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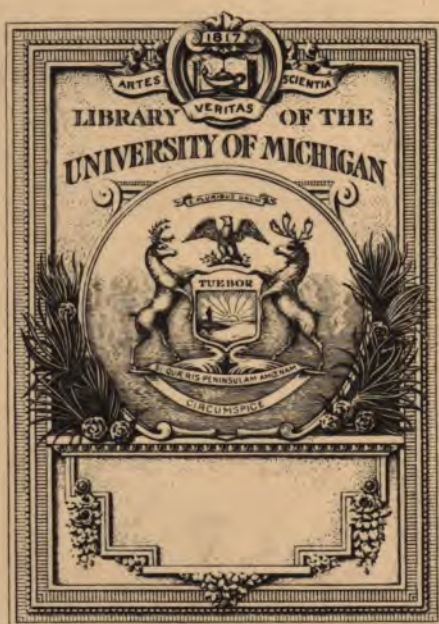
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OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1900-1901.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Ethel M. Allen, Post 132, - - - - - Portland

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

Theo. C. Putnam, Post 5, - - - - - Grand Rapids

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

S. J. Lawrence, Post 270, - - - - - Wyandotte

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

W. W. Root, Post 441, - - - - - Mason

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

Henry S. White, Post 202, - - - - - Romeo

OFFICIAL STAFF.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, - - - - - Quincy

ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL.

H. W. Holcomb, Post 132, - - - - - Portland

JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Allen B. Morse, Post 211, - - - - - Ionia

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Chas. R. Miller, Post 181, - - - - - Milford

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

S. M. Kent, Post 5, - - - - - Grand Rapids

CHIEF OF STAFF.

Frank R. Chase, Post 126, - - - - - Smyrna

SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Frank McAlpine, Post 40, - - - - - Charlotte

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. B. Curtis, Post 17, - - - - - Detroit
J. O. Bellaire, Post 5, - - - - - Grand Rapids
E. T. Carrington, Post 278, - - - - - West Bay City
Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269, - - - - - Plainwell
A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75, - - - - - Grand Haven

**DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE THIRTY-
FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT CHICAGO,
ILL., AUGUST 26-31, 1900.**

DELEGATES.

1. John T. Spillane, (at large) - - Post 17, Detroit
2. Samuel W. Burroughs, - - Post 384, Detroit
3. A. D. Jackson, - - Post 274, Milan
4. Phillip D. Miller, - - Post 303, Schoolcraft
5. Ashabel W. Snyder, - - Post 72, Three Rivers
6. John C. Christenson, - - Post 29, Grand Rapids
7. John W. Begg, - - Post 145, Flint
8. E. S. Pettit, - - Post 98, Port Huron
9. O. F. Webster, - - Post 205, Owosso
10. Wm. E. Thorp, - - Post 26, Hart.
11. Charles M. Ramsay, - - Post 224, Cheboygan
12. James F. Fillmore, - - Post 173, Carson City
13. Edward C. Anthony, - - Post 300, Negaunee
14. Orrin Bump, - - Post 419, Bay City
15. F. Schneider, - - Post 42, Lansing
16. E. E. Lewis, - - Post 109, Coldwater
17. Wm. R. Jones, - - Post 7, Muskegon
18. A. B. Weston, - - Post 381, North Branch
19. H. A. Chapin - - Post 31, Paw Paw
20. D. C. Spear, - - Post 10, Azalia
21. Wellington Rasco, - - Post 350, Sand Lake

ALTERNATES.

1. H. A. Backus, (at large) - - Post 17, Detroit
2. Charles Dupont, - - Post 384, Detroit
3. Daniel J. Willson, - - Post 48, Jackson
4. W. D. Brainerd, - - Post 111, Eaton Rapids
5. Joseph R. Edwards, - - Post 47, Dowagiac
6. Melvin Stillson, - - Post 1, Soldiers' Home
7. James M. Greenfield, - - Post 89, Flushing
8. N. N. Green, - - Post 188, Hadley
9. Thos. M. Champlin, - - Post 375, Saginaw
10. L. P. Judson, - - Post 372, Benzonia
11. Henry W. Simms, - - Post 67, Bay City
12. Henry C. Stoddard, - - Post 198, Reed City
13. Chas. D. Blanchard, - - Post 300, Marquette
14. L. H. Ives, - - Post 441, Mason
15. Oscar Palmer, - - Post 240, Grayling
16. E. G. Spalding, - - Post 98, Port Huron
17. J. H. Harter, - - Post 64, Niles
18. James H. Conner, - - Post 143, Caro
19. Walter S. Cole, - - Post 238, Coopersville
20. J. R. Stephenson, - - Post 5, Grand Rapids
21. W. C. Parker, - - Post 408, Grand Rapids

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, JUNE 8, 1900. }

TO THE HON. HAZEN S. PINGREE, Governor of the State
of Michigan:

Comrade—I have the honor, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, approved February 11, 1897, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic as have taken place in this Department, during my administration as its Commander from June 22, 1899, to June 8, 1900, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

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

RUSSEL R. PEALER,

Department Commander.

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FIRST DAY—THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 7, 1900. }

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, met in its Twenty-second Annual Encampment, at the Auditorium at 10:30 a. m., and was opened informally by Department Commander Pealer, who introduced his honor George Perry, Mayor of the City. In a most cordial and felicitous talk the Mayor gave to the Veterans the freedom of the City, even to the use of the Fire Department should there be danger of suffering among the old boys because of too free a use of the City beverage, "fire water."

Department Commander Pealer responded to the words of welcome in a manner that secured the hearty endorsement of the Comrades, as shown by their applause.

The Mayor and his escort having left the building, the Encampment was opened in due form by the Department Commander Russel R. Pealer.

Prayer was offered by Past Department Chaplain, Henry S. White.

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The Department Commander—The Encampment is now open for business. The rules governing the National Encampment will prevail at this Encampment, if there is no objection. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Assistant Adjutant General then called the roll of Department officers, and as many of the posts as would constitute a quorum, and announced a quorum present.

Your Committee on Credentials appointed by your Special Order consisting of the Assistant Adjutant General and Comrades H. A. Chapin and Henry Spaulding, have checked as present and presented the Delegate's Badge to all Comrades entitled to seats in this Encampment, who have appeared before them. Their work is not completed, and they respectfully ask that the roll as prepared be accepted as the roll of this Encampment.

The Department Commander—Unless objection is made the report of the committee will be adopted.

The following is the

ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

PRESENT.

Department Commander—Russel R. Pealer,	-	Three Rivers
Sen. Vice Dept. Commander—J. C. Bontecou,	-	Petoskey
Jun. Vice Dept. Commander—S. H. Mallery,	-	Lake Odessa
Medical Director—Oscar Palmer,	- - -	Grayling

OFFICIAL STAFF OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General—C. V. R. Pond,	-	Lansing
Assistant Q. M. General—A. A. Udell,	- - -	Three Rivers
Judge Advocate—Ogden Tomlinson,	- - -	Plainwell
Department Inspector—N. M. Richardson,	- - -	Caro
Adjutant's Aide—A. B. Coffinberry,	- - -	Grand Rapids

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. B. Curtis,	- -	Detroit	S. M. Kent,	-	Grand Rapids
F. Schneider,	- -	Lansing	Fay Wyckoff,	-	Saginaw

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

C. V. R. Pond,	-	Lansing	M. Brown,	-	Big Rapids
B. R. Pierce,	-	Grand Rapids	Louis Kanitz,	-	Muskegon
			A. T. Bliss,	Saginaw	

- Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home. Post Commander, Melvin Stilson. Representative, Jacob Kline; Past Post Commanders, W. W. Fowler, Jas. Wood, Rody O'Mara.
- " 2, Quincy. Representative, Thos. Ryan.
- " 3, Whitehall. Representative, E. M. Ruggles.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, Jos. B. Griswold; Representatives, Thos. Dixon, Chas. S. Smith, Wm. B. Bostock, James Cooper; Past Post Commanders, Geo. E. Judd, Wm. A. Clark, W. D. Frost, Edward Racine, Theo. C. Putnam, C. P. Coffin, J. A. S. Verdier, J. R. Stephenson, J. O. Bellaire, C. W. Dipple, T. H. Peacock, S. W. Baxter, E. O. Stevens, E. H. Cummings, A. W. Slaxton.
- " 7, Muskegon. Post Commander, S. A. Aldrich; Representatives, J. W. Brakeman, A. H. Eckerman; Alternate, Albert Towle; Past Post Commanders, C. L. Brundage, J. R. Bennett, H. C. Boyd, William Reynolds, J. S. Allport.
- " 10, Dundee. Representative, Richard Ingram; Past Post Commander, David C. Spears.
- " 11, Bancroft. Representative, George W. McCurdy.
- " 13, Harbor Springs. Representative, Nelson Bennett, Past Post Commander, G. O. Richardson.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Post Commander, A. A. Covell; Representatives, E. A. Hoffman, George Price.
- " 15, Ludington. Post Commander, J. Shackelton; Past Post Commander, G. M. Chase.
- " 17, Detroit. Post Commander, H. B. Eggeman; Representatives, H. A. Backus, J. A. Lane, S. B. Dixon; Alternate, H. Nitter; Past Post Commander, W. Hart.
- " 18, Traverse City. Representatives, V. Neeson, R. B. Knapp.
- " 19, Bangor. Representative, Wm. L. Look; Alternate, Elias Stevens; Past Post Commanders, John G. Todd, Thos. Horton, Alvin Chapman, C. C. Phillips, J. B. Grandy.
- " 20, Hartford. Post Commander, H. L. Stratton; Past Post Commander, Henry Spaulding.
- " 21, St. Joseph. Representative, Frank Morelock.
- " 23, Bloomingdale. Past Post Commanders, F. Cooley, L. W. Vaughn.
- " 24, Fenton. Post Commander, L. W. Curry; Representative, J. E. Springer.
- " 26, Hart. Past Post Commander, W. E. Thorp.
- " 27, Decatur. Past Post Commander, R. Calbetzer.
- " 28, Hemlock. Representative, Charles Burnham.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, A. D. Potter; Representative, Peter Webber; Past Post Commanders, S. H. Aldrich, J. C. Christenson, H. Madden, Eber Rice, Joseph Price.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Representative, C. P. Rawson; Past Post Commander, H. A. Chapin.

- Post No. 32, Battle Creek. Post Commander, J. J. Cornwell; Representatives, John Pursell, Abraham Fiero; Past Post Commanders, S. S. French, A. Griswold, S. M. Halton, G. M. Hodge, Wm. Dowsett, W. G. Moorehouse, R. M. Bellinger, Edward Cunningham.
- " 33, Morenci. Representative, John D. Hanna.
- " 35, South Haven. Representatives, A. R. Hotchkiss, L. A. Spencer; Past Post Commanders, L. K. Jillson, T. Biddle.
- " 36, Berrien Center. Representative, Henry Hess; Past Post Commander, P. E. O'Brien.
- " 37, Stanton. Alternate, Thomas Low.
- " 38, Saginaw. Representatives, Chas. H. Peters, Christ Wasserman; Past Post Commander, W. W. Morgan.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Past Post Commanders, R. D. Dix, H. Miller.
- " 40, Charlotte. Post Commander, Frank McAlpine; Representatives, O. J. Markham, D. F. Vickery; Alternate, Daniel Becker; Past Post Commander, S. W. Harmon.
- " 42, Lansing. Post Commander, T. E. Potter; Representatives, John McKinley, Geo. E. Ranney, G. H. Sherman, L. S. Russell; Past Post Commanders, F. Schneider, Geo. J. Foster.
- " 45, Adrian. Representative, J. H. Fee; Past Post Commander, Fred. J. Buck.
- " 46, Ganges. Post Commander, G. T. Clapp; Representative, E. G. Lyman; Past Post Commanders, H. C. Dow, S. W. Eddy.
- " 47, Dowagiac. Representative, O. B. Peck.
- " 48, Jackson. Representatives, Daniel Beardsley, O. F. Kaywood; Past Post Commanders, A. Dunham, H. H. Allen.
- " 49, Lawrence. Representative, T. O. Sweet.
- " 54, Manton. Past Post Commander, D. B. Averill.
- " 55, Armada. Representative, Seymour Reed; Past Post Commander, Amos. Finch.
- " 56, Allegan. Representative, B. D. Smith; Past Post Commanders, Emerson Allen, Marion Hard, L. Y. Cady, A. C. Estabrook.
- " 57, Marcellus. Representative, John Little; Past Post Commander, B. F. Groner.
- " 58, DeWitt. Past Post Commanders, H. P. Clark, Geo. W. Stimpson.
- " 60, Leslie. Alternate, Samuel Bailey.
- " 61, Gaylord. Past Post Commander, E. S. Dickenson.
- " 62, Cedar Springs. Representative, L. Bearrs; Past Post Commander, M. Mulford.
- " 64, Niles. Alternate, W. L. Hindman.
- " 65, Jones. Past Post Commander, Daniel Trattels.
- " 66, East Jordan. Post Commander, J. W. Rogers.

- Post No. 67, Bay City. Post Commander, J. W. Snyder; Representatives, Henry Sims, Geo. H. Keating; Past Post Commanders, Geo. Turner, James VanKleek, A. C. McMillan.
- " 68, Shelby. Post Commander, Nathan Adams.
- " 69, Midwand. Representative, Robert Clark; Past Post Commander, J. W. Snell.
- " 72, Three Rivers. Representatives, Geo. A. B. Cook, W. W. Van Horn.
- " 74, Wayland. Past Post Commanders, J. H. Peck, J. H. Sargent.
- " 75, Grand Haven. Post Commander, M. J. Emlaw; Representative, A. M. Van Wormer; Past Post Commanders, P. Palmer, Chas. E. Soule, Robert Finch, E. Gardner, O. Vanderhoof, J. V. B. Goodrich, E. L. Millman, Joseph Palmer, William Walter.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Representatives, W. E. Shook, E. Woodhams, F. Hall; Past Post Commanders, H. P. Shutt, J. E. White, E. S. Bissel.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Post Commander, Chas. Tiefenthal; Representative, A. P. Varney; Past Post Commanders, John Bacon, John Hoffmaster, A. W. Brockway.
- " 82, Nashville. Post Commander, George Welman; Representative, D. H. Brice; Past Post Commanders, E. D. Williams, Wm. Boston, A. R. Williams.
- " 83, Greenville. Past Post Commander, E. F. Grabill.
- " 87, Lowell. Post Commander, Benjamin Morse; Representative, Merritt Sayles; Past Post Commanders, S. P. Hicks, W. H. Eddy.
- " 88, Union City. Representatives, C. B. Lowell, John Osborn; Past Post Commanders, C. M. Hall, J. M. Wells.
- " 89, Flushing. Post Commander, J. M. Greenfield; Representative, A. D. Olmsted; Past Post Commanders, William Stone, I. Wheeler, John Wheeler.
- " 90, Saginaw. Representative, H. S. Averill.
- " 91, St. Louis. Post Commander, L. M. Beach; Past Post Commander, H. W. Forney.
- " 93, Webberville. Representative, John Moran; Past Post Commanders, A. A. Carr, C. W. Turrell.
- " 97, Hersey. Past Post Commanders, M. A. Lafier, Wm. D. Lovell.
- " 98, Port Huron. Post Commander, E. S. Petit; Representatives, Alanson Welsher, E. G. Spaulding.
- " 100, Lyons. Post Commander, T. A. Steadman; Alternate, A. S. Bunnell; Past Post Commanders, J. S. Preston, E. N. Thayer, D. C. Crawford.
- " 101, Ithaca. Alternate, B. F. Smith.
- " 104, Ovid. Alternate, H. D. Treat; Past Post Commander, S. B. Southworth.

- Post No. 108, Grand Ledge. Representative, Emmett Cole; Past Post Commanders, J. S. Holmes, H. L. Bigelow, W. D. Southworth.
- " 109, Coldwater. Representatives, E. E. Lewis, Geo. M. White; Past Post Commander, A. L. Milnes.
- " 111, Eaton Rapids. Post Commander, W. D. Brainerd; Representatives, Milo Thompson, John Rank; Past Post Commanders, Geo. W. Norton, H. B. Olmsted, J. J. Holmes.
- " 112, Mulliken. Post Commander, David Stokes; Representatives, H. C. Spencer; Past Post Commander, L. B. Granger.
- " 114, Fowlerville. Post Commander, D. C. Carr; Representatives, M. Benjamin; Past Post Commander, O. P. Showers.
- " 115, White Pigeon. Past Post Commanders, A. J. Rownsky, C. Gardner.
- " 117, Byron. Post Commander, L. C. Kanouse; Representative, Chas. McQueen; Past Post Commanders, A. Graves, G. Ladue.
- " 119, Charlevoix. Past Post Commander, G. W. Cook.
- " 120, Howell. Post Commander, C. E. Snyder; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Collins, C. Wilcox, J. McGivney, R. E. Parshal, R. D. W. Woodworth.
- " 121, Chesaning. Post Commander, H. J. Hopkins.
- " 123, Frankfort. Past Post Commander, J. R. Wyckoff.
- " 125, Hastings. Post Commander, Traverse Phillips; Representatives, P. W. Burgess, H. Jones; Past Post Commanders, M. B. Todd, J. W. Cutler, H. Marble, G. W. Ingram, J. C. Wardwell, H. H. Trask.
- " 126, Belding. Post Commander, Wm. J. Barker; Representative, W. H. Lock; Past Post Commanders, C. M. Slayton, Frank R. Chase.
- " 127, Maple Rapids. Alternate, L. H. Pease.
- " 128, Hawkins. Alternate, Asa Cook.
- " 129, Fowler. Post Commander, F. A. Stow; Past Post Commander, W. M. Youngs.
- " 130, Edmore. Representative, Stephen Cole; Past Post Commanders, Hiram Sackett, Leroy Parks.
- " 131, Colon. Past Post Commander, W. N. Boughtin.
- " 132, Portland. Alternate, J. Tillepaugh; Past Post Commanders, E. M. Allen, W. G. Miner, H. Outwater, H. W. Holcomb.
- " 133, Newaygo. Representative, L. Meeker; Past Post Commanders, S. D. Thompson, L. Gates, J. H. Morey, A. G. Phelps.
- " 136, Nunica. Post Commander, Robert Campbell.
- " 141, Lakeview. Past Post Commander, August Wilcox.
- " 143, Caro. Post Commander, Jas. H. Conner.
- " 145, Flint. Post Commander, John W. Begg; Representatives, Joseph Remington, Joseph Rush, James Hempstead; Alternate, J. D. Carpenter; Past Post Commanders, E. C. Marsh, J. H. Failing.

- Post No. 147, Pontiac. Past Post Commander, S. Giles.
- " 149, Holton. Post Commander, Milton Thompson; Representative, John Wiegand; Past Post Commanders, R. W. Skeels, H. W. Crawford, S. L. Skeels, S. F. Crawford.
- " 151, Sebewa. Post Commander, J. S. M. Peabody.
- " 152, Alma. Representative, William Gargett.
- " 153, Saranac. Representative, Peter Oberson.
- " 156, St. Johns. Representative, H. Harris; Alternate, D. H. Mosher; Past Post Commanders, W. N. Stocker, W. E. Morris.
- " 157, Cassopolis. Post Commander, Norris Richardson; Representative, H. C. Walker; Past Post Commander, Zach. Aldrich.
- " 158, Elm Hall. Past Post Commander, C. E. Prine.
- " 159, Middleville. Representative, W. E. Cutler; Past Post Commander, H. B. Carveth.
- " 160, Corunna. Past Post Commanders, O. F. Wilkinson, G. D. Moreau.
- " 162, Detroit. Past Post Commander, Carl Engle.
- " 163, Vermontville. Past Post Commander, O. Gunn.
- " 166, Marshall. Post Commander, J. M. Getchell; Representative, Jerry Jeffreys; Alternate, Geo. S. Smith; Past Post Commander, David Walkinshaw.
- " 167, Elsie. Post Commander, Charles Clement; Representative, S. Starkweather; Past Post Commander, L. Eddy.
- " 169, St. Charles. Past Post Commander, D. W. Rowley.
- " 170, Petoskey. Representative, Chas. B. Henika.
- " 171, Rathbone. Representative, William Gore.
- " 173, Carson City. Post Commander, Geo. R. Gibbs; Representatives, L. M. Lyon, O. C. Blanchard; Past Post Commanders, C. H. Morse, Alex. McCuag, J. F. Fillmore, Geo. M. Thomas, S. J. Smith, Delbert Meloy, Geo. H. Garner, Jos. A. Wolf, Geo. D. Vandusen, Wm. A. Sweet, Jr.
- " 176, Stanton. Past Post Commander, T. N. Stevens.
- " 178, Sheridan. Representative, George Shoup.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Past Post Commanders, J. T. Wise, Jerome Allen.
- " 181, Milford. Post Commander, Chas. R. Miller; Alternate, J. F. Beaumont; Past Post Commander, Andrew Muir.
- " 192, Fremont. Representative, William Rounds.
- " 183, Holly. Representative, L. M. Newell.
- " 185, Bronson. Representative, Henry Lilly.
- " 188, Hadley. Post Commander, N. N. Green; Past Post Commander, G. S. Hemingway.
- " 196, Lawton. Past Post Commander, James Hall.
- " 198, Reed City. Post Commander, Daniel Steadman; Representative, Oliver Barrett; Past Post Commanders, J. L. Oliver, C. A. Randall, C. B. Williams, H. Stoddard.
- " 201, Manistee. Post Commander, Henry Belding.

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- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Post Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 205, Owosso. Post Commander, J. J. Mackey; Representatives, J. W. Turner, Geo. T. Mason; Past Post Commander, A. B. Crane.
- " 206, Bellaire. Past Post Commander, A. Watkins.
- " 210, Albion. Representative, H. D. Smith.
- " 211, Ionia. Post Commander, J. L. Towle; Representatives, Chas. S. Cook, A. B. Morse, Jas. M. Fink; Past Post Commanders, T. H. Keyes, W. J. Just, C. C. Eysted, O. H. Perry.
- " 213, Bellevue. Representative, M. J. Welleson; Past Post Commander, George B. Stevens.
- " 214, Millington. Past Post Commander, Samuel Atwood.
- " 215, Fulton. Representative, Geo. W. Burdick.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Representative, James Wade; Past Post Commander, Joseph Immen.
- " 218, Luther. Representative, N. R. Merrold; Past Post Commander, A. Woodruff.
- " 219, Jonesville. Past Post Commander, W. A. Barber.
- " 224, Cheboygan. Representative, C. S. Ramsey.
- " 225, Trenton. Representative, Sylvester Hall.
- " 227, Eastport. Post Commander, Gilbert Randall.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Representative, M. F. Graham.
- " 237, Rockford. Past Post Commander, E. C. Watkins.
- " 238, Cooperville. Post Commander, John Jackson; Representative, J. M. Parks; Past Post Commanders, W. S. Cole, H. Ames, J. Cooney.
- " 240, Grayling. Post Commander, A. L. Pond; Representative, R. P. Forbes.
- " 250, Mt. Pleasant. Post Commander, H. E. Deuell; Past Post Commander, W. Churchill.
- " 251, Howard City. Post Commander, J. B. Weatherby; Past Post Commanders, Geo. M. Doty, G. H. Godfrey, J. Sherman.
- " 255, Mayville. Representative, George Richards.
- " 256, Partello. Representative, S. W. Thompson.
- " 261, Wayne. Post Commander, J. R. Warner; Past Post Commanders, Joseph Smith, F. Walden.
- " 262, Holland. Post Commander, D. B. K. Van Raalte; Representative, G. Van Sebeloin; Past Post Commanders, John Kramer, A. J. Ward, B. Van Raalte, P. Wellus, Geo. Edgler.
- " 263, Vanderbilt. Past Post Commander, J. G. Berry.
- " 269, Plainwell. Alternate, John T. Shelp; Past Post Commanders, J. H. Madden, H. D. Stratton, John Heath.
- " 270, Ecorse. Past Post Commander, S. J. Lawrence.
- " 274, Milan. Representative, Daniel Case; Past Post Commander, A. D. Jackson.

- Post No. 276, Ada. Post Commander, William Lawer; Representative, S. H. Labarge; Past Post Commanders, D. M. Winters, W. F. Dickerson, C. F. Holt, J. H. Martin, Geo. Crow.
- " 278, West Bay City. Representative, Wm. D. Evens; Past Post Commanders, E. T. Carrington, O. W. Califf.
- " 279, Spring Lake. Past Post Commanders, E. Pruim, C. P. Brown, L. Lyman, S. S. Rideout.
- " 280, North Muskegon. Representative, Jos. Wixon.
- " 281, Petersburg. Post Commander, J. M. Elder; Representative, A. C. Johnson.
- " 283, Sunfield. Post Commander, William Edwins; Representative, Wesley Fay; Past Post Commander, J. A. Eldred.
- " 284, Davison. Past Post Commanders, B. F. Sanford, C. B. Smith, I. Hanson.
- " 294, Big Rapids. Post Commander, G. W. Crawford; Alternate, W. Miller; Past Post Commanders, W. A. Whitney, E. W. Ford, D. Burns.
- " 296, Caledonia. Representative, Levi Rathbone.
- " 300, Marquette. Past Post Commander, E. C. Anthony.
- " 302, Byron Center. Post Commander, Wm. Westcott; Past Post Commanders, L. L. Hickox, A. M. Green.
- " 303, Schoolcraft. Post Commander, M. S. Burson; Past Post Commander, P. D. Miller.
- " 306, Casnovia. Past Post Commander, M. J. Bonner.
- " 312, Scotts. Post Commander, C. T. S. Cook; Representative, Abraham Powers; Past Post Commander, D. Gutchens.
- " 316, Grant. Post Commander, A. H. Judd; Representative, H. L. Brace; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Downing, A. Woodard, F. M. Jackson, J. L. Wells, T. Sanders, J. George, C. L. Hurd.
- " 317, Mattewan. Post Commander, Henry Freeman; Representative, A. VanPatten.
- " 318, Northville. Representative, W. J. Little; Past Post Commander, James Hamilton.
- " 320, Prairieville. Past Post Commander, F. A. Blackman.
- " 326, Potterville. Past Post Commander, N. O. Merritt.
- " 337, Ravenna. Post Commander, Jas. E. Noble; Past Post Commanders, A. Enos, A. Hull, F. Plumbhoff.
- " 339, Clare. Representative, Henry Brown.
- " 347, Breckenridge. Representative, C. B. Phelps.
- " 348, Scottville. Representative, W. D. Cowan.
- " 350, Sand Lake. Past Post Commanders, J. A. Delano, Wellington Rasco.
- " 351, Covert. Past Post Commander, T. B. Randall.
- " 357, Gagetown. Past Post Commander, Theo. Burden.
- " 364, Coleman. Representative, Charles Sutton.
- " 365, Lake City. Alternate, James McGinnis; Past Post Commanders, W. H. Miller, M. D. Richardson.
- " 371, Fennville. Post Commander, W. H. McCormick; Past Post Commander, P. Rouse.

