88	6	100	10	76	100	100	665	665	10	665	
New Hampshire	60	40	30	70	40	317	86	10	94	94	2	58	6	100	18	100	80	20	545	545	20	545	
New Jersey	24	70	23	70	23	402	100	100	100	100	1	90	10	100	5	160	98	15	1,836	1,836	15	1,836	
New York	38	55	24	68	29	668	83	12	96	96	1	78	10	100	5	160	98	15	1,836	1,836	15	1,836	
Ohio	52	26	43	48	48	1,135	97	3	99	99	1	71	10	100	5	160	98	15	1,836	1,836	15	1,836	
Oregon	52	26	43	48	48	1,135	97	3	99	99	1	71	10	100	5	160	98	15	1,836	1,836	15	1,836	
Pennsylvania	94	6	88	6	88	543	100	7	99	99	1	80	3	100	3	513	97	13	4,714	4,714	13	4,714	
Rhode Island	63	7	47	46	53	628	100	25	94	94	6	69	25	100	19	47	65	35	605	605	35	605	
South Dakota	63	33	47	46	53	628	100	25	94	94	6	69	25	100	19	47	65	35	605	605	35	605	
Vermont	33	33	33	67	33	98	80	11	100	100	100	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
West Virginia	21	65	21	73	15	297	94	6	71	71	62	67	62	100	100	18	88	12	211	211	12	211	
Wisconsin	21	65	21	73	15	297	94	6	71	71	62	67	62	100	100	18	88	12	211	211	12	211	
The Order at large	39.1	49.4	31.0	48.3	25.5	56.3	16,968	85.1	11.0	95.6	1.9	62.3	3.6	95.0	3.6	3,955	90	10	42,382	42,382	10	42,382	

* Estimated.

TABLE III. Compiled from Answers to Questions 21 to 39 inclusive, showing Totals, Averages, Etc.

DIVISIONS.	21. Number of members in good standing.		22. Number of members dropped during the last year.		23. Increase by transfers and inspection.		24. Value of all properties owned by Camps.		25. How much money in General Camp Fund over total indebtedness?		26. Amount of money in the Relief Fund.		27. What amount is charged for annual dues?	
	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.	Total.	Average.
Alabama and Tennessee	10	267	9	90	194	19.40	\$269 10	\$26 91	\$229 53	\$22 95	\$1 67	\$0 17	\$1 27	
Arkansas	10	162	19	1.80	51	5.10	180 60	18 90	71 15	7 12	92 95	4 42	4 93	
California	21	450	48	2.28	124	5.90	1,597 55	76 07	272 91	12 99	161 65	26 94	4 50	
Colorado	6	211	28	3.33	141	23.50	555 00	92 50	188 23	31 37	905 16	37 76	2 69	
Connecticut	24	819	77	3.20	171	7.12	4,850 86	202 11	1,690 38	45 43	307 91	2 04	2 10	
Illinois	151	4,035	571	3.85	1,284	7.70	13,816 50	92 16	2,150 14	19 52	280 40	2 67	1 75	
Indiana	105	2,946	504	4.80	1,182	10.78	6,214 20	59 18	1,024 92	15 33	155 57	2 36	1 72	
Iowa	66	1,556	201	3.05	1,442	21.86	6,163 17	93 38	1,460 55	13 40	196 86	1 81	1 78	
Kansas	109	2,675	234	2.88	1,591	13.71	5,669 20	52 01	1,519 71	47 49	352 58	11 02	1 81	
Maine	32	1,026	159	4.97	285	8.91	4,781 14	149 41	127 05	9 77	18 81	1 46	2 92	
Maryland	13	516	81	6.23	279	21.46	2,163 66	166 44	127 05	9 77	18 81	1 46	2 92	
Massachusetts	105	3,793	385	3.67	1,215	11.57	10,811 17	189 67	5,263 68	50 13	6,033 57	57 46	3 07	
Michigan	91	2,077	311	3.42	618	6.79	6,878 90	75 15	1,061 68	11 68	82 18	90 90	2 12	
Minnesota	33	907	121	3.67	219	6.65	4,460 18	135 10	452 81	13 72	127 86	2 87	2 00	
Missouri	90	2,368	297	3.30	782	8.69	9,197 19	51 63	1,176 61	13 72	110 54	1 23	1 36	
Montana	5	139	16	3.20	41	8.28	923 35	184 47	126 78	25 36	182 75	36 55	1 70	
Nebraska	50	1,052	109	2.18	444	8.88	2,110 74	42 21	401 37	35 10	35 10	70 70	1 84	
New Hampshire	24	653	47	1.95	175	7.50	293 00	12 21	2,059 81	81 96	1,360 18	56 67	1 96	
New Jersey	10	560	46	4.60	217	17.50	13,379 04	133 77	2,042 21	201 22	34 50	3 46	3 12	
New York	82	2,214	199	2.43	1,315	16.01	14,605 00	178 84	4,072 28	49 66	468 66	5 81	2 37	
Ohio	300	8,249	1,160	3.87	2,979	9.93	30,671 00	102 27	8,562 09	28 64	1,053 00	3 51	1 80	
Oho	8	177	3	.38	177	22.13	80 25	10 03	41 42	5 18	1,053 00	3 51	1 80	
Pennsylvania	148	4,806	1,514	6.01	4,226	10.43	33,352 01	225 36	15,425 13	104 22	726 93	4 91	3 50	
Rhode Island	17	714	14	4.82	46	25.06	3,282 04	193 67	1,011 65	59 51	223 76	15 16	2 92	
South Dakota	16	262	68	4.25	255	4.56	1,88 75	11 79	116 53	7 28	3 25	2 12	2 01	
Vermont	30	979	79	2.63	255	8.50	3,778 77	125 96	1,142 52	38 08	63 63	2 12	1 79	
West Virginia	9	233	10	1.11	52	5.78	629 00	69 89	81 50	9 39	23 49	2 12	2 22	
Wisconsin	34	883	120	3.53	405	11.91	2,169 00	63 80	381 41	11 22	23 49	.69	2 08	
The Order at Large	1,599	44,835	5,915	3.70	17,632	11.03	\$187,833 45	\$117 47	\$54,515 36	\$31 09	\$13,001 02	\$9 13	\$2 56	

TABLE III—CONTINUED.

DIVISIONS.	28. What amount is charged for Muster in fee?	29. How many Special Meetings have been held since last Inspection?	30. Does the Camp engage in Military Drill regularly?	31. How many members have been re-joined since last Inspection?	32. How much money has been expended for charity during the past year?	33. Is there an Aid Society in connection with the Camp?	34. Does the local Post, G. A. R., attend the meetings and assist and encourage the Camp?	35. Does the Camp hold Inter-Camps or Camp-Fires?	36. In what branch of service is the Camp equipped?	37. How many members attended last Division Encampment?	38. Number of members equipped with arms and accoutrements.	39. What is the expense of this inspection to the Camp.	
	Av'ge.	Total.	Yes.	Total.	Total.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	Inf'y Ar'y's Cav.	Total.	Total.	% of Mem.	Av'g.
Alabama and Tennessee	\$1 55	20		4	\$30 00	1	10	5	4	1	26	\$1 81	
Arkansas	1 25	16		1	2 80		5	16	3	1	85	2 07	
California	2 38	20		1	285 00	2	12	16	8	1	33	18 9	
Colorado	4 00	9		1	285 00	1	5	27	4	32	106	50 2	
Connecticut	2 31	27		15	133 80	1	18	22	12	59	409	43 1	
Illinois	1 85	351		77	601 80	12	91	115	52	233	1,005	21 8	
Indiana	1 82	271		95	930 25	4	60	47	52	188	689	23 7	
Iowa	1 78	148		25	426 08	1	36	47	33	190	324	20 8	
Kansas	1 61	217		39	176 08	1	39	29	142	391	11 7	1 20	
Maine	1 98	27		29	328 50	5	27	29	8	106	396	38 6	
Maryland	2 73	27		29	150 70	5	8	8	4	41	142	27 5	
Massachusetts	2 05	110	38	123	332 50	2	79	99	9	279	822	2 38	
Michigan	1 73	191	48	61	379 66	6	57	72	50	250	573	2 08	
Minnesota	1 99	148	19	63	62 13	2	20	27	13	167	426	21 7	
Missouri	1 97	152	22	38	326 65	2	63	38	26	155	210	1 43	
Montana	1 50	16	2	3	174 00	1	4	4	4	41	38	20 5	
Nebraska	1 80	76	16	13	186 50	1	33	32	23	29	219	20 8	
New Hampshire	1 79	23		16	160 33		17	13	10	152	117	1 77	
New Jersey	1 91	23	3	21	172 50	2	17	10	7	52	519	2 70	
New York	1 81	111	41	47	1,077 24	4	66	57	37	3	52	23 1	
Ohio	1 89	793	128	304	2,427 58	41	167	238	112	3	728	2 70	
Oregon	2 19	7	1	1	3 50	1	7	2	2	2	191	1 41	
Pennsylvania	2 23	153	67	399	3,528 58	22	79	101	60	2	1,183	23 9	
Rhode Island	1 21	15	5	5	157 40	1	17	17	17	6	149	20 9	
South Dakota	1 45	29	10	1	63 25		16	14	5	6	13	2 81	
Vermont	1 03	81	14	10	182 90	4	20	24	17	47	449	45 9	
West Virginia	1 61	24	2	2	7 00	1	3	4	3	1	40	31	
Wisconsin	1 62	82	18	2	36 50	5	19	25	21	82	245	2 95	
The Order at Large	\$1 95	3,100	657	1,368	\$13,315 10	148	1,025	1,183	584	15	3,332	23 1	\$1 72

COL. F. J. COATES, of Nebraska: Commander, I have the honor to introduce to you Past Colonel S. W. Coglizer and Hon. John M. Thurston, of Nebraska.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I deem it to be my duty and privilege upon the arrival of so distinguished a brother and visitor, to introduce to you our distinguished brother and guest, Honorable John M. Thurston, of Nebraska. [Applause.] Will Colonel Coates escort Brother Thurston to the rostrum?

Brother Thurston was escorted to the rostrum.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, Brother Thurston, of Nebraska. [Applause.]

BROTHER THURSTON: Commander-in-Chief and brothers—I appreciate most highly this undeserved reception. I am here simply as an apology. For once in my life, at least, I got left. I have no doubt you escaped a great disaster last night on that account. But seriously, Brothers, I am here to apologize to you for missing an appointment. I need only say that it was through no fault of mine. It was one of those occurrences that no foresight can guard against. I am glad to meet with you here to-day, representing as you do, at least next to the grandest organization in this grandest country of the universe. [Applause.] The man who lives for, fights for and dies for his country is the noblest man that ever lived upon earth. Our fathers did all these. We have an inheritance of honor more precious than riches, more honorable than rank; the possession of it will necessarily make all young men who have it good citizens, good fathers, good neighbors and good men. I am not here to-day to take up your time in attempting to perpetrate a speech. Had I been here last night I would have endeavored to have carried out my engagement. To-day you have business to transact, and if ever I address you from the platform, let it be on some other occasion.

I am always glad to be with you, for I love the memory of that Grand Army of the Republic, in the ranks of which, as a private soldier, my father marched on under the flag until he died. [Great applause.] And while we are here to-day I am glad that we are met in this great State of Missouri, where was almost the opening of that great struggle in which our fathers filled so honorable a part. Here in this State of Lyons, in this State of Missouri, on the border line, where sprang up on either side those heroic bands of men among whom was never found a coward. Here in this State of Missouri, where Grant had his first engagement and Phil. Sheridan won his first stars. [Applause.] And I know that every son of a veteran is met here in the State of Missouri to-day cherishing the tender love for the father whom he honors, cherishing the highest love for the glorious cause in which his father died, cherishing the truest devotion to the principles and to the flag they protected and preserved, and that, at the same time, with no bitterness left from that terrible strife of brother against brother in which the best blood of the Nation was poured out upon its sacred soil that liberty might be forever in this land. [Applause.] Here in the sacred soil of Missouri, the Blue and the Gray lie in eternal slumber, side by side. Heroes all, they fell face to face, brother against brother, to expiate a nation's sin. The lonely firesides and the unknown graves, the memory of the love and the yearnings for the lost, the desolated altars and the broken hopes are past recall, but through the mingled tears that fell alike upon the honored dead of both North and South, turned hopeful eyes to that new

future of prosperity and power possible only under the shelter of the dear old flag. [Applause.] It is in this sacred memory of an honored ancestry we are willing to stand, side by side with the sons of those who fought in a mistaken cause, brother to brother, shoulder to shoulder, American citizens, North and South, for one country, one flag and liberty forever. [Great applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee on Credentials has a supplemental report to make. Will you hear it? The Chair hears no objections. The Adjutant-General will read the report.

The Adjutant-General read the report as follows:

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 27, 1890.

To the Officers and Members of the Ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans:

Your Committee on Credentials do respectfully report that Walter S. Payne, through his attorney, T. H. B. Stagers, has made application to this committee for such recommendations as would entitle him to a seat and vote in this (Ninth Annual) Encampment of the Commandery-in Chief by reason of his having been Commander-in-Chief of this Order. In view of the fact, as above stated, we, the committee, recommend that this Encampment take immediate action on this question.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
GEORGE H. HURLBURT,
CHAS. J. DECKMAN,
C. S. NATION,
H. S. FULLER.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I move that this communication be laid upon the table and the matter be indefinitely postponed.

J. A. AVERDICK, of Ohio: I second the motion.

T. H. B. STAGGERS, of West Virginia: Commander—

J. A. AVERDICK, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order. I want to know whether the gentleman has a voice upon this floor or whether he is a delegate or a Past Colonel?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Adjutant-General, does the record show that the brother is a delegate here?

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Brother Stagers is not accredited as a representative from West Virginia.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then I will have to sustain the point of order under the rules.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, as this case refers to me, I wish to say to this Encampment that Col. Stagers is my attorney, and as the case is before the Encampment, I wish to appear by attorney.

COL. S. W. COGLIZER, of Nebraska: Commander, I rise to a point of order. A motion to lay a report upon the table is not debatable.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is well taken. Brothers, you have heard the motion to lay on the table. Those in favor of the same, will say aye. Those opposed, no. The noes have it. The motion is not agreed to.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I call for the reading of that report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Shall the report be read again?

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I believe I am entitled to representation on this floor, and I move you that that report be read for the benefit of those who do not know what it contains.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report was read and a motion was made to lay it on the table. That motion was voted upon and was lost. Now then, as a point of order, the motion to re-read is not in order. I am simply ruling from a parliamentary standpoint.

J. A. AVERDICK, of Ohio: I call for a division.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers. I would suggest that if there is any misunderstanding as to this report, it should be read again. I am sure that no brother here wants to do any injustice to any one, or to suppress anything, and it can take but a moment. If there is anybody that didn't hear it, let us have it read. We are all brothers here.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, as I understood when I made the motion, it was a motion to lay this communication upon the table and indefinitely postpone the matters therein contained. As the question was put by the chair, it was merely a motion to lay upon the table. I think that it should be understood, and that a division of the motion should be granted and the question put on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion was that the report of the committee be laid upon the table and the matter indefinitely postponed.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: With the consent of my second, I will amend the motion, making it a motion to indefinitely postpone, leaving off the part in relation to laying it upon the table. It saves any question.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, if that is the motion, it is now open to debate and discussion and I ask to have that report read that he wants indefinitely postponed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair withdraws the statement of the result of the vote. I understand now that the Judge Advocate General, with the consent of his second, withdraws the original motion and desires to make a motion to indefinitely postpone.

T. J. ANDERSON, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order. We are now working under a rule of the convention which is the reports of officers, and I make the point of order that it will take a two-thirds vote of this Encampment to consider the report of the Committee on Credentials at this time, under a suspension of the rules.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is well taken. The report of the committee was simply brought in by consent, that was all. The Chair asked if the Encampment would consent. The point of Brother Anderson is well taken. Unless there is unanimous consent or a suspension of the rules the matter can not be considered at this time.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I believe if there was unanimous consent then we have this report before the Encampment, and we have a right here and now to pass on that question; and if it is before this Encampment, then my call for the reading of that report must be heard by this Encampment as a right.

If they have objections to the reading of the report of this committee they should have been made when there was a call for unanimous consent by the Commander of this Encampment. If they then held their peace, they must forever hold their peace, and can not now get up here and raise their objection. [Applause.] I say that that report is now before this Encampment, and we have now got to contend with it and pass upon it. I say that you can not, and no member of this Encampment can now get up here and raise an objection that unanimous consent was not obtained when the Commander of this Encampment said, if you have objections now make them, or else forever hold your peace. That committee made this report and the report was brought before the Encampment and we have now a right to consider it. The point of order is not now well taken, after they have held their peace until it was presented to the Encampment. That is my feeling upon that subject, and I say it is properly before us for a consideration, and I ask to have it read for information.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order of Brother Anderson is that it requires a two-thirds vote of the Encampment to suspend the rules in order to bring before the Encampment, under the constitution, a supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials; that the rules and the order of business must be suspended. There was no motion to suspend the rules. The constitutional provision was therefore in force. The report was simply read by general consent without objection by any one. Now then the point is made that the rules have not been suspended. That no attempt has been made to suspend them. The matter is, therefore, not properly before the Encampment. That point of order, in my judgment, is well taken. I simply decide upon the constitution, and parliamentary law, as I understand it, without any feeling in the matter at all. I hold that the matter is not properly before the Encampment.

C. S. NATION, of Kansas: Commander, I move we suspend the rules and take this matter up; that the rules be suspended and we take this Payne matter up and discuss it and settle it.

GENERAL BRACKLOW, of New York: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have all heard the motion; it is not necessary to re-state it. Remarks are in order.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: I was under the impression that the Committee on Credentials could make a report at any time. And that it was always in order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF put the question on the motion to suspend the rules and take up the Payne matter, and announced that the motion was agreed to, unanimously.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Now, I ask for the reading of the report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will read the report.

The Adjutant-General read the report for information.

COLONEL GEO. W. GERHARD, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move, in order to save time and facilitate business, that this matter be referred to a special committee of three to be appointed by the Commander, to report action.

The motion was not seconded.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved by Judge Advocate General Brown, and seconded, that this report be indefinitely postponed. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of that motion will rise to their feet and stand until they are counted. The Adjutant-General will count the votes. Be seated. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General reported sixty-three voting in the affirmative; twenty-five in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion to indefinitely postpone is carried. The report of the Judge Advocate General is next in order.

C. A. C. GARST, of Illinois: Commander, was there not an additional name that was presented in that report?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That matter is not now before the house. The only matter that was considered was the report of the committee as to Brother Payne. The Judge Advocate General will read his report.

Judge Advocate General Brown submitted the following report:

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

To Gen. Chas. F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief:

There have been referred to me twenty-six courts-martial for various offenses in which the verdicts of the courts warranted their reference to the Commander-in-Chief for approval, and which have all been tabulated in the records of courts-martial, which will be at the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief for reference; all the papers have been returned to the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

There have been referred to me numerous questions for my opinion, all of which have been tabulated in a record for that purpose, together with all Division by-laws. The questions are stated in the record and my replies to same also recorded therein; this record will also be at the Commandery-in-Chief meeting for reference. I believe that they include everything to date, each court-martial and each question submitted to me for my opinion and as the same are in the digest or "Sons of Veterans Blue Book," now printed and also in the records of this office, both of which will be at the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, it is unnecessary to detail them. I believe that for fuller instructions as to courts-martial, a new set of blanks should be prepared by a competent authority. The different opinions rendered by me have all been approved by the Commander-in-Chief. I would suggest also that in your report you recommend that the Constitution be so amended as to give authority to Colonels of Divisions for public installations and to extend the power of the Commander-in-Chief so as to issue dispensations to Colonels, upon the showing for the urgency of same.

Many questions have been referred to me through irregular channels, to all of which I have replied, directing them to the proper channel; and some I have advised unofficially, where I could, in order to save time and assist in the welfare of the Order.

Twenty-one courts-martial have been recommended by me for approval, whereby the court-martialed members have been dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Order.

This, I feel, speaks well for the good conduct and character of our Order of so large a membership; and with care and watchfulness upon the part of the brothers in regard to money affairs, the number for the ensuing year will be much less. Thanking you and your Adjutant-General and Quartermaster General for the many courtesies shown, and their prompt attention to the business of this office, I am

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

O. B. BROWN,
Judge Advocate General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report will go to the Committee on Reports of Officers without motion. The report of Surgeon General E. A. Bracklow is next in order.

Surgeon General E. A. Bracklow, of New York, submitted the following report:

SURGEON-GENERAL'S REPORT.

NEW YORK, August 14, 1890.

Gen. Chas. F. Griſſin, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

SIR—I have the honor to report as follows:

Upon first assuming the duties of my office, I wrote to my predecessor requesting him to turn over to my possession the property of the Surgeon-General's office, to which he answered that he had no property (no reports, official communications, blank forms or other stationery).

Looking over the "Constitution, Rules and Regulations," I found no clearly defined duties imposed on my official position, except as a member of the Council-in-Chief; so, in other words, I assumed the duties of this office just as though it were a new one, of which I was the first incumbent.

Upon then writing to you as Commander-in-Chief for orders or instructions, reply was made that I had been appointed on the presumption that I was especially fitted for the position (which, by the way, I utterly disclaim), and that you expected me to take hold and organize my Department so as to put it on a better footing than it had been heretofore.

This was a difficult task, considering the fact that my position was not an executive one.

Under date of October 31, 1889, however, I forwarded a plan of organization, which is herewith submitted in the hope that the brothers at the next Annual Convention will earnestly take the same into consideration.

My plan would be as follows:

All Camps having forty or more members shall be allowed to elect a Camp Surgeon, provided the man so elected is a graduate of some regular and legally recognized medical college. (I say Camps having forty or more members, because a large proportion of officers in comparison with the total number of members in a Camp is undesirable; and it is also unwise to allow laymen to hold such positions, in my opinion, hence the provision as to being a graduate in medicine. I have seen boys of 16 or 17 acquit themselves creditably as Captain of cadets, but not as physicians or surgeons.) The Camp Surgeons so elected to have the rank of First Lieutenant, and to be commissioned by Colonels of Divisions *only* after having forwarded satisfactory proof of qualification before mentioned, and approval of same by the Surgeon-General. (I take it for granted that a medical man can judge such things better than a layman, as a lawyer could about lawyers.)

Camp Surgeons will receive their orders from the Surgeon-General through General Headquarters in the first instance, and from their respective Division Surgeons through Division Headquarters in the second instance.

Orders last mentioned must always be endorsed by the Colonel of the Division and approved by the Surgeon-General before being issued (it being understood that matters deemed of sufficient importance must be referred by *him* to the Commander-in-Chief).

Division Surgeons shall be appointed as heretofore, but with the proviso that they shall hereafter be graduates of some regular and legally recognized Medical College, who have practiced their profession at least three years subsequent to their graduation. The Division Surgeons so appointed, to be commissioned with the rank of Major by the Commander-in-Chief, only after having forwarded satisfactory proof of the qualifications named and approval of the same by the Surgeon-General.