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- Post No. 372, Benzonia. Representative, J. P. Corey; Past Post Commander, J. C. VanBlarcum.
- " 374, Parma. Past Post Commander, S. T. Hoag.
- " 375, Saginaw. Post Commander, T. M. Champlin; Representative, Leonard Nerreter.
- " 381, North Branch. Past Post Commander, A. B. Weston.
- " 382, Lake Odessa. Post Commander, John Bishop; Representative, R. C. Blair; Past Post Commanders, E. Furman, John Davis, Thomas Leek, W. Lovewell.
- " 383, Martin. Post Commander, W. D. Stayman; Representative, E. N. Burt.
- " 384, Detroit. Post Commander, Marvin Preston; Representatives, Charles R. Evarts, Samuel W. Burroughs, Arthur Yeomans; Past Post Commanders, Geo. H. Hopkins, L. H. Chamberlain, L. N. Case, T. A. Wadsworth, W. T. Gage, Chas. Dupont, F. C. Trowbridge, E. S. Jameson.
- " 388, Allendale. Post Commander, H. C. Bement; Representative, Enos Parrish; Past Post Commanders, Jas. W. Cole, D. H. Grow.
- " 390, Elmira. Past Post Commander, E. J. Harris.
- " 393, Detroit. Post Commander, Henry Lorenzen.
- " 395, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, N. H. Walbridge; Representative, W. W. Smith; Past Post Commanders, W. T. Johnston, D. Z. Kline, C. A. Beebe, D. Delano, Chas. S. Wilson.
- " 396, Pomona. Past Post Commander, Geo. W. Hall.
- " 405, Perrington. Past Post Commander, Geo. W. Groom.
- " 408, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, D. C. Alcumbrack; Alternate, L. E. Gibbs; Past Post Commander, Enos Page, J. S. Kenyon, W. C. Parker.
- " 410, Vassar. Past Post Commander, J. H. Bourns.
- " 413, Wyandotte. Past Post Commander, I. R. Haven.
- " 416, Brooklyn. Representative, Martin Rouff.
- " 419, Bay City. Past Post Commander, Orrin Bump.
- " 430, Burt. Representative, Wm. W. Webster.
- " 433, Detroit. Post Commander, B. B. Miller; Representative, W. N. Siggins.
- " 441, Mason. Post Commander, W. W. Root; Representative, L. H. Ives.
- " 451, Reed City. Past Post Commanders, "Ren" Barker, Isaac Grant.

Department officers	12
Past Department Commanders	5
Post Commanders	77
Representatives	146
Alternates	20
Past Post Commanders	307
Total	567
Number of Posts represented	201

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair.

The Department Commander read his Annual Address, which was as follows:

Comrades—We are assembled for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Department Encampment, and we may well join hands in thankfulness that we have been spared through another year to add something to the sum of our life work, and to contribute, I trust, in some measure to the good of the communities in which we live, and to the good of the order of which we are proud to be members. I trust we have all been on the alert, and have found one or more opportunities which we have improved, to uphold the dignity and worth of the Grand Army of the Republic, and that we have endeavored to preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which should bind us together as Comrades, that we have done our duty in endeavoring to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead, and that we have in some way encouraged and extended a helping hand and protection to such former comrades about us as were in need, and extended aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen where circumstances required it.

I hope we have brought with us to this encampment warm fraternal feelings, and that they are all aglow this morning, and that nothing may occur in the heat of discussion or in our earnestness, to mar our ties of friendship. At the same time we ought not to forget that we are here for the transaction of business for the good of the order, and not for the special benefit of any one or any class. Business is business and requires attention to details, success is exacting, and will not tolerate other than true business methods, and if we have deviated from business principle we must expect criticism, and that the aggregate judgment of the Encampment will disapprove. But we should all remember that to judge justly we must know the conditions under which action was taken. And we should never condemn unless we are absolutely sure we are justified. With the hope that our labor will not be in vain, and that all the comrades will have a joyous and profitable time, I turn to the business of the hour.

When the Encampment at Petoskey one year ago, elected me Commander by a unanimous vote, I fully appreciated the high honor conferred upon me and realized the responsibility accompanying it. The Department was not a feeble organization as in some states. It had been manned from the first by zealous and able Grand Army men, and the membership as a rule ranks above the average in intelligence. But the unanimity with which I was elected, the friendship manifested, and the hearty support tendered me were not forgotten and I have worked with a purpose to devote my energy and time for the year so far as required for the best interests of the Department.

We all realized that the Grand Army boys had reached the age where little growth could be expected, and we only indulged the hope of staying in some measure the impairment of our strength, and have labored to at least secure enough accessions to make up for the inevitable loss by death. I have ever been mindful of the trust committed to me, and have believed that the opportunity was one of a lifetime, and have felt that the work was worthy of my best efforts, and have often wished that I had been so situated that I could have devoted my entire time and thought to it and achieved more for the order to which I am bound by so many ties.

The year has been a very busy one. Yet I see there have been many omissions on my part. It would have given me great pleasure to visit all the posts, but it was not possible. No one realizes my shortcomings more than I. I ask you to extend a large measure of charity in my case.

The reports of the several Department officers are made a part of my report and will bring before you the details of the work and condition of the Department, and will tell their own story. They will show all bills paid and that \$216.54 were paid on bills previously contracted and that the amount turned over to us was \$162.13, and that we now have \$749.87 in the treasury besides the Alger fund and that with that we have \$1,684.82. It will serve no good purpose for me to further review them. I invite careful attention to the statements and recommendations contained therein, and confidently rely on your good judgment as to proper action touching the several questions brought before you by these reports.

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I have had the earnest support of able and loyal department and staff officers. They have been a credit to the Department and I am proud of the list and to have had their friendship, and feel that they have done their duty in their respective positions, and hope we may keep in close touch, and be helpful to each other, and together use our influence to promote the good of the order. Of course all are conscious of the faithful and efficient services of the Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond, and know how devoted he is to the Grand Army. He leaves nothing undone in his Department and is ever ready to help the officers of other Departments, and the fact that reports are in from nearly all sources, is largely due to his watchfulness. And the gratitude of the Commander and the Department is due him. He has been faithful and discharged every duty and the Commander recognizes high obligations to him. It is also due that I make special mention of the willingness of the Senior Vice Commander, J. C. Bonticou and Junior Vice Commander S. H. Mallery, to render any service they could to the Department. They have been competent and efficient and deserve well of their Comrades. The Quartermaster General, A. A. Udell, has been a devoted Grand Army man. He has been near by and more closely in touch with me than any member of the staff, and he has been a loyal friend and a competent, willing, and helpful officer indeed.

WOMAN'S WORK.

The Department Commander recognizes the Woman's Relief Corps as the great auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic in this state. It is the support and stay of many posts which would cease to exist but for the devotion of the loyal ladies of the local corps. Their work is worthy of the highest praise and every post which has no such auxiliary should encourage the organization of one at the first opportunity. It is to our interest to have these organizations grow in numbers and influence. They tend to give variety and interest to the work. They gather financial support for the declining posts where men cannot. They come with sympathy, with good cheer, with song and music. They visit the sick and minister to the comfort of those distressed by death or misfortune

in the family. All loyal women are eligible, and we think this is well for it gives us the support of vigor, zeal and devotion which would be lost if the membership were limited to members of our own families. The contribution of the National Woman's Relief Corps to the National Encampment was \$2,000 in money. The contribution to relief work in this state this year is reported to be \$5,700.32 in money and its equivalent. But the real value of their work can not be estimated in dollars. The keen interest which they show, their loyal devotion and self-sacrifice in carrying out their purpose entitle them to the highest gratitude.

The thanks of the Commander are due to the President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Mary A. Marynard and her staff and to all the officers and members of the local corps, for the support and encouragement they have given the Department and local posts. And your Commander is not unmindful of the friendship and valuable services of the ladies of the G. A. R. These are not only loyal women, but they are bound to us by the dearest ties. They are our mothers, wives, sisters and daughters. We appreciate the kindly aid of this organization. They have contributed \$143.58 in relief and have turned over to G. A. R. Posts \$42.00—their numbers are not large. All we have said is expressive of our appreciation of the work of the W. R. C. is equally true of the work of these ladies. And our thanks are due Mrs. Jamison the president, and the officers and members of their order. This organization is stronger in some states than the W. R. C. It is doing a great work in Pennsylvania. It supports two homes in that state. One for aged and infirm members and one where an old soldier and wife can have a home together if the conditions warrant it. This fact alone is sufficient to endear the organization to your Commander. But why should we have two organizations? Why should these forces be divided? The ladies of the G. A. R. of course claim the distinction of being mothers, wives, sisters, and daughters, but they lose the active support of many ladies in good health and who have means and a disposition to render valuable assistance. We regard it as important to have the support of all the life and means to be had. From our standpoint we urge all soldiers of the Civil War to join the G. A. R. and we urge the ladies

to come together. They will be a greater force, and more and more command the respect of those whose influence we need. Our numbers are growing less. We are only about one in seventy-five of the population. We are more and more dependent on those not connected with the service. We cannot afford to in any way divide our forces or to suffer friction to occur or to have rivalry between different organizations in the different communities. There has been but little complaint so far but there is danger ahead if the work is pushed on both lines in the state. We love both organizations, yet we implore them to come together, as we do all Comrades. Wherever there are two soldiers' organizations in the same place, there we find trouble.

SONS OF VETERANS AND DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS.

We feel the great importance of these organizations, and that they should be encouraged by all the helpful influence we can extend, and we believe they will grow more and more in favor with those who are eligible as the years go by. They should each be a patriotic force. I regret that I have had no opportunity of visiting with them.

PENSIONS.

The thanks of the Department are due our Commander-in-Chief and the National Committee on pensions, for their persistent and laborious efforts in behalf of a just interpretation and administration of the pension laws. We believe they have done the very best they could under the circumstances. The Commander and Committee visited the Commissioner of the Pensions, the Pension Department, and the President, not to secure additional legislation, which they accepted when they could do no better, but to secure a fair interpretation and prompt administration of the laws as they existed. What we all asked for was not additional legislation but a fair, judicial interpretation. Not a bureau or an administration policy to defeat the purpose for which the laws were passed in order to save appropriations or make a record, but a just construction of the law so that the Comrades, widows, and orphans who are affected shall obtain during their life-

time what the people and Congress intended at the time and believed that they had provided when the laws were passed. The agitation has not been for the mass of the surviving soldiers but for the benefit of those who have been made to suffer. While we commend the effort made by our committee and rejoice in what Congress has done to secure relief, *we are not satisfied, to say the least, with the response which has come either from the Pension Department or the executive. We are not ignorant of the powers of the President and we believe the relief could have been afforded in a more direct way. Where there is a will there is a way.* There must have been an opposing force which we do not understand. Good Grand Army men will not uphold any one in practicing a fraud. All realize that great care is required in the administration of the Pension Department, and no argument is required to convince us of the great responsibility of the office. Neither do we overlook the fact that the nation has again been involved in war, or that the people have been generous in providing for the soldiers of the Civil War. We appreciate all these things. We want nothing but the true construction of the laws on any subject, and we join in behalf of our Comrades in an earnest protest against any abuse or neglect in the administration of the pension laws whether it comes from the applicants or those in authority. A powerful government that has been saved by the sacrifices of its soldiers can afford to give its benefactors the benefit of the doubt in hair-splitting questions. The Commander has taken the responsibility of endorsing in behalf of the Department several measures before Congress, of interest to the order, and among them was one to limit the use of the flag to the purposes for which it was adopted, the pension bill, and all others recommended by the National Grand Army Committee including the one giving preference to soldiers and sailors in employment.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Earnest appeals were made through circulars and orders to the posts and to the public to secure the proper observance of Memorial Day. These circulars and orders have been duly published and will be printed in the Journal no doubt, and are made a part of this report, and it will be needless for me to again repeat the views of the

Commander. In addition to this a special request was made to the institutions of learning of the state, to aid us in our efforts by not allowing their athletic clubs to be billed and to attend as attractions at public games to draw the thought of the young and the people away from our Memorial Ceremonies. With one exception the response received was assuring. A copy of this request will also be attached and made a part hereof.

IN MEMORIAM.

We have a vacant chair on the platform today. Past Department Commander Alexander L. Patrick who was active and happy in the discharge of his duties as Commander at the last encampment sleeps beyond the river. We were all surprised to find him in failing health and pained to hear of his death.

Special order No. 21 was issued in consequence and is made a part hereof. And I recommend the appointment of a committee of three to adopt appropriate resolutions.

LEGISLATION.

There has been no legislative session during the year so no legislative committee was appointed, but as the Commander has gone about the state speaking at reunions and camp fires he has taken occasion to challenge attention to the fact that our State Capitol ground is unadorned by any soldiers' monument, and that so far the state has not erected any statue to the memory of any officer or soldier or any state soldiers' monument as an expression of the gratitude, patriotism and intelligence of the state. We know all these exist and that expressions have been made through appropriations for the soldiers home and other generous appropriations. But we should have an appropriate monument for the Michigan Soldiers on our Capitol grounds. Other states have them. Michigan's officers and soldiers were among the very best and they distinguished themselves upon many fields, and I plead with the citizens not to neglect this. Such a monument will not only speak for the soldiers but will be a monument for the people themselves, and will stand as a silent teacher of patriotism for ages. Let us not forget.

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It may be of questionable taste for the Grand Army boys who were members of Michigan regiments to ask for this but it can not be for those of other regiments, who will have no part in it except our gratification and pride as citizens, in seeing our state do as well as the very best. We want none to surpass Michigan in educational and patriotic endeavor. And I recommend that this subject be referred to the legislative committee of the incoming administration of this Department, with the recommendation that they call public attention to the subject and urge proper action. The committee to visit the Soldier's Home will no doubt report in detail, but it gives me great pleasure to report that I have visited the Soldiers' Home twice during the year, and found important improvements being made there and general provisions for the comfort and health of the Comrades and the ladies in the woman's annex. There was general satisfaction expressed with the officers and management. And all together it is an institution of which the people of the state may be justly proud. There are two improvements still which your Commander believes are much needed.

The first is a kitchen and dining room for the woman's annex. Again provision should be made by which inexpensive cottages be erected at proper places on the home grounds to be occupied by old soldiers and their wives, when poverty or misfortune overtakes them in exceptional cases. I know there are objections urged to this but no one who wishes to see such improvements will find serious difficulty in carrying out such a plan. These cottages can be watered, lighted and heated by the same plant we have. No additional grounds will be required. The old Comrade and his wife can have the quiet and comfort of home and each other's society. There will not be a large number required. As a rule some one will provide a home for mother, but there are exceptional cases of worthy people in absolute destitute circumstances which should be provided for. I know of one case in our own city. There are no children or relations. The soldier was a Vermont man, and was one of the volunteers who made the charge at Port Hudson. His services were of great moment to the country. He has become feeble in mind and body and has no society except that of his wife. Should they be separated and placed

alone? These will not come to the home, but there are some in like condition who will. When visiting the home a Comrade came to me and said, "Comrade, can't some arrangement be made by which a soldier and his wife can live together? When I came here," he said, "they said to my wife, 'you must go in the annex;' and to me that I must go into the Home, and I have permission to see my wife once a day." What lonely hours these people must spend. Who of us can bear the thought of thus spending our declining years? I have no fault to find with the management. As things now are they can do no better. The officers are but servants of the people. They will be willing to do the people's bidding. If any think they can not work this plan let them give way to those who can. Gen. Grant said to Col. Dean, when asked whom he should send to carry out the General's orders," "Send some one who thinks he can do it."

My recommendation is that this be referred to a special committee to ascertain the facts in reference to the homes where they have provisions for the man and wife, and that a possible plan be devised and reported and placed in the hands of the next Department officers and committees and that a reasonable appropriation be secured if possible.

We do not ask a large sum; \$5,000 would furnish enough for an experiment. We may not get it just now, but there are large hearted men in the state who will have it done in some way some time, I believe. The part this Department took in the National Encampment at Philadelphia and in the parade was creditable to the state, and received favorable comment from the city papers. And full reference was made to it in General Order No. 4, which is made a part hereof and will be printed in the Journal. The Commander believed that we should have a Michigan band in order to properly represent the state, and consequently took as the headquarters band, the Three Rivers band, which was second to none in the music it rendered. Arrangements were made for its transportation without expense to the Department, and lodgings were to be furnished free by the committee in Philadelphia, and the band agreed to give its time and provide its own meals and lodgings on the way to and from for \$200. It was evening when we arrived in Phila-

delphia and no rooms had been prepared for them by the committee, consequently lodging was secured for them at an expense of \$55. The council of administration generously allowed the whole bill, but in order to keep the amount within bounds your Commander donated \$100 towards this account, as he found that as much as \$150 had been used for music in one year. This explanation is due the Department in view of its expressed desire for economy last year. It has been the belief of the Commander that expenditures to sustain the dignity of the Department and credit of the state would not be questioned. The expenses of the Department at the National Encampment in Washington in 1893, as given in the Journal were \$1,162.33 and the salary of Quartermaster that year was \$500. In 1898 the National Encampment expenses were \$494.85. The expenses of attending the Encampment at Philadelphia last year were \$251.78.

The Encampment at Petoskey made provision for all the expenses of the officers to and from that city. Chaplin Tracy at once, however, returned his ten dollars to the general fund, and afterwards asked that it be placed with the Alger fund, and it will be so reported. I refer to this, not to criticize, but for the purpose of showing that this year was made exceptional and the business turned over to us with instructions to run it without expense. Previous to this the expenses of the officers when attending the National Encampment were paid by the Department. It was voted at the last encampment that these should not be paid thereafter, and that no expenses for attending National Encampments, re-unions, or camp fires as Department officers should be paid.

This action, in part, was brought about by men who accepted their pay up to that time and has caused considerable additional expense to the officers whose duty it was to attend. It was the financial conditions that then confronted us that caused these actions. In many cases of re-unions and camp fires the local organizations have met the expense or a part of it at least. But in others we were left to pay hotel bills and transportation, mostly I suppose through an oversight. Some transportation was secured up to December first, but none since, by the Commander. The Department and local organization have had the benefit of this. Changes have been made, and

bills have been allowed for expenses incurred in the interest of the Department. The Department paid no transportation, hotel bills, or others expenses except express and drayage in Philadelphia. The actual expenses of the officers in the future ought to be paid by the Department. The expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General's office and Quartermaster's are unavoidable. We dispensed with the Department roster, which usually costs about \$50, cut down on the badges bought, on flags, etc., etc., in order to accumulate a surplus. And it must not be forgotten that a part of this saving came through the cut made at Petoskey, of the Assistant Adjutant General's salary. We have sympathized with him in this loss, but we recognize the necessity of economy in all our affairs as our strength declines. And it must not be overlooked that the Quartermaster General's salary was fixed only at \$100 when it has been as high as \$500 some other years. The Alger fund came to our hands July 7, 1899—and was \$893.99, and the highest rate paid for deposits in our place was 3 per cent. It was not practical to loan it. I have allowed 5 per cent for eleven months which amounts to \$40.96, which added to the principal makes \$934.95, and a certificate is here for that amount. Believing it would be best to arouse new interest in some way, your Commander, in addition to the efforts of his staff and his own, urged posts to be careful to elect competent and zealous officers, and offered a banner on behalf of the Department to the post showing the largest per cent of gain for the year, and also a second and third prize. At the time this was written by the Commander his thought was that the reports could be procured before this Encampment and the award be made here, but the Assistant Adjutant General soon called my attention to the fact that this could not be done, as the reports would not be due until July 1, and it would require the official returns with paid up per capita tax. So we are disappointed in not being able to report the result. From a general knowledge we have reason to believe that many posts heeded the request and elected pushing officers, and an earnest effort had been made to win the banner and our forces strengthened thereby. And the offer will have to be carried out in good faith by the Department and if repudiated for any reason than your present Commander

will see that the prizes are furnished and there need be no concern touching this.

I recommend that a committee, to include the Assistant Adjutant General, be appointed to canvass the returns and make the award and that they be directed to procure suitable prizes in accordance with the order prompting the contest.

Your Commander met the Commander-in-Chief in Chicago a few days ago and received assurance of his presence in the city tonight.

I also saw the committee on grounds with a view of having the Michigan Posts and battalions grouped together in camp at a point as near their position in the parade as possible so as to save a long march. The committee requests all organizations wanting free quarters to report early and on what road they will come in, so that they can assign quarters in accordance with our desires. They are not to have camps but have purchased 20,000 cots at an expense of \$15,000, and are going to quarter the men in school houses and other public buildings, where they have water, closets and light. Free lodgings will not be furnished to women. Suitable rooms have been secured for the Michigan Headquarters for the G. A. R. and W. R. C. free at Tremont House, and your Commander believes that you will have more spacious and respectable headquarter rooms than other cities have afforded us and he hopes for the approval of his action in this matter as it would have been negligence not to act. He believed that he could not do less than assume the responsibility, under all the circumstances.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Comrades for all their kindness to me. I have visited many points and attended a large number of Soldier's meetings and have formed new acquaintances which will ever be dear to me have been royally cared for have enjoyed the year, increased in weight, am in better health than when elected and I have pride in being a Grand Army man and in this Department and in having been its Commander for this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

The chair referred the Commander's address to the following committees: A. T. Bliss, Post 90; E. T. Carrington, Post 278; C. R. Miller, Post 181; Louis Kanitz, Post 7; Jno. Northwood, Post 450.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander.

The Junior Vice Department Commander read his report, which was as follows:

Lake Odessa, May 14, 1900.

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General.

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties, during my term of office. While the duties of this office, may not require any special mention, yet much good work may be done in this capacity. I attended the National Encampment, Philadelphia, and Michigan was very fairly represented there, and received its full shares of honors. On my return from Philadelphia, I went immediately to Big Rapids, to attend the re-union of Soldiers, and Sailors Association, of the Northwestern Michigan; from there I went to Mason, to attend a re-union of the Ingham County Battalion. I also attended the Eaton County Battalion at Mulliken; and the reunion of the Ionia County Battalion at Ionia, also the reunion of the Barry County Soldiers and Sailors' Association, at Hastings. I have also attended many camp fires and post meetings, outside of my own post hall, during the winter just past. I have met with the Council of Administration, in Lansing, and I have in company with the Department Commander, and a part of his staff, visited the Soldiers' Home, in Grand Rapids, and I think it justice to my old Comrades who are living in that home, that I could safely recommend that there be no changes made in its commandant at least for the present. I have done all that I could to advance the interests of the Grand Army, at all times wherever I have been. My relations with the Department officers, have been most cordial and with my Comrades all that could be desired.

Yours F., C. and L.,

STEPHEN H. MALLERY,
Junior Vice Department Commander.

The report was referred to the following Committee:
F. J. Buck, Post 45; W. W. Morgan, Post 38; John W.
Beggs, Post 145.

The Assistant Adjutant General read his annual report, which was as follows:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, MICH., June 6, 1900. }

Russel R. Pealer, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing the duties of my office, I have the honor to submit the following report:

MEMBERSHIP.

The Semi-Annual reports to National Headquarters were made as follows:

Term ending June 30, 1899.		Posts.	Members.
Remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1898.....		386	15,531
Gains.		Posts.	Members.
By muster	2	232	
By transfer		128	
By reinstatement		305	
Total gain		2	665
Aggregate		388	16,196
Loss.			
By death		231	
By honorable discharge		37	
By transfer		113	
By suspension		522	
By delinquent reports	6	101	
By surrender of charter	3	56	
Total loss		9	1,060
Remaining in good standing June 30, 1899.....		379	15,136
Loss over gain, 7 Posts, 395 members.			

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Term ending Dec. 31, 1899.		
Gains.	Posts.	Members.
By muster	3	240
By transfer	...	123
By reinstatement from suspension.	...	277
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	5	84
Total gain	8	724
Aggregate	387	15,860
Loss.		
By death	...	171
By honorable discharge	...	26
By transfer	...	87
By suspension	...	418
By delinquent reports.....	5	56
Total loss	5	758
Remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1899.....	382	15,102
A gain of 3 Posts.		
A loss of but 34 members for the term.		