Surgeon-Generals to be appointed with rank of Brigadier-General, as heretofore, but with like proviso, that they be graduates of a regular and legally recognized medical college, and have practiced their profession at least five years.

Of course, *all* medical officers must be members of the Order in good standing. Practically, by this arrangement, the whole Medical Corps will come under the supervision of the Surgeon-General and under the command of the Commander-in-Chief.

I was in hopes that you might feel authorized to carry out this plan, after revision, by general or special orders, and so busied myself with preparing the modifications of the constitution, made necessary by this plan, for the purpose of bringing the same before the attention of the coming convention and enable it to make the plan permanent.

At this time, however, my health was not good, and by December, 1889, became so as to compel me to leave home for four months. This, of course, interfered with my official usefulness.

In March, 1889, I received blanks (Form 48) and instructions to be issued to Division Surgeons, who were ordered to report to me for same; but, finding that there were no blanks of Form 47 on hand (not even a sample), I suggested a form which was promptly printed and issued, filled out by Captains and sent to the various Division Surgeons.

I herewith respectfully submit the statistics thus obtained by a consolidation of the reports received from the Division Surgeons of Montana, Maine, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, West Virginia and Illinois:

1.	Total number of members mustered	26,409
2.	Number in good standing.	20,535
3.	Number who served, or are serving, in militia	866
4.	Number who served, or are serving, in U. S. Army	212
5.	Number who served, or are serving, in U. S. Navy	44
6.	Number of deaths within past year	124
7.	Number of cases of sickness within past year	1,253
8.	Number of cases of injuries within past year.	244
9.	Total number of weeks of sickness or disability within the past year	4,241
10.	Number of members supposed to be able to bear arms.	19,919
11.	Number of members over 45 years of age	206
12.	Age of oldest member reported	68
13.	Average age of all members	24
14.	Number of unmarried members.	14,743
15.	Number of widowers.	170
16.	Number of married members	5,622
17.	Number of foreign born	115
18.	Number of G. A. R. members.	617
19.	Number of ministers.	65
20.	Number of physicians	173
21.	Number of lawyers	201
22.	Number of teachers	503
23.	Number of literary men	199
24.	Number of artists	162
25.	Number of merchants	772
26.	Number of farmers	4,513
27.	Number of clerks and bookkeepers	1,325
28.	Number of mechanics	2,513
29.	Number of printers	432
30.	Number of students	666
31.	Number of salesmen	441
32.	Number of telegraph operators	218

33. Number of miners	441
34. Number of skilled laborers	1,734
35. Number of laborers	3,710
36. Number of railroad conductors	73
37. Number of engineers	240
38. Number of musicians	610
39. Number engaged in other ways	1,042
40. Number of Divisions in Order	32
41. Number of Camps in Order	2,400
42. Number of Divisions reporting	12
43. Number of Camps in these Divisions	1,537
44. Number of Camps reporting	717

Such statistics, if reliable, may in future be valuable, but thus far they are utterly valueless, because totally unreliable, in my opinion.

With a better organized and equipped Medical Department, and the experience gained thus far, it will be possible for a future administration to do better. At present the complaint is general among Division Surgeons who have done their share in this work, that many of the Captains' reports were evidently entirely incorrect and others partially so; and now, making allowance for errors in those which seem to be correct, you see how unreliable they must be, besides being so incomplete.

They are an heirloom of the preceding administration, and it is doubtful, in my mind, whether there would be much gained if they were correctly gathered and reliable. I believe the essential points sought in these statistics can be obtained from other trustworthy sources.

To insure a *more* reliable set of statistics to any future administration attempting to gather same, I enclose (Exhibit A) one blank, Form No. 47, and one of Form No. 48, so modified as to prevent the mistakes and overcome the difficulties thus far met by those whose duty it was to fill out these blanks heretofore. Thus my successors will have the benefit of my experience, and future Division Surgeons the benefit of the experience of those who served under me.

Under the head of Exhibit B will be found the changes in the Constitution necessitated by the proposed plan of reorganization.

A blank form of "Medical Officers' Credentials" will be found in Exhibit C. This form will be found useful if the Medical Department is reorganized as suggested.

Regarding the coming tour of camp duty in connection with the "Competition Drill," to take place during the Ninth Annual Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo., I will turn in a supplemental report at an early day.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere thanks to my Commander-in-Chief for the uniform kindness shown me, and the prompt attention given at General Headquarters to any business of the Medical Department; also to those Division Surgeons who honestly endeavored to perform their duty.

To those Division Surgeons who did not attempt to perform their duty, I wish to express my regret at their folly and at my inability to punish them as they deserve.

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

E. A. BRACKLOW, M. D.,
Surgeon General S. V., U. S. A., 1889-1890.

[FORM 18.]

[NOTE.—Consolidate on this form the reports from each Camp and forward the same to the Surgeon General within a week of August 1.]

EXHIBIT A.

REPORT OF THE SURGEON OF THE DIVISION OF,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

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To, *Surgeon General, S. V., U. S. A.*

1. No. members mustered
2. No. in good standing
3. No. in State Militia
4. Number in U. S. Army
5. No. in U. S. Navy
6. No. of deaths within one year
7. No. cases of sickness
8. No. of injuries
9. Total No. of weeks disability of all members. { From sickness.
 { From injuries
10. No. of members able to bear arms
11. No. of members over 45 years of age
12. Age of oldest member
13. Average age of all members
14. No. of single members
15. No. of widowers
16. No. of married members
17. No. of foreign born
18. No. of G. A. R. members
19. No. of clergymen
20. No. of physicians
21. No. of lawyers
22. No. of teachers
23. No. of literary men
24. No. of artists
25. No. of merchants
26. No. of farmers
27. No. of clerks and book-keepers
28. No. of mechanics
29. No. of printers
30. No. of students
31. No. of salesmen
32. No. of telegraph operators
33. No. of miners
34. No. of skilled workmen
35. No. of laborers
36. No. of R. R. conductors
37. No. of engineers
38. No. of professional musicians
39. Miscellaneous
40. No. of Camps in Division
41. No. Camps reporting

Respectfully submitted in F, C. and L.,

Division Surgeon.

Received at office of Surgeon General,, 18..

Surgeon General.

A. All information required in succeeding questions is only in regard to members in good standing.

B. To determine the answer to question No. 9, add together the number of weeks that each member has been disabled by sickness or injury.

C. To determine the answer to question No. 13, add together the ages and divide the number resulting by the number of members.

D. Widowers should not be included among married members. The sum of answers to questions Nos. 14, 15 and 16 should be the same as the number of members in good standing. The sum of answers to questions Nos. 19 to 39, inclusive, should also be the same as the number of members in good standing.

E. Refers to electricians, stenographers, etc., who can not well be classed as mechanics. Capitalists, agents, politicians, etc., come under the general head of Miscellaneous.

F. Refers to such only as follow music as their main occupation.

EXHIBIT C.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Medical Officers' Credentials.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that I, have been recommended as Medical Officer for Camp No. located at County, State of

(To be filled out in case of Camp Surgeons, city or town.)

That I am a graduate in medicine of Date of graduation? I am a member of the following Medical Societies:

Address, (street and number) Age,

Signature:

This is to certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief the above statements regarding are each and every one true; that we know him to be a member of the medical profession in good standing.

(Signature of two physicians.)

We certify that is a member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in good standing.

(Signature of your Captain.) Captain, Commanding. (Name of Camp of which you are a member.)

First Sergeant.

NOTE.—Medical officers will be regarded as "Acting" Camp or Division Surgeons until they receive commissions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Surgeon General will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The report of the Chaplain-in-Chief is next in order.

Chaplain-in-Chief Clay D. Herod, of Kansas, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

ERIE, KAN., August 11, 1890.

General Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

GENERAL—The Sons of Veterans being an Order which derives its eligibility to brotherhood from the fact of being sons of soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war, it is a pleasure, as well as a duty, for them to participate in the exercises of love given on the 30th of May, to show to the remnant of the brave soldier living that the heroic dead and their noble sacrifice is not forgotten, and that they will be as kindly remembered when the flowers of May shall blossom over *their* graves.

That the brothers of the Order, and all interested, may know the extent of the participation of Sons of Veterans in the exercises of Memorial Day, it is given into the hands of the Chaplain-in-Chief to draft forms, and through Division and Camp Chaplains, secure reports of the part taken by each Camp. Forms 43 and 44 were accordingly drafted, calling for eight items of information, viz.: Number of brothers belonging to the Camp. Number of brothers in line. Number of brothers in uniform. Number of brothers armed. Number of brothers attending Sunday service. Number of deaths. Number of Camps furnishing the firing squad, and number of Camps where addresses were made by Sons of Veterans.

Circular letters were addressed to Colonels of Divisions, calling their attention to the proper observance of Memorial Day, and asking for the addresses of their Division Chaplains. In nearly every instance the Colonels replied, giving the addresses, and letters were then sent to Division Chaplains, urging upon them the necessity of securing reports from the Camp Chaplains, and consolidating the same.

Up to this date only twenty-two Divisions have reported, and with two or three exceptions, less than half of the Camps are reported in these; hence, it is evident that my report embraces only about 25 per cent. of the actual participation.

Chaplains of Divisions who made reports have some excuse for their meagerness, in that Camp Chaplains failed to report, but certainly *no Division Chaplain has any excuse for not sending in some report*, and we can only explain their negligence in this matter from the fact that most of the Division Encampments are either held just before or just after Memorial Day, and that the new Chaplain depends upon the old one to consolidate reports, and *vice versa*, hence, we think it would be a wise thing for each Colonel-elect to require his Chaplain to correspond with his predecessor, and secure from him all reports of Camp Chaplains on file in his office; and instead of reporting only 976 Camps, and 29,841 brothers in line, we feel sure the aggregate would reach 2,500 Camps, and 100,000 brothers in line.

The report from Divisions is as follows:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF DIVISION CHAPLAIN.

NAME OF DIVISION.	No. of Camp.	No. of Brothers Belonging to Camp.	No. of Brothers in Line.	No. of Brothers in Uniform.	No. of Brothers Armed.	No. of Brothers Attendg Sunday Service.	No. of Deaths during Year.	No. of Camps Furnishing Firing Squads.	No. of Camps where S. of V.'s Delivered Addresses.
Alabama	6	143	143	23	6	43			4
California	24	463	260	166	108	392	1	5	3
Colorado	7	232	162	125	87	165		1	
Connecticut	30	569	569	446	287	426	4		4
Illinois	118	3,571	2,162	1,074	646	1,709	12	21	32
Indiana	67	1,911	1,416	414	283	1,027	6	21	14
Iowa	63	1,806	1,246	737	249	855	6	13	20
Kansas	59	1,616	993	390	228	814	6	21	11
Maine	22	278	438	324	162	274	4	6	3
Maryland	4	278	164	194	60	195	2	3	1
Massachusetts	110	4,504	2,729	2,617	539	1,901	13	7	7
Michigan	46	1,314	765	450	325	539	4	19	7
Minnesota	36	610	610	281	271	341	3		4
Missouri	40	1,381	776	317	100	406	7	8	16
Montana	5	180	78	75	25	54	1	2	1
Nebraska	24	555	422	201	143	296	1	6	2
New Hampshire	18	537	368	325	41	253	2		3
New Jersey	14	651	397	352	40	271	2		3
New York	48	1,508	1,002	715	167	810	8	6	5
Ohio	187	5,985	3,492	2,044	914	2,887	37	46	33
West Virginia	9	246	126	79	31	87		4	3
Wisconsin	31	1,073	598	370	151	364	4	7	6
Total	976	29,841	18,957	11,619	4,863	13,839	123	193	182

No reports have been received from the following Divisions: Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Florida, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington, and Oregon.

Ohio reported the greatest number of Camps taking part in Memorial Services, viz: 187 Camps and 3,492 members being in line; Massachusetts came second with 110 Camps and 2,729 members, Illinois reported 118 Camps, being 8 more than Massachusetts; but, as only 2,162 brothers were in line, being 567 fewer than Massachusetts, she came third. John M. Lyon, Chaplain of Massachusetts, reported 110 Camps out of a total of 114 or 96.5 per cent., and we think deserves special mention for his efficient work.

If the number of brothers in line be taken as a basis of comparison, or 100 per cent.; 63 per cent. of brothers in line were uniformed; 24.5 per cent. were armed and 72.7 per cent. attended Sunday service.

From the reports of Division Chaplains I find that many Camps had 100 per cent of their membership in line. These Camps are as follows: Camps Nos. 36 and 83 of Illinois, No. 69 of Kansas, Nos. 19, 29, 49 and 54 of Massachusetts, Nos. 49 and 137 of Michigan, Nos. 19, 29 and 49 of Missouri, No. 1 of Montana, Nos. 20, 118 and 132 of New York, Nos. 95, 99 and 105 of Ohio, No. 5 of West Virginia and No. 20 of Wisconsin. These Camps certainly deserve commendation, for it is somewhat remarkable for a Camp to have all of its membership in line.

California had 5 Camps having 100 per cent. of those in line uniformed, Connecticut 2, Illinois 13, Iowa 6, Kansas 3, Maine 11, Minnesota 2, Massachusetts 70, Missouri 2, Michigan 7, Maryland 2, Montana 3, New Hampshire 11, New York 11, New Jersey 6, Ohio 26, West Virginia 1, Wisconsin 3, Nebraska 2 and Connecticut 14.

Table Showing Per Cent. of Brothers in Uniform, Armed, and Attending Sunday Service as Compared to Number of Brothers in Line.

	16	per cent.	4.2	per cent.	30	per cent.
Alabama	56	"	41.5	"	74	"
California	70	"	54	"	65	"
Colorado	80	"	50.4	"	75	"
Connecticut	49.6	"	30	"	80	"
Illinois	30	"	20	"	72.5	"
Indiana	57	"	19.2	"	66	"
Iowa	40	"	23	"	82	"
Kansas	74	"	37	"	62.5	"
Maine	87	"	40	"	125	"
Maryland	96	"	20	"	70	"
Massachusetts	60	"	42.5	"	70	"
Michigan	46	"	44.5	"	56	"
Minnesota	41	"	13	"	52	"
Missouri	96	"	32	"	70	"
Montana	47.5	"	34	"	70	"
Nebraska	90	"	11	"	70	"
New Hampshire	89	"	10	"	70	"
New Jersey	71.3	"	16.6	"	81	"
New York	57.5	"	26.6	"	85	"
Ohio	62.5	"	24.6	"	70	"
West Virginia	62	"	25	"	60	"
Wisconsin						

Massachusetts Division had the greatest per cent. of brothers armed, 96 per cent.; Colorado the greatest per cent. armed, 54 per cent., and Maryland the greatest per cent. attending Sunday service, 125 per cent.

Table Showing the Camp of Each Division Having the Greatest Number of Brothers in Line.

DIVISION.	CAMP.	No. MEMBERS.
Alabama	No. 10	54
California	" 15	28
Colorado	" 1	52
Connecticut	" 1	41
Illinois	" 71	50
Indiana	" 85	71
Iowa	" 30	45
Kansas	" 144	46
Maine	" 3	40
Maryland	" 2	60
Massachusetts	" 96	80
Michigan	" 14	33
Minnesota	" 15	43
Missouri	" 17	65
Montana	" 1	27
Nebraska	" 78	33
New Hampshire	" 14	48
New Jersey	" 8	170
New York	" 20	75
Ohio	" 89	70
West Virginia	" 24	29
Wisconsin	" 35	45

Camp No. 8 of New Jersey had the largest number in line, viz. : 170, Camp No. 96, of Massachusetts, being second, with 80 brothers in line, and Camp No. 20, of New York, third, with 75 brothers in line.

Table Showing the Camp of Each Division Having the Greatest Number of Uniformed Brothers in Line.

DIVISION.	CAMP.	No. MEMBERS.
Alabama	No. 10	12
California	" 15	25
Colorado	" 1	52
Connecticut	" 1	41
Illinois	" 8	40
Indiana	" 190	24
Iowa	" 30	41
Kansas	" 144	33
Maine	" 3	40
Maryland	" 2	51
Massachusetts	" 31	60
Michigan	" 14	33
Minnesota	" 9	35
Missouri	" 51	47
Montana	" 1	27
Nebraska	" 78	33
New Hampshire	" 14	48
New Jersey	" 8	160
New York	" 20	75
Ohio	" 221	54
West Virginia	" 24	20
Wisconsin	" 37	37

Camp No. 8, of New Jersey, had the largest number uniformed, viz., 160, Camp No. 20, of New York, being second, with 75, and Camp No. 31, of Massachusetts, third, with 60 brothers in line.

Table Showing the Camp of Each Division Having the Greatest Number Armed.

DIVISION.	CAMP.	No. MEMBERS.
Alabama	No. 1	6
California	" 15	23
Colorado	" 1	52
Connecticut	" 1	34
Illinois	" 22	42
Indiana	" 190	24
Iowa	" 35	40
Kansas	" 21	21
Maine	" 3	40
Maryland	" 1	24
Massachusetts	" 81	50
Michigan	" 14	33
Minnesota	" 9	35
Missouri	" 51	35
Montana	" 7	13
Nebraska	" 33	25
New Hampshire	" 3	12
New Jersey	" 5	30
New York, Albany	" 1	50
Ohio	" 221	54
West Virginia	" 21	8
Wisconsin	" 42	34

Camp No. 221, of Ohio, had the largest number of brothers armed, viz., 54, Camp No. 1, of Colorado, being second, with 52, and Camp No. 81, of Massachusetts, third, with 50 members.

Table Showing the Camp of Each Division Having the Greatest Number of Brothers in Attendance at Sunday Service.

DIVISION.	CAMP.	No. MEMBERS.
Alabama	No. 10	23
California	" 25	19
Colorado	" 1	36
Connecticut	" 1	41
Illinois	" 8	35
Indiana	" 30	60
Iowa	" 56	35
Kansas	" 144	34
Maine	" 3	30
Maryland	" 2	68
Massachusetts	" 96	60
Michigan	" 15	35
Minnesota	" 55	28
Missouri	" 17	55
Montana	" 1	18
Nebraska	" 63	25
New Hampshire	" 14	32
New Jersey	" 8	80
New York	" 20	45
Ohio	" 221	63
West Virginia	" 25	18
Wisconsin	" 16	28

Camp No. 8, of New Jersey, had the largest number of brothers attending Sunday service, viz: 80 members, Camp No. 2, of Maryland, being second with 68 and Camp No. 221, of Ohio, third with 63 members.

Two new items of information appeared on the reports, viz.: Number of Camps furnishing the firing squad, and number of Camps where addresses were delivered by Sons of Veterans. The object of these questions was to ascertain the extent to which Sons of Veterans were already taking in this line, and they were prompted by remarks of members of the G. A. R. to the effect that they would wish that the Memorial Exercises might in time be entirely in charge of the Sons of Veterans.

One hundred and forty-three Camps reported as having the firing squad selected from their number, and in 151 Camps were addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.

In submitting this, my report, I feel it my duty to again call the attention of all brothers of the Order to the fact that there is not so much of a dearth of attention paid to the observance of Memorial Day, but that there is great negligence in reporting the part taken therein, and this can only be remedied by Camp Chaplains being required to promptly fill out the blanks and send them to the Division Chaplain.

And now, General, in closing this my second term as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Order, I desire to thank you for the confidence you have had in me in appointing me to this position, and for the many favors you have shown me during the year. From the brothers (all) I have received only fraternal treatment and regards, and it is my prayer that as the Order continues throughout coming time, its brothers

may never see the iron heel of treason attempting to crush the principles of freedom taught us by our fathers, but that so long as the world shall exist, *that long* will our fatherland be counted among the good and great nations of the earth. May the God of battles be our God of peace, and watch over us as individuals as he doth guard the whole universe.

Respectfully I remain in F., C. and L.,

CLAY D. HEROD.

The Commander-in-Chief being called to the room of the Committee on Officers' Reports, the Lieutenant-General took the chair.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The next report in order is the report of Chief Mustering Officer Rice. As Brother Rice is not here, his report will be read by the Adjutant-General.

The Adjutant-General read the following report submitted by Chief Mustering Officer Rice:

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

To Ninth Annual Encampment at St. Joseph, Mo. :

In compliance with instructions from Marvin E. Hall, Inspector-General for the United States, I inspected the Iowa Division Headquarters, at Waterloo, Iowa, in June, 1890, and found everything in fine shape, and I desire to say that Colonel White and staff deserve great credit for the manner in which they conducted and turned over to their successors in office the Iowa Division.

I answered all communications addressed to me on official business, and performed every act required of me from Headquarters.

Thanking the Sons of Veterans throughout the United States for their uniform courtesy and kindness, I close my report regretting that the severe illness of my brother prevents my presence with you, and trusting that the Order may always be true to their country's best interests and to every duty imposed upon them.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JAMES A. RICE,
Chief Mustering Officer, U. S. A.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The report will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The next business in order is the reception of communications from Divisions. The roll will be called by the Adjutant-General, and as the name of each Division is called, they will present their communications.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of Divisions accordingly.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, New York: Commander, I have some matters that I would like to have referred to the proper committee, but I have left them at the hotel. I move that permission be granted to these brothers to hand in communications to the Adjutant-General up to to-morrow noon, and that they be referred to the committee without being read.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: That is the custom, to refer them to the committee without reading. If there is no objection, permission will be granted. The Chair hears none. It is so ordered.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Next in order is unfinished business.

COLONEL C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, I move you that the election of officers be made the special order of business for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, New York: Commander, I move to amend that motion by making it read that the special order for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock be the nomination and election of officers.

The amendment was seconded.

The amendment was agreed to.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: Commander, I move that we do now adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

COL. S. E. THOMASON, of Maryland: I second the motion.

COL. H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: I would ask the brother from Ohio to withdraw his motion to adjourn until I make one motion..

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: I will withdraw my motion temporarily to allow brother Kline to make a motion.

COL. H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: The motion I desire to make is that the members of the executive committee, that is the local executive committee, be allowed to wear the delegate badge during this Encampment.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: I now renew my motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

GEN. GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Chicago: Commander, I offer an amendment to the motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, that we take a recess until sixty minutes past eight to-morrow morning. They say it is nine o'clock until it's ten; we want to take a recess until sixty minutes past eight.

H. J. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: I will accept the amendment offered by General Abbott.

The motion as amended was agreed to, and the Commandery took recess until to-morrow, Thursday, August 28, 1890, at sixty minutes past eight A. M.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, August 28, 1890.

The Commandery-in-Chief met at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant-General called the roll. The minutes of yesterday's session were read.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the reading of the minutes. If there is no objection they will stand approved as read. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and, there being no objection, the minutes stand approved. The order of business this morning is reports of committees. I understand there are some committees ready to report, and we can expedite business to some extent by hearing their reports immediately. The Committee on Officers' Reports, I understand, is ready.

B. S. Weeks, of New York, the Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports, rose to make the report of that committee.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, in order to expedite business, I move that the report be read by the chairman, section by section, and that each section be acted upon as it is read, in order to avoid the necessity for the reading of the report the second time.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER IN-CHIEF: In accordance with the motion just adopted, the Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports will proceed to read the report section by section.

Colonel B. S. Weeks, of New York, Chairman, submitted the following report:

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., August 28, 1890.

To the Ninth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

Your committee on Officers' Reports beg leave to submit the following report:
First. The report of the Commander-in-Chief. Your committee can not express too highly its commendation of this most admirable report, complete in all its details, and full of thoughtful recommendations for the good of the Order, and can not refrain from congratulating the Commandery upon the exceptionally successful administration shown by this report, and the reports of the other officers.

I. Recommendation No. 1. That the Digest and Blue Book be sold at thirty-five cents per copy, and that it be placed on the Camp packet list and furnished all new Camps organized, meets the hearty approval of the committee, and they recommend its adoption by the Encampment.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report.

COL. MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

COL. Weeks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

II. Recommendation No. 2 will be considered under the report of the Judge Advocate General.

III. Your committee, in accordance with Recommendation No. 3, submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars, in addition to the amount appropriated at the Eighth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, be appropriated for the purchase and erection by the Commandery-in-Chief of a suitable monument at the grave of Past Commander-in-Chief Arnold, and that Pennsylvania Division be requested to contribute as much as possible to the end that a monument may be erected which will be a credit to the Order and a just tribute to the memory of one of its chief officers.

COL. E. W. POE, of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of that recommendation.

G. F. DOUGHERTY, of Montana: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Col. Weeks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

IV. Your committee do not concur in Recommendation No. 4.

COL. WEEKS: Recommendation No. 4 was as follows:

I recommend that a committee of three be appointed, in such manner as may be directed, who shall report to the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a plan of insurance for the consideration of that body.

Your committee do not concur in this recommendation.

J. V. HILLIARD, of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report of the committee.

J. W. BARTHOLOMEW, of Nebraska: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of this section of the report of the committee. As many as are in favor of the motion will rise to their feet and stand till they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General reported 55 voting in favor of the motion and 30 against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is agreed to, and the report of the committee in regard to the Fourth Recommendation contained in the report of the Commander-in-Chief is concurred in.

Col. Weeks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

V. Recommendation No. 5 has been already acted upon by the Encampment.

VI. In accordance with Recommendation No. 6, your committee submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to the next annual encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a Ritual combining such of the features mentioned in the report of the Commander-in-Chief under the head of "The Ritual," as they may deem advisable, and such other improvements as may seem to them for the good of the Order.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report of the committee.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: I second the motion.

COL. E. W. POE, of Ohio: Commander, I think it would be well for them to read that recommendation made in your report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chairman of the Committee will read the recommendation referred to.

COL. B. S. WEEKS: The recommendation of the Commander is as follows:

I recommend: 1. That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief a ritual combining the features hereinbefore suggested.

Recommendation No. 6 of the Commander's Report is in the language of the recommendation of the committee, except that the recommendation of the Commander would seem to limit the powers of the committee solely to the matters mentioned in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, to pass upon those matters only, so that the committee would be obliged to act upon them exactly in the lines laid down. On that account the Committee on Officers' Reports have modified that resolution so that the committee has power to present a ritual combining such of the features as are here mentioned as they may deem advisable, and also such other features as may seem to them to be for the good of the Order.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: Commander, would it not be well to bear in mind that the work of revision on the part of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as well as the work of this committee, may in a measure either conflict or dovetail, and that we should incorporate in this resolution some words to the effect that the two committees have power to confer together for the purpose of producing something that is harmonious at the next Commandery-in-Chief. Otherwise they might go on different lines, and the result might be a lack of harmony.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, it seems to me that would be hardly necessary, if these committees are selected with the wisdom that we may anticipate they will be, and if they perform their duty as we hope they will do it. It would seem impossible for me to believe that they could act concurrently without acting jointly.

The Chair put the question on the motion of Brother Speelman. The motion was agreed to, and this section of the report of the committee was adopted.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows :

VII. Recommendations 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14, seeming to be more properly within the province of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, have been left for the consideration of that committee.

VIII. Your committee recommend the adoption of Recommendation No. 11, fixing the per capita tax.

COLONEL WEEKS: Recommendation No. 11, in the report of the Commander-in-Chief, is as follows: "I therefore recommend that the per capita tax payable to the Commandery-in-Chief remain as heretofore—four cents per quarter, sixteen cents per annum. Great objection has been made to the requirements of our Constitution, which, strictly construed, compel new Camps to pay the full amount of per capita tax for the quarter in which they were mustered. Considerable confusion and annoyance has arisen on this account. Some Colonels have failed to report such new Camps for the first quarter. Others have insisted on paying only a proportionate amount of per capita tax for them. Others, again, have unquestioningly paid the full amount. The rule established by the Grand Army requires Posts in that organization to pay the full amount of per capita tax for the quarter in which they were mustered. Such a rule, however, seems unfair. Camps organized during the last week of the quarter are thereby compelled to pay per capita tax for eleven weeks during which they were not in existence. Action should be taken fixing a well defined rule governing such cases."

COLONEL CLAY D. HEROD, of Kansas: Commander, I move the adoption of that section of the report of the committee.

N. L. HARRISON, of New York: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows :

IX. Your committee concur in Recommendation No. 15, and would suggest that such system be prepared by the Inspector-General and incorporated in the instructions accompanying the inspection blanks.

COLONEL M. P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I move we concur in the section of the report of the committee just read.

CHARLES F. WEAVER, of Kentucky: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows :

X. Under Recommendation No 16, your committee submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters be inspected annually by a Board, to consist of the Lieutenant-General, Major-General and Inspector-General.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move the resolution reported by the committee be amended to the effect that a majority of the Council-in-Chief be added to that inspection corps.

COL. R. LOBENSTEIN, of Missouri: I second the motion.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, in all inspections it is sought to take men who are not directly interested in that which they are to inspect. But in this provision for the inspection of the Commandery-in-Chief headquarters, you are to have the three officers who are directly interested in the affairs as managed by the Commander-in-Chief. I think it should be amended at least to such an extent as to appoint one or two outsiders. The Inspector-General certainly should be one of those inspectors, but it seems to me the proper thing would be to have some outsiders.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, the committee gave this matter considerable consideration, especially in view of the suggestion in the report of the Commander-in-Chief that the inspections should be by competent brothers, who are not members of the Council-in-Chief, and we could see no clear way for the arrangement for an annual inspection by a Board, unless we provide for a Board of Inspectors, who should be elected at the Annual Encampment. Such being the case they would stand in certainly as close relations, or nearly as close relation to the Commander-in-Chief as the Lieutenant-General and the Major-General. Upon looking the field over it seemed to us that of the officers of the Council-in-Chief, the Lieutenant-General and the Major-General were so distinctly separated from the active work of the Commandery that was under the control of the Commander-in-Chief, and of his staff, that they were really as nearly unprejudiced and unbiased minds as could be found. Further than that, considering the human nature which exists in each and every one of us and the natural law of promotion, the Lieutenant-General and the Major-General are the two members who *prima facie*, have the greatest interest in disclosing to the entire Commandery-in-Chief, any irregularities that may exist in the management of the Commandery-in-Chief by the Commander-in-Chief, and his appointive staff. [Applause.] So that it seemed to us that here was a simple method of cutting the Gordian knot, and therefore we have presented the resolution in this shape. [Applause.]

The Chair put the question on the motion of Colonel Tobias to amend. The motion was lost. The section of the report of the committee was concurred in.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

XI. As to recommendation No. 17, we recommend the appointment of a committee of three to consult with Major Davis, and report to this Encampment, Rules and Regulations, fixing the price of badges and decorations of the Order and report to this Encampment. [The remainder of the recommendation is left for the consideration of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.]

COLONEL S. E. THOMASON, of Maryland: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report.

G. F. DOUGHERTY, of Montana: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

XII. Recommendation No. 18 will be considered under the report of the Council-in-Chief.

XIII. Recommendations Nos. 19, 20 and 21 being clearly within the province of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, have been left for the consideration of that committee.

XIV. Your committee recommend that the appropriation for Headquarters clerical force for the ensuing year be fixed at the sum of \$3,000.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: Commander, I move that this recommendation of the committee be concurred in.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Your committee, although fearful of establishing a precedent which might in the future become dangerous, if abused, and believing that the salaries of the officers should not be increased after the acceptance of the office, yet feel that the labors of the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster General during the past year have been so arduous and so satisfactorily performed that an exception should be made in this instance, and, therefore recommend that additional appropriations of \$250 each should be made to Adjutant-General Bookwalter and Quartermaster-General Homan for such services.

N. L. HARRISON, of New York: Commander, I move the adoption of the recommendation contained in this section of the report of the committee.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I second the motion.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I would like to have that paragraph of the report read again.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Shall the section of the report be read again?
[Cries of "No, no, no." "Question," "Question."]

GEO. VAN HOUTEN, of Iowa: Commander, we do not know how much they have already received.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of this section of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Are there any further remarks? As many as are in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying aye. Those opposed, no. The motion is carried, there being no votes in the negative. The section of the report of the committee is adopted.

Chairman Weeks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Your committee also feel that mention should be made of the new Division records prepared by this administration and furnished to Divisions, and recommend that the action of the Commander-in-Chief be approved by the Encampment.

G. F. DOUGHERTY, of Montana: Commander, I move the adoption of this section of the report of the committee.

COL. MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: That concludes the report of this committee so far as it has been reduced to writing. We will have a supplemental report to make further on.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There is one recommendation in the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports calling for the appointment of a committee to confer with Major Davis. How and when shall that committee be appointed?

GENERAL MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: Commander, I move that the Chair immediately appoint such a committee.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move, as an amendment, that the Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports be made a member of that committee.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, I hope that suggestion will not prevail. As chairman of this committee I have had one interview with Major Davis, and I have ventured, not anticipating the possibility of being placed upon the committee to confer with him, to make certain suggestions to him looking toward a quiet and satisfactory settlement of the matters between him and the Commandery, and I therefore hope that I may be excused from serving on the committee.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I withdraw the motion.

The Commander put the question on General Hall's motion, and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I will appoint on that committee to confer with Major Davis the following members: C. H. Little, of New Hampshire; Past Colonel D. B. Purbeck, of Massachusetts; G. H. Hurlburt, of Illinois.

The Council-in-Chief has a short report to make, which will expedite business if it is heard now. Shall we hear the report?

[Cries of "Consent!" "Consent!"]

The Adjutant-General read the minutes of the proceedings of the Council-in-Chief at its various sessions, as follows:

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Council-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

AT MEETINGS HELD IN

ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

MONDAY, August 25, 1890.

Council-in-Chief met in pursuance to order, with Commander-in-Chief, Charles F. Griffin, in the chair.

The following members answered roll-call :

Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief.

Henry B. Baguley, Lieutenant-General.

George W. Pollitt, Major-General.

John G. Winfrey, Chief-of-Staff.

C. A. Bookwalter, Adjutant-General.

Eustace W. Homan, Quartermaster-General.

E. A. Bracklow, Surgeon-General.

Clay D. Herod, Chaplain-in-Chief.

Henry Frazee, John H. Hinkley, W. O. McDowell, Charles D. Jones, Elective Members.

On motion of Brother Frazee, a committee of three was appointed to see us to rate to be charged for members stopping at the Pacific Hotel, and instructed to reply at once. The committee, consisting of Brothers Baguley, Winfrey and Bracklow, after consulting proprietor, reported that a uniform rate of \$3 per day would be charged. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Brother Henry Frazee, as Chairman of the Elective Council, reported that the Council had carefully checked the books, vouchers and receipts of the Commander-in-Chief, and found them to be correct.

On motion of Major-General Pollitt, it was voted that Brothers McDowell and Jones, members of the Elective Council, thoroughly examine and balance the books of the Quartermaster-General, and determine if the balances therein are correct.

Moved by Brother Frazee, second by Brother McDowell, that the Council recommend the payment of \$221.53, expended during the past year for transcribing records of National Headquarters, and for extra clerical help in shipping supplies. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Pollitt, that the Council recommend that the sum of \$3,000 be appropriated for clerical services and salaries of the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters officers for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by Brother Bracklow, and seconded by Brother Pollitt, that the Council recommend that in future no supplies be furnished to Divisions unless cash accompany the requisition ordering same. Carried.

Moved by Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Herod, that when the Council take a recess it be until 7:30 P. M. Carried.

No further business appearing, a recess was taken in accordance with the above motion.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

MONDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Council met with General Charles F. Griffin in the chair.

The following members answered roll-call: Charles F. Griffin, H. B. Baguley, George W. Pollitt, John G. Winfrey, C. A. Bookwalter, E. W. Homan, E. A. Bracklow, Clay D. Herod, Henry Frazee, J. H. Hinkley, W. O. McDowell, C. D. Jones.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with amendments.

H. B. Baguley, Lieutenant-General, presented bills on account of G. A. R. Encampment at Boston (as per voucher in hands of Quartermaster-General) for \$103.

On motion of Brother Pollitt, seconded by Brother Hinkley, the Council approved the same and ordered that the same be paid.

Surgeon-General Bracklow reported that the sanitary condition of Camp Griffin was in some respects very bad.

On motion of McDowell, seconded by Hinkley, the Surgeon-General was authorized to confer with the local committee, and given power to make such expenditures as he may deem advisable.

No further business appearing, the Council took a recess until 8:30 A. M., Tuesday.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

TUESDAY, August 26, 1890, 8:30 A. M.

Council met, with General Charles F. Griffin in the chair.

The following members answered roll-call: Charles F. Griffin, George W. Pollitt, John G. Winfrey, Charles A. Bookwalter, Eustace W. Homan, Marvin E. Hall, O. B. Brown, E. A. Bracklow, Clay D. Herod, Henry Frazee, J. H. Hinkley, W. O. McDowell, C. D. Jones.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, with amendments.

The Commander-in-Chief called for the report of the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Frazee stated that the books had not yet arrived, and, until they came, the committee could not make a full and complete report. When the books arrived, the committee would be ready to report.

W. O. McDowell moved that the Council adjourn until called together by the Commander-in-Chief.

Motion seconded by Henry Frazee.

Marvin E. Hall moved to amend, that the Council adjourn till 5:30 P. M. this evening.

The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was agreed to.

No further business appearing, the Council accordingly adjourned.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

THURSDAY, August 28, 1890.

Council-in-Chief was called to order, with General Griffin in the chair.

Those present, and answering to roll-call, were: Charles F. Griffin, H. B. Baguley, George W. Pollitt, John G. Winfrey, Chas. A. Bookwalter, Eustace W. Homan, Marvin E. Hall, O. B. Brown, E. A. Bracklow, Clay D. Herod, Henry Frazee, J. H. Hinkley, E. T. Roe, W. O. McDowell and C. D. Jones.

On motion of Brother McDowell, seconded by Brother Winfrey, a bill of ten dollars, incurred by the Commander-in-Chief and members of Staff and Council-in-Chief, for carriages to and from the competitive drill, was ordered allowed.

The bill of Hugh T. Reed for twenty-five dollars, for services as judge of the competitive drill, together with such hotel bill as he may have incurred while in the city, was, on motion of Brother McDowell, seconded by Brother Hinkley, ordered paid.

A bill for \$150, for gold cross for the Commander-in-Chief, appropriated by the Eighth Annual Encampment at Paterson, was, on motion of Brother Pollitt, seconded by Brother Winfrey, ordered allowed.

On motion of Brother McDowell, seconded by Hall, the Council-in-Chief recommended that three hundred dollars be appropriated as the amount contributed by the Commandery-in-Chief as the first prize in the competitive drill. Carried.

Moved by Brother Frazee, seconded by Herod, that the Quartermaster-General be instructed to pay the expenses of the Council-in-Chief upon the presentation of vouchers in proper form. Carried.

On motion of Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Hinkley, the Council recommends that (\$500) five hundred dollars be turned over by the present Commander-in-Chief to the incoming Command-r-in-Chief, to defray expenses until final settlement is made with General Griffin. Carried.

Moved by Brother McDowell that the Council recommend to the incoming Commander-in-Chief that he call together, before leaving St. Joseph, the elective officers of the Council-in-Chief, together with such members of his staff as he feels able at the time to name, in order that the work of the new year may be given consideration. Carried.

Moved by Brother Henry Frazee, seconded by Hall, that the bond of Commander-in-Chief be fixed at ten thousand dollars, to be secured in some surety and fidelity company, and the cost of the same to be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief. Carried.

Moved by Brother Pollitt, seconded by McDowell, that the Quartermaster-General be authorized to pay the account of Surgeon General Bracklow for medicines and other supplies needed at Camp Griffin.

On motion of Brother Hall, seconded by Brother Herod, the Council recommended that the salary of the Commander-in-Chief be fixed at one dollar for the ensuing year. Carried.

On motion of Brother Jones, seconded by Hall, it was recommended that the Quartermaster-General, before each respective Division Encampment, furnish the Quartermaster of each Division an itemized statement of the Division account for the year, with the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Auditing Committee then presented the following report :

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the Members of the Council-in-Chief:

GENTLEMEN—We the members of the Auditing Committee beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully and thoroughly examined the books of the Quartermaster-General, together with the vouchers, receipts, etc., and find them to be correct and everything pertaining thereto in an excellent condition, and the officers at headquarters are certainly entitled to great praise and credit for the manner in which they have conducted the business of the Commandery-in-Chief.

We find the balance, as given by the Quartermaster-General, to be correct, with the following exceptions:

Errors by credit	\$0 38
Errors by debit	2 40

Leaving debtor balance of \$2.40 over and above the report shown by the Quartermaster-General.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L,
 HENRY FRAZEE, *Chairman.*
 J. H. HINKLEY,
 W. O. McDOWELL,
 C. D. JONES.

On motion of Brother Herod, seconded by Brother Pollitt, the report of the Auditing Committee was ordered to be entered in full on the record.

On motion of Brother Hall, seconded by Frazee, the Council adjourned to meet at the call of the Commander-in-Chief.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

FRIDAY, August 29, 1890.

Council-in-Chief was called to order, with General Griffin in the chair.

Those present and answering to roll-call were: Charles F. Griffin, H. B. Baguley, George W. Pollitt, John G. Winfrey, Charles A. Bookwalter, Eustace W. Homan, Marvin E. Hall, O. B. Brown, E. A. Bracklow, Clay D. Herod, Henry Frazee, J. H. Hinkley, E. T. Roe, and W. O. McDowell.

On motion of Brother Winfrey, seconded by Brother Brown, it was ordered that the expenses of Merrill Moores, in attendance upon the Encampment as a member of the Committee on Chicago Camp No. 1 (appointed in vacation by order of the Past Encampment), and also as a member of the Committee on Digest, he having reports to be submitted from both committees, be paid.

On motion of Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother McDowell, it was ordered that the bill incurred by Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott for framing resolutions passed at the Paterson Encampment in relation to Hugh C. Irish Camp, amounting to \$4.00, be allowed and paid. Also, 45 cents express charges, Indianapolis to Chicago, and 50 cents cartage, and \$1.20 expressage from Chicago to St. Joseph, amounting to \$2.15.

On motion of Brother McDowell, seconded by Brother Pollitt, it was ordered that Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott be authorized to forward the aforesaid resolutions to the members of the committee for signing, and that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to pay all charges therefor on the presentation of proper vouchers.

Past Commander-in-Chief Abbott then stated that at the time of turning over the affairs of the Order to General Griffin he agreed, upon receiving a receipt from Past Colonel Retel, of the New York Division for \$24.25, to turn over to the New York Division \$14.25, which was his (Retel's) claim as a member of the Council-in-Chief at the Wheeling Encampment; that he had paid him \$10.00 and he (Abbott) was in debt to the Commandery-in-Chief \$14.25; that there was unsettled expense of headquarters during his administration, the gas bill for September, 1889, amounting to \$4.00; a bill for typewriter ribbon, \$1 00, and for repairs to typewriter, \$2.15, making a total of \$7.15, which he desired to have offset against the amount due from him, \$14.25.

On motion of Brother Bookwalter, seconded by Brother Jones, it was so ordered.

On motion of Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother Bracklow, it was ordered that the Division of Alabama-Tennessee be credited with the amount due from them to the Commandery-in-Chief on account of Division records and supplies.

On motion of Brother Bracklow, seconded by Brother Pollitt, it was ordered that West Virginia be made square on the books by being credited with the balance against it.

On motion of Brother McDowell it was ordered that the debt of the Kansas Division, amounting to \$4, be cancelled.

On motion of Brother Hinkley, seconded by Brother McDowell, it was ordered that the amount due from the Divisions of Pennsylvania and Missouri, on account of supplies furnished during the second administration of General Abbott, be cancelled upon their filing a statement of their objection to the payment thereof.

On motion of Brother Frazee, seconded by Brother McDowell, it was ordered that the bill for the expenses of the Judge-Advocate-General's office, amounting to \$25.00 for expressage, postage, etc., be allowed and paid.

On motion of Brother Bookwalter, seconded by Brother McDowell, the Commander-in-Chief was authorized to pay over to the incoming Commander-in-Chief the \$500 appropriated at a previous meeting of the Council-in-Chief, before his installation.

Brother McDowell offered the following:

WHEREAS, The Commandery-in-Chief had no thought that it could command competition from artillery companies in offering prizes to infantry companies; and, WHEREAS, Battery 44, of Indiana, has appeared and participated in the military exercises of this Encampment,

Resolved, That we award them a prize of \$100.

The resolution was seconded by Brother Pollitt, and adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned.

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Council-in-Chief. What will you do with it?

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I move you, sir, that it be approved.

F. W. COMBS, of Montana: I second the motion.

N. L. HARRISON, of New York: Commander, there are a number of recommendations contained in this report of the proceedings of the Council-in-Chief, and I move, as a further amendment, that they be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, the gentleman has misapprehended the matter. There are no recommendations contained in the report of the proceedings just read. It is simply a report of the actions of the Council-in-Chief, ordering the payment of bills contracted by the Commander-in-Chief through his staff.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think that is true. The question is now on the adoption of the report of the Council-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of concurring in the report as read will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it and the report is adopted.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: Commander, the hour having arrived for the special order, which is the election of officers, I would move the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, Under the special order of business: I. That we do now proceed to the nomination and election of officers in the following order: Commander-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General, Major-General.

Resolved, II, That Divisions, having comrades (Brothers) to present as candidates, be accorded the floor in alphabetical order, for the purpose of making such nominations, and that the seconds of any and all Divisions to such nominations follow the same in like order.

Resolved, III, That no nominating speech shall exceed ten, nor any second five minutes in delivery, and nominations being concluded, that balloting begin and proceed without interruption or recess, other than for meals, until a choice shall be made.