Of this showing there are but six months that comes within the time of this administration, that for the term ending December 31, 1899, for that period there could scarcely be a more satisfactory showing, for while the death loss was 171 the total loss was but 34. The loss by death for the year ending December 31, 1899, was 402 while the entire loss including death was but 429. So long as we hold our Encampments in June, the retiring Commander will leave as a legacy to his successor, a nearly complete six months showing of what should be credited to him, and take the credit of the work of his predecessor. The legacy the present administration will leave to its successor will probably be a showing unequalled in years past. From reports of a brief character arranged for a showing of Post membership May 1, 1900, received from Posts, I am, I think justified in saying that for the term ending the 30th day of this month the increase in our membership will show up in the hundreds.

For such an expected showing there are several reasons. First is that of the incentive to add to the membership by the promise to the Posts of a prize banner for the greatest gain under certain conditions. Second, Is the great benefit derived by the visitations and advice of the Department Commander who for the past year has travel-

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ed among and spoken to many thousands of his Comrades, and thirdly to the continued desire from the Asst. Adjt. General's Office to keep in close touch with the Posts of the Department either with pen or in person.

Charters have been issued by the present administration to four new Post, Nos. 448, 499, 450 and 451, as will be shown by the report of the Chief Mustering Officer.

Charters and supplies have also been issued to Posts 94, 177 and 266 to replace loss by fire and a Charter has been issued to Post 235 to replace one stolen. Post 427 has gone out of Commission, and Posts 77 and 94 will be a charge to the incoming administration as surrendering their Charters.

The reports of the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters fail to give the total amount of relief that is contributed by Posts. So much of this relief is made by individual donations at a Post meeting and no mention made on the Quartermaster books, which if it were reported would swell the sum of relief made, many thousands of dollars in this Department. The amount of relief reported by the Post officers to Headquarters as expended, was \$2,750.70 to 141 members or their families and to 55 other persons.

There was cash in the relief fund of Posts, Dec. 31, 1899	\$1,852 17
There was cash in the general fund of Posts, Dec. 31, 1899	9,055 81
The reported value of real estate in possession of Posts	26,236 14
The reported value of all other Post property, Dec. 31, 1899	40,746 60
Total Post Assets	<u>\$77,890 72</u>

DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The same consideration of the best interests of the Department that has actuated my official life in the past, has been the rule of this office during the year just closing. Economy, with the welfare of the Department in joint interest has been closely adhered to.

In the past, there has been essential work performed in the office of the Asst. Adjt. General that caused extra expenditures. As stated in my last report, that particular work which made necessary extra expenditures, had been

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completed, the work yet to be done upon the Record Books could be handled in the regular line of work, unless extra work was made necessary by action of the Department Encampment, no extra labor need be employed.

In this connection I may refer to the fact that the last Encampment did entail a duty upon the Asst. Adjt. Gen. which it was supposed would be performed by another staff officer, to whom the Encampment voted \$100.00 taking it from the amount which had been allowed the first named officer the previous year as a salary. The Assistant Quartermaster General lives away from the location of Department Headquarters. He is not to blame because the books and records, Post reports, etc., must all be kept at Headquarters. He can receive and bank the money sent to him by the Assistant Adjutant General and can check against the amount to pay bills, and make his report to the Encampment. The real work pertaining to the Assistant Quartermaster General's Office, necessitated by rules and regulations, is done by the Assistant Adjutant General and comprises the recording upon books the detailed items of the Quartermaster's report of the 385 Posts in the Department, the consolidating of the same for the National Headquarters and sending to the A. Q. M. G. for his signature, twice a year, thus consuming nearly six weeks of time. The supplies must be kept at Headquarters, all requisitions filed and recorded. All of this must be done from Lansing so long as Headquarters are there, the reports and papers cannot be separated. No charge has been made to the Department for extra labor employed this year in performing the work just mentioned, though it has been necessary to secure such help. I recommend that there be allowed the Asst. Adjt. Gen. \$100.00 in addition to the present Salary for the coming year as compensation for work connected with the A. Q. M. G. office.

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THE CASH RECEIPTS WERE

From last administration, Alger fund.	\$893 99	
General fund	162 13	\$1,056 12
Charter fees	\$40 00	
Per capita tax	3,029 90	
Gift of Comrade D. Burnham Tracy.....	10 00	
Gift of the Department Commander.....	100 00	
Other sources	4 00	
Sale Post supplies	462 06	
		3,645 96
		<u>\$4,702 08</u>

For which I hold the receipts of the Assistant Quartermaster General whose report will verify these figures and undoubtedly show a fine balance in his hand.

I desire here to repeat the words which were incorporated in my report last year. "There has been kept ever since I assumed the duties of my present office, a minute book of the daily transactions of the office. This is in harmony with the law of the order, and this book and the cash book of the office, have lain upon the work table of the Headquarters room every day and are supposed to be examined by the Department Commander when he visits Headquarters. There can be nothing done without his knowledge and consent, that he cannot at once take exception to or approve."

The total value of Post supplies now on hand, is \$191.27. The value of the other property of the Department as appraised by the Council of administration of last year, is \$226.00 and comprises four flags or banners, typewriter, numbering machine, etc.

REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

By the action of the 33d National Encampment, Sec. 1, Art. 2, Chap. 4, of the Rules and Regulations was so amended as to make the representation to the National Encampments, from Departments to be, one representative at large, and one representative for each seven hundred and fifty members in good standing therein, and one additional representative for a final fraction of more

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than one-half of that number. By this action Michigan will be entitled to a total of twenty-one (21) representatives to be elected at this encampment, with a like number of alternates.

HEAD STONES FOR SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

I have continued the work of mailing blank applications for head stones upon request of Posts. From many sources I learn that these applications properly made out and forwarded to the Quartermaster General U. S. Army at Washington, have not been responded to by a shipment of the stones. Such information as I have received as to the cause of the delay is to the effect, that the increased work placed upon the War Department by the recent war, caused an unavoidable delay in answering the requisitions made for head stones. It is hoped that all orders will soon be filled.

LEGISLATION NEEDED.

I most earnestly recommend that this twenty-second Department Encampment give emphasis to a desire for the passage of a bill by the next State Legislature, for the prevention of the unauthorized wearing of the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The state of New York by act of its last Legislature, gave effect to a law to prevent the unauthorized wearing of badge or button, and it became operative September 1, 1899. This bill was modeled after the bill which failed to become a law in Michigan because of the Governor's veto, and in addition covers the badges and buttons of every organization of over ten years standing. The Legislature of New York is also generous to the Veterans of our order. In a communication from the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of that state, speaking of the allowances by the Legislature, the following words are found. "During the last year they have allowed us \$3,800.00 to fit up and furnish our Headquarters, and in addition thereto have given us \$1,200.00 for the ensuing year toward our incidental expenses. They also print our proceedings and pay nearly all of our express charges, which with us, is a very important item—not less than

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\$300.00. We are furnished free with all stationery and office supplies except our office printing, so that take it in all, we feel that they deal very liberally with us."

RECORD BOOKS.

The work on the record books, that have been the subject of some discussion in former Encampments, is progressing. The showing would have been greater, but for the wish to know what might be the report of the Council of Administration, to whom was referred the report of a committee to investigate the advisability of a continuance. However, there is no reason for changing the views expressed by my last report, that there would be little or no cost attaching to the proceeding with the work, other than necessary postage.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I have made many official visits to Encampments and camp fires upon special requests, and believe the statements made to me, that such visits have been fruitful of good to the Department. In most instances the expense of such visits were born by the Comrades inviting me, in others the expense was from my own pocket, there has been no charge to the Department. I believe that the actual necessary expenses of the Commander, Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, incurred in attendance to the Department and National Encampments should be allowed by the Department. These officers are obliged to be in attendance and their duties of work are continuous at such times.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORTS FOR 1900.

Blanks for these reports have been sent to the Adjutants of Posts with a request that they be placed in the hands of the Post Chaplains, and that officer requested to mail them at once after Memorial Day, properly filled out, to Department Headquarters. They can then be sent to the Chaplain you will elect at this Encampment, and will furnish the material of his report, next year.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

Blanks for these reports have been sent to all Adjutants of Posts and as the National Encampment meets in August next, and the Adjutant General demands the receipt of the Consolidated report by July 20, it is absolutely necessary that Post officers send the reports and the per capita tax to Department Headquarters within a day or two after the last meeting in June as the reports are for the term ending June 30, 1900. Unless this is done the Posts failing must be reported as delinquent and thus bring before the National Encampment an embarrassed condition of the Department of Michigan.

GENERAL WORK.

The daily work in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General does not diminish as some might expect, rather it increases in some lines; especially in that of correspondence is this the case, and upon the giving of prompt and full attention to the inquiries that come from Posts and from individual Comrades, in my judgment rests largely the keeping of our strength numerically. As to the promptness of the office in attention to all correspondence, my Comrades are the judges. There have been issued 23 Special Orders and seven General Orders and several circulars. These with the orders and other documents from National Headquarters, has compelled the mailing of thousands of pieces. It is unnecessary to say more as to the real work entailed upon the office at Headquarters, most of you know that there is plenty of it and that the attempt has been to perform it to your satisfaction.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER ALEX L. PATRICK.

The Charter of this Department which for the first time in its history stands before the Comrades assembled in annual Department Encampment draped in mourning, casts a shadow and forcibly reminds each of us of the uncertainty of this life. Who of us as we saw Past Department Commander Patrick presiding over our last Encampment at Petoskey, thought that before the year

should pass away he would have gone to join the majority. The news of his death, though for a few weeks before by some anticipated, was to the great membership of this Department a shock. The issue of Special Orders No. 21 to the various Posts gave the details of burial. His is the fourth death in the ranks of the Past Department Commanders. He was a most energetic Grand Army man and will be mourned by his Comrades. I ask that a Committee to draft suitable resolutions in memorium of Comrade Patrick, be appointed, with the request that they report to this Encampment.

CONCLUSION.

Commander—In concluding this report, I face the fact that in a few hours you and I sever our official relations. But the official part is alone to be severed. The relation of friendship is too closely cemented to be severed only as comes the final call "Lights Out."

As a member of your staff having charge of the Department Headquarters, I have endeavored to so carry on the work as to meet your full approval, knowing that the greatest desire of your heart was that the best interests of the Department might be served. If I have succeeded to your satisfaction then I am content. There are but a few of the Comrades before you today who have more than a faint idea of the work you have performed as their Commander in the effort to continue the shoulder touch. I know of it because of our official relations and I say to you Commander, that the Veterans of this Department will always have a warm spot in their heart for you, and an increasing friendship, as your work becomes more fully known to them. Personally, for your continual kindness and fraternal Comradship, as well as for the unsought honor you bestowed upon me, I want to thus publicly express my heartfelt thanks. Memory's garden has been made more pleasant to me by the addition of another very strong plant of friendship's kind.

To the other Department officers and the members of your personal staff, all of whom have been earnest workers in the field of the "good of the order," and with whom my relations have been most pleasant, I return a genuine Comrade's thanks for the courtesies extended. Especially

to Comrade Udell your most efficient Assistant Quartermaster General, with whom I have necessarily had considerable official business, I extend my thanks for his continuous kindness.

To you my Comrades, and to those you represent of the Department of Michigan, you with whom by pen and voice I have been in daily touch I give sincerest expression of gratitude for the kindly manner of your treatment. It has been a daily pleasure to study your best interests, to be prompt in answering all of your communications, and to make you feel that your Comrade at Headquarter's office was always ready to give you attention. Twenty-one years ago the 22d of January last, I had the privilege to call to order in Custer Post Hall in this city, the first Department Encampment of the present organization of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan. The Charter now before you gives the date for perpetuity. That was after many months of earnest working to secure the requisite number of six Posts, that we might step from a Provisional to a Permanent Department. There were a goodly number of Veterans then, who would not believe that there could be a continuance of the organization for any length of time. I was sent to my home as the Department Commander for another year. Today we are in our 22d annual gathering. Our minority has passed, we are of legal age 21 years. During all that time, I have been permitted to be a worker in the ranks of the organization that is dearer to me than any other possibly can be. Whether as Department Commander, private, or your servant at Headquarters as Assistant Adjutant General your kind words, hearty hand shakes, and various evidences of Comradeship have made a tie that binds very closely, and now as I turn over the affairs of my official station to my successor, I give to my Comrades who wear the "little bronze button," my earnest wishes that many may be their years of happy life.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PETOSKEY, June 22, 1899. }

Pursuant to call of Department Commander, Russel R. Pealer, the Council of Administration met in room 434 Hotel Arlington, Petoskey at 4:05 o'clock p. m.

Present:

Russel R. Pealer, Department Commander.
J. C. Bontecou, S. V. Dept. Commander.
S. H. Mallery, J. V. "
Oscar Palmer, Medical Director.
D. Burnham Tracy, Chaplain.
O. B. Curtis, }
S. M. Kent, } C. of A.
Frederick Schneider, }
Fay Wyckoff, }

Past Assistant Adjutant General C. V. R. Pond was requested by the Commander to act as Secretary of the meeting.

The Department Commander made announcement of Executive Committee as follows: O. B. Curtis, Post 17; Fay Wyckoff, Post 38; S. M. Kent, Post 5.

Upon motion of Comrade Schneider the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General were fixed at \$1,000.00.

Upon motion of Comrade Curtis the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General were fixed at \$2,000.00.

Comrade Curtis was deputized to arrange for securing of bonds in some Fidelity Company in Detroit at a rate of \$5.00 per \$1,000.00.

Upon motion of Comrade Curtis the Assistant Adjutant General was empowered to hold in reserve \$25.00 for purchase of immediate wants of Headquarters, such as postage and the like.

The motion of Camrade Curtis, that the bills of the last Council of Administration, in session at this Encampment, ordered paid by their own vote, be audited by the

present Executive Committee and received as a part of the cash balance of \$162.13 turned over to this Administration, was adopted.

Comrade Tracey asked that he be permitted to donate to the General fund, \$10.00 received by him as payment of expenses in attendance at meeting of last Council of Administration. The donation was received and a vote of thanks tendered Comrade Tracey.

Upon motion of Comrade Curtis it was ordered that the printing bill of the last Administration, of \$70.00 be paid.

Upon motion of Comrade Kent the items of Expense as incurred at the Encampment by Past Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond, were ordered paid.

Upon motion of Comrade Palmer the Railroad and hotel bill of the Stenographer, Comrade Emery, were ordered paid.

Upon motion of Comrade Curtis the expense of securing bonds for the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General were ordered paid.

The Department Commander announced the following appointments, Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; Assistant Quartermaster General, A. A. Udell, Post 72; both Comrades accepted.

Comrade Curtis moved that the printing of General Orders, to be issued at once by Department Commander, be given to Comrade Bontecou and his bill be paid. Carried.

On motion of Comrade Palmer, the Council adjourned subject to call of Commander.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, Oct. 26, 1899. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration of the Department met at Headquarters in the Capitol at Lansing at 1 o'clock p. m.

Present:

Russel R. Pealer, Department Commander.
O. B. Curtis, }
S. M. Kent, } Ex. Com. C. of A.
Fay Wyckoff, }
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.
A. A. Udell, Asst. Q. M. Gen.

The minutes of last meeting of C. of A. read.

The Executive Committee took up the work of examining the books of receipts and expenditures with vouchers, of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, and reported the same to be correct.

The committee ordered paid the printing bill of the Robert Smith Printing Co. Voucher No. 42, \$44.85 to Oct. 26th, inclusive.

The Committee ordered paid the bill of the Department Commander for printing, postage and sundry expenses, Voucher No. 43, \$33.75.

The Committee ordered that the Assistant Quartermaster General pay the sum of \$200.00 to the Three Rivers Band for services at the National Encampment at Philadelphia.

The Assistant Quartermaster General was ordered to pay the expenses of the members of this Committee (rail-road fares and hotel bills), attending this meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure the printing of such blanks and envelopes, for the sending of reports, as the Department needed.

The Assistant Quartermaster General was instructed to secure the printing and binding of a suitable book for recording the semi-annual reports of Post Quartermaster.

The Department Commander reported that he had received offers from certain first-class hotels in Chicago, of the use of suitable Headquarters rooms for the Department of Michigan and the W. R. C. during the National Encampment in 1900, free of cost. The Committee voted to leave the selection of such Headquarters to the Department Commander with power to act.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned subject to call of Commander.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, March 21, 1900. }

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, met at Headquarters of the Department at the Capitol at 1:30 p. m.

Present:

Russel R. Pealer, Department Commander.
O. B. Curtis, }
S. M. Kent, } Ex. Com. of C. of A.
Fay Wyckoff, }
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.
A. A. Udell, Asst. Q. M. G.

Comrade S. H. Mallery, Junior Vice Department Commander and Comrade F. Schneider of the Council of Administration were present during the session.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

The Executive Committee took up the work of auditing the receipts and expenditures of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and reported as finding them to be correct.

The bill of the Robert Smith Printing Co., of \$64.00 for printing from October 26, 1899, to March 20, 1900, was ordered paid.

The Committee ordered that such printing as was necessary before the meeting of the Department Encampment in June should be done and the same paid for by the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The Committee ordered that such expenses as were incurred by the Executive Committee, Department Commander and Assistant Quartermaster General for Railroad fare and hotel bills, on account of attending this meeting be paid.

The Committee ordered that the railroad fare of the Assistant Adjutant General of \$3.50 in visiting Grand Rapids on Department business be paid.

The Committee ordered that a telephone be allowed in Department Headquarters from Jan. 1, 1900, to July 1, 1900, at an expense not to exceed \$6.00.

The Department Commander announced his wish to make a donation to the Department of \$100.00 towards expense of band at National Encampment.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, March 22, 1900. }

At meeting of the Council of Administration held pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, at Headquarters at the Capitol at 8:30 a. m.

Present:

Russel R. Pealer, Department Commander.
S. H. Mallery, Jun. Vice Dept. Commander.
O. B. Curtis, }
S. M. Kent, } Council of Administration.
F. Schneider, }
Fay Wyckoff, }
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.
A. A. Udell, Asst. Q. M. Gen.

Comrade Curtis, offered the following:

"Resolved, That the so called historical records of the Posts of the Department of Michigan, be continued, and that the labor of such continuance be made a part of the regular duties of the Assistant Adjutant General."

Adopted unanimously.

Upon motion Comrade Fay Wyckoff was made Secretary to make report to the Department Encampment in June next of the action of the Council relative to the record books.

It being reported that owing to the meeting of several Associations or Conventions during third week in June, and the early meeting of the National Encampment, the Council of Administration took under advisement the changing of the date of holding the Department Encampment in June. After careful consideration it was voted to make the date of the Encampment, June 7 and 8, 1900.

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Upon motion the Council adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Approved:

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

The report was referred to the following Committee, C. C. Phillips, Post 19; E. C. Anthony, Post 300; W. H. Eddy, Post 87.

The Assistant Quartermaster General presented and read his report which was as follows:

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General:

Dear Sir and Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have the honor herewith to submit to you my report of the business transacted in the office of the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Michigan for the year which closes on the last day of June, 1900.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1899.	.	
July 12.	Cash, gen'l fund, from C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adj't. Gen'l...	\$1,000 00
" 21.	" " " " " "	100 00
Oct. 3.	" " " " " "	100 00
1900.		
Jan. 5.	" " " " " "	553 36
" 20.	" " " " " "	644 85
Mar. 21.	" Philadelphia, gen'l fund, for music, Dept. Com. R. R. Pealer.....	100 00
1899.	Total cash.....	\$2,498 21
July 12.	Vouchers as cash from C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adj't. Gen'l..	270 44
" 21.	" " " " " "	60 51
Aug. 2.	" " " " " "	50 19
" 16.	" " " " " "	53 41
" 27.	" " " " " "	45 92
Oct. 3.	" " " " " "	20 75
" 14.	" " " " " "	53 19
Dec. 4.	" " " " " "	23 05
1900.		
Jan. 5.	" " " " " "	131 05
" 20.	" " " " " "	46 66
Feb. 5.	" " " " " "	95 50
" 27.	" " " " " "	145 16
Mar. 16.	" " " " " "	59 66
" 20.	" " " " " "	26 00
" 31.	" " " " " "	71 58
April 28.	" " " " " "	16 54
May 21.	" " " " " "	59 26
June 4.	" " " " " "	15 81
	Vouchers as cash.....	13 42
	Total.....	\$3,774 31

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Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1899.		
July 12.	Vouchers as cash from C. V. R. Pond, No. 1 to 20 inclusive.	\$279 44
" 14.	James H. Emery, Stenographer for 21st Encampment....	40 40
" 21.	Whittaker Brothers, Grand Rapids, premium on A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. bonds.....	15 00
Aug. 1.	Past Commander, A. L. Patrick's badge from Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.....	35 00
" 2.	Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	189 20
" 3.	Harry Whitely, headquarters banner.....	3 00
" 5.	Saddle horses for use in parade National Encampment, Philadelphia.....	20 00
" 7.	Post supplies from F. W. Spink, Q. M. G.....	12 00
" 25.	Jewett & Knapp, ribbon for badges.....	4 20
" 25.	Ihling Brothers & Everhard, copy book.....	3 32
" 28.	James K. Davidson, 200 metal badges.....	44.00
Sept. 1.	Decorations for National Encampment at Philadelphia—Bumphrey.....	12 30
" 8.	Headquarters rooms Bingham House, Philadelphia, 33d National Encampment.....	46 00
" 13.	Transferring baggage, etc., Bingham House, Philadelphia, 33d National Encampment.....	4 00
Oct. 3.	Post supplies from F. W. Spink, Q. M. G.....	12 00
" 14.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	4 32
" 25.	Sundries, A. Q. M. G.....	4 23
" 25.	Three Rivers cornet band, National Encampment, Philadelphia.....	255 25
" 25.	A. Q. M. G., room at Bingham House, Philadelphia.....	10 00
" 25.	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	44 85
" 25.	Expense Dept. Com. Pealer, on official business.....	33 75
Nov. 3.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	25 00
Jan. 5.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	27 60
" 5.	Salary one year C. V. R. Pond, A. A. G.....	1,000 00
" 5.	Salary one year A. A. Udell, A. Q. M. G.....	100 00
" 5.	Expense of C. of A. meetings at Lansing.....	49 25
Feb. 5.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	40 20
" 14.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	54 50
Mar. 21.	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	64 00
" 31.	Department Commander Pealer, sundries as per voucher.	22 31
" 31.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	40 35
" 3.	Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	189 82
" 3.	Rent of telephone for A. A. G.'s office.....	7 50
" 3.	Postage, P. O. box rent, etc., A. A. G.'s office.....	180 15
May 19.	Robert Smith Printing Co.....	30 00
" 21.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, Q. M. G.....	3 00
" 21.	A. A. Udell, A. Q. M. G., expense of office, postage, etc....	35 00
" 29.	Post supplies from E. J. Atkinson, A. Q. M. G.....	21 00
" 4.	Three vouchers from C. V. R. Pond, No. 117 and 119 inc....	15 81
" 6.	One voucher from C. V. R. Pond, No. —.....	9 12
June 6.	Vouchers No 123 to 130 inclusive.....	46 59
	Total.....	\$3,033 46

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from all sources—Cash.....	\$2,511 63
Receipts from all sources—Vouchers as cash.....	1,262 68
Total receipts.....	\$3,774 31

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Vouchers from C. V. R. Pond	\$279 44
Q. M. G., Post supplies	252 78
Expense 33d National Encampment at Philadelphia	351 78
Robert Smith Printing Co.	141 85
Per capita tax National Headquarters	379 02
Salary one year A. A. G., C. V. R. Pond	1,000 00
Salary one year A. Q. M. G., A. A. Udell	100 00
Rent of telephone, A. A. G.'s office	7 50
Expense of meetings of Council of Administration	49 25
Expense of Department Commander Pealer, official business	56 06
James H. Emery, Stenographer	40 40
Whittaker Brothers, premium of A. A. G. and A. Q. M. G. bonds	15 00
Post Department Commander A. L. Patrick, badge	35 00
Ribbon, Banner copy book, etc.	10 52
Expense necessary for A. Q. M. G.'s office—postage, etc., for the year	35 00
Postage, postoffice box rent, etc., A. A. G.'s office	180 15
James K. Davidson, 200 metal badges for Philadelphia	44 00
June 7, paid vouchers No. 123 to 130	55 71
Total disbursements	\$3,033 46
Total receipts	\$3,774 31
Balance on hand—Cash	\$740 85

My appointment to this office was wholly unexpected, and I desire in this public manner to thank our Department Commander for his expression of confidence in my honesty and ability to perform the duties of this very important office. It was the request and desire of our Commander Pealer at the commencement of this Department year that the expenses should in some way be reduced so the receipts at least should meet every demand, and by his suggestions and careful attention we have been able to meet promptly and settle all demands. I have been assisted very materially during the past year by our very capable and every ready Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond. I have appreciated his help and he has my sincere thanks.

At our Encampment June 15, 1898, two years ago our Assistant Quartermaster General reported as cash on hand, general fund \$98.60. The assets of the Department as general fund in June one year ago at Petoskey, was reported by our Assistant Quartermaster General to \$162.13 and an unpaid printing bill of \$70.00. Today I have the great pleasure of reporting to the officers and members of this Encampment that your Assistant Quartermaster General has on hand and ready to turn over to my successor the nice little sum in cash of \$740.88, and all bills are paid up to date.

A. A. UDELL,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was referred to the following committee, John G. Berry, Post 263; J. H. Fee, Post 45; C. P. Brown, Post 279.

Comrade Babcock, Post 17—I desire to at this time ask that there be a committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions upon the death of Past Department Commander A. L. Patrick.