L. A. PERCE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion for the adoption of the resolutions.

GEN. E A BRACKLOW, of New York: Commander, before that resolution is passed, I would like to present a resolution here and have it acted upon at this time, because it has to be transmitted to New York. It is a resolution for the benefit of veterans, and I think the Encampment will consent to the reading of it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will the Encampment consent to the request of Brother Bracklow?

[Cries of "Consent," "Consent."]

GENERAL BRACKLOW, of New York: These same resolutions have been passed by the Grand Army of the Republic, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and other veteran associations and societies, and by the Ladies' Relief Corps, etc. They are as follows:

WHEREAS, The heroism shown by the unfortunate prisoners of war in the struggle of 1861 to 1865, and the suffering which they were called upon to endure, was almost without parallel in the history of the world; and,

WHEREAS, With thousands of brave men these sufferings ended in death under the most heart-rending circumstances possible to imagine, and burial in unmarked and unknown graves; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., hail with pleasure the knowledge that the Union Prisoners of War National Memorial Association has been organized for the purpose of erecting a monument to commemorate the sad but heroic memories of these men.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief, in Ninth Annual Convention, assembled at St. Joseph, Missouri, hereby express their approval of the effort being made, and pledge all the support that they can give, and particularly call upon the National Government, and the Government of every State whose citizens honor the names in this list of heroic dead, to give this movement their sympathy and support

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I move the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

W. G. HINES, of Missouri: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: Commander, I notice in the reading of Brother Krackowizer's resolution that the word "comrades" is used where the word "brothers" should be used. I suggest that the word be changed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think the suggestion is a good one. The word should be changed. There is no question but that the word "brothers" should be used.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: Commander, I will accept the suggestion and so modify the resolution.

E. T. ROE, of Illinois: Commander, I notice that the resolution of Brother Krackowizer in reference to the election of officers omits to provide for the election of the elective members of the Council-in-Chief. I move, therefore, that the resolution be amended to include the election of those officers, the elective members of the Council-in Chief.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is now on the adoption of the resolutions offered by Brother Krackowizer, of Wisconsin, as amended. As many as are in favor of the same will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to, and the resolutions are adopted. The special order of business for 10 o'clock this morning is the nomination of officers in accordance with the resolution which you have just adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Under the resolution the roll of Divisions will be called alphabetically, and as any Division is called desiring to present a candidate, the brother selected to make the nomination will rise.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions. When the Division of Kansas was reached Colonel C. D. Jones placed in nomination General Leland J. Webb, of Kansas.

The nomination of General Webb was seconded by Colonel C. T. Orner, of Illinois; T. J. Anderson, of Kansas; E. W. Hatch, of New York; E. W. Krackowizer, of Wisconsin; Bartow S. Weeks, of New York, and F. J. Walthera, of Wisconsin.

The Adjutant-General continued the calling of the roll of the Divisions. When the Division of Michigan was reached, Colonel F. D. Eddy, of Michigan, placed in nomination General Marvin E. Hall, of Michigan.

The nomination of General Hall was seconded by Colonel H. O. Bixby, of Vermont; Colonel F. J. Coates, of Nebraska, and Colonel Moses Patrick O'Brien, of Nebraska.

The Adjutant-General continued the calling of the roll of Divisions. When the Division of Ohio was reached, General O. B. Brown placed in nomination Colonel William E. Bundy, of Ohio.

The nomination of Colonel Bundy was seconded by Colonel J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts; J. A. Averdick, of Ohio; W. O. McDowell, of New Jersey, and General George B. Abbott, of Illinois.

The Adjutant-General continued and concluded the calling of the roll of Divisions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there are no further nominations or seconds, I will declare the nominations for Commander-in-Chief closed. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are closed. In accordance with the resolutions adopted by the Commandery the election of the Commander-in-Chief will take place before the nominations are made for the other offices. I will appoint as tellers, unless there is objection as the names are read, Brothers J. H. Fisher, of Kansas; F. D. Eddy, of Michigan, and Past Colonel E. W. Poe, of Ohio. [Applause.] If there are no objections to these gentlemen, they will act as tellers. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the gentlemen named will act as tellers.

The Commandery proceeded to ballot.

When all the members had voted the tellers counted the ballots and passed the result to the Adjutant-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Hear the result of the ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 45; Webb, 42; Hall, 21; Griffin, 24; scattering, 1. Total number of votes cast, 133. Necessary to a choice, 67.

The Lieutenant-General was called to the chair by the Commander-in-Chief.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Commandery will proceed to take another ballot.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Lieutenant-General and brothers of the convention, by the action of some of my friends here, who, I have not the least doubt, mean it for the best, I am placed in an extremely embarrassing and delicate position. I said eight months ago, publicly, and I have announced again and again in public and in private, that I was not and would not be a candidate for re-election at this Encampment. I have said it in the hotels here and in this Encampment, and I want now emphatically and unequivocally to again repeat that statement, and to ask that it be made of record in the proceedings of this Encampment. [Applause.]

I want to thank my friends for this compliment they have paid me, for I deem it such, upon the first ballot; but I want to say to them that while they mean it as a compliment, it seems to me to put me in a position which may be, and I believe has already been, construed to be a dishonorable one. [Cries of "No," "No," "No."] "

I have heard it said in the corridors here that I have been playing double in this matter, and that there was a string tied to my declination. I want to say to you that that statement is as false as hell. [Applause.] I have always made it my motto that my word should be held inviolate, and having received the compliments that I have from this convention I shall not begin now to have it said that my promise has been violated and that I am doing a dishonorable thing here. [Applause.] I want it understood, therefore, that I am not a candidate; that I have not been a candidate, and that any vote that is cast for me in this convention is against my express wish and over my protest. [Applause.]

Now, gentlemen, I thank you. I want to say now, while I am talking here, that I am profoundly grateful for the kind statements you have made concerning me in this Encampment. I hold them above and beyond any preferment of office that can be conferred upon me by my brothers in this or any other order. [Applause.] I want to maintain your esteem and my self-respect, and I propose to go upon the record of this Encampment in that position. [Applause and cheers for Griffin.]

COL. JOHN W. NEWTON, of Indiana: Lieutenant-General, I rise to a question of privilege, and ask the Encampment to hear me for a moment. [Cries of "Consent!" "Consent!"] Then thanking my brothers for this permission, I desire to say, as a representative from Indiana and on behalf of the little Division of the Sons of Veterans that we have in that State, and on behalf of the members of the Encampment held at Evansville, Indiana, which had, in representation, as many men and brothers as we have here to-day, that a resolution was passed by that En-

campment pledging the Indiana delegation to vote for General Charles F. Griffin for re election. At the moment the resolution was being offered, General Griffin, who had arrived on the train that had just come from Indianapolis, stepped into the commandery assembled. Upon the conclusion of the reading of the motion he immediately arose in that assembly of brothers and without any prelude said: "My brothers, my word has gone out that I would not be a candidate for reelection for Commander-in-Chief, since which time several candidates have entered the field who otherwise would not have done so, and I am not a candidate for that high office. Standing here in your midst as one of your assemblage here, I now ask of you, as a personal favor to me, that you will not pass this resolution."

The Sons of Veterans thus assembled in that commandery at Evansville, acting under one of the broad principles of the Order, and recognizing that the honorable and responsible position of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., rose far above the individuality of Gen. Charles F. Griffin, or the individuality of any other son of a veteran soldier on the face of the Almighty's foot-stool, without a moment's hesitation or delay, and with that zeal and fervency that was exhibited by the followers of Hooker as they passed up the mountain side of Lookout Mountain, carrying the flag we love so well above the clouds of storm, and placing it amidst the clouds of war, far above the lightning's glare—the Encampment passed the resolution endorsing Charles F. Griffin for Commander-in-Chief, regardless of his wishes in the premises, and for that reason Indiana votes for him to-day and desires to see him elected. [Applause.]

J. B. LIDDERS, of Illinois: Brothers, let's "play ball."

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: Lieutenant-General—In conformity with the express wishes of the Commander-in-Chief, that his words as taken down by the stenographer be made a part of our records, whatever else may be left out I move that the remarks of the Commander-in-Chief be set out in full in the record of our proceedings.

GENERAL O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I second the motion.

The Lieutenant-General put the question, and the motion was agreed to.

The Commandery proceeded to take the second ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the second ballot. The Adjutant-General will announce the result of the second ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 42; Hall, 21; Webb, 45; Griffin, 25. Total number of votes cast, 133; necessary to a choice, 67.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, we will proceed to take a third ballot.

The Commandery proceeded to take a third ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the third ballot:

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 38; Hall, 24; Webb, 45; Griffin, 25. Total number of votes cast, 132; necessary to a choice, 67.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No candidate having received a majority of the votes cast, there is no election, and members will prepare their tickets for a fourth ballot.

The Commandery proceeded to take the fourth ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the fourth ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 40; Webb, 45; Hall, 24; Griffin, 23. Total number of votes cast, 132; necessary to a choice, 67.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election. Prepare your tickets for a fifth ballot.

COL. JOHN W. NEWTON, of Indiana: Lieutenant-General and brothers of this National Encampment, I desire to state to you that in the action of the Indiana delegation they have performed a service of honor and integrity toward the home Division. We have reached that stage where we feel that we have freely and fully discharged our duty. As the Indiana delegation presented General Griffin's name before this Encampment by voting for him without nomination, contrary to his wishes, that delegation now withdraws his name from further consideration without consulting him, and leaves the delegation free to vote for their individual preference.

The Commandery proceeded to take the fifth ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT GENERAL: Hear the result of the fifth ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 40; Webb, 44; Hall, 24; Griffin, 19; Addington, 2. Total number of votes cast, 129. Necessary to a choice, 65.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: There being no election, delegates will prepare for a sixth ballot.

The Commandery proceeded to take the sixth ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the sixth ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Webb, 61; Bundy, 43; Hall 24; Griffin, 2. Total number of votes cast, 130. Necessary to a choice, 66.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election. Prepare your tickets for another ballot.

The Commandery proceeded to take the seventh ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the seventh ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Webb, 61; Bundy, 62; Hall, 6. Two tickets were cast together, which were thrown out by the tellers, making the total number of ballots cast, 129. Necessary to a choice, 65.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: No candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, there is no election. Members will prepare their tickets for the eighth ballot.

The Commandery proceeded to take the eighth ballot.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the eighth ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 18; Webb, 63; Hall, 50. Total number of votes cast, 131. Necessary to a choice, 66. I want to announce that somebody is losing a vote by casting two of Mr. Webb's tickets folded together. This has occurred on the last two ballots. It is no doubt accidental, as the paper is thin and they were probably folded up together; but it is necessary that delegates should be careful.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB: Lieutenant-General, I want to say to my friends that I want them to be very careful in this matter. With any cloud upon my title, I would not have this office. [Applause].

INSPECTOR-GENERAL MARVIN E. HALL: Lieutenant-General and Gentlemen of the Convention, it is with mingled feelings of pleasure and sadness that I rise

before you at the close of this, the eighth ballot; pleasure in the fact that men of the intelligence, warm-heartedness and zeal in the cause of our Order, and true faith with their friends, have supported me through thick and thin here; sadness because there is evidence that there is some feeling here that candidates may not be able to abate. I want to say to you, gentlemen, that this is an office wholly unsought by me. No man must question this position of mine. The friends who have supported me have done it willingly, without my request. Some of them are friends of my Brother Bundy. Others as warmly have Brother Webb as a second choice. While grateful to all of you who have found in me a fair representation of what you think your Commander-in-Chief should be, and while sincerely thanking you for this support, I desire to request that every man who has been voting for me shall vote for some other choice. I decline the position. [Applause].

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Before we proceed with another ballot the judges of the prize drill are ready to report their award. Will the Commandery hear the report of the Committee on Prize Drill? [Cries of hear it, hear it].

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: The report is as follows:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 27, 1890.

The Adjutant-General, Sons of Veterans, St. Joe, Mo.:

SIR—We, the undersigned, judges, respectfully submit the following report on the prize drill, this date, viz.:

1. St. Paul Camp No. 1, of St. Paul, Minn., 92 per cent.
2. J. L. Crane Camp No. 4, of Springfield, Ill., 90 per cent.
3. Isaac C. Pugh Camp No. 14, of Decatur, Ill., 84 per cent.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

HARRY S. FULLER, Captain 4th Infantry, W. N. G.

GEO. E. COGSHALL, Captain Camp 14, Grand Rapids, Mich.

HUGH T. REED, Late Inspector-General of Indiana, U. S. A.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The report will be received and spread upon the minutes if there is no objection. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

No candidate having received the majority of all the votes cast on the eighth ballot, another ballot will be necessary.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: Hear the result of the ninth ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Bundy, 63; Webb, 67; Hall, 1. Total number of votes cast, 131. Necessary to a choice, 66.

COLONEL WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Lieutenant-General, I desire most cordially and sincerely to thank the grand old Buckeye delegation that came on here in such strong numbers in my interest, and to thank my many friends from Massachusetts and the East and West, and all parts of the country who so signally, and probably undeservedly on my part, honored me with their ballots. I am at all times ready and willing to do everything in my power in the interest of the Order. [Applause.] I verily believe that we should all, no matter what may be the result of the ballot, when we come to an election for Commander-in-Chief or any other office within the proud gift of this, the proudest order on the face of the earth [applause] put our shoulders to the wheel and do all we can for the good of the Order. On behalf of these different delegates and on behalf of myself, I pledge you, one and all, that I will do that during the ensuing year, and I move you, now Lieutenant-General, that the election of General Webb be made unani-

mous; that he receive the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Commander-in-Chief. [Applause and cheers for Bundy.]

M. P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I second the motion. The motion was agreed to.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: General Leland J. Webb having received the unanimous vote of this convention is hereby declared duly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the ensuing year [Applause and cheers for Leland J. Webb.]

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Lieutenant-General, Officers and Brothers—I am not unmindful of the distinguished compliment which you have paid me by your votes upon this occasion. I would not be true to myself if I did not say that I was very anxious that the result of this election should be as it is, because for several years it has been the height of my ambition to occupy the highest office in the gift of this organization. It would not be proper for me to say at this time all that I want to say, but I desire to return my sincere thanks to my friends who have supported me. Some of them were with me at Wheeling and some at Paterson, and I have found some new friends here. To my friend, Colonel Bundy, and to his supporters, I return my thanks for the kind words which he and they have uttered for myself. In accepting this office, my brothers, I want to say to you that when I shall have been installed and enter upon the discharge of its duties, it will be my highest and best endeavor to work for the best interests of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, regardless of those who supported me or those who opposed me. [Applause.] In conclusion, I wish again to thank you, one and all, and in the near future, after I shall have been installed, I shall have something to say to you, and to the Order at large, as to what ought to be done in the ensuing year. I recognize the fact that in accepting this trust at this time, there never was a moment in the history of the Sons of Veterans when one was so likely to fail, no matter what ability he might have, no matter what his experience might be, because of the fact that the Eighth Annual Encampment at Paterson made no mistake when it selected our present Commander-in-Chief to carry the banner. [Applause.] I listened attentively to the reading of his report, and I recall the various recommendations therein, and they show a thorough knowledge of all that is needed in our organization. It shall be my highest endeavor to carry them out as this Encampment shall endorse them; and I desire to return to General Griffin, and to his staff, my sincere thanks for the kind and courteous treatment which I have received at their hands during this Encampment, and especially during this contest. Brothers, one and all, I thank you, and I shall endeavor at all times, and under all circumstances, to so demean myself that you shall have no occasion to regret your choice upon this day. [Applause.]

GEN. JOHN G. WINFREY, of Indiana (at 2:30 P. M.): Lieutenant-General, I move that this convention now take a recess for one hour.

The motion was seconded.

THE LIEUTENANT-GENERAL: The question is on the motion of taking a recess for one hour. It is now 2:30 o'clock. All those in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying, aye. Those opposed, no. A division is called for.

All those in favor of taking a recess for one hour will rise to their feet and stand till they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported 67 in the affirmative, 28 in the negative; so the motion was agreed to, and the Commandery took a recess till 3:30 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 P. M.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I have a couple of telegrams here, which I will read before we proceed with the special order of business, which is the election of a Lieutenant-General and Major-General. The first dispatch is as follows:

LARAMIE, WYO. TER.

Gen. Charles F. Griffin, St. Joseph, Mo.:

Thornburg Camp sends greeting to all members in attendance at National Encampment.

ELMER T. BELTZ,
Past-Colonel Colorado Division.

The other is from Brother E. G. Rathbone:

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 28, 1890.

To Gen. Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.:

I send greeting to you and the delegates and sincerely hope that your deliberations will be productive of good to the Order. I regret exceedingly that pressing official business prevents my being with you.

E. G. RATHBONE.

I also want to announce two committees which the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports makes it incumbent upon me to appoint at this time. First, the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, consisting of three members, which is the committee to report a new Constitution and By-Laws to the next Encampment. I will name as that committee, Brothers E. W. Hatch, of New York; Gen. O. B. Brown, of Ohio, and J. B. Maccabe, of Massachusetts.

As members of the Committee on Ritual to report to the next Encampment I name the following brothers: Colonel E. H. Milham, of Minnesota; E. W. Krackowizer, of Wisconsin, and Colonel John W. Newton, of Indiana.

Brothers, the next thing in order is the nomination and election of a Lieutenant-General. Nominations are now in order.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, inasmuch as we have a vast amount of business yet to accomplish in this Commandery, and inasmuch as we are all pretty well satisfied who the candidates for this position are, I move you that nominations for Lieutenant-General be dispensed with, and that the Commandery proceed to an informal ballot.

COL. W. A. STEVENS, of Massachusetts: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother E. W. Poe, of Ohio, being absent, I will ask Brother Weeks, of New York, to act as teller in his place, if there be no objection. The Chair hears none and Colonel Weeks will so act.

The Commandery proceeded to take an informal ballot for Lieutenant-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Hear the result of the informal ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: The total number of votes cast, 164. Necessary to a choice, 53. George W. Pollitt receives 36 votes; E. J. San Souci receives 50 votes; Otis E. Gulley, 16 votes; Charles J. Deckman, 1 vote, and H. J. Kline, 1 vote.

J. H. HINKLEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move we now proceed to ballot for the election of a Lieutenant-General.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

COL. H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: Commander, I desire to withdraw in favor of all the other candidates.

The Commandery proceeded to ballot for the election of a Lieutenant-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Hear the result of the ballot.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Pollitt, 39; San Souci, 61; Gulley, 11. Total number of votes cast, 111. Necessary to a choice, 56.

GEN. GEORGE H. POLLITT, of New Jersey: Commander-in-Chief, I move the election of E. J. San Souci be made unanimous.

COL. OTIS E. GULLEY, of Arkansas: Commander, allow me to make a most hearty second to that motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the motion to make the election of Brother San Souci unanimous. As many as are in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying aye. Those opposed, no. The motion is agreed to unanimously.

[Calls for "San Souci!" "Speech!" "Speech!"]

COL. E. J. SAN SOUCI, of Connecticut: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I assure you this is an honor that is entirely unsought by me, and I am so overwhelmed that I can not say anything but "thank you." I assure every brother who has voted for me of my sincere thanks. I will endeavor to perform my duties in such a manner that the Commandery-in-Chief shall have no occasion to feel ashamed of the choice you have made. Once more I thank you.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next business in order is the nomination and election of a Major-General. Nominations are now in order.

GEN. C. A. BOOKWALTER, of Indiana: Commander, I move that the nominations for Major-General be made without speeches.

COL. T. J. ANDERSON, of Kansas: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

Col. H. D. Kendig, of Colorado, and Col. R. Loebenstein, of Missouri, were placed in nomination.

The Commandery proceeded to ballot for the election of Major-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Hear the result of the ballot for Major-General.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Total number of votes cast, 110. Of these H. D. Kendig, of Colorado, received 37; R. Loebenstein, of Missouri, received 73. Necessary to a choice 56.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Colonel Loebenstein having received a majority of all the votes cast is duly elected Major-General.

COL. H. D. KENDIG, of Colorado: Commander-in-Chief, I move that the election of Colonel Loebenstein be made unanimous.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

[Cries for "Loebenstein!" "Speech!" "Speech!"]

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN: Commander and brothers, I will not occupy your time by making a speech, but I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Not so much for myself as for the Division with which I have the honor to be identified. I certainly do thank you beyond all hope of expression, and I shall take great pleasure in doing everything that may be assigned to me to do. [Applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next business in order is the selection of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief.

GEN. GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I move you that we proceed to ballot for the election of the five elective members of the Council-in-Chief without nominating speeches, and that the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected members of the Council-in-Chief.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I move to amend that motion by adding the words, "Provided they shall have received a majority of all the votes cast."

The motion was seconded.

The Chair put the question on the amendment, and the amendment was not agreed to.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: Commander, I move as an amendment that the first ballot be an informal ballot.

COL. B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, as representing the illustrious constituency of the tellers, we hope that motion will not prevail. It will be rather too much labor for the tellers to have to count any more votes than necessary, especially where there will be five names upon the ballots.

The motion of Brother Hine was not seconded.

COL. C. S. NATION, of Kansas: Commander, I move you that we proceed to vote for members of the Council-in-Chief without nominations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That motion is out of order, the question recurring on the motion of General Abbott, seconded by Brother Maccabe, that we proceed to vote for five members of the Council-in-Chief, and I believe that motion is also to dispense with nominating speeches. Are you ready for the question?

R. SHAW VAN, of Iowa: Commander, I desire to say that, if a majority vote is not required to elect, it can very easily be seen how a united effort on the part

of a very small minority can control the election of the members of the Council-in-Chief. I think by all means it should require a majority of all the votes cast to elect.

COL. B. W. CORNER, of Washington: Commander, while we do not want any nominating speeches, there is one man we would like to put on the Council from the Pacific Coast, and I would simply like to name him, that the Brothers may know where he is from.

[Cries of "Name him," "Name him."]

GEORGE VAN HOUTEN, of Iowa: Commander, I move to lay General Abbott's motion to proceed to ballot without nominating speeches on the table.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the motion to proceed to ballot without nominating speeches be laid upon the table. As many as are in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to.

BENJAMIN RAPHAEL, of New York: Commander, I move you we now proceed to the nomination of the elective members of the Council-in-Chief without speeches.

The motion was seconded.

GEORGE VAN HOUTEN, of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that that motion was just laid on the table.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is overruled. The question is on the motion to proceed to the nomination of candidates as members of the Council-in-Chief without nominating speeches. Those in favor of the motion will say aye. Contrary, no. The ayes have it. Nominations of the elective members of the Council-in-Chief are now in order.

The following brothers were placed in nomination:

Past Colonel E. W. Conant, of California; Gen. Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indiana; W. H. Hintz, of South Dakota; N. L. Harrison, of New York; Col. Henry Frazee, of Ohio; Col. Moses P. O'Brien, of Nebraska; Col. M. D. Friedman, of Alabama; Col. S. E. Thomason, of Maryland; Col. D. B. Purbeck, of Massachusetts; E. W. Krackowizer, of Wisconsin; Col. George H. Capito, of Kentucky; Col. E. T. Roe, of Illinois; William E. Males, of Indiana; W. J. Martin, of Pennsylvania.

L. A. PERCE, of Ohio: Commander, I move you that the nominations be now closed and we proceed to ballot.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The Commandery proceeded to ballot for the election of the elective members of the Council-in-Chief.

GENERAL LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, at the request of the Committee on Resolutions, I ask that that committee be permitted to make a report while the tellers are counting this vote, if it is possible.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: In order to expedite business, the Committee on Resolutions desire to report while the tellers are counting the ballot. Shall

we hear the report of the committee? [Cries of "Consent," "Consent."] Hear the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

E. W. KRACKOWIZER, of Wisconsin: Brothers, the committee beg leave to report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and are hereby extended to Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Griffin, Lieutenant-General Baguley, Major-General George W. Pollitt, and the official staff of the Commandery-in-Chief, for the faithful and efficient manner in which they have severally discharged their duties to the Order. The present healthy and harmonious condition of the Order, and the marked progress it has made during the last official year being ample evidence of the fitness and propriety of this resolution.

WHEREAS, The Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has been most courteously and hospitably entertained in the city of St. Joseph, Mo.; therefore, it is

Resolved, By the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., assembled, That its sincere thanks be extended to the officers and brothers of Lincoln Camp No. 17, of St. Joseph, and of the Division of Missouri; to the comrades of the G. A. R. and ex-soldiers generally; the Woman's Relief Corps and the citizens of St. Joseph, for the very cordial and magnificent reception given our organization during this Encampment.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to draft a fitting expression of the appreciation of this Encampment for the hospitable and cordial manner in which it has been entertained by Lincoln Camp, No. 17, of St. Joseph, and have the same engrossed and framed at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief upon a voucher properly signed by the chairman of said committee.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Fighting Chaplain Lozier, of Iowa, for his share in the entertainment at the grand camp-fire, and that we are proud of his talents and accomplishments as poet and composer.

Resolved, That we record with especial satisfaction our full appreciation of the uniformly courteous and friendly treatment accorded us, and the full and fair reports of our proceedings and doings by the following papers, comprising all the honorable journals of the Electric City: Gazette, Herald, Ballot, Volksblatt, Catholic Tribune, and Wasp.

Resolved, We heartily endorse the action of the G. A. R., at its late encampment, with reference to the proposed national mausoleum to be erected at the National Capital over the revered remains and in perpetuation of the honored memory of Ulysses S. Grant.

We thankfully reciprocate the sentiments of comradeship which were manifested with such unbounded generosity and cordiality by the Grand Army of the Republic, at Boston, and have been officially emphasized by the acts, orders and communications of Commanders-in-Chief Alger and Veazey.

WHEREAS, The heroism shown by the prisoners of war in the struggle for union and freedom of 1861 to 1865, and the sufferings endured by them were well nigh without parallel; and,

WHEREAS, With thousands of brave men these sufferings ended in death, under the most heart-rending circumstances, and oblivion in unmarked, unknown graves; therefore,

Resolved, By the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in their Ninth National Encampment assembled, that they hail with fraternal greetings the Union Prisoners of War National Memorial Association, organized for the purpose of erecting a monument to commemorate the sad but heroic memories of these men, and hereby do heartily express our approval of these efforts and purposes, and do pledge all

such support as we can give; and we furthermore do call upon the National Government, and the government of every State whose citizens honor the names in this list of their martyr defenders, to give this movement like sympathy and support.

We are glad to record our deepening obligations to our sisters of the L. A. S., and to renew our pledges of moral and practical encouragement.

WHEREAS, The records of the Third Grand Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., were turned over to the Commandery-in-Chief by General Charles S. Crysler, commanding said Grand Division at the time Grand Divisions were abolished, and said records can not now be found in the archives of the Commandery-in-Chief; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to ascertain, if possible, where said records are, and cause them to be returned to the Commandery-in-Chief.

We deprecate the growing practice of organizing lotteries for the purpose of raising Camp funds, and do hereby declare the reception and furtherance of such schemes by other Camps to be both illegal and subversive of the Order's best interests.

We recommend the continuance of a national press committee of five, to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, and to be comprised, if possible, of active newspaper men, conveniently located for the greatest possible efficiency of their work, whose duty it shall be to disseminate through the press of the country in all legitimate ways all official and helpful information regarding our Order and its members.

Resolved, That Camp No. 106, of Charlestown, Division of Massachusetts, be allowed to resume its original name, "Abraham Lincoln," in lieu of "Warren," which it now bears under protest, in loyal submission to decision No. 1 (C. F. G.), page 9 of the Blue Book; but,

Resolved, further, That we hold this decision to be sound, and the order not, however, to be applied *ex post facto* either in the case of Abraham Lincoln Camp, No. 106, Division of Massachusetts, or any others now in a similar predicament.

Commander, I take it that the brothers will have no difficulty in understanding any of the resolutions presented, other than the last one. There was presented to the committee a petition signed by the Grand Army Post—Abraham Lincoln Post, of Charlestown—and signed by the Sons of Veterans of the Camp in affiliation with them, who were recognized under the name of Abraham Lincoln Camp, but who, under the decisions cited, were distrained from further use of that name, and under protest, as has been said, adopted temporarily the name of Warren. They feel in equity that they should be permitted to continue to use their old name because the other Camp in the State which protested against it is called Lincoln Camp. They had the name Abraham Lincoln Camp. Now it transpires that in the Illinois Division there is a John A. Logan Camp, a Black Jack Camp and a Black Eagle Camp, and there are in the Kansas Divisions Camps similarly named; so that if the ruling be applied to Abraham Lincoln Camp, No. 106, Division of Massachusetts, it must necessarily be applied perhaps to a large number, a score or more of Camps long since established, which would be a hardship, and, as it appeared to us in the Grand Army, this confusion of names, if you please, has been tolerated; and as it would be, in the case of this Camp in particular, a great hardship, inasmuch as the names and properties of Abraham Lincoln Post in large amount are to be deeded to the boys in case they can be their legitimate heirs and assignees under the same name, and continue the firm at the old stand in loyalty, when the boys are gone. It seemed to the committee that, notwithstanding the

decision of the Commander-in-Chief, which is held to be correct and indorsed, that the boys should be permitted to use their old name, and we draw the line at that. With these remarks I submit the resolution for your approval.

COL. J. H. KLINE, of Missouri: Commander, I desire to make a statement and introduce a substitute resolution for the one relating to the press, with the permission of the Encampment. You will understand, brothers I believe, that a newspaper which is not represented on the floor of our Encampment can not by any means get accurate data upon which to base its report of either our proceedings or our campaign. Somebody, whose name we have been unable to learn, has furnished the Daily News of this city with some statements in regard to our candidates, and, also, in regard to Commander-in-Chief Griffin, which we know to be utterly false. If we fight back at the News because it printed a misstatement, we only lose a friend. We are satisfied, we of the committee, and all the brothers in the city are satisfied that the Daily News will make ample correction and retraction of what it has said; and I desire to say to you further that one of the finest editorials welcoming this encampment to the city of St. Joseph was published in that paper. The editor of the News is as loyal a man as lives on the earth and I know that he will do this Order justice if correct information is furnished him. I therefore move you that this resolution, which I shall read, be incorporated in the report of the committee as a substitute for the resolution reported by them in relation to the press:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the press of St. Joseph for kind treatment shown our organization, and for the very complete reports published concerning our meeting.

E. T. ROE, of Illinois: I second the resolution offered by Col. Kline.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, as Chairman of the Committee upon Resolutions, without having consulted the committee, but Col. Kline having made the statement he has made, inasmuch as he lives here, and knows what he speaks about, I for one am perfectly willing that the substitute shall be adopted.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the adoption of the substitute resolution, and the motion was agreed to.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would ask whether we are to pass upon this report, these resolutions reported by the committee as a whole, or take them up one by one.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That depends upon the pleasure of the Encampment.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I was the one who presented the resolution in regard to the Abraham Lincoln Camp, of Charlestown. I do not think anything more can be said in addition to the statement made by the secretary of the committee, except it might be well to state that all their property, beside their own personal property, is now in the name of Abraham Lincoln Camp, their charter not having been changed, nor anything done. We adopted the name Warren under protest, and are willing to submit if we have to. I would also state that in the State of Massachusetts the Post with which the Camp that protested is

connected, is called Lincoln, and this same matter was discussed before the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army, when the Post in Charlestown adopted the name Abraham Lincoln. It is not a question upon which there is any great division of opinion in Massachusetts. It seems to us to be simply a matter of justice to this Camp, which has always willingly accepted any decision that has been made by the Commander-in-Chief, and has been willing to abide by the last decision. They simply come here asking for what seems to them justice.

GEN. E. A. BRACKLOW, of New York: Commander, I move the adoption of these resolutions as reported by the committee, amended by the substitution of the resolution offered by Colonel Kline for that reported by the committee relating to the press.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the resolutions adopted.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have a further report to make.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will the Commandery hear the further report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations? If there is no objection, the Chairman of that Committee will proceed. The Chair hears none, and General Brown will proceed to make the report of that committee.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, would it not be better for the Commandery to take action on each recommendation of the committee as we proceed with the report?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Shall we adopt the report of the committee section by section, or as a whole, upon its conclusion?

COL. MOSES P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: Commander, I move that the Chairman proceed with the reading of the report, section by section, and, where there is no objection, the section read be considered adopted.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

GEN. O. B. BROWN: The report of the committee is as follows:

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

Your Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations beg leave to further report and recommend:

First. That the first recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted, and that the special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be instructed to prepare a regulation prescribing in detail, what shall constitute a Camp package.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Gen. Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Second. That the second recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to the special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the second section of the committee's report? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows :

Third. That there be added to Chapter III of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, Article XII, which shall read as follows :

ARTICLE XII.

DISPENSATIONS.

Division Colonels shall have power to grant dispensations for public installations of Camp officers in their respective Divisions.

And we further recommend that the special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, prepare a separate article on Dispensations, embracing all matters appertaining thereto.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the third section of the committee's report? If not it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows :

Fourth. That recommendation No. 8 of the Commander-in-Chief be not adopted.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: That is the recommendation "that the Commander-in-Chief be clothed with power, on proper application, to suspend, in his discretion, by special dispensation, any constitutional provision."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the fourth section of the committee's report? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows :

Fifth. That the ninth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted, and that in accordance therewith the following section be added to Article VII :

SEC. 4. Colonels of Divisions may suspend delinquent Camps, or officers thereof, in their discretion, for failure to make quarterly reports, or to perform any other duty required of them by the Constitution, Rules and regulations, subject, however, to the right of appeal to the Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the fifth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows :

Sixth. That the twelfth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be adopted, and that in accordance therewith there be added to section 2 of article III, chapter 5, the following: *Provided, however,* That in case of new Camps the quarter shall be divided into four equal parts of three weeks each. That is to say, upon camps organized during the first three weeks of the quarter, there shall be paid for that quarter to the Commander-in-Chief, four cents; upon camps organized during the second three weeks of the quarter, three cents; upon camps organized during the third three weeks of the quarter, two cents; and upon Camps organized during the fourth three weeks of the quarter, one cent.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the sixth section of the report of the Committee?

COL. B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, there is one suggestion I have to make in reference to that recommendation, and that is that the quarter unfortunately contains thirteen weeks instead of twelve, as provided for therein. It struck me when I heard the recommendation. I suggest that this section be laid over and referred back to the committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think that is advisable. Let it be understood that section No. 6 will be referred back to the committee, with the recommendation that it be changed so as to correspond with the thirteen weeks in the quarter instead of twelve. If there is no objection that will be taken by consent. Is there objection?

C. T. LINDSEY, of Missouri: Commander, I move you, sir, that the recommendation of the committee be amended to the effect that camps be not required to pay per capita tax to divisions for the quarter during which they are mustered.

COL. H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: I second that motion.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I can not see how the passage of this amendment would be doing justice to the Divisions. There are not many Divisions in a very good financial condition. I can not see why the Divisions should be required to pay this tax to the Commandery-in-Chief when the Division shall receive nothing from the Camp. If I understand the amendment to the resolution I think it would be doing better if we did not require any tax from the Camps during the quarter in which they are mustered, because it is difficult for new Camps to get up their quarterly reports and send them into Division Headquarters, and they are not in good financial condition during the quarter they are mustered. I move to amend that neither Camps nor Divisions be charged with per capita tax on new Camps for the quarter during which the Camps are mustered in. The previous amendment was that the Divisions should charge nothing. I do not think any more burdens should be placed upon the Divisions.

COL. H. J. KLINE, of Missouri: Commander, the by-laws of the Missouri Division, and probably of the Commandery-in-Chief, contain a section which reads exactly as the resolution now before the House. The point is that a Camp already, in the quarter in which it is mustered, pays a charter fee of \$15 to the Division; and if you make it pay a certain amount of the per capita tax the new Brothers are inclined to think that the Division and the Commandery-in-Chief want the earth. I don't know how it is in other sections of the country, but we feel that the Camp that pays the incidental expenses which always accrue when a new Camp is organized has done enough. Now while there may be some good features in this recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, I feel like we should continue just as we have in the past. I do not see any objection to it. The only point is if we do not charge a Camp per capita tax the Division should not be charged.

C. T. LINDSEY, of Missouri: Commander, I believe I said when I made my motion that neither Divisions nor Camps should pay per capita tax for the quarter in which the Camps are mustered.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I understood the motion to amend to be that the Camps should not be required to pay per capita tax to the Division for the quarter during which they were mustered. That was the motion. If that is not the way the brother desires it, he had better re-state his motion.

C. T. LINDSEY, of Missouri: I move then, Commander-in-Chief, that neither Camps nor Divisions be required to pay per capita tax on new Camps for the quarter during which they are mustered.

J. V. HILLIARD, of Ohio: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The recommendation was that the constitution be amended so that Divisions shall pay to the Commandery-in-Chief per capita tax according to the week or section of the quarter in which the Camp was mustered. The motion of the brother was that that be amended so that Camps shall not be required to pay per capita tax to the Division during the quarter in which they are mustered. Another amendment, as I understand, is to amend that amendment so that no per capita tax shall be paid at all either by the Camp or the Division.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I think the argument of Colonel Kline, of the Missouri Division, is a good one—that the Camps are young when just mustered in, and that they pay the \$15 for a charter.

CHAS. A. BOOKWALTER, of Indiana: Commander, I would like to say something on this subject, because I believe from the experience of the past year that I know a little in regard to the matter. I think that the adoption of the recommendation of the committee and of the Commander-in-Chief, would serve to complicate affairs, and God knows any more complications added to the preparation of the reports would bring them into National Headquarters in such a condition that they never could be compiled. I believe that the amendment to the amendment is a good one, and a just one, and that newly organized Camps should not be required to pay the per capita tax for the quarter during which they are organized, although originally I was in favor of this proposition—that Camps organized before the middle of the quarter should pay the full amount of the per capita tax to the Division and the Commandery both, and those mustered after the first half of the quarter should be exempt. But if you do not see fit to divide it that way, I believe in the amendment to the amendment. If you add this complication you will never be able to maintain a record at the National Headquarters.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It seems that I have not my Adjutant-General very well in hand. I didn't train him long enough.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I move you that the resolution referred to, as amended, be incorporated as the original resolution.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, as a way out of the dilemma let us refer the matter back to the committee and let them report, as has been suggested here, a new resolution.

C. T. LINDLEY, of Missouri: Commander, with the consent of my second, I withdraw my motion to amend.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It seems to me that the question is now entirely upon the recommendation of the committee. The question now is, shall the recommendation of the committee be adopted? If you don't want to adopt it, all you have to do is to vote it down, and the result will be that the Constitution will stand as it does now.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I move as a substitute for the recommendation of the committee, that neither Camps nor Divisions be required to pay per capita tax on any Camp mustered during the quarter.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: I second the motion.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I offer that as a substitute for the sixth recommendation of the committee.

The Commander put the question on the adoption of the motion of Colonel Loebenstein as a substitute for the sixth recommendation of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the motion was agreed to.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Seventh. That the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the seventh section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Eighth. That the seventeenth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to a special committee of three.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the eighth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Ninth. That the nineteenth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and that the Recommendations Nos. 20 and 21 be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the ninth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Tenth. That the first recommendation of the Division of California be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the tenth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Eleventh. That the second recommendation of the Division of California be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the eleventh section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twelfth. That the third recommendation of the Division of California be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twelfth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Thirteenth. That all recommendations of the Division of Illinois relating to the office of Chaplain be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the thirteenth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Fourteenth. That the recommendation of the Division of Illinois to amend Section 1 of Article VII of Camp Constitution be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the 14th section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Fifteenth. That the recommendations of the Illinois Division with reference to the change from quarterly to semi-annual reports, and also amending Section 1 of Article III, page 24, be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the 15th section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Sixteenth. That the recommendations of the Illinois Division to amend Section 5, Article IV, page 47, and Section 3, Article VI, be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the 16th section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Seventeenth. That in lieu of the recommendations of the Division of Indiana with reference to the Post System and Post officers, the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to complete consolidation in the United States with the Post System; that the present Posts, S. of V., in good standing, be permitted to come into the Camp System, S. of V., U. S. A., upon the terms and conditions provided for in the resolution of the Eighth Annual Encampment; that all Posts coming into the Order, S. of V., U. S. A., on or before December 31, 1890, shall be entitled to a Camp packet and charter free of charge; and that all Division officers and Post officers who shall come in with their Posts prior to December 31, 1890, or who have heretofore come in, shall be accorded corresponding rank and past honors as they are at the time entitled, and sitting officers shall rank as past officers; provided, however, that no member of a Post who has previously been a member of a Camp shall be received into membership by virtue hereof, unless such member shall have been in good standing in the Camp of which he was last a member.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the 17th section of the report of the committee?

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I desire an opportunity to prepare an amendment to that section.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I stated to the Committee on Rules and Regulations that the members from New York, Col. Addington and others, desired a hearing upon this resolution in the committee, but during the afternoon, while we were engaged upon it, we were unable to find them so as to give them an opportunity. I therefore think that this resolution should lie over

until to-morrow morning to give Col. Addington an opportunity to examine it so that he may be prepared to offer such amendments to it as he desires.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Shall that course be adopted by consent, if it is satisfactory to Col. Addington?

[Cries of "Consent," "Consent."]

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, it is satisfactory to me, but the brothers who are conversant and familiar with this subject will leave here to night. I understand the other brothers from the New York Division favor this resolution. If we could hold a session this evening, as it will create some debate, I think it would be better.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will it be satisfactory to pass this recommendation for the present for future action at such time as it may be called up?

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The committee is agreeable to anything.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: That will be satisfactory to me.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is understood, then, that section No. 17 of the recommendations of this committee is not adopted, but action thereon is postponed for the present.

Gen. Brown continued the reading of the report, as follows:

Eighteenth. That the recommendation of the Indiana Division with reference to the publication of the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the 18th section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Nineteenth. That the recommendation of the Indiana Division with reference to Provisional Colonels be adopted, and that said recommendation apply to Past Provisional Colonels as well as those hereafter to be appointed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the nineteenth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twentieth. That the recommendation of the Missouri Division to amend section 1 of article VIII be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twentieth section of the report of the Committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-first. That the recommendation of the Missouri Division to amend article 5, page 5, with reference to eligibility to membership be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-first section of the report of the committee?

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I object to that recommendation of the committee, for the simple reason that it makes a recommendation in conflict with the first recommendation made by the California Division.

COL. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The brother is mistaken. We recommend that the recommendation of the California Division be not adopted; so there is no conflict.

COL. C. P. LINDSEY, of Missouri: I wish to move that the recommendation of the committee be rejected.

The motion was not seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no further objection to the twenty-first section of the report of the committee, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-second. That the recommendation of the Nebraska Division, with reference to eligibility to membership and eligibility of officers, be not adopted.

GEN. O. B. BROWN: It would probably be better to divide this section, and let the first part of it in regard to the eligibility to membership be considered separately from the last clause in reference to the eligibility of officers.

GEORGE VAN HOUTEN, of Iowa: I move that the first part of the 22d recommendation of the committee be adopted.

J. V. HILLIARD, of Ohio: I second the motion.

The question was discussed at length by Brothers Coates, of Nebraska; Hatch, of New York; Orner, of Illinois; Van Houten, of Iowa; Conant, of California; McDowell, of New Jersey; Maccabe, of Illinois; Weeks, of New York; Lieutenant-General Baguley, and General Webb, of Kansas.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I think it would be well to leave this matter with the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to report to the Commandery next year, and I will make that motion as a substitute for the motion pending.

M. P. O'BRIEN, of Nebraska: I second that motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the matter be referred to the Special Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, which is to report next year. The motion is made as a substitute motion. All those in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Now as to the eligibility of officers. That is the latter clause of Section 22. The Committee on Officers' Reports recommended that the recommendation of the Nebraska Division in that particular be not adopted.

A. M. APPEGET, of Nebraska: Commander, I move that these two recommendations be referred to the Special Committee on Constitution.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I second the motion.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I sincerely hope that the motion will not prevail. I think we ought to adopt the report of the committee. It strikes me that most of the time a brother can not get up in his Camp because he has the courage of his convictions. He may have incurred the ill will of some member of his Camp, and he never can be Captain; but if that man has got brains enough to be Colonel of a Division, why should he not be? Many Colonels here have never served as Captains of Camps, and we can point

to them with credit and pride. I hope this motion will be voted down, because we do not want any more of the spirit of aristocracy in this Order than can possibly be helped. [Applause].

COL. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: We would have to exempt the present Commander-in-Chief of the Order. He was never a Captain, a Past Captain, or Colonel of a Division. [Applause]. I hope the motion will not prevail.

COL. D. B. PURBECK, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move as a substitute for the motion of Brother Appeget that this section of the report of the committee be adopted as read.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-third. That the recommendation of the Nebraska Division, to amend Section 5 of Chapter 5, Article IV, be adopted, and that there be added to said section as proposed by said Division the words, "and all Camps that have failed for one year, or more, to make their quarterly reports, shall be considered disbanded, and the Colonels in command shall revoke their charters."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-third section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-fourth. That the recommendation of the Division of Ohio be not adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-fourth section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-fifth. That the recommendations of the Division of Pennsylvania be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-fifth section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-sixth. That the recommendations of the New York Division be referred to the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules, and Regulations.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I would state that the recommendation of the New York Division is not printed in General Orders, but it is a very carefully worded and drafted change in the laws by Dr. Bracklow, whereby the office of surgeon is created in certain contingencies in Camps having forty members, especially in armed Camps, to provide for the office of surgeon. It is a detailed statement showing a large amount of labor by the Doctor, and it certainly stands as a record for the work that he has done and the thought that he has given to it, and the committee has reported that, as the changes were so numerous, and it was bringing a new matter into the Constitution, that at this time, as the Special Committee has been appointed, it would be better to refer the entire matter to that

committee. But I mention the matter in order that the Doctor may have credit for the work that he has done.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-sixth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-seventh. That the recommendation of the Massachusetts Division be referred to the special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty seventh section of the report? If not it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Twenty-eighth. That the recommendations of the Divisions of Connecticut and Iowa be not adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

O. B. BROWN, *Chairman*,
E. W. HATCH,
B. W. COINER,
J. B. MACCABE,
JOHN F. HERMANN.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the twenty-eighth section of the report of the committee? If not it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, that concludes our second report. We will have another one prepared for to-morrow's session, a short report on certain other matters that have come before us. I would suggest that we have the hearing of the final report of this committee and the consideration of the New York Post system made a special order for some time to-morrow, say half past 9 o'clock in the morning, if that will be agreeable to Col. Addington.