Department Commander—As has been noticed in the reports already submitted it was my intention to appoint such a committee, which I now name as follows: S. S. Babcock, Post 17; O. B. Curtis, Post 17; S. J. Lawrence, Post 270.

The Encampment took a recess until 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Encampment was called to order at 1:30 o'clock, the Department Commander in the chair.

The Medical Director presented and read his annual report, which was as follows:

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,
GRAYLING, MICH., May 1, 1900. }

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the 12 months ending December 31, 1899.

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants	227
No. of deaths during term.....	172
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service	17
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service	107
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	48
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	100
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$966 00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines. 52	
The reasonable money value of such service.....	335 00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....	356 00
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies	1,677 00

The following are names and locations of the State or National Soldiers and Sailors' Homes for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors in this Department, including those for the orphan children of deceased soldiers and sailors, Michigan Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, Mich.

No. of inmates in the Home, 901.

The above home is supported by State appropriation.

No. of ex-soldiers or sailors, in Almshouses 3.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
O. PALMER,
Medical Director.

The report of the Medical Directors report was referred to the following Committee, N. Richardson, Post 157; H. Miller, Post 39; J. S. Skeels, Post 149.

Department Commander—I have received the following communication from the Department Chaplain.

Detroit, Mich., June 6, 1900.

Judge R. R. Pealer, Commander State Department G. A.
R., Grand Rapids, Mich.:

Dear Comrade—It will be impossible for me to be present at Grand Rapids at our ensuing annual. I regret this very much, but I am detained here by business tomorrow that I can not well put off. I will send report to the Adjutant. I am not a candidate for re-election. I thank the Comrades most sincerely for their fraternal kindness to me as Department Chaplain for the past two years.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
Department Chaplain.

Department Commander—The Assistant Adjutant General will read the Chaplain's report.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Detroit, Mich., May 30, 1900.

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand
Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan:

Comrades—I have the honor to submit my Second Annual report as Department Chaplain. I have received reports from 303 Posts from which I gather the following statistics:

No. of Posts attending divine services.....	290
No. of sermons preached to Posts.....	281
No. of sermons preached by Veterans.....	39
No. of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	26
No. of Comrades present at such services.....	10,824
No. of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	297
No. of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services..	11,746
No. of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	1,095
No. of graves decorated	16,656
No. of graves unmarked by headstones.....	1,694
No. of public schools engaging in Memorial Day services..	661
No. of pupils participating	55,455
No. of other organizations participating.....	433
No. of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day....	269
No. of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	82

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No. of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	27
No. of Posts having burial plots	170
My report as compared with last year shows a decrease:	
Of memorial services	51
No. of sermons preached.....	58
No. of Comrades present	1,200
No. of Posts observing Memorial service.....	65
No. of Comrades taking part in such services.....	2,658
Decrease in number of graves decorated, 1898-1899.....	1,400
Of graves unmarked	636
It is very gratifying to know that there has been a marked decrease in graves unmarked from the preceding year.	
Of the number of public schools, a decrease of:	
Public schools	132
Other organizations	96
Of addresses	41
While there has been an increase in number of sermons preached by Veterans	
No. of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	12
While there was a decrease of public schools taking part in Memorial Day services, there is an increase in number of pupils in attendance of.....	
Also an increase of addresses:	4,715
By Veterans	26
By Sons of Veterans	12
Increase of 5 burial plots.	

It would have been great help to the Chaplain if he could have had a report from each Post, the names of Comrades who have departed this life during the year. I have received reports from two Posts, A. S. Williams, Post No. 40, who report that Comrades Henry R. Warren, Jacob Miller and James R. Stoll had joined the great majority. Also report from Scott Post No. 48, who inform me that Harvey M. Parker and Luther C. Lathrop have passed to the great beyond. These reports are made in order that these departed Comrades may be placed upon the Roll of Honor.

In this day of rapid communication when whatever of public interest transpires in any part of the country, is almost instantly transmitted to every part thereof and made public throughout the land. Many of you have become possessed of the intelligence borne upon the wings of lightning, of the sharp remainder that has come to us of the brevity of human life. Since last we met many of our beloved Comrades have passed to the silent land. While the last year has brought to us many blessings, for which our grateful acknowledgments are due and heartily rendered to God the most merciful, it has

also brought to us as a body and to many of us as individual members a great and unspeakable sorrow. Death has entered our portals so often and removed from our ranks so many that in these later years we have rarely assembled in annual gatherings without finding the vacant chairs. From the very nature of our organization as the days go by and the years roll on, our members are being rapidly depleted.

"Among the dead, our Brothers sleep, their lives are rounded true and well, so let them sleep that dreamless sleep, be comforted they lived with God, they are not dead."

Their memories we will cherish. They can not be forgotten for their lives are a part of our history, their memory must not perish from the earth; but while life lasts ever guide us onward in our pathway of duty. Their duties are o'er and the Master has called them to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

"And ever near us though unseen
The dear immortal spirit tread,
For all the boundless universe
Is life, there are no dead."

"We know not where his islands lift
Their fronded palms in air,
We only know we can not drift
Beyond his love and care."

As much as we weep over vacant chairs, and mourn the absence of those we loved in life, we could hardly be selfish enough to wish them back amidst the storms and heartaches of common human experience. While the G. A. R. is made poorer by the silence which the vacant chairs create, and we miss the melody of their voices which are now still in death, our Comrades who have dropped by the wayside, are today free from care and sorrows. With them the battle is ended and they are home at last.

Our love goes out towards the dead, but never will these unconscious sleepers be forgotten, and it will not be long before in what seems to be the dim uncertain future, there will be a reunion yonder, in which brother will sit down with brother where the flowers never fade, the sun never goes down and parting will be no more.

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"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,
And time shall be no more:
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair,
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the
other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder,
We'll be there.

"Let us labor for the master from the dawn 'till setting sun,
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care;
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up Yonder—We'll be there."

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,
D. BURNHAM TRACY,
Department Chaplain.

The report of the Chaplain was accepted and adopted without reference.

The Judge Advocate presented and read his report, which was as follows:

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Plainwell, Mich., June 4, 1900.

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to present herewith the report of this office for the year just closing.

It will be seen that the year, as is usual in this Department has been one of peace and quiet, but four cases having been referred to this office. The questions asked all seek some interpretation of the rules and regulations, and do not indicate otherwise than a friendly feeling among the Comrades and the Posts.

Questions and opinions are as follows:

No. I.

STATEMENT.

A W. R. C. Auxiliary has differences with the Post with which it is associated, and surrenders its charter to the Post.

Questions asked: First, How shall the Post proceed. Second, What becomes of Corps property other than that belonging to Department.

REPLY.

In my opinion the surrender of the Charter of an Auxiliary W. R. C. Post is not within the province of the G. A. R. or of any Post thereof to act upon. The Charter, in my judgment can be only surrendered to, or be annulled by the authority that conferred it. It is a matter belonging exclusively to the Woman's Relief Corps.

The answer to the question concerning the disposition of property other than that belonging to Corps Headquarters depends upon whether the local Corps is incorporated. If so, the state law must be followed. If not the members of the Corps, at a meeting in which all members should be present may decide upon its disposition. If no agreement can be reached only the civil courts can adjudicate. I cannot close without expressing the earnest hope that all differences may be adjusted between Corps and Post, and that both heartily join in the practice and teaching of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

II.

STATEMENT.

A member of a Post is suspended (just how does not appear), and the question is asked what are his rights and what is the standing of one who permits suspension because of indifference.

OPINION.

If a member of a Post has been suspended by the Post in accordance with the law of the G. A. R. it is my opinion he is not entitled to privileges of membership during suspension. The reasons are given below in the quotations from the law.

I am not sure of the facts in this case from the statement made. I quote, "said member allows himself to be suspended because of indifference, etc."

If no action of the Post was taken, then in my judgment there is no suspension and the Comrade is in good standing. Article IV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations.

Blue Book pages 97 and 183 give the law regarding suspension. There are three requisites:

First, Six months in arrears for dues;

Second, Written notice to that effect to the Comrade from the Quartermaster, and the expiration of two full months without payment after service of notice;

Third, The vote of the Post. These must all occur or a member is not suspended. Unless this law was complied with in all particulars by the Post itself the second question must be answered that the Comrade is entitled to full membership. Only by full compliance by the Post of all the terms of this measure does a member become debarred from all privileges of membership.

While the above may answer the questions asked, I desire to call attention to the language of said Article IV, viz. "he may be suspended from all privileges of membership by vote of the Post."

Should not each Post in suspending a member or members, enter of record the proof that the requisites of the law have been complied with? Is a record of suspension that fails to show these essentials to have been complied with a valid one? It is doubtful if it is. At all events a safer course for a Post to adopt, is, that its records show that the Post has complied with the law, as well as showing the Comrade to be in fault. Attention is called to the very guarded language in Opinion 16, Blue Book, page 216, edition 1899. It would seem that it may be well for each Post to have a by-law upon this subject.

III.

STATEMENT.

A Comrade applies for a card, pays a year's dues, and applies (time not stated) for admission to the same Post. Five questions are asked all of which may be condensed into one. What is the status of the Comrade.

Question? Can the Commander of a Post in session detail officers for committee work and they leave the room with Post in session?

OPINION.

The law is clear and may be found in Article IV, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations, Blue Book, page 101—edition 1900. If the member paid his dues for a year in

advance, received his card and presents the same within a year to the same Post he may upon receiving a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular meeting be admitted without application. If the year goes by, the card operates as an Honorable discharge, and the one holding it must apply for admission as a recruit.

To Second Question: I think this may be done, the vacancies being filled by Commander while the officers are absent.

IV.

STATEMENT QUOTED FROM THE LETTER.

"The Post at this place has a deserter on the rolls as a charter member. Now I wish to ask your opinion of the legality of the Post's Charter?" This is the sole question asked.

OPINION.

Charters to Posts are issued under the provisions of Sections 1 and 2, Article I, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, Blue Book, page 192. Edition 1900. The requirements are as follows:

First, An application signed by at least ten persons eligible to membership in the G. A. R.

Second, An examination by the Department Commander of the qualifications of the applicants to that extent that he becomes satisfied of their eligibility, and third that it is for the interest of the G. A. R. that such Post be formed. I find nothing in the letter tending to show non-compliance with these provisions. There is no statement as to how many signed the application for the charter. If ten eligible persons were the applicants, the signatures of one or more unqualified persons would not vitiate it. Until in some proper tribunal, a proceeding be had directly attacking the validity of the Charter, it is my opinion that the issuing thereof must be presumed to be regular.

Under the showing made, I see no reason to question the authenticity of the Charter of the Post in question.

As the inquirer does not request an opinion upon the status of the person whose record he claims to give, none is volunteered. In closing I desire to call the attention

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of the Comrades, to the necessity of embodying in their statements, all the facts necessary for the basis of an opinion. In the coming years, let us hope that whomsoever may have the honor of being the Judge Advocate of this Department, may find the same spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty existing among the Comrades as has its present incumbent during his term of office.

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

O. TOMLINSON,

Judge Advocate.

The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades D. Walkinshaw, Post 166; J. F. Fillmore, Post 173; E. S. Pettit, Post 98.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,
LANSING, June 6, 1900. }

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Total number of Posts	382
Total number of members in good standing.....	12,393
Number of Posts inspected.....	278
Number of Posts not inspected.....	104
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings..	Good
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified	250
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	46
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed:.	25
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	275
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	275
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	58
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$1,821 76
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	1,342 26
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters..	10,869 10
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	60,729 49
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached.	191
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	34

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

N. M. RICHARDSON,

Department Inspector.

The report of the Department Inspector was referred to the following Committee, W. H. Walbridge, Post 395; Melvin Stilson, Post 1; A. B. Weston, Post 381.

The Department Commander—I will at this time announce the following Committees and they will proceed to their various duties as soon as practicable:

Committee to visit the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, in session in this city. Comrades, E. M. Allen, Post 132; S. J. Lawrence, Post 270; Jerome W. Turner, Post 205.

Committee to visit the Convention of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in session in this city. Comrades O. Palmer, Post 240; M. D. Richardson, Post 365; Jerome Allen, Post 180.

Committee on Resolutions, Alfred Milnes, Post 109; Orrin Bump, Post 419; Fay Wyckoff, Post 38.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee to visit the Soldier's Home, Comrade Brown, Post 294, Chairman.

Comrade Brown read his report which was as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO VISIT THE SOLDIERS' HOME.

Big Rapids, Mich., June 5, 1900.

Commander and Comrades—Your Committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home beg leave to make the following report:

On the 25th day of May last at ten o'clock a. m. your entire Committee met at the Morton House in the City of Grand Rapids, and after consultation as to investigations to be made and facts to be observed at the Home, went there entirely unannounced. In the office we met Commandant Judd, the Adjutant, and the other officers. We afterwards met and had consultation with the Surgeon of the Home.

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We first visited the hospital, and after inspecting every department in it very carefully, and examining the food used, and conversing with those who were compelled to be there on account of disease we came to the conclusion that the hospital was in very good condition, indeed. It was clean, orderly, well taken care of, and the unfortunate persons who were compelled to be there seemed to be enjoying the remnant of their lives better than could have been expected.

We next examined every portion of the main building. We went upon all the floors, into all the rooms, carefully inspected the cots and the bedding, the way the rooms were kept and the manner in which they were used,—in fact, everything we could think of that would throw light upon the subject. Talked with the members of the Home, went into the dining-room when it was full of soldiers, examined and tasted of the food, inspected the kitchen, the range, the quartermaster's department, the books, the steward's department,—by the way, we consider the steward very competent indeed to perform his several duties, in all likelihood the best man for the place who could be obtained; in short, we made a careful and exhaustive inspection of every part and portion of the main building, and found nothing there in any way which deserves criticism. In fact, it seemed to be in perfect order and the members of the Home as contented and happy as could be expected, well taken care of in every way. We next went to the family annex and inspected that very carefully, because we had heard some criticisms about it. Your Committee, however, is prepared to say that the old and feeble ladies who are being entertained at this annex are as well taken care of as they could be under the circumstances. There is, however, one thing wanting about the annex. There should be a ground floor kitchen and dining-room built so that these old, infirm and nearly helpless ladies would not be compelled in cold, stormy and inclement weather, to go any distance out of doors to get their meals, as they do now. They take their meals in the main dining-room. Your Committee is also of the opinion that there should be a hospital and laundry for the exclusive use of this annex.

Some important improvements have been and are being made at the Home. The dining-room has been enlarged, a

new kitchen built in which the food is cooked, cold storage is being put in, new heating apparatus is being constructed, and many other improvements of less magnitude are now being made.

The water used for drinking and culinary purposes at the Home is simply excellent. It is in fact worthy to be remembered that no case of typhoid fever has ever commenced there. There was one case, but the person who had it came there with the fever upon him. This fact speaks volumes for the healthfulness of the water.

The food served at the Home is excellently cooked by competent persons. In fact, your Committee was of the opinion when they inspected it that the cooking was done as well as it is done at the best class of hotels throughout this and other States. The baking is done in an excellent manner, and the bread and pastry served will compare favorably with any served anywhere.

Your Committee visited the laundry and found it in good condition and doing excellent work.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the people of Michigan should be proud of their Soldiers' Home. The only trouble with it at all is that it is too small.

But the time may come when it will seem to be too large. At present, however, the Home is full to overflowing, especially the main building and the hospital. The day your Committee visited it, there was present a total of 688 members; present and absent a total of 860 members; sick in the hospital, 108 members; in the Family Annex there were 29 members and 12 in the hospital, and 29 absent with leave, making a total of 70 members in this Annex.

If the kitchen, dining-room, hospital and laundry above mentioned were constructed to this Annex, it would really be a very pleasant place indeed. It is quite pleasant as it is, but the fact that these old, decrepit, and in many cases feeble women are compelled to go some distance for their meals, and be treated in the men's hospital and have their laundry work done in the men's laundry, makes it more uncomfortable than it should be. Your Committee sincerely trust that by the patriotism and loyalty of our next legislature these evils will be remedied, and a hospital, kitchen, dining-room, and laundry built for the exclusive use of this Annex.

As is well known, John A. Logan Post No. I, is located

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 at the Home. Your Committee submits that this Post should be accorded all the rights and privileges to which it is entitled under the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And your Committee further submits that no profane, obscene or insulting language, or language unbecoming an officer or gentleman, should be used by or to any officer or member of the Home.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

M. BROWN,

D. B. K. VANRAALTE,

Z. ALDRICH,

Committee.

Comrade Brown—Commander, I move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded and the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The local Committee of entertainment, gave notice that street cars would be in waiting at 3:30 p. m. to take the members of the Encampment and the ladies of the W. R. C. and the G. A. R. to the Soldiers' Home for a visit and inspection of that institution, and invited the Encampment to so arrange their business as to take the trip. The invitation was accepted.

The Department Commander—I am informed that the Commander-in-Chief with Members of his staff is at the outpost. The officer of the day will admit the visitors. The Encampment was called up and the Commander-in-Chief given the honors due his station.

The Department Commander then introduced the Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Albert D. Shaw, in a few well chosen remarks, and the Chief responded in a manner that held his Comrades spell bound with intense interest save when their feelings could best be expressed with enthusiastic applause. The following are the words of the Commander-in-Chief in full:

ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Comrades—I am glad to be with you today because the comrades of this department had such confidence in one as led their representatives in two national Encampments to support me for Commander-in-Chief; and so I have a warm place in my heart for the comrades of Michigan. And more; the Volunteers from this great State were always one the front fighting lines, as brave soldiers as ever faced a foe in the history of war. And since the close of the war they have been as foremost in all the arts of peace as they were dauntless and heroic in the battles' van! Some of you will remember that I promised when unanimously elected as your Commander-in-Chief at Philadelphia that I would try and make the year a "busy one." I trust I have justified that promise, by the activity of my administration thus far in the circle of my year of service. It will be interesting to you to hear something of the work done by your administration during the past nine months, I am sure.

The burning question at the 33d national Encampment at Philadelphia was that of pensions. The exhausted report there presented by the able pension committee received unanimous final approval, and the Commander-in-Chief and Pension Committee were virtually instructed to follow up the recommendations of the report in question, and endeavor to secure needed amendments to the pension rules or laws, or both. Under this command from the delegated representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, early action was taken. Your Commander-in-Chief foreseeing the difficulties confronting the work in view, felt that the re-appointment of the last pension committee was wise, under the splendid service they had unselfishly rendered the comrades of the nation.

TO ADVANCE THE WORK.

This was done, and three additional members were added, included among which was the gallant Comrade Sickles, whose services on this committee have been as

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brilliant as was his heroic saving of Gettysburg to the union army. Under the most considerate plan of campaign, the pension committee began their work. As a prelude to the great battle, your Commander-in-Chief made a speech in New York on the pension question, and as forcibly as he could, laid bare the injustice being done by the unholy criticisms, filling a portion of the press under the cries of "Frauds" "Pension Runners," and "Pension Sharks!" You are fully aware of the way in which these charges were met and the spirit backing, there were vigorously denounced. This appeal for simple justice was widely circulated, and called forth much discussion. The pension committee frequently visited Washington and in due time presented amendments to the act of July 27, 1890, believed to fairly embody the recommendations of the 33d National Encampment. After the amendments had been laid before the congress, your Commander-in-Chief took occasion to again speak on the pension question at the banquet tendered him by the Department of the Potomac, at the Ebbitt House, Washington. This was delivered in the presence of many members of congress, senators and high government officials. The plea then made for justice, for a generous adjudication of pension claims, and full and fair treatment of all applicants under existing laws, in the spirit in which these laws were passed, also had a wide bearing. The National Tribune gave its readers both speeches in full, and thus the official views of the Grand Army were fully set before the nation.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN.

As a result of the campaign we gave the administration their proposed amendments were enacted into law by the unanimous vote of both houses of the Congress. Never before in the history of our country has a measure calling for millions of dollars been passed unanimously, outside of war pressure. The speaker of the house, the acting Vice President and President McKinley signed our bill within 24 hours after its final passage. This can be justly regarded as a tribute to the Union Veterans of the nation of unprecedented honor. Senators and Representatives acted the part of true patriots, and for once the voice of party gave way to the voice of appreciative duty and

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gratitude, as Americans—proud to act the part of statesmen, in the light of noble services rendered the nation.

Under the amended act of July 27, 1900, all widows of Veterans whose net income does not exceed \$250, will receive a pension. This provision will bring joy to a large number of needy wives of Veterans who were barred from securing a pension because they had incomes exceeding \$96. The quick benefit of this good provision is apparent to all. Then a manner of ratings has been established of great benefit to applicants for pensions under the act of July 27, 1900. Each and every infirmity shall be hereafter separately rated, and the aggregate of such disability shall form the basis of a pension, not to exceed \$12 per month.

CAUSE FOR REJOICING.

When this new amendment is carried out in its spirit and letter, a great number of Veterans will have reason to rejoice over the victory gained for them by this administration. If the Comrades could know how resolutely and faithfully the battle was fought in their righteous behalf, there would be a feeling of appreciation rising to the high water mark of gratitude among all Veterans. Knowing as I do the special services rendered by Comrade Brown, the chairman of the pension committee, General Sickles and Special Aide-de-Camp George H. Patrick, of Washington, I desire to say that braver, wiser, more faithful or more indomitable workers for a good cause could not be found in all our borders. These men of affairs, busy men, have given freely of their time and great abilities, in the defense and for the benefit of Comrades with a devotion as unselfish as their services have been commanding and successful. The pension committee as a whole has been a unit in its noble work. As your Commander-in-Chief, I am frank to say that I am proud of the work accomplished and while I would have been prouder still had it been possible to do more, I believe every reasonable Comrade will agree with me that what has been accomplished under the circumstances, has been most beneficial. When your administration came into office the air was filled with sharp and bitter criticisms of pensioners, pension applicants and pension sharks! After nine months of aggressive campaign work

in behalf of Veterans, in all righteous ways, the clamor against us has almost entirely ceased, and the Congress passed our pension amendments unanimously!

UNITED WE WIN.

In this connection I wish to call your attention to the important fact that the old adage is just and true all together—that in union there is strength, and victory. One great trouble in pension legislation arises over the indiscriminate introduction of pension bills in the Congress. Bills are introduced during every session in great number, and without any concentration of action by the chosen officers of the Republic. It comes to pass, therefore, that great confusion follows, owing to opposing measures, the lack of well directed organization in supporting really good pension bills.

Your administration most carefully and judiciously ascertained what pension legislation was possible, and then set resolutely to work to secure it. The result of their plan of campaign was to win their law and leave the grateful and patriotic feeling in the Congress at the highest point of concord since the close of the great war. I am aware that some Comrades are dissatisfied with the work done, as I have detailed it, and are brave beyond prudence, as it seems to me, in their uncomradely criticisms. It is so easy and in many instances so natural for some Comrades to find fault with and indiscriminately denounce Comrades far wiser and better equipped than themselves, that one needs the spirit of one who said, "forgive them, for they know not what they do" to meet these screeds from valuable Comrades, unhappy with everybody and everything, excepting their own amazing self satisfaction and assumed infallibility! And this latter point leads me naturally to speak of our Comradeship.

Ours is a fraternal and patriotic order, based upon service in the great war from 1861 to 1865. It is not to teach probism, for each has graduated in the great battle university of the war period. They are living object lessons of the greatest internecine struggle of all past ages, and their Comradeship should be the closest and sweetest article of the church and the home. There should be no grades in the circle of our membership. This bronze button is alike for all, and should feel that a common

service and common sacrifices call for common needs of praise, as the sunset falls upon us all, as we near the closing scenes of earth. Our watchwords are Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and yet I fear we often see and hear things within our order far from exemplifying these noble sentiments.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED.

Your Commander-in-Chief, in almost the first appeal made to Comrades, urged the fullest Comradeship, in view of the services rendered by many members of our order who had fallen into disfavor, through arrearages, and suspensions, for one cause or another. I am sure many of you remember my earnestness, as embodied in my first general circular. And I am gratified to know that my appeal was received with wide approval; and that great good resulted from the loyal and energetic way Department Commanders and Comrades in general carried out the suggestions of their Commander-in-Chief. If we as Comrades strive to "bear each other's burdens" we can be a great help to many brave soldiers who have fallen through moral wounds since they stood in serried ranks, in brutal battle lines, for their country's cause. These moral wounds are the saddest of all wounds, by far, for he who loses control of his manhood, is indeed sorely burdened. A kind word to a Comrade in trouble. Christian charity extended to one in distress of mind or body or estate, a hearty grasp of the hand when the shades of sin threaten, these Comradely acts often come as the candle of the Lord to unfortunate members, sorely needing our succor.

In the memory of perils no pen or tongue can describe, let us line up closer and closer together, as we all grow old—and be as invincible in our Comradship as we were true in our common war service.

TOUR THROUGH THE SOUTH.

Commencing on March 1st, at Norfolk, Va., I made a tour through the south, embracing 13 states and one territory. From the beginning to the close the hospitality and Comradeship extended to your Commander-in-Chief, was generous and specially gratifying, without a single un-

pleasant incident. At several points ex-confederates joined in the receptions and banquets tendered me, and one unbroken succession of loyal and patriotic greetings followed. I found that the Spanish-American war spirit had united the wearers of the blue and the gray, in the south especially, in a fraternal feeling as sincere as it was genuine and loyal. Many touching incidents occurred to prove the sincerity of past foes in their present fidelity to the stars and stripes, and our New Distinction of Full Freedom. I assured them that the great majority of the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic were happy in the thought that their brave foes of the '60's were now generally accepting the settlement of the arbitrament of the sword, in the true spirit of heroic defenders of what they believed to be right; and this feeling was drawing south and north into a common bond of loyal American citizenship. There is some heat remaining, I am sorry to know, both in the north and in the south, after this great conflagration, but it has mainly died out under a cooler reasoning and a better understanding between the people of former bitter rival sections of our great country.