COL. ADDINGTON: That will be satisfactory.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Although the report has been adopted section by section as read, for the purpose of saving any question, I will move that this report as a whole, as corrected and amended, excepting such parts of it as have been referred back to the committee, or reserved for future action by the Commandery, be now adopted.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the final report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the resolution on the New York Post System question be made the special order for to-morrow morning at half past 9 o'clock.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will now hear the report of the tellers on the election of members of the Council-in-Chief. The Adjutant-General will announce the result.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: C. A. Bookwalter, 99; Henry Frazee, 92; D. B. Purbeck, 83; M. P. O'Brien, 78; N. L. Harrison, 64; E. W. Conant, 45; S. E. Thomason, 26; M. D. Friedman, 22; E. T. Roe, 21; Geo. H. Capito, 12; W. J. Martin, 10; — Lyon, of South Dakota, 8; F. D. Eddy, 5; H. M. Ford, 3; E. W. Krackowizer, 3; F. M. Gier, 1; J. H. Hinckley, 2; W. O. McDowell, 1; H. D. Kendig, 1.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The following brothers having received a majority of all the votes cast are duly elected to serve as the elective members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year: C. A. Bookwalter, of Indiana; Henry Frazee, of Ohio; D. B. Purbeck, of Massachusetts; M. P. O'Brien, of Nebraska; N. L. Harrison, of New York.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I ask leave to introduce the following resolution. As it affects the incoming administration, I have, before presenting it to the Encampment, referred it to General Webb, and it meets with his approval. It is well known that a good many of our Divisions at the present time need all the money that they can get; that the Colonels of Divisions need more money in order to fill them up. This is especially true of the new, struggling and weak Divisions. The resolution is as follows:

"Resolved, That the per capita tax for the Commandery-in-Chief be fixed at 4 cents per quarter, but that the Commander-in-Chief be authorized to reduce the same to 3 cents per quarter, if in his opinion the financial condition of the Order shall not suffer by such reduction; and further, that no surplus more than \$2,000 shall be maintained in the National Treasury."

I move the adoption of that resolution.

C. A. C. GARST, of Illinois: I second the motion.

GEN. IRLAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I want to say that when the resolution was submitted to me by Col. Bundy, I did not see anything to object to in it, but I recall the fact that this matter of the per capita tax has already been passed upon, and I would suggest that this resolution should be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Revision, as it is in conflict with our previous action.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY: Commander, I withdraw my motion to adopt the resolution, and move to refer it to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Revision.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I move to amend that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: I will accept that amendment.

The motion as amended was agreed to.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I do not know as I am in order, but I desire to move that the matter of the Memorial Day parade, on which there is an opinion in the Digest given by the Commander-in-Chief, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations to draft some rules requiring all Camps to parade on Memorial Day.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think the motion as made would not be in order.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I would suggest, in answer to Colonel Addington's motion, and in answer to a great many other brothers, that the Committee on Constitution and Revision for the ensuing year will doubtless be glad of any suggestion that may be given them, as it is within their power, as I understand it, to revise the whole Constitution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will save ourselves work by amending the Constitution as little as possible at the present time and sending all our recommendations to the committee who have this work in charge.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, there have been two questions from the Division of Washington submitted to this Encampment for consideration. I have them prepared in writing, and wish them submitted either to some general or a special committee appointed to investigate the subject. They refer to some old and supposed to be disbanded Camps in the State of Washington. We want that matter thoroughly investigated and the standing of those Camps determined by the Commandery-in-Chief, and I would like to have it referred to a committee that will investigate and report on the subject.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will you put your proposition in the shape of a motion?

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I move that the matters contained in these papers be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: I am authorized to extend an invitation to the officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief to meet with the Division of Illinois, at its next encampment at Decatur, Illinois. This encampment is a memorial encampment, being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur. Twenty-five years ago Dr. Stevenson organized the Grand Army of the Republic at Decatur, Illinois, and next year is the memorial year. The Department of Illinois meets there, and, also, the Division of Illinois, Sons of Veterans, meets there and I extend the invitation of that Division to the officers and members of this encampment to be present with us and participate in that memorial service.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I move the Commandery now take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Before the question is put on that motion I would like to ask on behalf of the Committee on Officers' Reports, if all the reports have been submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief. My impression is that we are not in possession of the report of the Council-in-Chief, nor have we received the report of the Inspector-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Inspector-General is in his hands.

GEO. H. POLLITT, of New Jersey: Commander, I move that we accept the invitation of the Illinois Division, Sons of Veterans, extended to us by Col. C. T. Orner.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, I now renew my motion to take a recess until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery took recess until to-morrow, Friday morning, August 29, 1890, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 29, 1890.

The Commandery-in-Chief met at nine o'clock, and was called to order by the Commander.

The Adjutant-General called the roll.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will read the minutes of yesterday's proceedings.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, I am informed by the stenographer that he has been unable to get the minutes of yesterday's proceedings written up for this morning. They were so voluminous it was impossible to have them copied.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is the pleasure of the Commandery in regard to the minutes of yesterday's proceedings? The stenographer says they were so lengthy he could not get them written up.

COL. E. R. DURHAM, of Missouri: Commander, I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

GEORGE H. PENNINGTON, of Indiana: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: I have the report of the Special Committee on Camp 1, of Chicago.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will the Commandery hear the report of the Special Committee on Camp 1, of Chicago? The Chair hears no objection, and the report of the committee will be heard.

MERRILL MOORES, of Indiana, of the Committee on Camp 1, of Chicago, Ill., submitted the following report:

CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14, 1890.

A meeting of the committee heretofore appointed to investigate Camp 1, of Chicago, Ill., Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., having been fixed for this day, (Saturday, June 14) at these Headquarters, and General E. Howard Gilkey, Chairman of said committee, having tendered his resignation, which is hereby accepted, and Captain Stagers, of said committee, having failed to appear, Brothers Merrill Moores and Allan W. Hendricks, members of Walter Q. Gresham Camp, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Indianapolis, Ind., are hereby detailed as members of said committee, vice Brothers Gilkey and Stagers, with instructions to report immediately at these Headquarters. By order of

C. A. BOOKWALTER,
Adjutant-General.

CHARLES F. GRIFFIN,
Commander-in-Chief.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 14, 1890.

To the Commander-in-Chief, S. of V.:

Your Special Committee, appointed under a resolution passed at the last National Encampment, for the purpose of investigating the question of the rank of Chicago Camp No. 1, of the Division of Illinois, beg leave to report that a meeting was held at Indianapolis and that the matter was thoroughly investigated, testimony, *pro* and *con*, was heard, and all papers in the case were fully and carefully examined. Your committee are unanimously of the opinion that Chicago Camp No. 1 has no legal right to the rank of Garfield Camp, but should rank from the date of the delivery of its own charter, Garfield Camp, in our judgment, having lapsed by implication and having lost its legal status in the Order prior to the issue of the new charter to Chicago Camp No. 1.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
 JOHN J. NOLAN,
 ALLAN W. HENDRICKS,
 MERRILL MOORES.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I move you that the report of the committee be concurred in.

C. A. C. GARST, of Illinois: I second the motion.

The question on concurring in the report of the committee was discussed at length by General Abbott, of Illinois, General Webb, of Kansas, Colonel Hatch, of New York, General Hall, of Michigan, Brother E. T. Roe, of Illinois, and Colonel E. W. Poe, of Ohio.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I move the previous question on the motion to concur in the report of the committee.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The member from New York demands the previous question. Shall the previous question be ordered? As many as are in favor of the motion will signify by saying aye. Opposed, no. The ayes have it, and the previous question is ordered. The question is now on the original motion to concur in the report of the committee. All those in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it; the motion is agreed to, and the report of the committee concurred in.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, the hour of half past 9 has arrived and the special order of business for this time is the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. I call for the special order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The special order for this time is the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. General Brown, Chairman of that committee, is entitled to the floor.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have the following supplemental report to submit:

ST. JOSEPH, August 29, 1890.

First, That the recommendation of the Division of Colorado, as to the rank of past officers upon changing to a different Division, be referred to the Special Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the recommendation of the committee be not concurred in, and that the recommendation of the Division of Colorado be adopted.

R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: I second the motion.

The question was discussed at length by General Brown, of Ohio, Brother Garst, of Illinois, Brother McArthur, of Colorado, General Abbott, of Illinois, and Brother Lefler, of Indiana.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I ask consent to withdraw the motion that I originally made to reject the recommendation of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and concur in the recommendation of the Division of Colorado, and beg leave to introduce the following as a substitute for the recommendation made by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations:

Article —, Section —. No brother who has served a full term, or to the end of a term as camp or Division officer, shall be deprived of his past rank, or his vote as a past officer, by reason of his affiliation thereafter with a camp in some other Division.

I ask permission of the brother who seconded my previous motion to withdraw it for the purpose of moving this substitute.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: I seconded Brother Bundy's motion, and I consent to its withdrawal.

C. J. DECKMAN, of Ohio: I second the substitute moved by Col. Bundy.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, I should like to ask whether it is the purpose of this resolution to enable, for instance, a Colonel or a past Colonel of the New York Division to vote at the Division Encampment of the New York Division held in the early part of June, and then go to Ohio and vote in the Division Encampment in the State of Ohio, held the next week, and if he could, by any possibility, under the diverse laws of the different States as to domicile and residence, manage to get into still another State, get three votes in three Division Encampments during the same year? [Applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It has been moved and seconded that the resolution offered by Col. Bundy be substituted for that originally proposed. The question now occurs to me whether or not we are proceeding in proper form. In order to amend the Constitution in this manner do we not require a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules?

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I insist that by reason of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations in reference to the recommendation from the Division of Colorado, the matter is properly before us. The subject being before us, any brother upon the floor has a right to introduce an amendment.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, as I understand, the rules have already been suspended by the two-thirds vote of the Encampment when it allowed these recommendations to be referred to the committee, whether they had been made in the form prescribed by the Constitution or not.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is perhaps true, but I desired to raise the question in order that the Commandery might determine it, as it is a debatable one. As I understand it, there has been no motion made to suspend the rules this morning. A motion to suspend the rules at any particular time would not hold good throughout the Encampment. I believe I must hold that in order to bring

this matter before the Encampment, to amend the Constitution as proposed now, it will require a two-thirds vote to suspend the rules.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I move you that the rules be suspended in order to permit the consideration of the motion of Colonel Bundy.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I second the motion.

The motion was discussed at length by Colonel Hatch, of New York; Colonel Bundy, of Ohio, and Colonel Poe, of Ohio.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the motion to suspend the rules. All those in favor of the suspension of the rules to permit the consideration of the substitute motion to amend the constitution will rise to their feet and stand until they are counted. Those opposed will rise to their feet.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported 39 voting in the affirmative, 37 in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion having received less than a two-thirds vote of all the delegates present, is lost. We will now proceed with the consideration of the special order.

General Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Second. We recommend that the changes made in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations at this Encampment be printed as an addendum to the present edition of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and that no new edition be printed without the authority of the Council-in-Chief.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is, that there is a motion pending before the Commandery to adopt the recommendation of the Colorado Division.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is not well taken. The motion to adopt the recommendation of the Division of Colorado was withdrawn by Col. Bundy, with the consent of his second, at the time he moved the adoption of the substitute amendment. Is there any objection to the second section of the supplemental report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Gen. Brown continued the reading of the report as follows:

Third. The committee further recommend that all matters relating to changes in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be communicated to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be forwarded to the Chairman of the Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, E. W. Hatch, Buffalo, New York, care City and County Hall, and that the members of said Special Committee be, by virtue of their appointment, members of the Commandery-in-Chief while serving as such, and that all the members of the Order having changes to suggest in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, communicate with the Chairman of said Special Committee direct.

THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the supplemental report of the committee? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The next business in order is the resolution or report upon the post system, which was made a special order for this hour. I will return therefore—

GEN. GEORGE B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I rise to a question of privilege, and ask the brother from Ohio to yield to me for a moment. It is in

regard to a matter that pertains to the report of the last Council-in-Chief, and which forms a basis for the report of our present Commander-in-Chief, in regard to the question of salaries during my administration as Commander-in-Chief, which casts a reflection upon my administration that is hardly just.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I do not consider that this is a question of privilege, and I must refuse to yield the floor.

GEN. ABBOTT: I do not propose to make a speech. It is simply to call attention to a misprint in the report of the Eighth Annual Encampment, which misprint states that my salary list was \$3,500, when it should have been \$1,500. The "3" is printed in place of a "1," which makes my expenses for salaries \$2,000 more than I did expend, or was allowed me by the Commandery-in-Chief. If it is correct as printed, it makes the Commandery-in-Chief indebted to me in the sum of \$2,000 for salaries expended, but it is an error, I wish to explain. It is plain upon its face that it is an error, for by adding up the footing you can see that the amount should be \$1,500, instead of \$3,500.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will say that the figures are printed as Brother Abbott states. I have examined them and the footing would seem to indicate that a mistake has been made, but I want to say in addition that the figures which he furnished me are precisely as printed. If there is any error it was made by Brother Abbott's administrative officers, and not by the printer. Of course, I knew nothing about it except from the papers presented to me.

GEN. ABBOTT: Of course I do not mean to imply that the error was made purposely, but it has crept in in some way.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I move that the correction be made as stated by General Abbott, and that all the printed proceedings now in the hands of Commandery-in-Chief officers be so corrected before sending the same to any member of the Order.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I trust the motion will be agreed to. It is but justice to Gen. Abbott.

The motion was agreed to.

HENRY FRAZEE, of Ohio: Commander, I would request, inasmuch as I expect to leave this afternoon at 3 o'clock, if I can make arrangements to get away, that the Commander-in-Chief appoint some one to install me as a member of the Council-in-Chief, if General Brown will yield long enough for that to be done.

GEN. BROWN: I will agree to that, if it can be done by consent, without a motion. [Cries of "Consent," "Consent,"]

C. T. ORNER, of Illinois: Commander, I desire to ask the same privilege.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint the Inspector-General as installing officer to install all the officers elected, who feel that they must leave before the time for the regular installation. That can be done in the ante-room as has been done heretofore.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations now return to the special order, which is the seventeenth recommendation of the report made yesterday afternoon, which was postponed for consideration until this hour. The recommendation is as follows:

That, in lieu of the recommendations of the Division of Indiana with reference to the Post system and Post officers, the following resolution be adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to complete consolidation in United States with the Post system. That the present Posts S. of V. in good standing be permitted to come into the Camp system S. of V., U. S. A., upon the terms and conditions provided for in the resolution of Eighth Annual Encampment. That all Posts coming into the Order of S. of V., U. S. A., on or before December 31, 1890, shall be entitled to a Camp packet and charter free of charge, and that all Division officers and Post officers, who shall come in with their Posts prior to December 31, 1890, or who have heretofore come in, shall be accorded corresponding rank and past honors as they are at the time entitled to: and sitting officers shall rank as past officers. *Provided, however*, That no member of a Post, who has previously been a member of a camp, shall be received into membership by virtue hereof unless such member shall have been in good standing in the Camp of which he was last a member.

I move the adoption of this recommendation.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I second the motion.

COL. GEO. ADDINGTON, of New York: Commander, I offer the following resolution as a substitute for the resolution recommended by the committee, and move its adoption.

Resolved, That all past officers of the Post system that have joined the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., and, also, all past officers of Posts of said Post system that may join the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., on or before December 31, 1890, be entitled to past honors as such officers, and that camp supplies and charters be given to such Posts gratis.

The motion was seconded.

The question was discussed at length by Col. Addington and Past Col. Hatch, of New York, and General Griffin, of Indiana. Major General Pollitt having been called to the chair.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Major-General, I rise to a point of information. I should like to know if, according to the recent ruling of the Chair, it is not necessary for a motion to be made to suspend the rules in order to allow any brother the privilege of the floor to introduce a substitute resolution. Was not that the ruling of the Chair a few moments ago?

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: That was the ruling.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Are not the rules practically suspended, this coming in as the special order of business set for half past 9 o'clock? I so understand it.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Then it will require a two-thirds vote to pass to the consideration of this substitute resolution.

The discussion of the question was continued by Colonel Addington, of New York; General Griffin, of Indiana, and R. Shaw Van, of Iowa.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Major General, but a few moments ago, according to a peculiar ruling of the Commander-in-Chief, although there was a majority vote of the Encampment in favor of the proposition, it was held that under certain circumstances, brothers who belonged to our own Order and have belonged to it for years, could lose their past rank and their past office by removing from their Division, and yet these same brothers come forward and want us, in a charitable way, according to the principles of our order, to extend these privileges to men who have never been members of it at all, merely in order to make a

combination. I therefore move, according to the direct line of argument that defeated our motion a short time ago, or the rulings of the Chair, that this entire question be referred the Special Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

F. D. STEWART, of Ohio: I second the motion.

COL. J. B. MACCARE, of Massachusetts: Major-General, I desire to ask my friend Colonel Bundy, whether he refers to the resolution recommended by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or to the resolution moved by Colonel Addington, as a substitute.

COL. BUNDY, of Ohio: I refer to both; one as a substitute for the other, and I want them both to go together.

The question was further discussed by General Webb, of Kansas.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The question before the Commandery is the reference of the resolution recommended by the committee and that moved as a substitute by Colonel Addington to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. As many as are in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The Chair is in doubt. As many as are in favor of the motion will rise to their feet and stand until they are counted. Those opposed will rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported ayes, 36; noes, 67. So the motion was not agreed to.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Major-General, I now call for the question on the original motion for the adoption of the resolution as reported by the committee, and on that motion I move the previous question.

The motion was seconded.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: It is moved and seconded that the previous question be ordered on the motion to adopt the resolution reported by the committee. The motion is not debatable. Shall the previous question be ordered?

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Major-General, I rise to a point of order. There was a motion made to adopt the report of the committee. Brother Addington, of New York, moved a substitute. Then comes a motion to refer the whole matter to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. That motion is lost. The substitute moved by Col. Addington is still before the house. The previous question can not be carried on the original motion and leave the substitute out in the cold.

GEN. BROWN, of Ohio: Major-General, I moved the previous question, having made the original motion, and that shuts off all intermediate questions and brings the Commandery at once to a vote on the question of the adoption of the original resolution. That is the question which should be put now.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The question before this Encampment is upon the ordering of the previous question.

COL. E. W. POE, of Ohio: Major-General, is it not a fact that the question on the adoption of this substitute is the question now before us? You can not get rid of the substitute by moving the previous question.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: Parliamentary law is supposed to be made for the purpose of expediting business, but sometimes it is manufactured for the purpose of shutting off business. [Laughter]

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Major-General, I rise to a question of privilege. My question of privilege is as to whether Brother Brown will not permit a delegate from the New York Division, who has remained here at considerable inconvenience to be heard upon this question, the privilege of the floor for a short time.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: That is not a question of privilege. I demand from the Chair a ruling as to whether the gentleman is speaking upon a question of privilege.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: He is not. The question is upon the motion of Gen. Brown, of Ohio, who moved the previous question. All those in favor of ordering the previous question will say aye. Those opposed no. The Chair is in doubt. All those in favor of the motion will rise to their feet and stand until they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported 29 voting in the affirmative, 41 in the negative.

THE CHAIR: The motion is lost and the previous question is not ordered. The report of the committee is now before the house, the question being on the adoption of the substitute resolution moved by Col. Addington.

The question was further discussed by Brother Benjamin Raphael, of New York; Col. E. W. Hatch, of New York; Col. George Addington, of New York; B. S. Weeks, of New York; J. G. Lefler of Indiana; C. A. C. Garst, of Illinois; H. G. Ogden, of Indiana; Col. Geo. B. Stadden, of Illinois; W. O. McDowell, of New Jersey; Geo. B. Abbott, of Illinois; W. G. Hine, of Missouri.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Major-General, with the consent of Col. Addington, who moved the substitute resolution for the resolution recommended by the committee, the committee have amended the resolution reported by it by the addition of the following words: "Except that this resolution relating to past rank shall not embrace any other Commander-in-Chief than Commander Marks." But Col. Addington, upon agreeing to the addition of these words to our report, still moves his substitute as drawn and submitted heretofore. The question now before the Commandery, as the committee understand it, is upon the substitute of Col. Addington to this recommendation as amended. Whether this substitute shall be adopted is the question now before the house. And upon that, with all courtesy toward the gentleman from New York, I move the previous question. I do not wish to shut off any light; I am merely moving the previous question with the understanding that there is no more to be said by the gentlemen from New York.

J. G. LEFFLER, of Indiana: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the previous question ordered.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The question is now upon the adoption of the substitute, the previous question having been ordered.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Major-General, the previous question having been ordered the question will now come up on the motion to adopt the resolution reported by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The Chair does not so understand it. The question before the house is the adoption of the substitute resolution moved by Col. Addington, of New York. Upon that the previous question has been ordered. All those

in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying aye. Those opposed, no. The Chair is unable to decide. All those in favor of the adoption of Col. Addington's substitute resolution for the resolution reported by the committee will rise to their feet and stand till they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported 18 voting in the affirmative and 35 in the negative.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The motion to adopt the substitute is lost, and the question is now on the resolution reported by the committee as amended.

COL. ADDINGTON, of New York: Major-General, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is that we passed a resolution at Paterson refusing to give Hedges, Sawyer, Dowling or Prime past honors, even if their Posts should join the Order.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL: The point of order is not well taken. The brother is mistaken. All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution as reported and amended by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it; the motion is agreed to, and the resolution recommended by the committee, as amended by them, is concurred in.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Major-General, I now move the adoption of the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, as amended, as a whole.