The stars and stripes now float in glory and in joy over the schoolhouses in a number of southern states, and it is far better known now in all the states of the south than it was before the great war.

SENTIMENTS OF CONFEDERATES.

I trust the words spoken by your Commander-in-Chief were prudent and worthy of the honors shown him by the ex-confederates for their sentiments were on a line with the most loyal and devoted patriotism of any portion of our land, so far as present love of our flag and union are concerned. And this is a consummation of commanding glory to us all as Americans—36 years after the great conflict between ourselves ended.

Peace, Sweet Peace—What a monument to the glorious unity of the present—at once worthy your Christian age and our Christian citizenship. We have lived to see the stars and bars furled at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox, and this rival flag of our former foes should have no place in public view henceforth. It went down in the court of war, and good faith and good citizenship demand that it no more should be brought forth, as a reminder of

the attempt to destroy our union and make slavery the "chief corner stone of a new nation." It should be laid away out of sight forever and not be displayed before the youth of the nation anywhere. This was the bond in honor made when Grant said to Lee at his surrender, "How many rations do your hungry soldiers need?" And it is in keeping with the arbitrament of the sword, in the interest of a united and happy nation now without sections and free from the conflicting sentiments which caused the loss of a million lives, and untold sufferings during the great war. Keep aloft our stars and stripes and leave to history the record of the stars and bars. This is the clear lesson of our victory and present full reconciliation.

COMMON TOY BOOKS.

A common system of school books in use in the nation from 1776 would have made our bloody struggle impossible. A divided national sentiment led to the irrepressible conflict over the question of slavery, State's Right and the Right of Secession. We can now more justly weigh the irritating influences that led up to the war. In view of our later judgment, it will be wise to avoid any future chance of discord by a system of just and worthy national school books common to the whole country. With the stars and stripes floating over every school house in the nation and common text books in use in these schools, the common and safe sentiments of a united and loyal citizenship will be the happy fruits. War is the sum total of all brutalities, and the golden teachings of peace and righteousness should inspire Americans to cultivate all the elements of Christian citizenship to the end that our free institutions may be safeguarded in the cultivation and exaltation of the arts of peace, equal to the present and safe for the future.

To secure this, there will be need of as true patriotism as was needed in the storm of war which for four years beat upon us with such appalling violence.

True statesmanship stands for wise forecasting of the future so as to secure the greatest good for the greatest number in the culture of peace.

Our national prospects for new advance in the light of larger influences among the world powers are bright, and

new responsibilities will come to us with our developing circle of important new duties. The teaching of prudent and wise sentiments of loyalty to our government, in all that exalts and ennobles the nation, is one of the safeguards we have never more needed than at the present time. We must not forget that righteousness exalteth a nation, and strive for that walk before God, as a great Christian people, that will be pleasing in His sight. If we do this our future will be worthy of our wonderful birthright.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

I must not omit due praise for our faithful auxiliaries, the Woman's Relief Corps, for it is doing a great work for the Grand Army. Wherever a corps is found there a live Post can be looked for, and there will be no mistake made in finding it. From revolutionary times American womanhood has stood for the noblest sentiments of love of home and love of country, surcharged with the loftiest patriotism. What heroic sufferings American women endured in the early struggle for freedom in the era of Washington, and these were immensely enlarged and intensified in the epoch of Lincoln. The bullet or commotion shot struck down hearts in the far away home, when the husband or father or lover fell in the front, in a multitude of cases. And in the present the patriotic women of the Relief Corps, as well as in the Ladies of the Grand Army, and the Daughters of Veterans, and of the Revolution, are doing a noble work in ministering to the needy and ageing heroes, and building up the citadels of liberty in the hearts of the children of our land. God bless all these worthy American women—the truest in the culture of the qualities of noble womanhood in all the world! The country will forever be free and great with such mothers and daughters for its inspiration and true glory.

WHAT SERVICE STOOD FOR.

The veterans of the great war wrote their names in a grand way upon the pages of American history of their time, and these will glow in the living light of heroic deeds as long as valor is honored and liberty revered. The ageing Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic

are the organized units of the surviving forces that won the nation full liberty and an unchallenged union. Every veteran of the army and navy of the republic should belong to our noble order. It is a crown of honor unparalleled among men. The little bronze button is a jewel of freedom without a rival. Those who have a right to wear it rank among the heroes of history. Everyone who displays it upon the left lapel of his coat places an emblem of the loftiest heroism above a heart that dared all for the safety of the nation and the freedom of those who were in bondage. In the light of services rendered on the lines of battle, red with the most precious blood of all the ages, how noble should be the record of our lives in peace? A union veteran of the great war should be an object lesson the highest type of safe and wise manhood. He has been a hero in war and he should be a patriot in peace. As he passes along the street his presence should lead the children to say: "There goes a veteran of the great war, one of the saviors of the nation." Scenes like this, so precious as object lessons of patriotism in Grand Rapids, can only come to you once or twice before the curtain of death will shut out the last veteran from human sight forever. But the sentiment of liberty in American hearts is now universal. We no longer have two flags dividing the affection and fealty of the United States of America. The flag of Washington, and of Lincoln, and of McKinley is still the stars and stripes, the one beloved emblem of our whole people. Thank God for it all—"a union of heart and a union of hands and the flag of our union forever." The new century opens with high promise for our noble land, if all our people are equal to the present and the future. Individual liberty under laws passed for the general good is our birthright. Under it we can rise higher, in all that is an honor and an ornament in human lives. Let us as comrades so live as to have it worthily said when we are all gone that we acted well our little part in the battle's din and in the better work of peace, and so, under God, left safe inspirations for the generation yet to come. In the loving and pathetic words of the immortal Abraham Lincoln, I say to you, "God bless you all."

With rousing cheers the Encampment bade the Commander-in-Chief good bye, and upon motion a recess was taken until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Nearly all of the members availed themselves of the opportunity offered by the citizens' committee and took street cars for a trip to the Soldiers' Home.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9:30 a. m., the Department Commander in the chair, and was opened with prayer by Comrade J. E. Springer of Post 24.

The committee to prepare resolutions commemorative of the death of Past-Department-Commander Alexander L. Patrick made report as follows:

The muffled drum is heard more and yet more frequently as the years go by. Our Comrades are being mustered out by termination of life in constantly increasing numbers. The remains of those with whom we have marched and bivouacked for many years, and whom we have learned to love with an intensity wholly unknown to those who are not members of the Grand Army of the Republic, are, one by one, being borne by those of us who are left to their final resting place in the "City of the Dead." These frequent deaths remind us the more that:

The purpling light of the eastern skies
Which gave to our youth such delightful surprise,
Is hid from our view by the hill-tops of years,
And we watch for the night while it gently nears,
As we march down the plains that slope to the west,
Knowing well when it comes we shall quietly rest.

When the burdens we bear and the dust of the way
Make us long for a halt ere the close of the day,
We remember the friends we are hoping to meet
In fields ever green by cool waters sweet,
O'er the river of life have their bivouac made
Where the trees of God's Eden forever make shade.

It seems appropriate that one who has been specially honored by us should receive more than a passing notice when he dies.

Past Department Commander Alexander L. Patrick was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, September 7, 1836, and came to this country in 1857. He settled in Detroit in 1859, and there made his home.

Early in 1861 he enlisted in Company B of the 4th Michigan Volunteer Infantry. Soon after the arrival of his

Regiment at the front, he was detailed as Orderly-Bugler for the Headquarters Staff, and served in that capacity until he was mustered out in 1864.

He was present at the battles of New Bridge, Hanover Court House, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mill, Savage Station, Turkey Bend, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill and Fredericksburg. In the last named battle his horse was killed under him, and he was wounded by a fragment of a bursting shell. The best praise which can be given any soldier is that he discharged every duty assigned him with promptness, intelligence and fidelity, all of which can be truthfully said of Comrade Patrick.

After his discharge from the army, he became a successful man of affairs; he proved himself a good citizen, and built for himself a happy home in a city noted for its many beautiful and happy homes. This home was made delightful by a wife and five children, whom he loved and cherished most tenderly, and all of whom survive to mourn their loss.

He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in the spring of 1887, and was an earnest and faithful member of Fairbank's Post No. 17, till the time of his death. In 1891 he was elected Post Commander, and in 1899 he was elected Commander of this Department. He brought, both to the administration of his Post as its Commander, and to the Department of Michigan of the Grand Army of the Republic as its Commander, the same energy and integrity which characterized him in his business life.

The most of us know something of what he did for the Department. He found it with a revenue less than its expenditures; he left it with expenditures less than its revenue; he eliminated expenses not pertinent to the legitimate business of the Department, and left its affairs, at the expiration of his term of office, in such a shape as to enable it to live many years without any additional expense being imposed upon its members, if the same prudent management is continued.

Comrade Patrick was positive in his convictions, earnest in the discharge of his duties, and had a charity sufficiently broad to enable him to ascribe no wrong motive to an undesirable action unless such motive appeared upon the surface. He was unable to retain any animosity, and while he fought earnestly for what he believed right, he quickly forgot whatever occurred in the heat of argu-

ment, and loved the man who opposed him quite as sincerely as he did the man who was with him. Of him it can truly be said that "His work shall live after him."

He died at his home in Detroit on the 26th day of March, 1900. His funeral was attended by a large number of his own and other Posts of Detroit; also, by Past Commander-in-Chief, Russell A. Alger, by several of the Past Department Commanders of Michigan, by Department Commander Peeler, and by several of the Department Officers.

To those of us who knew him best, and for that reason loved him most, it is difficult to refrain from saying more in his praise than this occasion will warrant.

Your Committee recommend that this report be spread upon the records of the Department; that a copy of it be sent to his widow and family, and that a Memorial page be devoted to his memory in the next annual report of this Department.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
S. S. BABCOCK,
O. B. CURTIS,
S. J. LAWRENCE,
Committee.

Upon motion of Comrade Babcock the report of the committee was adopted.

The Committee upon the report of the Junior Vice Department presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of Junior Vice Commander, S. H. Mallery, endorse the same, and he is entitled to the thanks of this body for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,
FRED J. BUCK,
JOHN W. BEGG,
Committee.

The Committee on the report of the Department Inspector made the following report, which was adopted unanimously:

Your Committee on the Department Inspector's report have carefully examined the same and recommend its adoption.

N. H. WALBRIDGE,
MELVIN STILSON,
A. B. WESTON,

The Committee upon the report of Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, A. A. Udell, having examined said report find it correct in detail and commend the care and labor of said official in caring for the finances of the Department during the year and move the adoption of the report.

JOHN G. BERRY,
J. H. FEE,
Committee.

Comrade Springer presented the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

ON THE PERPETUITY OF MEMORIAL DAY.

At present the responsibility of the proper observance of Memorial Day and of the decoration of soldiers' graves rests with the Grand Army of the Republic and its members.

Inevitably the time is coming when the membership will be unable to attend to this sacred duty, and when the G. A. R. as an organization will be dissolved and cease to be.

We are approaching a time when the veterans should be relieved of the responsibility of management, and be the honored guests of Memorial Day occasions.

It is important that the hallowed custom shall not perish, but be observed perpetually.

Some system should be inaugurated by which the customary Memorial Day service and decorations shall be perpetually observed after we shall have passed away.

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To this end it is important that our citizens and young people become officially connected with, and responsible for, the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Therefore, Resolved: 1. That we recommend the appointment of the local civil and educational officary on the Committee of Arrangements, with the Committee of the G. A. R. and W. R. C.

2. That we favor the amendment of the present state law which makes Memorial Day a legal holiday, by the addition of a section designating certain civic and educational officials as the Committee of Arrangements representing the state; such committee to report to the Adj. General of the State.

3. That this matter be referred to the Department officers and Council of Administration, to formulate a suitable plan, and report to the next Department Encampment.

4. That our National Delegates and Representatives be instructed to present this matter to the next National Encampment for favorable action.

ISAAC E. SPRINGER, Post No. 24.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Assistant Quartermaster General is hereby directed to invest the Alger Fund in some interest bearing municipal, state or government bonds, to be approved by the Department Commander, which shall remain in the custody of said Assistant Quartermaster General; and further, that all interest accumulations upon said bonds shall remain a part of the Alger Fund, the same to be invested in like bonds when in sufficient amount to do so.

Adopted.

Also the following:

Whereas, A band of music is an essential feature to sustain the dignity of the Department at a National Encampment; therefore,

Resolved, That the Department Commander is authorized to secure a band for such National Encampment upon such reasonable terms as he is able, but if he finds it necessary to pay for securing a band, he is hereby authorized

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to use the Department funds therefor, not to exceed two hundred dollars in amount.

O. B. CURTIS,
S. M. KENT,
FAY WYCKOFF,
Executive Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, presented through Comrade Jerome M. Turner of Post 205, the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, having carefully considered the various rulings and findings, most heartily endorse the same and commend the judicious manner in which Comrade Tomlinson performed his duty.

The Council of Administration to whom was referred (by the Encampment held at Petoskey) the report of the Committee on Examination of the Record Books at Department Headquarters, presented the following as their report, which was adopted:

Department Commander and Comrades—At the Department Encampment held at Port Huron, a committee was appointed to examine the "Record Books" in the office of the Asst. Adjt. General and to report as to the advisability of continuing the work.

That Committee reported to the Encampment at Petoskey, as follows and the report was referred to the incoming Council of Administration.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R., }
LANSING, MICH., June 6, 1899. }

Comrades—Your Committee appointed at Port Huron, one year ago, to examine the "Record Books" in the office of the Asst. Adjt. Gen., Dept. of Mich., and to report as to the advisability of continuing that work, would respectfully report:

We met at the office of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. in Lansing upon the above date, and carefully inspected the record of membership of the rolls of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department, as being compiled in the rec-

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ord books at Headquarters, and are fully convinced of the importance of this compilation of historic personal facts.

The scope and value of the work will at once be seen by this statement. There are three volumes of about 320 pages each, the pages being 18x23 inches, containing 17 columns, as follows: No. of Post, P. O., County, Rank, Regiment, Company, Good Standing, Received by Transfer, Took Transfer, Died, Hon. Discharge, Suspended, Dropped, Reinstated, Mustered, Remarks.

The date upon which this compilation is based is January 1, 1897. Of 383 Posts the Compilation is complete up to Post No. 63. Almost one-third of the work appears to be completed. We found that the cost of the work chargeable to the Records alone has been about \$200.00. It is not supposed that the completion of the work will involve much more expense, other than stationery and postage.

The time when this work should be done is while the men are still alive who have a personal interest in the preservation of these records.

We would therefore most respectfully report that we deem it of great historic importance that this work be prosecuted to completion at the earliest practicable moment.

Your Committee would also recommend a vote of thanks of this Department to Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen., for originating and prosecuting this historic compilation to its present degree of advancement.

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

LOUIS KANITZ,

H. S. WHITE,

F. SCHNEIDER,

Committee.

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met at the Department Headquarters office in the Capitol at Lansing, March 22, 1900, examined the record books and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the adoption of the report of the Committee appointed at Port Huron; and further recommend that the so called historical records

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of the Posts of the Department of Michigan, be continued, and that the labor of such continuance be made a part of the regular duties of the Asst. Adjt. Gen.

FAY WYCKOFF, Post 38,
For the Council.

Comrade Curtis of Post 17, offered the following resolution, by request of the Department Chaplain D. B. Tracy, and the same was adopted:

Resolved, That the incoming Quartermaster General is hereby directed to transfer ten dollars, given by Chaplain D. B. Tracy to the Department from the General fund to the Alger fund.

The Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade J. C. Bontecou of Post 170, offered the following resolution, abolishing the custom of electing as an act of courtesy, the Senior Vice Department Commander, from the city entertaining the Encampment. The resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The National Encampment in Philadelphia had forced upon them by the death of the Commander-in-Chief, and the action of the Department of Pennsylvania, a change of precedent and policy in the matter of giving to the Department entertaining the National Encampment, the right to name the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and

Whereas, The reasons for such change of policy apply with equal force to the Department; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that the Senior Vice Department Commander should be chosen from the Department at Large, for his executive and administrative abilities, with a view to his succession to the responsibilities of the office of Department Commander, and not as a matter of courtesy, and that this change should go into effect at the next Encampment of this Department.

Past Department Commander Brown of Post 294, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Encampment tender to Past Department Commander L. G. Rutherford, of Hart, Michi-

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gan, the sincere sympathy of the Comrades assembled, because of his severe illness, and express the hope that he may fully recover his health. That the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to telegraph a copy of this resolution to Comrade Rutherford.

The Department Commander—We have with us today as a member of this Encampment, a Comrade we much esteem and who has recently been chosen to the office of Commander of the Loyal Legion of the Commandery of Michigan. Comrade E. T. Carrington of Post 278. I take pleasure in introducing him to you.

Comrade Carrington acknowledged the compliment paid him and said that he would not further take up the busy hours of the Encampment than to tender his thanks.

The Committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R., in Convention assembled, reported as follows and their report was accepted and ordered on file.

Your Committee appointed to visit the Circle of the Ladies of the G. A. R. respectfully report that we have gladly performed that pleasant duty, that we were royally received, with great apparent pleasure, and assured that our greeting and recognition were appreciated, and that we might report to this Encampment that as long as they shall live their labor, their sympathy and love shall be given to the members of the G. A. R.

O. PALMER,
M. D. RICHARDSON,
JEROME ALLEN,
Committee.

The Committee appointed to convey the greetings of the Encampment to the Woman's Relief Corps in Convention assembled, made the following report through the Chairman of the Committee.

Commander and Comrades—As Chairman of the Committee to visit the convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, I have the honor to report, that in obedience to your instructions we visited the Convention this morning. We were royally received, adorned with their badges and escorted to the platform. We presented the congratula-

tions and words of good cheer and encouragement from this Encampment. We assured them that their work of unostentatious charity and kind offices to the distressed were fully appreciated by us and that we bid them God speed in their good work of kind words and deeds. They assured us that the cardinal principles of our Order, Friendship, Charity and Loyalty, were the foundation upon which they build and that a committee from the convention would soon return our visit.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. ALLEN.

S. J. LAWRENCE.

J. W. TURNER.

Comrade Babcock Post 17.—Department Commander, I move you that the hour of eleven o'clock be made the special hour for the proceeding to the election of officers of this Encampment for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and prevailed.

Comrade Milnes Post 109.—Department Commander, Your Committee on Resolutions desire to offer the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to the Comrades and Citizens of Grand Rapids, for the hearty reception and kind greeting we have received at their hands. When we go on our way to our several homes we shall carry with us a kind remembrance and happy recollection of our visit to Grand Rapids.

A. MILNES,

Chairman.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Encampment.

The Committee also reported as follows:

Your Committee on resolutions to whom was referred the resolution presented by Comrade Isaac E. Springer of Post No. 24, relative to the proper observance of Memorial Day, and the importance of the Grand Army of the Republic, being relieved from the responsibility of looking after the details,

Respectfully report that in the short time at our disposal, we have endeavored to consider the same and believe that the time has not yet come when the Grand Army of the Republic should shirk any duty we owe our deceased Comrades, in taking active and the chief control of the proper observance of Memorial Day.

But we do recommend that all Posts of our Department do invite and seek the co-operation of all good citizens in seeing that Memorial Day is properly observed, and the graves of our honored dead, properly decorated.

We do not believe that there is any danger of Memorial Day being blotted out, or that our citizens will ever cease to revere and honor our loyal dead, so long as our form of government shall exist and Patriotism and Loyalty remain, just so long will Memorial Day remain and be duly observed by all good citizens.

Resolved, That the resolution lie on the table until the next Annual Encampment of this Department.

A. MILNES,
ORRIN BUMP,
FAY WYCKOFF,
Committee.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the following communication from Past Department Commander O. A. Janes:

United States Pension Agency,
Detroit, Mich., July 6, 1900.

Col. C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan G. A. R., Grand Rapids, Mich.:

Dear Comrade—Owing to the annual meeting of the Department occurring during the week of the quarterly payment of pensions at the Detroit Agency, which began the 4th instant, it will not be possible for me to attend the Encampment meeting. My first duty is to pay the veterans and their widows their pensions as rapidly as possible; even if I have to forego the pleasure of meeting my Comrades with whom I have so many years been associated in this Department.

Please convey to the Comrades my best wishes for a successful and harmonious meeting, and that many more years may be theirs to enjoy the memorable results of

their services and sacrifices in behalf of an indivisible
union and Constitutional Liberty.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

O. A. JANES,

Past Department Commander.

Comrade C. T. S. Cook, Commander of Post 312, offered
the following resolution which was referred to the Committee
on Resolutions:

Resolved, That the matter of Memorial Day expense
be referred to the Legislative Committee, and by then
presented to the Legislature of the State of Michigan,
asking that a law be passed, making it legal for the people
of any township, ward or city to vote at any township
or general election, to raise money to pay the necessary
expenses of Memorial Day for that locality.

C. T. S. COOK,

Commander Post 312.

The Committee upon the report of the Medical Director
made the following report which was adopted:

Commander—The committee to whom was referred the
report of the Medical Director, beg leave to report that
we have examined the same and most heartily commend
the diligence with which the Director performed his
duties. We recommend that the Posts of the Department
be more complete in the making of their surgeon's
reports, that a full list of all deaths may be recorded.

N. RICHARDSON,

H. MILLER,

J. S. SKEELS,

Committee.

The Department Commander announced that a committee
of two of the ladies of the G. A. R. were at the
Outpost. A committee of two was appointed to escort
them to the platform, where the Department Commander
introduced Mrs. Celia Barker who presented the following
words of greeting from the Association of the Ladies
of the G. A. R.:

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Depart-

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respected as the angels of the battlefield. Mrs. Morrill presented the following paper:

Comrades—Probably by an oversight in framing the legislation and rules and by-laws governing the annexation to the Michigan Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, there is no provision made for the admission of army nurses.

This oversight leaves Michigan the only State admitting women to their homes at all that does not include the nurses, and as Vice President of the National Army Nurse Association, I am instructed to petition your body to obtain such legislation and amendments as will rectify this and redeem our glorious State from such comparisons.

Respectfully submitted,

JANETTE M. MORRILL,

Vice President Army Nurse Association of Michigan.

The Department Commander presented the ladies with the Encampment Badge, the Encampment saluted and the Committee retired.

A. P. Varney of Post No. 80, Hopkins Station, presented the following petition from the Division Council of the Sons of Veterans, in Michigan. The same was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

“To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in their 22nd Annual Encampment assembled:

Whereas, The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. hold yearly encampments, and

Whereas, Believing it would be of mutual interest to both organizations to hold their encampments each year at the same time and place in order that committees from each body could act together in procuring railroad rates, etc.; and

Whereas, Believing it would prove to be a great help and incentive to the Sons of Veterans in the line of patriotic lessons, good advice, etc., to be thus assembled,

Therefore, We respectfully petition the Grand Army

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In Memoriam.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

CHARLES L. EATON

Commander—1891

Born—April 2, 1846

Died—February 27, 1895.

ANDREW T. McREYNOLDS

Commander—1880

Born—December 25, 1806

Died—November 25, 1898.

WILLIAM HUMPHREY

Commander—1869

Born—June 12, 1828

Died—January 15, 1899.

ALEXANDER L. PATRICK

Commander—1898

Born—September 7, 1836

Died—March 26, 1900.

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of the Republic, Department of Michigan, to take such action as will further such an arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. TIEFENTHAL,

Of Division Council, Mich. Div., S. of V."

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee on Resolutions to whom was referred the resolution offered by Comrade C. T. S. Cook of Post No. 312, respectfully report that they have considered the same and believe it to be impractical. We believe the reverence and honor due to our soldier dead should come, and believe that it does come, heartily and voluntarily from the hearts of loyal comrades and citizens.

And that to undertake to raise money by a tax to pay the expense of properly observing Memorial Day would lead to strife and discord which would very much lessen and take from the spontaneous and loyal observance which that day now receives.

We therefore recommend that the resolution lie on the table.

A. MILNES,
Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, reported as follows, and the items were passed upon by the Encampment separately:

Your Committee to whom was assigned the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, beg leave to submit the following recommendations on matters relating to said report.

First. We recommend that the blanks for reports of Posts as to amounts of relief furnished to comrades or their dependents, be so changed as to include (in separate item), a statement (or estimate if definite statement cannot be made) of amount of relief furnished by individuals or societies, other than the Grand Army of the Republic or its auxiliaries.

Upon motion the recommendation was laid upon the table.

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Second. We recommend that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated to recompense the Assistant Adjutant General for extra work of his office, in keeping the correspondence and records relative to the Assistant Quartermaster General's office for the ensuing year.

Upon motion the recommendation was adopted.

Third. We recommend that the sum of \$50.00 for the Department Commander, and \$35.00 each for the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General be appropriated to help defray the expenses of these officers at State and National Encampments for the ensuing year.

The motion to adopt the recommendation was lost.

Fourth. We most heartily recommend and urge the Legislature to enact a law prohibiting the wearing of a Grand Army badge or button or other insignia of an ex-soldier by anyone not authorized to do so by virtue of actual service and the regulations of the Order, and that the Department Commander and Officers be made a special committee to secure the enactment of a suitable statute on this subject.

This recommendation was unanimously adopted.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
ED. C. ANTHONY,
WM. H. EDDY,
Committee.

Upon motion the report of the Committee as acted upon seriatim, was adopted.

The hour for the Special Order of business, the Election of Officers having been announced by the Department Commander, the time for the making of nominating speeches was, upon motion, limited to three minutes.

The Department Commander—The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll of districts for nomination for Department Commander.

Upon the call of the Fifth District, Comrade A. B. Morse of Post No. 211, took the platform and spoke as follows:

Comrades—I have been drafted—a willing substitute

to perform a pleasing duty. I shall make no extended speech; it is not necessary. I name for Department Commander, E. M. Allen of Post 132, Portland. He has a military history and a civil history. His military history is that of many another among us. He enlisted in a New York regiment as a private, early in the war, and stayed until near its close; promoted by degrees for his gallantry until he became a captain; leaving service with honorable wounds received in defense of his country.

His civil history is one of which any man may justly be proud. He has lived the better part of his commercial life in Ionia county. He has been honest, energetic, frank, kind and manly. He has been the mainstay of the Grand Army in our section. His time and money has been freely given to our service. Upon his silver tongue have we depended at camp fires and other patriotic occasions. He has won the respect and confidence of the business world; and the love and esteem of his comrades. I hope he will be selected as our Commander.

The nomination of Comrade Allen was seconded by very many Comrades, and the completion of the calling of the roll by the Assistant Adjutant General showing no more nominations for the office of Department Commander, Comrade Louis Kanitz of Post 7, moved that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade E. M. Allen. The motion was supported and the election of Comrade Allen to the office of Department Commander was officially announced.

Comrade Allen was escorted to the platform and received with hearty applause. He spoke as follows:

Commander and Comrades—I thank you most sincerely for this expression of your confidence. To be Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, is well worthy the ambition of any man. I have long cherished it, hoped and prayed that sometime it would enter into the hearts of my Comrades to bestow upon me this honor. The distinction is doubly prized today, coming as it does, by your unanimous action. I can bring to this office little beyond an earnest desire to serve the Department by every possible means within my power, and to exemplify to every Comrade that fraternal

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feeling which is one of the cardinal principles upon which we build. Since those eventful years when it was my honor to take step and touch with you upon historic battlefields, I have loved the Grand Army of the Republic with an affection born of a common peril.

Profoundly impressed with the honor and responsibilities which you delegated to me, such ability as I have I freely tender to you. I ask your cordial cooperation in all our efforts to build up and strengthen our order. Let us extend the hand of encouragement, assistance and restraint, if need be, to more unfortunate Comrades, that we may weave a more brilliant history for the Grand Army in the future than the past has known, so will we prove that passing years have not impaired our devotion or usefulness. May fraternity, charity and loyalty inspire thought and deed until the old soldier shall prize his Comrades as his firmest, truest friends outside the circle of his family. Comrades, I thank you.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the election of the Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade J. O. Bellaire, Post 5—Commander and Comrades—In accordance with our custom to give to the city in which we hold our annual Encampments the office of the Senior Vice, I take great pleasure in presenting on behalf of the united voice of the Comrades of the several Posts of Grand Rapids, the name of Comrade Theodore C. Putnam of Post 5, for Senior Vice Commander of the Department.

Upon motion of Comrade S. M. Kent, Post 5, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment and Comrade Putnam was declared elected.

The Department Commander—The Encampment will proceed to the election of Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Burroughs, Post 384—I desire to present for the office of Junior Vice Commander, a Comrade well known to this Department as an earnest worker in the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade S. J. Lawrence of Post 270.

There being no further nominations for that office, the

Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence, Post 270, for Junior Vice Department Commander, and Comrade Lawrence was declared elected.

The Department Commander—The next office is that of Medical Director.

Comrade L. H. Ives, Post 441, placed in nomination for Medical Director, Comrade W. W. Root of Post 441. Seconds came from the entire sixth district, and there being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade W. W. Root of Post 441 who was declared elected Medical Director.

The Department Commander—You will proceed to the election of Department Chaplain.

Comrade Jerome W. Turner, Post 205, presented the name of Isaac E. Springer of Post 24, for the office of Department Chaplain.

Comrade O. B. Curtis of Post 17, nominated Comrade Henry S. White of Post 202 for the same office.

Comrade R. D. Dix of Post 39, presented the name of Comrade E. A. Hoffman, Post 14.

Comrade Hoffman's nomination was seconded by Comrade C. C. Phillips, Post 19, on behalf of the fourth district.

Comrade White's nomination was seconded by Comrades Brown of Post 279, Walbridge of Post 395, Carrington, Post 278, Brown of Post 294.

The Department Commander upon motion, appointed Comrades Berry of Post 263, Aldrich of Post 157, Brown of Post 294 as tellers on the vote for Department Chaplain.

Pending the vote on Department Chaplain, the Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

Comrades—Your Committee on Resolutions to whom

was referred the resolution offered by Wm. F. Tiefenthal, of the Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in reference to inviting said organization to hold their State Encampment at the same time and place with the Grand Army of the Republic, respectfully report that they have had said request under consideration and would submit the following resolution, and move its adoption:

Resolved, That the State Encampment of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R. now in session, do hereby extend an invitation to the Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to hold their State Encampment for 1901 at same time and place with the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic.

A. MILNES,
Chairman.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—You will listen to the report of the tellers on election for Department Chaplain.

The tellers announced—

Whole number of votes cast	298
Necessary to a choice.....	150
Comrade Springer has.....	41
Comrade Hoffman has.....	106
Comrade White has.....	151

Upon motion the election of Comrade White to the office of Department Chaplain was made unanimous.

The Department Commander—You will now proceed to the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrades O. B. Curtis of Post 17, J. O. Bellaire of Post 5, E. T. Carrington of Post 278, Ogden Tomlinson of Post 269 and A. M. Van Wormer of Post 75, were respectively nominated and upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for each one and they were declared elected.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the election of Delegates and Alternates to the

Thirty-fourth National Encampment to be held in Chicago in August next. The Assistant Adjutant General will announce the number that this Department is entitled to.

The Assistant Adjutant General—This Department is to elect one Representative-at-Large and one Alternate-at-Large, and in pursuance of the action of the last National Encampment, which increased the ratio of representation by the various Departments from one in each 1,000 to one in each 750, this Department will be entitled to 20 Representatives and Alternates in addition to the one-at-large.

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade John T. Spillane of Post 17 for Representative-at-Large and for H. A. Backus of Post 17 for Alternate-at-Large.

The twelve Congressional districts of the State through the several secretaries appointed at district meetings, then reported the following named Comrades as Representatives and Alternates, and upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for them and they were declared elected.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Dist.

1. Samuel W. Burroughs, Post 384, Detroit.
2. A D. Jackson, Post 274, Milan.
3. Phillip D. Miller, Post 303, Schoolcraft.
4. Ashabel W. Snyder, Post 72, Three Rivers.
5. John C. Christenson, Post 29, Grand Rapids.
6. John W. Begg, Post 145, Flint.
7. E. S. Pettit, Post 98, Port Huron.
8. O. F. Webster, Post 205, Owosso.
9. Wm. E. Thorp, Post 26, Hart.
10. Charles M. Ramsay, Post 224, Cheboygan.
11. James F. Filmore, Post 173, Carson City.
12. Edward C. Anthony, Post 300, Negaunee.

ALTERNATES.

Dist.

1. Charles Dupont, Post 384, Detroit.
2. Daniel J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.
3. W. D. Brainerd, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.
4. Joseph R. Edwards, Post 47, Dowagiac.
5. Melvin Stillson, Post 1, Soldiers' Home.
6. James M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.
7. N. N. Green, Post 188, Hadley.
8. Thos. M. Champlin, Post 375, Saginaw.
9. L. P. Judson, Post 372, Benzonia.
10. Henry W. Simms, Post 67, Bay City.
11. Henry C. Stoddard, Post 198, Reed City.
12. Chas. D. Blanchard, Post 300, Marquette.

The following Comrades were placed in nomination as Representatives and Alternates to the National Encampment and upon instructions to cast the ballot of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General declared each one elected.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Orrin Bump, Post 419, Bay City.
F. Schneider, Post 42, Lansing.
E. E. Lewis, Post 109, Coldwater.
Wm. R. Jones, Post 7, Muskegon.
A. B. Weston, Post 381, North Branch.
H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.
D. C. Spear, Post 10, Azalia.
Wellington Rasco, Post 350, Sand Lake.

ALTERNATES.

L. H. Ives, Post 441, Mason.
Oscar Palmer, Post 240, Grayling.
E. G. Spalding, Post 98, Port Huron.
J. H. Harter, Post 64, Niles.
James H. Conner, Post 143, Caro.
Walter S. Cole, Post 238, Coopersville.
J. R. Stephenson, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
W. C. Parker, Post 408, Grand Rapids.

Upon motion a recess was taken until 2:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment was called to order promptly at 2:30 p. m., Department Commander Pealer in the chair.

The Department Commander announced a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting at the Out-post and appointed an escort of six Comrades who waited upon the ladies and presented them to the Department Commander upon the platform, and he, calling the Encampment to its feet, ordered the salute of the Order given, which was accompanied with great applause.

The Department Commander then introduced Past Department President Mrs. A. M. Bliss, who, in brief but most appreciative words conveyed to the Encampment the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps then in Annual Convention, and said that she was instructed to give to the Department Commander the following as the report of the Department President to the Encampment:

To R. R. Pealer, Department Commander:

The following is the annual report of Relief Work for the current year, from March 31, 1899, to March 31, 1900:

Cash expended for relief.....	\$2,082 33
Estimated relief, other than cash.....	3,618 52
Total	\$5,700 85
Number of Soldiers assisted.....	461
Total number of persons assisted.....	2,699
Relief from Department funds, Emma Johnson..	\$30 00
Relief from Department funds, Mrs. Freeman...	5 00
Relief from Department funds, Mrs. Handalin..	5 00
Amount of money turned over to posts.....	1,649, 65

Fraternally in F., C. and L.,
MARY A. MAYNARD,
Department President.

The Department Commander then introduced in turn each of the following named ladies of the committee, who recognizing the work to be done by the Encampment, spoke most briefly and were each most cordially cheered.

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Past Department Presidents—Mrs. Sarah A. C. Plummer; Mrs. Mary A. McConnelly; Mrs. Emma Knapp; Mrs. Abbie R. Flagg; Mrs. Cornelia S. Perry.

The Department Commander answered the ladies on behalf of the Encampment and presented to each a Department badge.

The committee of ladies having retired the business of the Encampment was resumed.

The committee upon the address of the Department Commander announced their readiness to report.

The Senior Vice Commander took the chair and the committee made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8th, 1900.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Commander, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same, and respectfully report as follows:

We concur in the recommendation of the Commander that the societies of the Ladies of the G. A. R., where they exist should consolidate with the Woman's Relief Corps, as it is the only organization recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic as an auxiliary. The two societies are working for the one object, and should bear in mind that in union they can accomplish more for the same cause than they can as separate organizations.

Regarding the recommendation in reference to the death of Past Commander A. L. Patrick, your committee endorse the recommendation of the appointment of a committee to adopt appropriate resolutions, and recommend that the same be spread upon the minutes of this Encampment.

We earnestly hope that the Commander's suggestion regarding the erection of a monument to the deceased soldiers and sailors of Michigan will be carried out, and your committee is of the opinion if the matter is properly presented to our State Legislature that it will meet with prompt action on their part.

The recommendation covering the addition to the Woman's annex to the Soldier's Home, in as far as the erection of kitchen, laundry, dining room and hospital

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accommodations are heartily concurred in by your committee and prompt action in the matter is recommended.

Your committee appreciates the efforts of the administration in curtailing expenses, but regrets that it was considered necessary to dispense with the services of a stenographer. We are of the opinion that a stenographic report of the proceedings of our Encampment is absolutely necessary.

All other recommendations of the Commander are generally concurred in by your committee.

In regard to the matter of pensions referred to by the Department Commander, we congratulate the Commander of the Department upon the successful work of the National Committee of the Grand Army of the Republic in securing the passage of the recent addition to our pension laws, and recognize the earnest cooperation of our Department Commander.

Your committee recommends that an appropriation not exceeding thirty-five (\$35) dollars be made out of any money in the treasury for the purpose of purchasing a badge for our retiring Commander.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. BLISS,
CHARLES R. MILLER,
E. T. CARRINGTON,
JOHN NORTHWOOD.

The following resolution offered by Comrade Springer, Post 24, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the appreciative thanks of this Encampment be given to our retiring Commander for his generous donation of \$100.00 to cover unexpected expenses at the last National Encampment.

Comrade H. S. White, Post 20, moved that the address delivered by the Department Commander at Kalamazoo on last Memorial Day, be printed in the journal of this Encampment. The motion was adopted.

The following is the Memorial address:

“Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Comrades and Soldiers of our late war:

"I appreciate the honor of an invitation to address the patriotic and intelligent people of your beautiful city on this day which has been so long dedicated to the memory of the soldiers and sailors who fought and died for the flag and the union of the whole country, in the war from 1861 to 1865.

"A grateful people made this a holiday, to be kept as a sacred memory day, and it is in keeping with its purpose as well to make it educational. It is our National Sabbath and should be kept inviolate. A vigorous, patriotic and virtuous people will not forget the names, deeds and graves of their heroes. Only a degenerate people does this. A tendency to forget is a symptom of decline, and a sad decline indeed must come over any people before they forget their benefactors.

"Again the appreciation which people show for the sacrifices, devotion and heroism of the past, not only bespeaks their own intelligence, gratitude and patriotism, but is an inspiration to the young of the time, and will be for those who come after them. Therefore a large measure of responsibility comes to those of the present in the observance of this day.

"We are not called upon now to lay down our lives for our country, but to uphold its honor and dignity, and advance and defend those things which promote the public good, to contend for proper education, purity in politics and integrity in official positions. It is ours to enjoy the blessings of peace, the grand development, material prosperity, power and prestige wrought for our country by our soldiers of all wars; and it has been said that some people accept these blessings as thanklessly as they accept the sunshine and the rain; but we ought to make manifest our gratitude and appreciation for the influence it will have on the future thought and life of the nation. It is ours to battle for correct public sentiment and to wage war on that which corrupts, impairs or undermines. The national vigor of the future will depend on our keeping the present springs of national life pure.

ITS TRUE OBSERVANCE.

"This is the day to teach patriotism and all the lessons which promote good citizenship. We should keep it as devotedly as Canada now observes 'Empire Day' for the

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purpose of teaching their children loyalty to their country. Let not the importance of properly observing it in every community be ever questioned. Down with the thoughtlessness and tendency to make this a day of public sports. The class which plans such programs, embraces among others in its ranks, those who forget their obligations as citizens of this glorious land, and who do not exert their influence for the credit and vigor of the state.

"In making these observations we must not be considered unmindful of the general observance of the day and the almost universal public sentiment which favors it. It is only to the exceptions to the rule, and to the tendency of a class, to which public attention is challenged, and which requires that the headlights of a patriotic public sentiment should be turned on. Among the things which have been the outgrowth of the ceremonies of this day is a memorial service by many of the orders of the land, and another which has contributed to our patriotism is the schoolhouse flag—

‘Hail, purest flag on land or sea,
It moves the world toward liberty.’

"The response to the requests to have this day generally kept sacred this year have been generous indeed. Everywhere we have had the friendly aid of the press, and we trust in the future we shall have the effective aid of every educational institution in the State, in strengthening public sentiment in its behalf and in forbidding its violation. We ought as one man protest against and condemn all programs which tend to belittle its importance, and to divert the attention of the young, and thereby defeat its purposes and destroy its influence for good. The efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic in teaching loyalty have not been in vain.

SOLDIERS OF '98.

"The thoughtful must be impressed with the great influence our Memorial services have had upon the country. They have not been held for the glory of the surviving soldiers, or for the dead which heed not our ceremonies. We believe the patriotic spirit everywhere manifest at the commencement of our late war was largely due to

the lessons taught, and the inspiration given by our processions, banners, music, recitations and addresses. There were states where our ceremonies were few and far between, but the eyes of the young all over our land caught sight of the flag, and the ears of all our people caught the music of the union. The people of the south land have vied with those of the north in making a loyal record. With a purpose not to be outdone in patriotic endeavor, they plunged into our last conflict to do and to die, if need be, for their country's honor and old glory. But a few days ago at the editor's banquet in Chicago, it was the proud boast of Clark Howell, Atlanta's gifted editor and orator, that Georgia had sent more soldiers in proportion to the population, to the Cuban war, than any other State in the union. We all recognize the national importance of such loyal sentiment. By common consent and especially with the approval of the Grand Army of the Republic, the ceremonies of this day have been broadened, and we come, I trust, with tributes in our hearts and flowers in our hands for the memory of the fallen of our late war also. And we can but first turn aside for the moment, in fancy, and strew flowers over the young soldiers' graves and pay a tribute to their loyalty and gallantry. The soldiers of '61 are the fathers of those of '98 and I am sure every old soldier will join with me in saying, 'All honor and glory to those who so gloriously responded to their country's call and fought so heroically in the cause of humanity.'

We do not overlook the fact that in some measure the stirring events of the war for the union have lost their luster and interest to the public, and for the time are overshadowed by the heroes and heroic deeds of the Spanish war, which are uppermost in the minds of the young, and I fancy, to speak of the heroism of our late soldiers and sailors, of the naval battle at Manila and Santiago, and the soldiers' charge at El Caney and San Juan, and of the surrender and withdrawal of the cruel Spanish from the western continent, and of what has been achieved for mankind and the new glory which has been brought to our flag, would receive a more hearty response than any address will now receive touching the bloody times from 1861 to 1865.

SOLDIERS OF '61.

"But I must be true to duty and to history. We cannot afford to forget what day this is, or for what purpose it was set apart, or to wholly turn aside from its original purposes. Gettysburg and Vicksburg, Chickamauga and the Wilderness, Missionary Ridge and Appomattox, still live in memory and yet have a mighty meaning and influence. The mighty hosts which assembled on these fields with their equipments of war, the awful conflicts, the heroic dead, and momentous questions which were settled come up before me. More men were killed and wounded in the battle of Gettysburg alone than were lost in all our previous wars. It can not be too often reiterated, and I challenge your attention again to the fact that without the sacrifices, achievements and triumphs of the union army in the civil war, of which our young people know nothing except through tradition, history, Memorial Day addresses and the like, the magnificent development and vigor of our nation, which we have witnessed, could not have followed. If the rebellion had triumphed and the doctrine of secession had been established, the union would have been torn to pieces and our strength and glory as a people would have vanished, and we never would have attained the might and influence of these later years. Without our war for the union which also struck the shackles from more than 4,000,000 slaves, Cuba would have scarcely dreamed of freedom or independence. We would have been powerless to engage in a war beyond our own borders, and we never would have attempted to go to the relief of the oppressed Cubans; and their oppressors would not have been driven from this continent and would have still defied us by practicing their cruelties at our very doors. Without the union we would not have had a magnificent navy of Olympias, Baltimores, Brooklyns and Oregons, with their mighty enginery of war. These were all the result of union, of its aggregate wealth, skill, foresight and intelligence, and the real foundation of the power, prestige and success of today was laid in the trenches of the war for the preservation of the union.

"All that was dear to us and valuable was involved in that awful conflict, and the wisdom of then sustaining President Lincoln and the government has long since been fully vindicated.

"The union, it must and shall be preserved,' should still be our watchword.

"The fittest place for man to die is where he dies for man.

"No one who felt the first shock of the Civil War, who saw the young men drop their peaceful pursuits and bid good bye to their mothers, wives, and children and break away from all endearments of home and friends to undergo all the hardships and perils of war, and who has seen them in the camp and on exhausting march, hungry, ragged dust-covered, foot-sore, and sick, and who has been with them in storms and cold and saw them sleeping in the mud and under the snow, who has watched with them in the lonely vigils, witnessed the scenes the night before the battle, and has seen them engaged in the fearful combat of the day, can be other than generous to their memories. And now while we stand around the soldiers' graves with uncovered heads, not alone mindful of those near by, but as it were, in the presence of more than 300,000 who bade adieu to loved ones and home, and holding aloft the stars and stripes, marched away with loyal hearts and patriotic step to the fields of war, but who never came back and are now sleeping the soldiers' death sleep, mostly in the far off south land, it is proper to inquire for a moment, in what cause our heroes died, what brought on the war in which they fell, with what foe did they contend, what were their sacrifices and what was gained by them, that we should observe this day as a 'National Memorial Day.' And it is also fitting that the young should be reminded what it cost in blood to save this Union, that they may appreciate it more fully, learn to love the flag and be moved to patriotic deeds.

"And I beg the indulgence of those who know all these things, and invite the attention of those who do not, while I briefly answer.

SLAVERY.

"We all know slavery existed before the Union was formed, and when the delegates came together to frame our constitution, their purpose was not only to form a more perfect union, but also to protect their local institutions, and they were quite as zealous in this latter work as in the former. Selfishness held a seat along side of

patriotism. In order, therefore to secure an agreement and the adoption of the constitution, the convention recognized slavery. Not because it added strength to the national fabric, but because it was demanded by those whose support was essential. There were great men of the times who saw the evils of slavery but the masses did not. The change we now observe marks the growth of the public mind. 'God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.' The unfolding of reforms comes in His own good time. Let those who are battling for the right not be discouraged. It is now clear that the formation of the Union was a great step forward, for slavery was abolished as a result of the war for the preservation of the Union.

"This question of slavery had agitated the public mind at intervals, the feeling was most intense at times, and the right of extension was claimed until the year 1860, when the election gave us the immortal Lincoln. There was then no legal way for the nation to interfere with slavery in the slave states, but 'whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad.' So in this case; so with the Spaniards when they persisted in their cruelties and the Maine was blown up. The Southern leaders became angry over the result of the election and refused to further abide by the constitution and the law of majorities, and finally fired on Fort Sumpter and this fired the national heart and opened the way for emancipation.

"No act of oppression on the part of the government was ever alleged as an excuse for the rebellion. It was a causeless breach of the national compact. Great and good men, foreseeing the horrors of war, begged them to forbear, and endeavored to dissuade them, but the eloquence of the orator was unheeded and the peaceful plans of the statesmen were spurned and rejected.

THE UNION.

"The question then became one of the preservation of the Union and the maintenance of its supreme authority, whether the republic founded by our forefathers should continue or be broken into fragments; whether the flag we have learned to love so well should still proudly wave over this whole land or be insulted and trampled in the dust; whether the declaration of independence and the constitution should be respected or rejected.

"Some of the southern states quietly prepared for war before President Lincoln was inaugurated, and toward spring in 1861, seized most of the forts, arsenals, and other government property within their bounds and wholly defied the authority of the government, and attempted to withdraw from the Union and organize a southern confederacy. This new government was speedily organized and inaugurated amidst great enthusiasm; booming cannon, ringing bells, waving flags, and shouting masses were made to proclaim its endorsement by the people of the south. They organized great armies, their most enthusiastic and courageous young men formed in line, facing to the north and moved away to the front. They proved to be no mean foe. They could stand and shoot better than the Spaniards and as well as we. It could not be said of them, 'It was no task or glory to vanquish them.' As soldiers they were confident and true as steel to their cause. There was little treachery in their ranks. They were brave and on the alert to snatch a victory. When besieged they were patient, vigilant and ever ready to repel an attack. Many of them, and especially those under Lee, fought like tigers. There was no stampede in the ranks of his army. The men who fought in Bloody Lane at Antietam, or charged upper Pickett at Gettysburg or fought in the angle of death at Spottsylvania or at Snod Grass Hill were well organized, determined, and not wanting in bravery. And thus for four long years they defied the government and fought with a valor of a people striking and struggling for liberty rather than to disrupt this glorious Union, so that they might hold a race in bondage.

"This was the cause of the war and this was the foe with which our fallen heroes fought. These were the qualities they had to meet and overcome. It was this my young friends, that made it necessary for our government to have a great army, and that justified it in going to war, and in calling our fathers, brothers, and friends away from their homes to battle in its defense and to die in its cause. It was a severe test of men. Business, family and political friends were severed and arrayed against each other.

THE WAR.

"The war proper commenced in the gray dawn of April 12, 1861. Then came the first flash of the rebellion from a rebel mortar battery in Charleston harbor. A bomb shell went up with lighted fuse and fell upon Fort Sumpter and with its explosion came the first shock of war. This suspended the business of peace and inaugurated that of war. It put aside discussion and the remedy of the statesman. As the report of that gun left the harbor and swept out over the hills and valleys of the North, it caught every loyal ear and fired every patriot's heart. It aroused and moved the masses to patriotic deeds and organized the boys in blue.

"The government was wholly unprepared for war. There had been treason in the cabinet. Our navy was scattered abroad, our troops were few and far between, and our arms were inferior. There was treachery in the ranks. Officers who had been educated at government expense, and had been given positions of honor and responsibility, and who had sworn to support the constitution and the laws, deserted their posts and took command of rebel forces, but to the honor of the common soldiery, it is said that no private in the ranks of the regular army deserted his flag or enlisted against the Union.