W. G. PINE, of Missouri: I second the motion

The Commander-in-Chief resumed the chair.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I think I had the floor before the motion was seconded. I tried to get the floor immediately. I ask for a ruling upon the point of order I raised, when the Major General was presiding, as to whether or not it required a two-thirds vote in order to consider the substitute resolution moved by Colonel Addington, whether we are acting under the special order. If so, the motion in regard to past rank a short time ago prevailed, and it should be put in the report of this committee before the present motion to adopt it as a whole is carried. I still ask for a decision upon that point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I do not want any misunderstanding here, or seek to keep out anything that properly comes before the Encampment. My understanding of the provisions of our Constitution is this: That an amendment to the Constitution reported by this committee, under the peculiar wording of our Constitution, may be received, and it becomes a part of the Constitution, if adopted, but that a motion to substitute some other amendment in place of the report of the committee comes in just like any other motion to amend the Constitution; and under those circumstances any such substitute requires, before it can be passed, the suspension of the rules by a two-thirds vote. That was my position. Now, if there is any question about that, if the brother thinks I am mistaken about that, I will be glad to have the point of order raised and the question passed upon by the Commandery. Let there be no misunderstanding, and let us decide this question without reference to any technicality. My ruling has been consistent all the way through; it has been so not only upon this question, but upon all questions requiring a suspension of the rules.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I would call the attention of the gentleman from Ohio (Bundy) to the fact that on the motion to suspend the rules in order to take up the resolution which he moved, a large majority voted against the suspension instead of in favor of it. Now, upon this question of the adoption of this report, I now move the previous question.

J. G. LEFFLER, of Indiana: I second the motion.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I merely want to state that Brother Brown is mistaken. The vote to suspend the rules, in order to consider the resolution offered by me was 39 in favor, to 37 against, a majority of 2 in favor of the suspension, but the Chair held that a two-thirds vote was necessary.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is: Shall the previous question be ordered on the motion to adopt the report of the committee as a whole, as amended? All those in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying aye; those opposed no. The ayes have it, and the previous question is ordered upon the motion to adopt the report of the committee. Are you ready for the question? As many as are in favor of the motion will signify the same by saying aye; those opposed no. The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to, and the report of the committee as amended is adopted.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I now move that this committee be discharged.

THE COMMANDER: That may be taken by consent if there is no objection. The adoption of the report discharges the committee, it having no further business to transact. The next business before the Commandery is the report of the Committee on Badges and Decorations.

Brother C. H. Little, of New Hampshire, submitted the following report from the Committee on Badges and Decorations:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 29, 1890.

To the Officers and Members of the Ninth Annual Encampment, S. of V., U. S. A.:

We, the undersigned committee appointed to consult with Major A. P. Davis in regard to regulating the prices of badges and decorations, submit the following tabular statement of prices, as per agreement between Major A. P. Davis and your committee:

Membership badge	\$0 30
Past Captain's badge	30
Past Colonel's silver cross	7 50
Membership ribbons, per doz	36
Camp Officers' ribbons, per doz	36
Division and Commandery-in-Chief ribbons, per doz	40
Bronze button	07½
Bronze pin	10
Barber pole decoration	15½
Oxidized silver button	15
Oxidized silver pin	20
Enameled button	25
Enameled pin	30

We recommend that the above prices be accepted by the Commandery-in-Chief and that an article be inserted in the Constitution providing for the same.

We submit this report with the understanding that Major A. P. Davis shall furnish these goods direct to the Commandery-in-Chief, to be distributed by them.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

C. H. LITTLE, New Hampshire,
D. B. PURBECK, Massachusetts,
GEORGE H. HURLBERT, Illinois.

W. J. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move the report of the committee be adopted.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: I second the motion.

COL. B. W. CORNER, of Washington: Commander, the committee recommends an amendment to the Constitution. We can not do that in this way.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is unnecessary to do so anyway. It is in the nature of a contract, not a constitutional amendment.

MAJ.-GEN. GEORGE W. POLLITT, of New Jersey: Do I understand that in the committee report there is any time specified that this contract shall run? It seems to me that it should be fixed so that one year from now the matter can not be brought up again. It has been talked of more or less for several years, and it has been a source of great annoyance to Major Davis, and I think the contract ought to be fixed for some term of years, so that he will know that during that time he will furnish the badges. I move that the time be fixed at five years. I move to amend the report of the committee to that effect.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

B. W. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, I move the report be accepted, with the exception of the recommendation in reference to the amendment of the Constitution.

MAJ.-GEN. POLLITT, of New Jersey: Commander, I would ask leave to withdraw the motion I made and make it for ten years instead of five. And I notice there is another serious omission in the report. There is no provision in regard to the uniform button.

C. H. LITTLE, of New Hampshire: Commander, I would like to inquire of Major Davis whether that arrangement will be satisfactory to him. I will say that the committee considered that Major Davis has been very fair with us, and he should be used fairly by this Encampment, and I would like to inquire of the Major if that arrangement would be satisfactory to him?

MAJ. DAVIS: The arrangement as reported by the committee is satisfactory, if made for a definite time. At the time I took up the badge business the badges were selling at \$9 a dozen. I reduced them to \$6. Every year this same thing has come up, and my life has been made miserable by the agitation of this question, and I was in hopes that this report, which leaves me a bare pittance, would be allowed to stand for all time. You will not have me with you ten years hence anyway.

MAJ.-GEN. POLLITT: My intention was to fix it for a definite period, so that this question could not be brought up here year after year.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I move that this schedule of prices reported by the committee be adopted as the schedule during the lifetime of Major A. P. Davis. I move that as a substitute for the motion pending.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the substitute adopted.

MAJOR-GENERAL POLLITT: I now move the adoption of the report of the committee as amended.

G. W. HINE, of Missouri: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to and the report of the committee as amended was adopted.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I desire to submit the following report from the Committee on Ritual:

ST. JOSEPH, MO., August 28, 1890.

To the Ninth Annual Encampment, S. of V., U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Ritual respectfully recommend that no changes be made in the Ritualistic ceremonies by this Encampment, but that all propositions and changes suggested by Camps and Divisions for present consideration be referred to the Special Committee on Ritual appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to report at the next Encampment. Our committee is of the opinion that the Camps should not be put to the additional expense required, if the ritual is now amended.

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

E. H. MILLIAM,
WM. E. BUNDY,
RAPHAEL TOBIAS,
JOHN W. NEWTON,
W. A. STEVENS,

Committee.

W. G. HINE, of Missouri: I move the report of the committee be adopted and concurred in.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I second the motion.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to know whether this shuts off any suggestion to be made by Camps and Divisions to this committee?

THE COMMANDER: I do not understand that it will. I understand that the committee wants all the suggestions it can get.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: All the suggestions that we receive will be turned over to the Special Committee to report next year.

The Commander put the question on the motion to adopt and concur in the report, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I would state, as the Chairman of the Committee on Digest, that the work of that committee has been performed by Brother Merrill Moores, of Indianapolis, and Brother Moores should make the report of this committee, but he is not here. I will say that the Digest was prepared almost entirely by Brother Moores, and he is the gentleman that is entitled to the credit for the preparation of the Digest as it is. The committee hope that it will be the foundation of a most valuable book for our Order, and that it will be kept up by the succeeding officers of our Commandery; and I move now that the thanks of this Commandery-in-Chief be given to Brother Merrill Moores for his services upon the Committee on Digest in the preparation of this book.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to unanimously upon a rising vote of the Commandery.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee on Officers' Reports is ready to make a further report. Shall we hear from that committee? Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and Colonel Weeks will proceed.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: We had concluded our report in relation to the report of the Commander-in-Chief. The next is the consideration of the report of the Lieutenant-General. In relation thereto we beg leave to report:

The recommendation contained in the Lieutenant-General's report as to carrying flags in parades calls attention to a frequent breach of military etiquette, and we therefore recommend that no Camp of this Order carry in any official parade any banner or color other than the National flag and the authorized flags of the Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to the report of Committee on Officers' Reports in relation to the report of the Lieutenant-General? If not it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report as follows:

We congratulate the Commandery-in-Chief upon the complete and exhaustive report of the Adjutant-General, and approve of the recommendation of numbering Camps, which, we presume, will be considered by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this section of the committee's report? If not, it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is adopted.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report as follows:

The business-like report of the Quartermaster-General leaves nothing to be wished for by those seeking information as to the finances of the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report as follows:

Judge Advocate-General's Report.—We recommend that a new set of court martial blanks be formulated by the Judge Advocate-General, as recommended in the report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this section of the report? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report as follows:

Inspector-General's Report.—*First*—Bonds of Colonels and Division Quartermasters. We respectfully recommend that the amount of bond to be given by Colonels shall be fixed by the Division by-laws, and that unless a valid bond for that amount be filed within the prescribed time, it shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Elective Members of the Division Council to prefer charges for such violation of our Constitution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this section of the report? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report, as follows:

We further recommend that Colonels be more careful to enforce the immediate filing of bonds by the Division Quartermaster, and that they do not allow

the handling of any funds by the Division Quartermaster until such bond is filed as required by the Constitution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report? If not, it will be considered adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report, as follows:

We further recommend that the number of Assistant Inspectors be as small as possible, to the end that each one shall inspect as many camps as he can conveniently visit during the time allowed, thereby securing greater uniformity in marking, and that, where practicable, the Assistant Inspectors meet and confer with the Division Inspector at some convenient point prior to the beginning of the annual inspection.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report, as follows:

We recommend that the next inspection blanks include "Company Drill" as one of the marking questions.

We heartily approve of the plan adopted by the committee for the inspection of National Headquarters, and concur in all the recommendations made by them.

The evidence of careful consideration and thoughtful study shown in this report, and the valuable tables submitted therewith, deserve the especial commendation of the Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report, as follows:

Surgeon-General's Report.—The carefully considered recommendations in this report belonging more properly to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, will be left for their action. We feel, however, that special commendation is due for the painstaking investigation shown and the careful and thorough preparation of the matter presented.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Weeks continued the reading of the report as follows:

Chaplain-in-Chief's Report.—The report of the Chaplain-in-Chief calls attention to the delay and indifference of Camp and Division Chaplains, which we hope in the future will be remedied. Their duties are plain and no recommendations or resolutions should be required to insure the faithful performance of them.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BARTOW S. WEEKS,
R. LOEBENSTEIN,
MOSES P. O'BRIEN,
F. C. MCARTHUR,
OTIS E. GULLEY.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the concluding section of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports? If not, it will be considered as adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

COL. S. E. THOMASON, of Maryland: Commander, I now move the adoption of the report as a whole.

S. P. JONAS, of Connecticut: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the report as a whole was adopted.

W. J. MARTIN, of Pennsylvania: (1 o'clock and 30 minutes P. M.) Commander, I move we take a recess for one hour.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to, and the Commandery (at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes, P. M.) took a recess for one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Commandery met and was called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, no provision has been made for the preparation and publication of the proceedings of this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. I move you therefore that the present officers of the Commandery-in-Chief be authorized to prepare for publication and cause to be printed the proceedings of this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. I move also that upon the recommendation of the present Commander-in-Chief and the presentation of proper vouchers the next administration be authorized to pay for the same, and that an edition of 6,000 copies of our proceedings be published.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There is a matter which has been overlooked and that is, in the appointment of the standing Committee on Constitution and the standing Committee on Ritual, to report at the next Encampment, no provision was made for the payment of the expenses of those committees.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Provision was made for the necessary expenses in the resolution ordering the appointment of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

THE COMMANDER: No such provision was made in regard to the expenses of the Committee on Ritual, I am sure, and I suggest that a motion be made to pay those expenses.

L. A. PERCE, of Ohio: Commander, I move you that the expenses of this committee be paid on approval of the Commander-in-Chief and proper voucher presented.

COL. W. A. STEVENS, of Massachusetts: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It has also been suggested to me in this connection that as each of these committees now consist of three, and the members of them have been appointed by the present administration, the present Commander-in-Chief, it would seem to be nothing more than fair that Gen. Webb, the incoming Commander-in-Chief, should be represented on each of these committees,

as the work will largely be under his charge and he will be responsible for it, and I would suggest as a matter of courtesy and of right that these committees ought to be increased to five and the power granted Gen. Webb to name the two extra members of each committee.

GEN. GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I move you that the committees be increased to five, one of which two on each committee shall be the Commander-in-Chief, and the other member selected by him. In other words, to make the Commander-in-Chief a member, *ex-officio*, of each committee.

COL. C. J. DECKMAN, of Ohio: I second the motion.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: By virtue of our law the Judge-Advocate-General is Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations and that is all right.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: I do not know of any law of that kind.

GEN. WEBB: Well, then, it has been the custom, and Judge-Advocate-General Brown has been so. It has been understood that he was chairman of that committee by virtue of his office, as I recollect it. I do not want to serve on the committee. I would much rather be represented there by my Judge-Advocate-General than to be there in person. I prefer not to serve on the committee myself.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Gen. Webb will have enough to do as Commander-in-Chief of this Order without serving on that committee.

N. L. HARRISON, of New York: Commander, I move, then, as a substitute, that two members be added to each of these committees by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

GEN. GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I will accept that amendment, in view of what the Commander-elect has said.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: What is the object of so large a committee? I regard it simply as a matter of dollars and cents, and it is an unnecessary expense. If this money has to be squandered it had better be given back to the Camps.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The reason is that both of these committees, as now constituted, were appointed by myself. It is right, and fair, and just, that Gen. Webb and his views should be represented upon each of these committees, and, as the statement has been made that there are different views existing in different sections of the country, a committee of five would much more fully represent the views of the different sections than a committee of three, and the result would be more satisfactory.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: It is a fact, as I understand it, that the chairman of that committee is a warm personal friend of Gen. Webb, and I object to the increase in the committees on the ground of expense. I submit that it is high time we were stricken with a fit of economy here.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I would suggest to the Commander-in-Chief, if it is desired to have Gen. Webb represented on that committee, that I am perfectly willing to resign from it and permit his Judge-Advocate-General to take my place. [Cries of no, no. Nobody wants that.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the motion to increase the membership of these two committees from three to five. As many as are in favor of the motion will rise and stand till they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported sixteen voting in the affirmative and twenty-five in the negative; so the motion was not agreed to.

F. D. STEWART, of Ohio: Commander, I have a resolution I would like to offer, and move its adoption. It is as follows:

Resolved by this Encampment, That the proceedings of the Walter S. Payne court martial were irregular, and that the findings of said court be set aside and he be granted a new trial.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I do not like to move the previous question upon this subject; but it seems to me we have discussed this question at various meetings, and as we do not wish to get into a wrangle on the subject, and I think we are all fully advised about the proceedings, and that there is no brother here who wants further light, the entire proceedings and the different arguments having been published, there is nothing to be gained by rehashing it, except to arouse angry feeling. We have certainly done Mr. Payne justice in the action that we have taken heretofore in his case, and we have shown him some charity in the matter, and I believe that it is my duty here and now to move the previous question upon the adoption or rejection of this resolution.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Before that motion is seconded I want to say for one of the new members of this Encampment that I am opposed to the previous question on this resolution. I don't want to see any gag law in operation in this Commandery.

GEN. O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I withdraw the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is now on the adoption of the resolution.

H. V. SPEELMAN, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order. Brother Payne has accepted the findings and the provisions of that court-martial, and has been mustered into a Camp of the Sons of Veterans, so that I do not think that he has any right to bring that matter up here again and ask for a new trial.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander—

D. B. PURBECK, of Massachusetts: Commander, I rise to a point of order. I do not think the gentleman has any voice in this association, and until he takes off some of those badges and decorations which have been taken away from him, I do not think we ought to allow him the floor, and we would not if I had my way.

COL. WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I want to ask that Brother Payne be heard upon this floor.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I hope the Encampment will grant Brother Payne a chance to be heard. *The point of order as made is well taken*, but I believe that the Encampment is willing to waive the point of order and hear Brother Payne.

[Cries of "Hear him," "Hear him."]

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief and members of the Encampment, I wish to state that the statement made by the brother at my right is not correct. I never have accepted the action referred to. I have paid my dues to my Camp ever since I was first a member of Camp 60, and have never been on the black book of my Camp, and have never considered myself out of the Order. I considered the proceedings were illegal and protested against them, and have never acknowledged that the proceedings were legal, or that I was out of the Order, legally. If there is occasion for any further remarks I wish to appear here by attorney.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: Commander, I would like to ask a question of Brother Payne. I would like to ask Brother Payne if he was not mustered into his Camp at Fostoria?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: I was not.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I will ask if that was not the resolution passed at the last Encampment at Paterson, giving you the privilege of being mustered into that Camp?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: I had already been mustered in at the time. The whole thing was illegal and seemed to me merely a trick. My appeal was cut out at Paterson.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I would like to ask the gentleman if I am mistaken in this; if he didn't agree to me personally after the resolution was adopted that he was satisfied?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: No, sir; I did not.

O. B. BROWN, of Ohio: I have no further questions to ask you.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of the resolution. Are you ready for the question?

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I seconded the motion to adopt the resolution, but in the form it appears I shall certainly vote against it. If the resolution was simply to grant General Payne, our past Commander-in-Chief, a new trial for the purpose not only of satisfying him, but for the purpose of vindicating our past officers and the committee who had charge of that matter, I would be ready to vote for such a resolution. Ever since this matter first came up it has been before us, and we will continue to hear from it in some form or other, and it will be a bone of contention until it is finally disposed of, and I am satisfied that the result of the passage of some such a resolution as this will be to vindicate the gentlemen who had to do with the trial, and I believe it is to the interest of this Order to go over the proceedings and go over them with the greatest care, and see to it that under no circumstances any technicality occurs.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I am in favor of the spirit of this resolution, but there is one clause in it that I am opposed to, and that is the clause that declares the prior proceedings irregular. I am in favor of granting Brother Payne a new trial [applause] if he feels, or any other members or brothers feel, that he has been wronged, that he has not had a fair show. I say in all charity, let him have another chance; but I do not believe in putting on our record a declaration that the prior trial was irregular, and I therefore move—

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Strike that out. I will consent that that may be stricken out.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I therefore move, Commander, to strike out that part of the resolution which declares that the former trial was irregular, and leave it so it shall read simply that General Payne be granted a new trial.

J. A. AVERDICK, of Ohio: Commander, I was going to make the same remarks that have just been made by my brother from Washington. I have fought this question in relation to Walter S. Payne in three Encampments. I know exactly what it is. I know its proof; I know its everything. I know the testimony, and all about it. I want to have that clause in regard to the irregularity of the former proceedings stricken out and then I am in favor of giving the gentleman a chance, to give him another court-martial, and we will see what comes out of it. I want to state for the gentlemen who sat upon that court-martial that if that clause in relation to the irregularity and illegality of the proceedings there had is allowed to remain in the resolution I must vote against it. I want to say, in all due courtesy to those gentlemen, that I know each and every one of them, and I know they are all too true Sons of Veterans, and all too true gentlemen, to do what is wrong to this Order, or any member of it. But I am in favor of giving General Payne a new trial.

F. D. STEWART, of Ohio: Commander, I will accept the amendment suggested and strike out the clause in reference to the irregularity of the former proceedings, and offer the resolution simply that the proceedings of the Walter S. Payne court-martial be set aside, and he be granted a new trial.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, as the second of the original motion, I consent to the amendment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will read the resolution as amended.

The Adjutant-General read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, By this Encampment, that the proceedings of the Walter S. Payne court-martial be set aside, and he be granted a new trial.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I want to know, before this resolution is passed, if the friends of General Payne are going to abide by the result of this new court-martial, if General Payne shall be found guilty, and shall be thrown out of the Order forever.

A MEMBER: Yes, sir.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Is General Payne perfectly willing to stand the consequences and the result of this new court-martial, and go out of the Order forever if that is the finding of the court-martial?

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: The General has said he would.

COL. J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Then will it not be in order to reconsider the proceedings had at Paterson, in order to leave the whole subject-matter open? I move, therefore, that the proceedings had at Paterson be incorporated in the resolution, and also set aside.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: Commander, the court-martial may not recommend that he be dismissed. Why should you require General Payne to agree to submit to something that may not take place? The court-martial might simply

recommend that he be reduced to the ranks. Why should we ask him to commit himself in advance to something that may not be required of him?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I would suggest that the opening up of the court-martial proceedings necessarily carries with it all subsequent action and results in connection with the case, and therefore to order a reconsideration of the Paterson proceedings is unnecessary.

H. D. DAVIS, of Ohio: Commander, the proceedings of that court-martial are either regular or irregular. This man Payne has an attorney here, and I say in this Encampment that it is our duty first to declare whether these proceedings are regular or irregular. First hear from the attorney who represents Mr. Payne, and then let the replies come after his argument. We have got to declare it regular or irregular. That is the only thing we can do.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of the resolution as amended. Are you ready for the question? As many as are in favor of the adoption of the resolution will say aye; contrary, no. The ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted.

COL. GEO. B. STADDER, of Illinois: Commander, I have a resolution which I desire to offer, and move its adoption.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to draft suitable rules and regulations for a military rank. Said committee to report to the Tenth Annual Encampment.

MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the resolution.

The Chair put the question; the motion was agreed to and the resolution adopted.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I move that we now proceed to the selection of a place for holding the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

COL. HATCH, of New York: I would ask that the brother will withdraw that motion for a moment. I have a suggestion to make in reference to the Payne matter.

R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Illinois: I will withdraw the motion.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I rise to make a suggestion, and also a motion. If I understand the action of this Encampment upon the Walter S. Payne matter, the former trial has been set aside and he has been granted a new trial. So as to make that of force and effect, I move that the Judge Advocate General to be appointed by the incoming administration be instructed by this Encampment to draw charges and specifications in the case of Walter S. Payne, and that a court-martial of the Commandery-in-Chief be convened.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York. One more motion, Commander. I move you that it be declared to be the sense of this Encampment that this action shall not be so considered as to restore to Walter S. Payne any past honors growing out of offices he has heretofore held; that his status remain in the same condition it is now.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Payne is out of order. You have no right to the floor, Brother Payne.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, the proceedings of the court-martial have been set aside.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: I rise to a point of order, Commander. The proceedings of the court-martial having been set aside, until a new court-martial tries him, Brother Payne is a member of this Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is of the opinion that the point of order is well taken. The point of order is made that the resolution adopted a moment ago sets aside the proceedings of the court-martial and grants Brother Payne a new trial. It is, therefore, said that the proceedings having now been set aside, Brother Payne stands precisely as he did before there was any court-martial, and therefore he is entitled to a seat in this Encampment. I decide that the point of order is well taken.

J. A. AVERDICK, of Ohio: Commander, the question is this: Is he not under charges right now? [Cries of "No," "No," "No."] If he is under charges, is it not the law under the rules and regulations of the regular army that while an officer is under charges he has no rights in any particular at all?

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: As I understand it, the status of Brother Payne has been settled and determined by the action of the Eighth Annual Encampment as embodied in its resolution here. They stand. They have not been set aside. And under them Brother Payne to-day occupies the position of being a member of Camp No. 60 at Fostoria. Consequently, I ask the Commander-in-Chief to take that record and determine his status according to the action of the Eighth Annual Encampment. In addition to that, in view of his legal status, being under charges which have not been set aside, he stands, as I understand the rule of law, as a suspended member.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: Commander, that is it exactly. In either event, he is not restored to past rank here.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I asked Brother Payne if he was ready to stand by the result of this court-martial involving the loss of previous rank and previous honors, if the court-martial should so find, and he authorized me to say to this Convention that he would. Now, I want to say to this Convention, that with that understanding, it seems to me that all these questions and points of order can go by the board.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Not at all. It is a question as to his status here.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I want to say this as one member of this Encampment who favored the motion to grant Brother Payne a new trial, that while I feel ready to grant him a new trial, until that trial has been had and a determination has been made, I do not feel that I am willing to grant him the privileges of the floor in this Encampment. That was not my intention. But, as an attorney, I say this on the question of law.

W. O. McDOWELL: Commander, General Payne withdraws from this floor, and will not appear upon it again until after trial.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: I do not say it in any unkindness to Brother Payne, but —

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: (Withdrawing) I want to thank the Encampment for what it has done for me.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: Commander, I want to say a word to the distinguished jurist who has the floor, and to the other eminent legal lights of the Commandery.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: I don't appear to have it.

GEN. LELAND J. WEBB, of Kansas: We have done something which, to my mind, is dead wrong. When you set aside the proceedings of that court-martial, the matter stood here then that he should have a new trial upon those charges and specifications. You have ordered new ones. Now, what are you going to do about it? You have said that the Commander-in-Chief shall appoint a new court-martial upon new charges and new specifications, to be prepared by the Judge Advocate General, and yet there is no disposition made of the old charges.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I should say that the finding having been set aside, the case stands in this Supreme Court on the original specifications and charges for trial; but this Supreme Court has ordered its chief officer, its chief attorney, to amend those charges and specifications, or, if he sees fit, to file a new complaint; if he don't see fit to do so, he goes ahead on that, and that is all there is of it.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I am always ready to compliment the judgment and profound learning of my brother from Kansas, but there are some things that are taken by implication, and while the terms of the resolution might be broad enough to cover a new proposition, it is to be construed with respect to what has previously happened. Now what has happened here? Simply a new trial has been granted. Some officer must take the steps necessary to proceed with that new trial. He prepares charges and specifications. I suppose that under the resolution it would be better that he take the old ones, but such others might be added as might seem to him advisable. That is the sense in which I desired the motion understood, and that is the sense in which, I believe, the Encampment understands it. But if that is dead wrong, in the euphonic and scholarly language of the learned brother from Kansas, let us have it corrected so that it will be dead right. That is all. I move, therefore, to amend my motion so as to conform with the idea of Brother Webb.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: State your amendment.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: My amendment is that the incoming Judge Advocate General be directed by this Encampment to present—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Before that amendment is put, Brother Hatch, we have forgotten the question which was raised here; the point of order I suppose should be decided. The question I want elucidated is this: My impression, the impression I got of the proceedings at first, was that the direction that new charges and specifications should be presented, wiped out the old ones. I can see, however, after the correction, that that would amount simply to the filing of an amended

complaint. In other words, it does not withdraw the old charges—it simply provides for the amended charges. Therefore, it would seem that Brother Payne is still under the charges and specifications which were originally drawn. Then the question is, the charges and specifications still pending against him, what effect have they upon his standing in the Order? That is, does the filing and pendency of charges and specifications deprive him of his seat in the Encampment and his past rank?

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, it seems to me that, having set aside the finding, Brother Walter S. Payne stands here to-day a man absolutely innocent and guiltless of these charges until he is proven guilty. That is the way he stands. A man charged with crime is considered innocent until he is proven guilty, and until some action is taken, legally, finding Brother Payne guilty of the charges filed, I believe he is entitled to the privileges of this floor. But I do believe that in the interest of harmony, on account of the proceedings that have been had heretofore, that Brother Payne should not exercise those rights on this floor until these proceedings have been determined. Brother Payne has said that he withdraws and that he will not attempt to exercise any rights until this question is determined. Do I understand Brother Payne aright about that?

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Brother Payne has withdrawn and will not occupy any position on this floor until this thing is settled.

COL. WM. E. BUNNY, of Ohio: Commander, the question raised must be settled as to whether Gen. Payne is at present a past Commander-in-Chief in this Order, or whether, being under charges and having been granted a new trial, he remains in the same condition as any other man in the criminal court, who is under charges and is simply granted a new trial by the judge. It is well known that he is not released absolutely. He still remains under bond, or remains in jail. That is just exactly the condition of Gen. Payne to-day. So far as his suspension is concerned, he is Captain of Camp 60 in the Division of Ohio. And he is not suspended from the Division in which he holds office, but he remains exactly in the status in which he was placed by the last National Encampment at Paterson, New Jersey. Our law reads:

“When charges are preferred against any brother holding office, the Colonel or the Commander-in-Chief, in their respective jurisdictions, may suspend the accused from office. During the suspension of a Camp or Division Commander, their places shall be filled by the next officer in rank, or command.”

Gen. Payne, therefore, in my opinion, remains as Captain of Camp 60 at Fostoria, Ohio, until these charges are settled unless he be suspended by the Commander-in-Chief, or the Colonel of his Division, pending these charges.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The filing of charges in a court against a man don't deprive him of any rights. He is presumed innocent until he is proven guilty. That would primarily, I suppose, be the situation as to Brother Payne. It is provided, however, by our Constitution, in reference to court-martial proceedings, that when charges and specifications are filed, the Commander-in-Chief, or the Colonel having jurisdiction, may suspend the accused during the pendency of the trial. That would seem to carry with it the proposition as conceded, that without being suspended, his standing is not affected. That it requires an order

to suspend. Therefore, is not that the condition of Brother Payne here; that he may be suspended, but until he is suspended the pendency of court-martial proceedings does not deprive him of his past rank, or any of his rights as a member of the Order?

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, with unanimous consent of the Encampment, I beg leave to offer the following resolution, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the incoming Judge-Advocate-General be instructed to proceed with the charges now pending against Walter S. Payne; that the Commander-in-Chief be directed to convene a new court-martial, and designate the members thereof, and that until such trial and determination, Walter S. Payne stands suspended as a member of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I move that as a substitute for the one previously offered.

J. G. LEFFLER, of Indiana: Commander, I second the motion.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I rise to a point of order. Does the Constitution give the Commandery-in-Chief the right to suspend? Does it not give the right to the Commander-in-Chief?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commander-in-Chief is a subordinate court. There is an appeal from the Commander-in-Chief upon all questions. This is the Supreme Court of the Order. Therefore, being the Supreme Court, the action of this Commandery-in-Chief would certainly be superior to any action I might take as the Commander. That is the way I construe it.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I hope the resolution in this form will not pass. General Payne has left the floor, and says he will not come here during the pendency of these charges. Punishment before conviction is one of the things that is not permissible under the laws of the land. I want to see this thing ended by the action of this court-martial, and let us have it so that there will not be the least possible taint upon the proceeding, either by our laws or the laws of the land. We all know that, according to the law of the land, a man stands innocent until proven guilty.

COL. WM. E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, do you construe the motion to set aside the proceedings of that court-martial as being a motion to reconsider the entire action of the Paterson Encampment on this question, or as simply setting aside the verdict of that Court and ordering a new one, and leaving General Payne exactly in the status he occupied before, as Captain of Camp 60, at Fostoria, under the resolution adopted by the Encampment at Paterson? I think the resolution offered here is out of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: You present no motion, Brother Bundy, and no question which the Chair can properly decide. The question is, therefore, on the adoption of the resolution offered by Colonel Hatch, of New York. Are you ready for the question? As many as are in favor of the adoption of the resolution will signify the same by saying aye. Contrary, no. The ayes have it, nobody voting in the negative, and the resolution is adopted.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I now renew my motion to proceed to the selection of time and place for holding the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

RALPH ST. JOHN PERRY, of Indiana: I second the motion.
The motion was agreed to.

A. P. Courtney, of Minneapolis, on the part of the city and citizens of Minneapolis, invited the Commandery to hold its Tenth Annual Encampment in that city.

The nomination of Minneapolis was seconded by McArthur, of Colorado; B. W. Coiner, of Washington; H. J. Kline, of Missouri; and Stevens, of Massachusetts.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: Commander, as there seems to be no opposition, I move you that the invitation extended to us by Brother Courtney on behalf of Minneapolis be accepted, and that our next Annual National Encampment be held in that city.

COL. GEORGE ADDINGTON, of New York: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

C. A. BOOKWALTER, of Indiana: Commander, it will be remembered that we received an invitation from the Division of Rhode Island to meet at Providence next year. I think it is no more than due to the Colonel of the Rhode Island Division, that his invitation should be read and entered upon the proceedings.

L. W. KENNEDY, of Colorado: Commander, I move the invitation received from the Rhode Island Division be published in our proceedings and declined with thanks.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

The invitation was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS RHODE ISLAND DIVISION,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
PROVIDENCE, August 21, 1890. }

General Charles F. Griffin, Commander-in-Chief, S. of V., U. S. A.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—It was my intention to be present and in person present to the Encampment the enclosed invitation. At the same time I proposed to give the members some assurance of the standing of the Rhode Island Division and of the cordial reception awaiting them from the people should our invitation be accepted.

As you are aware, we have made an increase of over 100 per cent. during the last year, and are in a vigorous and healthy condition.

It has the good will of the city and State authorities, and is working in perfect harmony with the G. A. R., by whom it is heartily endorsed and encouraged.

No pains will be spared to make your Encampment in Providence a grand success.

The fact that I am writing you from a sick-bed and am so weak I can hardly hold my pen, and that the doctor has vetoed my going to St. Joseph, will, I think, excuse my absence from the Encampment, to which I have been looking forward so long.

Permit me to tender my sincere congratulations that your administration has been so successful and that to-day our Order is more prosperous and healthful than ever before. With very best wishes,

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

THEODORE A. BARTON,

Division Commander

HEADQUARTERS RHODE ISLAND DIVISION,
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
 PROVIDENCE, August 20, 1890. }

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

GREETING—At the Second Annual Encampment of the Rhode Island Division, held at Providence, on June 2, 1890, it was, upon the recommendation of General A. E. Burnside Camp 5, of said city, unanimously voted: "That the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be cordially invited to hold the next annual Encampment in the city of Providence, in 1891."

The Division Commander most heartily indorses the action of the Division Encampment, and in presenting the invitation, trusts that it will be received in the spirit in which it is offered and unanimously accepted.

Very respectfully yours, in F. C. and L.,
 THEODORE A. BARTON,
 Division Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will now announce the Committee on Military Rank as follows:

Col. E. H. Millham, of Minnesota; Col. George B. Stadden, of Illinois, and Col. H. S. Fuller, of Wisconsin.

L. A. PERCE, of Ohio: Commander, I have a resolution here that I would like to introduce and have it referred to the Committee on Ritual. Before I read the resolution I will give you my reason for offering it. You are aware that there is no installation service contained in our Ritual for Past Captain. Now the duties of Captain do not end as soon as he retires from the Chair in the Camp. I have had a great deal to do in Southern Ohio with the installation of officers, and it has seemed to me almost universal that as soon as a man retires from the position of Captain, he considers that his work for that Camp is done. I think that it is best that we should have a short installation ceremony for the retiring Captain. It certainly is his duty to see that the Camp has the moral support of all the members and officers of that Camp, and that it has the benefit of his experience as Captain, and that he aid in every possible way the conduct and management of the Camp. I therefore offer this resolution:

Resolved, That a suitable installation ceremony be prepared for retiring Captains of Camps of Sons of Veterans, and that it be a part of the next edition of the Ritual.

I move the reference of this resolution to the Special Committee on Ritual.

RALPH ST. JOHN PERRY, of Indiana: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

COL. E. D. MORRIS, of Minnesota: Commander, I desire to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That competitive prize drills be made a special feature of the meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief offer a cash prize of not less than \$1,000 for first prize, and that the other prizes be offered by the city where the meetings shall be held.

I move the adoption of that resolution.

B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: I second the motion.

W. O. MCDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I move, as an amendment, that the resolution be referred to the incoming Council-in-Chief.

GEN. GEORGE B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I second that motion.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I move to amend the resolution as offered so that the second resolution will read:

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief be recommended to offer a first prize of \$1,000 if the finances of the Order will justify it, and that the other prizes be offered by the city where the meetings shall be held.

GEORGE H. PENNINGTON, of Indiana. I second the amendment.

GEN. GEORGE B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: Commander, I will state that the whole thing came before the Committee on Resolutions, and that they referred the whole matter to the Council-in-Chief-elect, and it will go into their hands. There is a recommendation for prizes that will cover the whole thing.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the amendment to the amendment. As many as are in favor of its adoption will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it and the amendment to the amendment is adopted. The question is now on the amendment which relegates the resolutions as amended to the Council-in-Chief. As many as are in favor of the motion will say aye. Those opposed, no. The ayes have it and the resolutions, as amended, are referred to the Council-in-Chief.

W. O. MCDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I would suggest in relation to fixing the time for our Encampment next year that it be fixed as far from the time of the meeting of the G. A. R. at Detroit as the nature of things will permit. This year those of us who went to Boston found the time very short after our return before we had to come here. We had better make the date of our Encampment a little later, as that will make it a little cooler.

GEN. GEO. B. ABBOTT, of Illinois: I move that the time for holding the Tenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be determined by the Council-in-Chief, with the recommendation that it shall not be fixed within two weeks of the time of the Encampment of the G. A. R.

B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: I second the motion.

B. S. WEEKS, of New York: Commander, I would move to amend by saying not later than the fourth Monday in August.

RAPHAEL TOBIAS, of New York: I second the motion.

The Commander put the question on the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

The Commander put the question on the motion as amended, and the motion as amended was agreed to.

COL. GEO. B. STADDEN, of Illinois: Commander, as I voted with the majority against the adoption of the amendment proposed by Brother Bundy this morning, I desire now to move a reconsideration of that vote.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will read the amendment proposed by Brother Bundy, the reconsideration of the vote on which is moved by Colonel Stadden.

The Adjutant-General read the proposed amendment as follows:

Article —, Section —. No brother who has served a full term, or to the end of a term, as a Camp or Division officer shall be deprived of his past rank or his vote as a past officer by reason of his affiliation thereafter with a Camp in some other Division.

W. O. McDOWELL, of New Jersey: Commander, I second the motion.

The Chair put the question on the motion to reconsider, and the motion was agreed to.

COL. R. LOEBENSTEIN, of Missouri: Commander, I now move a suspension of the rules and the adoption of the amendment as read.

BENJAMIN RAPHAEL, of New York: I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the suspension of the rules and the adoption of the amendment. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will signify the same by rising to their feet and standing till they are counted. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant-General counted the votes and reported 54 voting in the affirmative; in the negative, none.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Two thirds of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the rules are suspended and the amendment adopted.

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I move now that this amendment to the Constitution be printed as recommended by the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

COL. B. W. FRAUENTHAL, of Missouri: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and it was so ordered.

RALPH ST. JOHN PERRY, of Indiana: Commander, there appearing to be no more business before this Encampment, I move that we now proceed to the installation of officers.

A. M. HOUSER, of Illinois: I second the motion.

G. H. HURLBURT, of Illinois: Commander, I would ask the brother to withdraw that motion for a moment; I have a matter which I wish to bring before the Commandery that will take but a moment.

RALPH ST. JOHN PERRY, of Indiana: Commander, I will withdraw my motion temporarily.

G. H. HURLBURT, of Illinois: Commander, under the instruction of the Encampment of the Illinois Division, I wish to present the following:

Resolved, That article —, section —, be so amended that the Division Encampment shall be held between June 15 and August 15, and that the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment shall be held between August 15 and October 15.

I wish to move the adoption of that amendment.

COL. B. W. COINER, of Washington: Commander, I rise to a point of order. This whole matter has been referred to the Special Committee, and it can not be taken up here without a reconsideration of that vote and a suspension of the rules.

COL. GEORGE B. STADDEN, of Illinois: Commander, I am informed that while this was an instruction of the Illinois Division, it was not printed promptly, and consequently did not get into the committee's hands.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The proposed amendment will be referred to the special committee by consent if there is no objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

RALPH ST. JOHN PERRY, of Indiana: Commander, I now renew my motion that we proceed to the installation of officers.

A. M. HOUSER, of Illinois: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to, and the Encampment proceeded to the installation of Commander-in-Chief Leland J. Webb, of Kansas, the ceremony being conducted by Lieutenant-General Buguley.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WEBB: Brothers, to say that I am proud to occupy the position which it has been the height of my ambition since I became a member of this Order to attain but illy expresses my feelings upon this occasion. I can do no less than thank you again for the distinguished honor you have paid me in placing me here.

In addition to what I said when it was announced that I had been elected, I desire to say now and here—and I only regret that my distinguished opponent, Colonel Bundy, of Ohio, is not here with his delegation that they might hear what I now sincerely say—that I have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish, and that, in the discharge of my duty, I shall endeavor to so conduct myself that all portions of the country, all the Divisions, all Division officers, and every member of the Order shall be satisfied with my efforts in that direction. [Applause.]

This, brothers, is no time for speech-making. The hour is late, and many of you desire to return to your homes. I thank you, one and all, for the kind consideration which you have paid me, and trust that when my term of office shall have expired, and I turn it over to him whom you may honor with the position at the next National Encampment, that, like my distinguished predecessor [applause], I shall retain your respect and fraternal regard, and that you will be as well satisfied, if possible, with my administration as you have been and are with his. [Great applause.]

Without further ceremony we will continue the regular order. What is the pleasure of the Commandery-in-Chief?

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander Webb, my duties upon this occasion do not relate to yourself; but I have been, by the Council-in-Chief of this organization, selected to address at this time what they desire to have said to your illustrious predecessor, General Griffin. [Applause.]

General, we all of us knew, when at Paterson, a year ago, the suffrages of the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans had conferred upon you the position of Commander-in-Chief, that the affairs of the Order and of the organization were entrusted to safe hands; that there would be no faltering of duty, and that when the year came around the trust would be surrendered in a condition showing that there had been no mistake made in delivering it to you. A year has passed away, and we have met again and are at the close of the Ninth Annual Encampment. It stands as a history and record of office rarely equaled to find at the close of a term of office that imposes upon the occupant onerous duties, delicate in character, that deals with multitudes of men of different temperaments all over the United States, that at the close of the administration there is yet to be found a brother who has

criticised a single act of your administration. General, here and now we desire to give some expression to our feelings; to thank you for the work which you have done, and for the painstaking care which it evinces. No material token can express its depth; no form of words its sincerity. We desire that you shall know, during the period of your natural life, that in the hearts and breasts of the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America your memory and services will ever be cherished as that of a pure, faithful and efficient officer, who betrayed no trusts and who fulfilled beyond measure every obligation imposed upon him.

I therefore, General Griffin, take pleasure at this time, sincere pleasure, in being able, as the representative of this Commandery-in-Chief, to present you with this jewel as a slight testimonial of the regard in which we hold you. Bear in mind that the sparkle of the stones and the lustre of the jewel conveys but an inadequate expression of the thoughts and feelings which shine and burn and live in the breast of every member of this Order toward you. Wear it, General, in the knowledge and belief that it is the sincere expression of what we feel proud in asserting is the best organization for the good of our common country in existence in the United States. [Applause.]

GEN. GRIFFIN: Commander-in-Chief, Brother Hatch, and brothers of the Order, I need scarcely say to you that my feelings and sentiments upon this occasion, under these circumstances are beyond the power of language to express or adequately convey. There are times, brothers, when words, weak words, are entirely inadequate to express our feelings and our sentiments. As I have been sitting here the words of that little poem have been occurring to me over and over:

"Would I might utter all my heart can feel,
But there, be thoughts weak words will not reveal;
Tho' rarest fruitage is the last to fall,
The strongest language has no words at all."

And I say to you sincerely, that that is my condition to-day. I have regarded, and still regard, I frankly say to you, the position which I have just laid down as the highest honor that ever has been, or I expect ever will be conferred upon me. [Applause.] I say to you frankly that while I have held, I think, responsible positions, and honorable positions, while I have listened to the applause of multitudes and to the compliments of men of the world, above and beyond all these I prize the good will, the good fellowship and the brotherly kindness and confidence of my brothers of this Order, as it has been expressed to me in this Encampment, and by the language of my good Brother Hatch. [Applause.] It has seemed to me that the confidence, respect and good will of one's brothers—and you are brothers in fact—is a nobler crown to place upon the head of any man than any office within the gift of any people. [Applause.]

In the discharge of my duties, my brothers, I have endeavored to do my duty as I saw it. I have no doubt made mistakes. I have, doubtless, erred in judgment; it is possible that I may have done injustice to brothers of the Order, but I want to say to you now, as I am to step down among you and lay aside forever the honorable position which you have conferred on me, I want to say that in the discharge of my duties as your chief officer, I have been guided by my judgment and my

conscience, as I understood them at the time. [Applause.] If I have made mistakes they were the fault of the mind and not of the heart. [Applause.] The value of this little present which you have given me here is not expressed to me in its mere cost in dollars and cents, but its value, even though it cost but one dollar, would to me be in the fact that it expresses, as I believe, your good will, and I hope your respect and esteem, as stated by my Brother Hatch. [Applause.]

As the years go by I shall forget, no doubt, the trials and perplexities, the weary days and hours I have spent in the conduct of the business of this office, and when I look upon this little emblem there will pass before me like as in a panorama the past in review; I shall see the faces of my good brothers and friends whom I have met in a more than brotherly way in this Order, and I think I shall forget the trials and perplexities, and remember only the good things in my dealings with you and you with me; remember only your kindness, your brotherly love and the sentiments which you have expressed to me here at this and other times in the course of my administration.

I thank you, my brothers, sincerely and honestly, and I want to say to you that the laying down of this office, as you may understand, perhaps, is almost like parting with one's family. As the boys have come to me here by the scores, to-day and yesterday, and given me their hands and said: "Good bye, Brother Griffin, God bless you," I want to say to you that it is like pulling out my heart strings. I have learned to love and esteem, and respect the brothers of this Order more than you can imagine. I lay down the mantle of office with the greatest relief, and with good will toward every member of the Order. [Applause.]

Now, brothers, I said to you in the beginning that words could not express my feelings. You see that I told you right; but I want to reiterate the statement and to say to you, one and all, good-by, and God bless you and God speed you wherever you may be, and whatever you may undertake. [Great applause.]

The remaining officers of the Commandery were then installed by Lieutenant-General Baguley.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Gen. Webb): Brothers, the business of this Encampment is about closed, but before we adjourn it is proper that some action should be taken in reference to the minutes of the proceedings of this day's session. I take it from the full and accurate report of the proceedings which we have had read here each morning, by the Adjutant-General, that it will not be necessary to have them read at this time, but what is the pleasure of the Commandery in regard to that matter?

COL. E. W. HATCH, of New York: Commander, I move the minutes stand approved without reading.

GEN. MARVIN E. HALL, of Michigan: I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there anything further to come before the Commandery? If not, we will proceed to close in regular form.

Commander-in-Chief, Leland J. Webb, then closed the Encampment in due form.

LELAND J. WEBB,

Commander-in-Chief.

CLAY D. HEROD,

Adjutant-General.