"Repeated calls for troops were made until 2,800,000 musters had been made. The spirit in which the signal for help was answered is shown by the prompt response. The boys left the schools, the factories, stores and farms. They came from every hamlet, town and city. They were not the gray haired, broken-down, old men you see here today. They were the young, vigorous, cheerful, and ambitious young men of their time. They came singly and in groups, formed into companies and regiments, and on and on they came, and away to the front they marched, with banners flying and with drums beating, cheered by the loved ones left behind. To the first call, for 75,000 came 92,000, to the second call for 500,000 came 700,000, to the third call for 300,000 came 421,000. The fires of patriotism burned brightly then. These men were true loyal men, they were not hirelings. They fought not for conquest, revenge or spoils. They were never a menace to the government. They loved the whole country better

than a part. They believed in national unity, and that under it we could attain the greatest degree of prosperity, security, and happiness. They believed in the law of majorities and that the public will should be expressed by the ballot and not by the sword, and when so expressed should be respected. They did not propose to divide our Father of Waters, our growing country with its miles of sea coast, commerce and wealth with organized rebellion. They believed that it was to the interest of all coming generations as well as their own, that the Union should be preserved, and finally they came to believe that it was best that the institution of slavery should no longer disturb our peace or blight the fairest portion of our land, but that the bond should go free. These were the purposes for which they fought.

"It was a great war in which our heroes fell. The names of over a million men were on the rolls and about 800,000 were in the Union ranks when the war closed. Over 2,200 engagements of all kinds are reported. Many of these have faded from memory, yet brave boys died in these as heroically as at Gettysburg. Their surviving Comrades only know how they fell. Their remains are mouldering on the hill sides, and in the swamps and ravines of the south.

Soldiers' graves are thickly scattered.
O'er the valley and the lea,
They are sleeping on the mountains,
They are sleeping by the sea.

"Of the number mustered in, over 320,000 went down to death from all causes and about 500,000 were wounded up to the close of the war. They are in our national cemeteries all over the south. Sixteen thousand sleep at Arlington on the farm of Gen. Lee. Fifteen thousand at Fredericksburg. Nashville and Vicksburg each have about 16,000. A large number are at Memphis, Marietta, Chancellorsville and Chattanooga. They are at Andersonville and Salsbury and in 79 national cemeteries in all to the number of 318,878 and the graves of 141,000 are marked unknown. These did not die in vain, but as Lincoln said, 'that the nation under God, should have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, and for the people, and by the people, should not perish from this earth.'

SOLDIER'S SACRIFICE.

“We get but little idea of a soldier's sacrifice from an account of a great battle. These men faced death in a hundred ways, and met it bravely when it came. They were tried by disease in the field and hospital, they languished in loathsome prisons and prison pens, they watched on the lonely picket post the long night hours away, in driving, drenching storms and through the cold and chilling mists. They marched in winter's cold and summer's heat, through August dust and April mud. Many a time they were kept for weeks in constant contact with the enemy, sometimes burrowed in the sand, in part protected from the foeman's rifle, but unsheltered from the storms or scorching sun. Sometimes only a narrow intrenchment, which they could not cross and dare not leave separated them from the foe. They were where it would have been death to go over and death to go away. Many times charging through great obstacles under a murderous fire or repelling a determined assault. At other times waiting in line through the long night to repel an expected attack, or marching all night on by-ways or through fields and forests to surprise the enemy at day-break. Oftimes going forward with full ranks, with great hope and promise of victory, but coming back with shattered columns and defeated, only cheered by the thought that they would find the way to victory if it took all summer. Sometimes with scant rations and sometimes with none. Many a time they lay with naught above them but the sky, and nothing beneath them but the ground, and dreamed of the hour when they should come marching home, but alas, many never came. Two dear Comrades of mine who had tented, marched, and fought with me nearly three long years were killed but a few days before the surrender of Gen. Lee, one, two days and the other nine. The first is among the unknown at Farmville and the latter lay twenty-six days unburied at Five Forks, Virginia. These are but illustrations. It is easy to say that we lost 23,000 at Gettysburg, 18,000 at Chancellorsville, or in all the battles of the Wilderness including Spottsylvania 33,000, but it is terrible for a survivor of these scenes to think of. Words here are inadequate. If I could cause you to hear the terrible roar of musketry as it took place in the Wilderness, see the

killed and helpless wounded strewn over the ground and the forest fires and stifling smoke spreading rapidly, or if I could have you hear the awful cannonade at Gettysburg and see the assaults that were made there, and how they were met, and the field as we saw it on the third day strewn with blackened and swollen dead. I could better make you understand what the sacrifices of these men were, and what Memorial Day means to the survivors.

INSTANCES OF INDIVIDUAL BRAVERY.

"There were thousands of instances of individual bravery that illustrated the spirit of these men. At one point on the line at Gettysburg our batteries were penetrated, some of our guns spiked, but the men fought hand to hand with handspikes, rammers, staves and stones. They shouted 'Death on the soil of our native state rather than lose our guns.' Young Cushing, an artillery officer, was mortally wounded in the stomach, on the line where General Armstadt fell leading a charge, and which is now designated as the high water mark of the rebellion. But holding his intestines in one hand, he ran his only remaining gun to the fence with the other, and said to General Webb, 'I will give them one more shot,' and did, said good bye and fell dead.

"Five color bearers of the 24th Michigan had fallen when Col. Morrow took the flag and was at once prostrated. A private then seized it and though mortally wounded, still held it in his grasp. Of another scene it is recorded that the fire was most severe and every field officer but one was killed. At this same point, on the rebel side, it is said, out of the Louisiana Tigers, 1,750 strong, but 150 were left, but they showed the spirit of true soldiers. An officer of the 6th Wisconsin came to his colonel, threw open his breast, displayed a ghastly wound, and said, 'Tell them at home I died like a man.' Gen. Rice said when mortally wounded at the Wilderness, 'Turn my eyes to the front, let me die with my face to the foe, boys.' 'General Humphrey,' says Col. Keenan of the 8th Pa. Cavalry, when ordered at Chancellorsville by General Pleasanton to check the rebel General Jackson's 10,000 charging column with 400, until the batteries could be loaded, with a sad smile said, 'I will do it,' and laid down his life with most of his com-

mand to save the army from capture. It was one of the most heroic acts of the war, and one of greatest moment. 'All a man hath will he give for his life.' The true soldier obeyed orders. If ordered to march with empty haversack they marched; if ordered to wade or swim a stream, they crossed it; if to charge up the height as at Missionary Ridge or Fredericksburg, they charged; if to stand under fire with fixed bayonet or drawn sword, they stood; if to charge a battery, they faced its shot and shell; if to support one, they defended it with their shot and bayonets; if sick or wounded, they were hopeful and true.

"You have among you quite unpretending men who were heroes in the strife, and some sleep in yonder cemetery.

"Not all the sacrifice was made by soldier. The ladies, who can do them justice? The Sanitary and Christian commission workers, the fathers and mothers and business men of the land all bore a noble part.

THE MEMORIAL.

"All over the land the people have gone in solemn procession today to decorate the soldiers' graves. From thousands of voices will go up a united strain of gratitude and honor. We bring the sweetest fragrance of the year, the richest colors, the most beautiful flowers, to convey tender gratitude and dear remembrance. All honor and credit to the fallen who died for their country.

"On Fame's eternal camping ground,
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards with solemn round,
The bivouac of the dead.'

and

"Our fond hearts shall cherish a love that is true,
For all who gave life for the Red, White and Blue,
And as long as that banner shall symbol our pride,
We'll garland the graves of our comrades who died.'

"Comrades, we who live today, while we are moved with deep emotion as we observe the citizens' tribute to our fallen Comrades may well join hands in thankfulness. We were spared through the war and were permitted to hear the glad shout of victory, and see the Stars and Bars go down and the Stars and Stripes go up, and those who defied the government and spurned the constitution and our laws yield and promise future obedience. And they

are now keeping step with the music of the Union and are marching under the old flag. Not a star was obliterated from Old Glory, and we have seen new ones added from time to time. The nation has a grander life and power than it had when Lee surrendered to Grant. And now our banner not only waves over this whole land, but over Cuba and Porto Rico, and has crossed the sea and is waving in the Orient, not to oppress but to enlighten and bless. It will carry with it American sanitation, education, religion, liberty and civil government. We have not lived for ourselves alone, but we builded better than we knew. The freedom we fought for was destined for humanity in all lands. We have been spared for more than a third of a century to enjoy the blessings of peace. We have seen our Comrades honored from year to year with dear remembrance and our helpless ones furnished homes by the nation and state. We have been permitted to help give direction to public thought and to aid in preserving the fruits of the war. And we ourselves have been generously remembered in many ways by a grateful people, and now while

“We boys in blue are getting gray,
Our ranks grow thinner day by day,
Our steps, less steady than of old
Are turning toward the Gates of Gold,
May love remain and prayers ascend
To cheer our pathway to the end.”

The next order of business being the choice of location for holding the next Encampment, Comrade Begg of Post 145, extended an invitation to the Comrades to meet in 1901 in the City of Flint. Comrade Begg presented the following invitation from the Business Men's Association and stated that every business man in the city was a member of the Association.

Flint, Michigan, June 5, 1900.

To the Commander and Delegates of the Department of Michigan G. A. R., and to the President and Delegates of the Department of Michigan W. R. C.:

You are most cordially invited to hold your next State meeting in this, “The City of Carriages.”

We desire to bring you together in this, our city, to do honor to those who re-united us into one union, and that

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our streets may again echo the sounds and our eyes may see the reflections of the times of 1861.

We will not be unmindful of the duty and privilege of which this occasion will afford, and we will make an especial effort to make this an occasion long to be remembered.

JOSEPH H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Business Men's Association.
EDWARD H. HOLMES,
Secretary.

Also the following resolution adopted by the common council of Flint.

Flint, Mich., June 5, 1900.

Resolved, That the common council hereby extends to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of Michigan a cordial and urgent invitation to hold their Department Encampment and meeting next year in the city of Flint.

Resolved further, That in the event of the acceptance of the foregoing invitation the common council, in behalf of the citizens of Flint, assures the veterans and their ladies of a hearty welcome and hospitable entertainment during their sojourn in the city.

CHAS. CUMMINGS,
Mayor.

Comrade Van Kleeck of Post 67, extended an invitation for the holding of the next Encampment in Bay City; but afterwards withdrew his desire in favor of Flint, with the request that the Encampment should consider themselves ready to be again invited to Bay City.

Upon motion it was voted to hold the Twenty-third Department Encampment in Flint.

Upon motion the month of June was named as the month for holding the 1901 Encampment, the exact date to be left to the Executive Committee.

Upon motion of Comrade Palmer, of Post 240, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to employ a

stenographer for the next Encampment at a cost not to exceed \$50.00.

~~The Assistant Adjutant~~ The Assistant Adjutant General offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are sincerely tendered to the officer of the Day, officer of the guard and guards, detailed by Post 5 of this city, for their services at the outposts of the Encampment during its session.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the installation of officers. I call upon the Assistant Adjutant General as the Senior Past Department Commander, to install the officers elect.

Comrade C. V. R. Pond then proceeded with the work of installation and duly installed Comrade E. M. Allen of Post 132 as Department Commander; Comrade Theo. C. Putnam of Post 5 as Senior Vice Department Commander; Comrade Samuel J. Lawrence of Post 270 as Junior Vice Department Commander; Comrade W. W. Root of Post 441, as Medical Director; Comrade Henry S. White of Post 202, as Department Chaplain. The Department Commander named as his Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade C. V. R. Pond of Post 2 and as his Assistant Quartermaster General Comrade H. W. Holcomb, of Post 132. The reappointment of Comrade Pond was received by the Encampment with great applause.

Past Department Commander Bliss then installed the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General.

Comrade Pealer turned over to his successor, Comrade Allen, with well chosen words the Charter, Flags and Gavel of the Department, and Commander Allen accepted the same in a manner expressing his sincere appreciation of the high honor and attending responsibility.

Department Commander Allen announced a call for a meeting of the Council of Administration at 4 o'clock p. m. at Sweet's Hotel.

The Department Commander—There being no further business to come before us, I declare the Twenty-second

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Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, ~~an~~,
Grand Army of the Republic adjourned sine die.

Time 3 o'clock p. m., June 8, 1900.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan was one of the most successful and pleasant in the history of the G. A. R. in this State. The enterprising furniture city of Grand Rapids has not forgotten the old soldiers. Six regiments were organized in this city during the years 1861 to '64, and the older residents remember when the same gray and now aged men who met in this Encampment marched away, young and buoyant, hopeful and expectant, to help put down the rebellion, and preserve the integrity of the United States of America, and they welcome the "old boys" in a spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, with a hospitality that was commendable and refreshing. Ample provision had been made for their entertainment. Headquarters were located at Sweet's Hotel. That old hostelry was under going repairs and was in a state of disorder downstairs, but the proprietor and presiding genius, Comrade Judson E. Rice, made everything so pleasant above, and was so untiring in his efforts to make every Comrade comfortable and happy, that this little inconvenience was unnoticed. Comrade Rice donated large and convenient rooms for the Department officers, and for the officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, and his courteous treatment and Comradeship will long be remembered by every one whose privilege it was to enjoy them. The meetings were held in the Auditorium, and no pleasanter or more convenient hall can be found for such a purpose. It is large and well ventilated and the acoustic properties are excellent. The hall had been beautifully decorated by a professional, and "Old Glory" was the prominent feature.

The Division Street Methodist church had been provided for the sessions of the Relief Corps, and this too was prettily decorated. The address of welcome was made by the Mayor of the City, Hon. Geo. R. Perry. It was cordial and hearty, and voiced the warm greeting that every citizen felt. A feature of the Encampment that added greatly to the pleasure of all the Comrades, was the

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presence of the National Commander, General Albert D. Shaw.

At the camp-fire held on Thursday evening Comrade J. O. Bellaire, Chairman of the Executive Committee presided. An address of welcome was delivered by Amos Musselman, Esq., President of the Board of Trade. Mr. Musselman was a boy living near Gettysburg at the time of the great battle there, and he heard President Lincoln deliver his classic speech at the dedication of the Gettysburg cemetery. His allusions to these great events provoked the most profound interest and emotion, and the patriotic and stirring address of the Commander-in-Chief with others, gave a most enjoyable evening. The great hall which seats 3,000 people, was crowded to the doors.

A second camp-fire was held on Friday evening with an equally large and enthusiastic audience, Captain E. M. Allen, Commander-elect, Comrade Chas. E. Belknap and others kept the audience laughing and crying until adjournment, and the Twenty-second Annual Encampment was marked with a white stone. The badge provided by the citizens committee was one of the finest souvenirs yet furnished the Department of Michigan.

The street railway facilities for conveying Comrades to Reed's Lake and the Soldiers' Home were greatly appreciated by the veterans, who availed themselves of the opportunity to take an outing on the beautiful lake, and the more natural desire to see their Comrades who live at the Home.

The hospitality of the citizens of Grand Rapids was pronounced and will ever be remembered by the "Boys in Blue" who attended the Encampment.

The local Posts of the G. A. R. were by their membership constantly striving to properly entertain their visiting Comrades, and they succeeded.

To the Chairman and members of the local committee, for various courtesies in aiding along my work, and for the matter in these unofficial proceedings—my thanks are tendered.

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
PETOSKEY, JUNE 22, 1899. }

General Orders, No. 1.

Having this day been elected and installed Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, by the Department Encampment, I accept the position and assume the duties of the office.

I return my heartfelt thanks to the comrades of the Department for the distinction conferred upon me, and I earnestly invite the co-operation of all comrades in every movement made for the good of the order; so that the best possible results may be achieved.

The next Department Encampment will be held at Grand Rapids in June next, and the next National Encampment will be held in Philadelphia, September 4-9. All comrades who can are earnestly requested to attend the National Encampment, and to be sure to join our ranks there, so that Michigan shall have the best possible representation. Come and help sustain the good name and honor of your Department and State.

The Department has elected a strong delegation to the National Body.

Detroit Post, 384, has kindly tendered its services as an escort to the Department Commander, and the same have been accepted. Many Post officers and comrades have pledged their aid to make our part in the National Encampment creditable to our beloved State.

Posts are requested to report the names of comrades whom they desire to act as Aides on my staff.

Soldiers who have never joined our order are cordially invited to do so, and those who have fallen out of our ranks are earnestly requested to return to membership and duty. We need your companionship, and you will want the comradeship, support, and attention of our order in the hour of trial, adversity, and death.

Past Department officers and past Post-Commanders should not forget the duty they owe their comrades. They have been honored by them and have a voice and vote in the encampments, and absence from these deprives their comrades of due representation. Past Post Commanders too often seem to think their duty done when their terms of office expire, and some, after having the honor of the office, even withdraw from the order.

This ought not so to be. All are requested to attend post-meetings as often as possible; and cheer and aid their faithful comrades in our work of Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Let there be a closing up of the ranks and a year of harmony and growth, notwithstanding our unavoidable loss by death.

We fought for the law of majorities and against secession. Let us at all times be men and acquiesce in the will of the majority touching matters concerning Post affairs, and refuse to play as boys sometimes do when out-voted. Every comrade has the good name of the order in his keeping, and should avoid doing anything which will bring reproach upon it or impair its usefulness and strength.

Post Commanders are requested to have General Orders Nos. 1 and 2 published in local papers, where it can be done without expense, in order to reach those who will not be at post meetings.

The following appointment is announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post No. 2.
All official correspondence should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich:

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JUNE 24, 1899.

General Orders, No. 2.

I. The Twenty-first Annual Encampment of this Department held at Petoskey, Mich., June 21st and 22d, 1899, elected the following named Comrades to office for the ensuing year:

Department Commander—Russel R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers.

Senior Vice-Department Commander—J. C. Bontecou, Post 170, Petoskey.

Junior Vice-Department Commander—S. H. Mallery, Post 382, Lake Odessa.

Medical Director—Oscar Palmer—Post 240, Grayling.

Department Chaplain—D. Burnham Tracy, Post 384, Detroit.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. B. Curtis, Post 17, Detroit.

S. M. Kent, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

F. Schneider, Post 42 Lansing.

Fay Wyckoff, Post 38, Saginaw.

O. P. Carver, Post 18, Traverse City.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

1. S. S. Babcock (at large), Post 17, Detroit.

2. Wm. F. Atkinson, Post 17 Detroit.

3. Frederick Bay, Post 25, Ogden Center.

4. W. D. Southworth, Post 108, Grand Ledge.

5. Daniel E. Birdsall, Post 125, Hastings.

6. D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262, Holland.

7. W. W. Cook, Post 42, Lansing.

8. William Baird, Post 228, Marine City.

9. Jacob L. Ring, Post 156, St. Johns.

10. Chas. L. Brundage, Post 7, Muskegon.

11. E. T. Carrington, Post 278, West Bay City.

12. Wm. J. Mears, Post 246, Boyne Falls.

13. Curtis Buck, Post 429, Ironwood.

14. "Ren" Baker, Post 198, Reed City.
15. Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.
16. Phillip D. Miller, Post 303, Schoolcraft.
17. N. H. Walbridge, Post 395, Grand Rapids.

ALTERNATES.

1. John G. Berry, (at large) Post 263, Vanderbilt.
2. F. C. Trowbridge, Post 384, Detroit.
3. S. H. Avery, Post 48, Jackson.
4. J. J. Holmes, Post 11, Eaton Rapids.
5. Henry Spalding, Post 20, Hartford.
6. A. M. Apted, Post 5, Grand Rapids.
7. John McGivney, Post 120, Howell.
8. Wm. Smith, Post 233, Lamb.
9. N. M. Richardson, Post 143, Caro.
10. D. P. Averill, Post 54, Manton.
11. John R. Clark, Post 224, Cheboygan.
12. H. B. Hudson, Post 86, Mancelona.
13. Benoni Lachance, Post 289, Mackinac Island.
14. J. M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.
15. Alvin Chapman, Post 19, Bangor.
16. A. G. Miller, Post 203, Stockbridge.
17. Edwin Morgan, Post 54, Manton.

II. Additional staff appointments are announced:

Assistant Quarter-Master General—Addison A. Udel, Post 72, Three Rivers.

Judge Advocate—Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.

Department Inspector—N. M. Richardson, Post 143, Caro.

Chief Mustering Officer—Wm. J. Mears, Post 246, Boyne Falls.

Chief of Staff—Wm. T. Gage, Post 384, Detroit.

SENIOR AIDE.

Jas M. Greenfield, Post 89, Flushing.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

W. F. Lawton, Post 170, Petoskey.

Geo. A. Russell, Post 109, Coldwater.

C. W. Lake, Post 2, Quincy.

III. Further appointments as Aides to the Department Commander will be made upon recommendation of Post-Commanders to the Assistant Adjutant General.

IV. The following standing committees for the year are announced.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. B. Curtis, Post 17, Detroit.

Fay Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing.

S. M. Kent, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

M. Brown, Post 294, Big Rapids.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262, Holland.

Zach Aldrich, Post 157, Cassopolis.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

William Shakespeare, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

William Jibb, Post 45 Monroe.

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.

V. The Semi Annual Report and per-capita tax for the term ending June 30th, 1899, should be sent in to Department Headquarters at Lansing immediately after the last meeting held this month. Failure to comply with this request, will make it impossible for the Asst. Adjt. Gen. to obey the Rules and Regulations of the Order, which compel him to report to the National Headquarters, a consolidated form of the Post returns with per-capita tax for the same, on or before July 20th. Posts not so reporting are considered delinquent by the National Encampment, and the good name of the Department for promptness is jeopardized. The Department Commander believes that Post Adjutants and Quartermasters will heed this request.

VI. Post Commanders will at once send the name of a capable Comrade recommended for Post Inspector, to Department Inspector, N. M. Richardson, whose post office address is Lansing, Mich. Rules and Regulations—Chap. V.—Art. V., require the Inspection of Posts to be made between September first and December thirty-first. That Inspection blanks may be received by posts in time to comply with the Rules, it is necessary that Post Commanders be prompt in making their recommendations.

VII. That the Department Chaplain may be able to make his report of the observance of last Memorial Day, in this Department, to the National Chaplain-in-Chief, in July, Post Commanders are requested to see that Post Chaplains have sent their reports, as previously directed to the Asst. Adjutant General, who will see that they reach the Department Chaplain.

By Command of

Official

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

RUSSEL R. PEALER,

Department Commander.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 29, 1899.

General Orders, No. 3.

I. As the time approaches for the holding of the 33d National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the historic City of Philadelphia the Department Commander wishes to urge upon the Comrades of the Department the presence of all who can make it possible to attend without inconvenience to themselves. Not only the visit to Independence Hall and other points that have a place in the birthday of our Nation's history, but the cheap side trips to Washington and to Gettysburg, add opportunities for a journey and a visit of greater benefit than any that has been offered our Order in some time.

The rate of fare will be one cent per mile each way, without stop-over privileges, going and coming same route.

The rate of one fare will be made to those who desire stop-over privileges east of Pittsburg.

The rate of one fare and the payment of \$2.00 additional will enable the purchase of a ticket via one route going and the return by another route.

II. The Transportation Committee of the Department, after a careful consideration of various routes, have selected the Michigan Central and the Pennsylvania Railroads for the travel of the Headquarters train to Philadelphia in September next. The action of the Committee has been approved by the Department Commander. Circular No. 1 has been gotten out by the committee and three (3) copies of each are sent to the Adjutant of each Post. The information therein contained should be as widely circulated in each locality as may be of interest.

III. The Headquarters train will start from Three Rivers Saturday, Sept. 2d, at 11:35 a. m., via the Michigan Central R. R., reaching Detroit at 5:30 p. m., leaving at 6:10 p. m. for Toledo, leaving the latter city about 8:00 p. m. over the Pennsylvania R. R., arriving at Pittsburg for an early breakfast, 6 a. m. Harrisburg for dinner, one o'clock p. m., arriving at Philadelphia between 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of Sept. 3d. The Department Commander extends a most cordial invitation to all Comrades and their friends to accompany him upon the Headquarters train. The arrangements for running this train are so well made that it can be reached at Three Rivers, Jackson, Ann Arbor, Detroit or Toledo from the various connecting roads without trouble. Where an extra expense would be incurred in taking this train, let the cheapest route be chosen. The principal desire is to meet at the Encampment.

IV. Michigan Headquarters in Philadelphia will be at "The Bingham House," Room A. This house is centrally located on Market and Eleventh streets. A most hearty welcome will be extended to all Veterans, who are earnestly invited to call and register and meet the Commander. Headquarters will be open to visitors Monday morning, Sept. 4.

V. The parade has been arranged by the Local Committee to take place Tuesday, Sept. 5. The Department Commander hopes that every Comrade who is physically able will take part in the parade, that our Department may continue the excellent reputation it has so long enjoyed for appearance and numbers. Particulars as to route and place of rendezvous for this Department should be ascertained at Headquarters or in the papers of the city as soon after arrival as possible.

VI. Chief of Staff Comrade William T. Gage will form the Michigan line in the parade. Commanders of Posts or Battalions intending to have commands in the parade will report to the Chief of Staff at Michigan Headquarters Monday evening, Sept. 4, at 7:00 o'clock, or on the following morning at 8:30 o'clock. Senior Aide Comrade J. M. Greenfield will take charge, under the Chief of Staff, of the Department Aides who will report to him at the same hours and place.

The Department Commander and a part of his official staff will appear mounted in the parade. The cost of horse and equipments will be \$4.00. While an invitation is extended to any who desire, to appear mounted with him, it is specially desired that no one may feel that there is any obligation to do so unless specially ordered.

VII. A meeting of the Representatives and all others entitled to seats in the National Encampment will be held at the Department Headquarters Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as the National Badges will at that time be given to those entitled to them.

VIII. Department Headquarters will be closed Sept. 2d. Orders for supplies will be filled up to August 30. No supplies will be on sale at the Encampment.

IX. National Orders No. 9 are sent with these orders. No further General Orders will be issued from this Department prior to the Encampment unless special reason for such issue should arise.

X. The Department Commander desires to respond to all requests for his presence at Reunions and Camp Fires when possible to do so without a conflicting of dates. Already he has had great pleasure in meeting his Comrades at various points, and he is engaged for the following dates: August 9-10-16-17-18-24-25.

XI. J. B. Sweetland Post No. 488 was organized July 21st, 1899, at Edwardsburg, Cass county, by Comrade Norris Richardson, of Post 157, as Mustering Officer. Wm. W. Sweetland is the Commander of the new Post.

XII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

A. M. Apted, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

A. H. Eckerman, Post 7, Muskegon.

William Davey, Post 17, Detroit.

John Martin, Post 17, Detroit.

John T. Spillane, Post 17, Detroit.

R. W. Allen, Post 17, Detroit.

C. C. Phillips, Post 19, Bangor.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

Geo. H. Smith, Post 35, South Haven.

Riley L. Jones, Post 38, Saginaw.

E. F. Guild, Post 38, Saginaw.

Wm. H. Colyer, Post 43, Blissfield.

R. H. Baker, Post 45, Adrian.

S. H. Avery, Post 48, Jackson.

Edwin Morgan, Post 54, Manton.

W. H. Perry, Post 56, Allegan.

B. F. Groner, Post 57, Marcellus.

E. S. Dickinson, Post 61, Gaylord.

M. H. Bumphrey, Post 72, Three Rivers.

E. S. Amidon, Post 73, Sturgis.

Henry P. Shutt, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

E. P. Muhlenberg, Post 79, Galesburg.

Clark M. Hall, Post 88, Union City.

A. D. Olmstead, Post 89, Flushing.

O. J. Andrews, Post 107, Dimondale.

J. B. Turner, Post 110, Hudson.

Geo. W. Norton, Post 111, Eaton Rapids.

Alex Gillespie, Post 116, Gaines.

J. N. Colister, Post 125, Hastings.

W. H. Ostrom, Post 133, Newaygo.

XXXX The following names of persons having been furnished by the Department of Defense to the Department of Defense, are hereby approved for the purpose of being included in the list.

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ner, being the Senior Past Department Commander present, except the Assistant Adjutant General, was requested by the Department Commander to speak for the Department as occasion might require, and he did so and won laurels for himself and Michigan. Past Commander H. S. Dean faithfully and ably represented the Department on the Committee on Resolutions Past Department Commander A. T. Bliss was chosen a member of the National Council of Administration to represent Michigan, and since has been chosen by the Commander-in-Chief as a member of the Executive Committee. This is an honor to the Department.

The thanks of the Department are hereby extended to each and every member of the Three Rivers Cornet Band, which was employed as the Department Band, for their efficiency and attention to the duty for which they were engaged; they were courteous and attentive throughout, and merited and received general commendation for their music rendered.

I also take pleasure in acknowledging the presence and support of our ever loyal auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, and return thanks for all courtesies extended by the President, Mrs. Maynard, and her co-workers.

The Committee on Transportation rendered full service, and the thanks of all are due them and the Michigan Central and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies, for the headquarters train and the service and care for our comfort, and I also feel that we are under many obligations to all the railroad companies which in any way transported and served the members of our Order. With but one exception we found the railroad employees patient, attentive and helpful, and they largely contributed toward the enjoyment of our trip.

Amendments to the Rules and Regulations were adopted by the National Encampment as noted in General Orders from National Headquarters No. 2, which with No. 1 have already been sent to Post Adjutants.

The standing Committee on Pensions made a most exhaustive report and careful review of the defects in Pension Laws and the rulings of the Department whereby injustice appeared to have been done applicants for pensions. The report was, after discussion, recommitted to the Committee with instructions, to report back to the Encampment suitable recommendations. The Committee made the following Supplementary Report:

"Your Committee on Pensions respectfully presents this supplemental report pursuant to the instructions of the Encampment.

"We respectfully direct attention to Section 471 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which reads as follows: 'The Commissioner of Pensions shall perform under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, such duties in the execution of Pension and Bounty laws as may be prescribed by the President;' therefore,

"Resolved, That this Encampment respectfully represents to the President its earnest conviction that Rule No. 225, now in practical effect in the adjudication of claims for Pensions, under Section 2 of the Act of June 27, 1890, in the Pension Bureau, works grave injustice to worthy ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, and we express the hope that you will find it consistent with your duties as

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an executive officer to abrogate this rule and re-establish the principle as defined in Rule 164. Under the operation of Rule 164, formulated and put into effect soon after the passage of this Act, unquestionably responsive to public sentiment and based upon sound legal propositions; in a word, the simple expression of the letter and the spirit of the law, 400,000 names were added to the Pension roll of the Republic, and to which no objection was heard for years after its promulgation.

"Resolved, That this Encampment respectfully represents that the practice in the Pension Bureau in barring widow claimants who have an income of \$96 a year is not warranted by the terms of the law, and we warmly endorse the recommendation of the Commissioner of Pensions to successive Secretaries of the Interior that the limitation be increased to \$250 a year.

"Resolved, That the Commander-in-Chief appoint a Committee of five Comrades to present to the President a certified copy of the action of this National Encampment, with an expression of our earnest desire for justice only to our disabled Comrades and the widows and orphans of our dead under the letter and spirit of the law.

"Resolved, That this Committee is hereby authorized and directed, in the event that it is determined that relief may not be accorded by the administrative officers of the government, to present to Congress a request for the amendment of the law in such form as to make certain the true intent of the statute, as we believe can be construed as herein presented."

The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted, and the Commander-in-Chief appointed the four signers of the report, Comrades R. B. Brown, J. W. Burst, John Palmer and Charles C. Adams, together with Comrade Daniel E. Sickles, as the Committee to present the matter to the President.

The Thirty-fourth National Encampment was appointed to be held in Chicago in 1900.

II. The season for holding outdoor reunions and encampments has come to a close, let the pleasures which have come to us through the handshake and greeting of our Comrades and families at the various gatherings in our State culminate in a desire to recover into our ranks the large number on the rolls of suspended and dropped. This work should be a pleasure rather than a task. The "Grim Reaper" cannot be stayed in his harvest from among us, but as he cuts out one who drank with us from the same canteen, let us fill up the number from among those who, having become lukewarm, are now at the wayside. 'Tis an added honor to the Veteran of the Civil War to be known as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, when the call shall come: "Lights Out." Let every Comrade act as a recruiting officer. Co-operate with and lend your aid to the noble band of women making up our and end your aid to the noble band of women making up our great helpers, the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., and during the fall and winter months, social gatherings and the regular Post meetings should be made incentives to our outstanding Comrades to again enter active service in our Order. Comrades, do all you can to recruit and strengthen our ranks. Endeavor to make your Post meetings interesting; have every member take some part.

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III. Blanks for Post Inspectors have been mailed to all Adjutants of Posts, together with an addressed envelope to Comrade N. M. Richardson, Department Inspector, Lansing, Mich. These blanks should at once be placed in the hands of the Post Inspectors, where such have been named by the Post Commander. If no such officer has been named, the Post Commander will at once name a competent Comrade for the work, and the Post must be inspected prior to Dec. 31, 1899. The report of such inspection will be mailed at once thereafter to the Department Inspector.

IV. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters will be mailed to Post Adjutants previous to Dec. 1, 1899. These reports should be made to Department Headquarters immediately after the last regular Post meeting in December, whether such meeting be held the first or last week of the month, and should be accompanied with the per capita tax of ten (10) cents for each member in good standing at date of meeting. In cases of losses or gains in membership, be very particular to give name and description of each Comrade lost or gained, and by what means, whether by Muster, Transfer, Honorable Discharge or Suspension. If a loss by death, give also date of death.

V. Blanks for Surgeons' reports will also be sent to Adjutants. The reports must be for the year ending with the last regular Post meeting in December, 1899, and should be mailed to Comrade Oscar Palmer, Medical Director, Grayling, Mich.

VI. The annual election of Post Officers and Representatives and Alternates to the Twenty-second Annual Department Encampment must take place at the first regular meeting of the Post in December, 1899. Election and Credential blanks will be sent to Post Adjutants in November. The Twenty-second Encampment will be held in Grand Rapids in June, 1900.

VII. Hiram Wilson, Post No. 449, of this Department, was organized at Mears, Oceana Co., by Past Commander L. G. Ruth-erford, August 12th, 1899. Comrade George H. Eddy is the Post Commander.

VIII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

H. H. Williams, Post 11, Bancroft.
T. M. Harvey, Post 19, Bangor.
F. W. Barkley, Post 20, Hartford.
J. T. Robinson, Post 23, Bloomingdale.
B. H. Rutter, Post 36, Berrien Centre.
J. R. Edwards, Post 47, Dowagiac.
B. F. Smith, Post 101, Ithaca.
A. M. Foote, Post 103, Williamston.
Thos. A. Ball, Post 128, Hawkins.
M. C. Barney, Post 145, Flint.
E. P. Gifford, Post 153, Saranac.
Norris Richardson, Post 157, Cassopolis.
Abner S. Fritz, Post 168, Solon.
W. S. Hill, Post 175, Escanaba.
William Harmon, Post 182, Fremont.

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J. C. Haddock, Post 262, Holland.
 Edwin Brown, Post 295, Galesburg.
 L. N. Duvoo, Post 327, Trufant.
 Abner R. Byrd, Post 341, Day.
 Wm. T. Johnston, Post 395, Grand Rapids.
 D. Z. Kline, Post 395, Grand Rapids.

IX. The following named Comrades having been notified by the Department Inspector, to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Albert J. Warner, Post 2.	John R. Benjamin, Post 145.
William W. Hunt, Post 11.	Geo. A. Potts, Post 153.
R. M. Worden, Post 14.	S. G. Eddy, Post 167.
S. C. Vader, Post 18.	N. W. Herrington, Post 168.
J. G. Todd, Post 19.	Wells Knapp, Post 185.
J. E. L. Miller, Post 21.	David J. Randall, Post 198.
James N. Edwards, Post 23.	J. C. C. Stephens, Post 213.
J. H. Booth, Post 36.	Hiram T. Walker, Post 242.
Isaac N. Ashley, Post 42.	D. E. Hunt, Post 249.
Jeff P. McKey, Post 72.	Geo. H. Godfrey, Post 252.
M. J. Emlaw, Post 75.	Charles P. White, Post 259.
Jacob Collum, Post 76.	Charles Post, Post 262.
George Deemer, Post 80.	Herbert Taylor, Post 274.
Theo. Mueller, Post 87.	Zoar H. Bates, Post 280.
V. P. Fales, Post 74.	E. S. Cooper, Post 307.
J. D. Kenny, Post 98.	Charles S. Medler, Post 327.
W. J. Clark, Post 101.	Zachariah Pompey, Post 341.
Jas. H. Lockwood, Post 103.	James Kelley, Post 352.
James Goff, Post 117.	J. W. Eastman, Post 377.
D. J. Zook, Post 128.	John Riley, Post 379.
O. A. Jubb, Post 136.	Charles Clark, Post 386.
J. J. Potter, Post 139.	James Wood, Post 395.
George Swartz, Post 140.	Henry Winson, Post 431.
	Louis Perkins, Post 434.

X. By request under authority of the General Committee at Philadelphia, Comrades of this Department are informed that if they wish to secure one of the Official Souvenir Badges of the 33d National Encampment, they should address at once, Benj. L. Myers, 1203 Moore Street, Philadelphia, Penn., enclosing 25 cents.

XI. Post No. 294 of Big Rapids, Department of Michigan G. A. R., asks that the Comrades of this Department be cautioned against placing confidence in one Dr. L. D. MacClaire, claiming to be a member of the International Health Association, and lecturing in Michigan. It is claimed he had the National Counter-sign and wronged said Post.

The Commander of Post 62 at Cedar Springs, this Department, desires to caution Comrades against one giving the name of Joseph Mason, and claiming to belong to Post No. 358 at Clayton, this Department, and formerly a member of the 27th Michigan

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Volunteer Infantry. It is claimed said Mason was suspended and dropped from Post 358, and was refused readmission.

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

WANTED.

The address of any one who knew Abram Williams, of Company B, 7th Michigan Cavalry, by Geo. H. Howard, Ousted, Lenawee County, Michigan.

The address of Thomas Glaisby, formerly of Chester, Ottawa County, Michigan, by Perry A. Crandall, Fostoria, Michigan.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MARCH 20, 1900.

General Orders No. 5.

I. The Department Commander congratulates his Comrades upon the excellent showing the Department was enabled to make in the report to National Headquarters for the term ending December 31, 1899.

While our unconquerable foe, death, took one hundred and seventy-seven of our Comrades from the Post room here to the great eternal camping ground, the gain to our numbers by muster, transfer and reinstatement overcome very nearly the entire loss by death, leaving a net loss to the Department of but 34. There were five Posts that failed to report, though they have given no suggestion that they intended to surrender their charter, one of these has since the making of report to National Headquarters sent in its report. There are at present 382 Posts and 15,102 members in good standing.

In Circular No. 2 the Department Commander enjoined upon his Comrades, the pleasant duty of becoming recruiting officers; he is very greatly pleased at the outlook for a very decided increase in membership in the Department during the term which has its ending June 30, next, as reports from different sources reach him. Earnest work has been done, several Posts are contesting for the banner.

II. Attention is challenged to the objects of the Order of the Grand Army of the Republic, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations, Chapter 1, Article II, the first paragraph in the article referred to contains the following language: "To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead." The Department Commander refers to this paragraph with the hope that it may become more and more fully settled in our hearts as a most important part of our Comradeship. Let fraternity abound. That differences of opinion will arise in our Order is to be expected, but we cannot afford in the remaining years of our lives to allow any differences to so far separate us that we do not

touch shoulders as in the days of our army life. Let the word Comrade mean very much more to us of the Grand Army of the Republic than does the same word to the idle user of it outside of our ranks. If in the Post room or outside, there come up before us matters that for the moment cause a sense of irritation, having their origin in our own ranks, let us turn our thoughts backward and remember the days of our march and the bivouac when we were really as one in almost every portion of our daily life, and then let memory take us to that moment in the history of our Grand Army connection when our thoughts were directed to the words that told us of the true meaning of Charity. Of our loyalty to our country there is no doubt; it is of our loyalty to the spirit of fraternity and charity in our own ranks that I ask your earnest and increasing attention. There may be those who are not in our ranks at this time who were with us in '61-65, who are not satisfied that our principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty are what we claim for them, basing their belief upon our own lives and actions, therefore they remain without our doors; to these let our example be of a kind that shall draw them within. There are very few, comparatively, who are unworthy of fraternal regard. Remember your obligations to treat each Comrade as a brother and to exercise Fraternity and Charity toward every Comrade. See pages 22 and 23 of the ritual.

III. At a later date General Orders will issue referring to the completer arrangements for the observance of Memorial Day, May 30. At this time the attention of Posts is drawn to the subject with the suggestion that steps be taken early to make the day one to be impressively observed.

Make early announcements of your programs and appeal to your citizens in time not to arrange sporting programs, which will tend to divert attention from or to belittle the importance of our memorial services. This day should be kept not only as a Memorial Day but as a day when our young should be taught lessons of patriotism, when we should all again renew our devotion to the Union and pledge ourselves anew to the faithful discharge of our duties as patriotic citizens.

Where sporting programs are gotten up which engage the thought of our young and draw the people away from the Memorial services, the purposes for which the day was set apart are defeated. Ask your municipal authorities, if necessary, to request all citizens to respect the day, and protest in time against any programs which will violate its purposes.

Our citizens are not all fully aware of how generally and intense the desire is in our Order to secure the proper observance of this day and not have it diverted to other purposes.

We would not deprive any one of legitimate sport or interfere with the programs of others at proper times. Some holidays are properly devoted to sports; men may stand on their heads on the Fourth of July and yet violate no rule of propriety.

In behalf of all the surviving Union soldiers who placed their lives on the altar of their country to save this Union, not only for their own generation, but also for those who should come after them, and who wrought the victory which has brought such grand fruitage to us as a people, and given us the power and prestige we now enjoy and made this country a nation to be proud of. I ask all citizens to lend their influence toward securing

the proper observance of this day. Whenever possible have the citizens take a part in the management and services for the day. They have more vigor and are patriotic as we, and if placed on the committees will gladly lend a helping hand.

IV. Posts should communicate with and ask their members of Congress and Senators to support the pension legislation that has the approval of the Grand Army of the Republic, as shown by the report of the National Pension Committee of the Grand Army, a copy of which has been sent to every member of Congress. Ask them to help secure the passage of the bill giving "Veterans preference in employment," which bill has been introduced in the United States Senate, and is No. S. 283; in the House of Representatives it is No. H. R. 2583.

V. The State of Illinois is about to revise and to correct the history of its troops and organization enlisted in the war of 1861-65. The Adjutant General of that state asks that any veteran now residing in Michigan who served with Illinois troops, knowing of any inaccuracy in their record as now existing, may address him as follows: J. N. Reece, Adjutant General, Springfield, Illinois.

VI. With sorrow the Department Commander announces the sudden death in February last, of Comrade A. M. Apted, of Custer, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids, a most active member of our order, and aide on the staff of the Department Commander, and the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. He was a Comrade ever true to the order, faithful in his devotion to its cause and service in its ranks.

VII. By request of the Department of Pennsylvania, a circular relating to the erection of monuments in memory of United States Regular troops who fell at Gettysburg, is mailed with these orders.

VIII. National Orders No. 5 are mailed with these orders. The printed proceedings of the Thirty-third National Encampment, referred to in paragraph 5 of National Orders No. 5, have not been received at these Headquarters. They will be distributed to Posts at the Department Encampment to be held in Grand Rapids in June next.

IX. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Heber L. Bassett, Post 384, Detroit.

J. J. Drake, Post 21, St. Joseph.

J. B. Krebs, Post 176, Stanton.

Samuel Bassett, Post 426, Iron Mountain.

J. O. Bellaire, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

X. The following named Comrades having been nominated for Assistant Inspectors by the Department Inspector, since the issue of General Orders No. 4, their appointment has been made and they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

John Zimmerman, Post No. 1.

Theodore C. Putnam, Post No. 5.

F. D. Babcock, Post No. 13.

J. Edwin Smith, Post No. 15.

J. F. Heald, Post No. 20.

Geo. W. Lusk, Post No. 27.

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A. B. Simpson, Post No. 32.
 Delos F. Leonard, Post No. 38.
 N. Dorr Blakeman, Post No. 48.
 A. A. Lombard, Post No. 60.
 Philo A. Penfield, Post No. 68.
 W. L. Stearns, Post No. 69.
 Hiram L. Chipman, Post No. 70.
 Emanuel Zeigler, Post No. 73.
 E. W. Blanchard, Post No. 83.
 Calvin Wilcox, Post No. 120.
 D. J. Zook, Post No. 128.
 E. J. Anthony, Post No. 141.
 Milton Thompson, Post No. 149.
 John Greig, Post No. 152.
 D. M. Purchis, Post No. 163.
 James C. Percival, Post No. 176.
 Silas H. Millen, Post No. 181.
 Wells Knapp, Post No. 185.
 Jas. P. Suiter, Post No. 188.
 John J. Mackey, Post No. 205.
 Frederick W. Bechtold, Post No. 206.
 C. L. Tower, Post No. 210.
 Hugh M. Lamb, Post No. 218.
 H. W. Browne, Post No. 234.
 Wilson Lee, Post No. 248.
 William Downing, Post No. 316.
 P. W. LaClear, Post No. 323.
 R. G. Thomas, Post No. 426.

XI. Blanks for reports of Post surgeons to the Medical Director of the Department were sent to Post Adjutants last October. The Surgeon General makes his report to the National Encampment for the year that ended December 31, 1899. If any Posts have failed to make their report to the Department Medical Director, Oscar Palmer, Grayling, Mich., they will make such report at once that the Director may conclude his report to the Surgeon General.

XII. Post No. 450 was organized at Standish, Arenac County, November 11, 1899, with 26 charter members, Comrade L. G. Wilcox of Post 419, Bay City, Installing Officer.

XIII. The Assistant Adjutant General has in his possession at the Department Headquarters the discharge papers of John Daily, late private in Company H, 31st Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. Any information as to the whereabouts of said Daily, or of his family, will enable the restoration of the discharge.

XIV. The attention of Post Commanders is again called to the necessity of having the property of the Post insured. Fire losses come; insurance companies are best able to stand the loss; it costs but little to insure; not to be insured is careless negligence.

XV. Post officers are requested to have the third paragraph of these orders published in the local papers so there can be no excuse for exercises on Memorial Day in conflict with ours.

By command of

RUSSEL R. PEALER,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

WANTED.

The address of Nathan B. Goodfellow and Daniel Manuel, late of Company H, 3d Michigan Cavalry, by E. E. Tyler, 236 South Terrace St., Muskegon, Mich.

The address of Lawrence Wright or any member of Company E, 4th Michigan Infantry, who knew Oliver P. Stone of same Company, while in service, by W. G. Donaldson, Blissfield, Mich.

The address of George W. Haynes, late Orderly Sergeant Company F, 13th Missouri Cavalry, by J. B. Darling, M. D., 62 North 50th Court, Chicago, Ill.

The address of any Comrade who was in Company D, 15th Michigan Infantry, who knew Hiram Brown, by Mrs. Emily A. McIntyre, 222 North 2d Street, Saginaw, Mich.

The address of two commissioned officers of the 26th Iowa Infantry, who were mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 6, 1865, and discharged at Clinton, Iowa, on or about June 19, 1865, by Edwin P. Watson, late Captain Company K, 26th Iowa Infantry, now residing at Muskegon, Mich. Address care Phil Kearney, Post No. 7, G. A. R.

The address of William Knowles, late of Company I, 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry; re-enlisted in the 12th Michigan Infantry, by Stephen Reed, Lisbon post office, Ransom County, North Dakota.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 20, 1900.

General Orders No. 6.

I. The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Grand Rapids, Thursday and Friday, June 7-8, 1900. These dates were selected after careful consideration by the officers and Council of Administration, in order to avoid conflict with other orders and conventions and also in view of the early date fixed for the National Encampment.

The Department Headquarters will be established at Sweet's Hotel during the Encampment.

The Council of Administration will meet at Headquarters at 8 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, June 6th, 1900.

The Encampment will be called to order at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, June 7th, 1900, in the Auditorium.

The Committee on Credentials will be at Sweet's Hotel prepared to give the Encampment badges to all entitled to seats in the Encampment, from 7:30 to 11 p. m., Wednesday, June 6th, and from 7 to 10 a. m., Thursday, June 7th. After 10 o'clock the Committee will be at the Auditorium. Every Comrade entitled to a seat in the Encampment will be entitled to one of these badges; they should be secured of the Committee as soon after arrival in the city as possible while Committee is in session.

II. The Local Committee of Grand Rapids having in charge the making of all arrangements for the entertainment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Associate Organizations, are most earnestly engaged in their work and there can be no

doubt but that the comfort and welfare of all who attend the Encampment will be so well looked after as to impress the opinion that the gathering has been one of the very best.

The Committee report the following as rates for various hotels:

Morton House	\$2 50 per day.
Sweet's Hotel	1 50 to \$2 00 per day.
Warwick Hotel	2 00 per day.
Plaza Hotel	2 00 " "
Livingston Hotel	2 00 " "
Eagle Hotel	1 25 " "
Clarendon Hotel	1 25 " "
Kent Hotel	1 25 " "
Western Hotel	1 25 " "
Bridge St. House	1 00 to \$1.25 per day.
24 others from	1 00 to \$1.25 " "

Fifty-five boarding houses, rooms furnished with or without meals at reasonable rates.

Thirty restaurants. Meals from 15 to 25 cents each.

Address all applications for quarters at hotels, directly to the hotels; for boarding houses address the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Jos. O. Bellaire, 21 West Bridge St., Grand Rapids, who will see that the communication is assigned to the proper sub-committee. There should be no delay in making engagements for quarters.

III. The Michigan Railway Passenger Association have granted and made a rate of one fare for the round trip from all stations in the lower peninsula of Michigan, on account of the Department Encampment at Grand Rapids. This rate is the same as has been granted the Department for the last three years, and is appreciated by the veterans.

Tickets will be on sale good going June 6, 7, 8, good returning until June 9th. Comrades should see the ticket agents at the smaller railroad stations, at least two weeks before the Encampment and ascertain if the tickets are to be on sale. If the agent has not received notice of the sale let him be requested to at once attend to the matter.

IV. The Commander of Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids, will detail an Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and ten men for duty during the Encampment. The Officer of the Day will report for orders to the Assistant Adjutant General at Headquarters, Sweet's Hotel, at 7 p. m., Wednesday, June 6th, 1900.

V. Every Post without a Woman's Relief Corps, is earnestly requested to at once secure the organization of such an auxiliary. These organizations of women are invaluable to our order. They generously support us in all times of trial and bring life, vigor and joy.

VI. It will be remember that the Department Commander on behalf of the Department, promised banners to the Posts showing the largest percentage of gain for the year. This promise will be carried out except as to time and place. As the semi-annual reports and per capita tax are not due until after the last Post meeting in June, and the Encampment is to be held June 7-8, we will have no way at that meeting of determining which Posts

will be entitled to banners, but they will be provided for and presented after the reports have been received. So let there be no abatement in recruiting. Many worthy Comrades have joined our ranks. Let each Post take pride in working to the close of the year to make the very best possible record.

VII. The printed proceedings of the Thirty-third National Encampment held at Philadelphia, have been received at these Headquarters. To insure the receipt by each Post in the Department, of the Journal, it is suggested that (13) thirteen cents in postage be sent the Assistant Adjutant General at Lansing, that he mail the book at once. The distributing of the Journal at the Department Encampment has not been satisfactory heretofore. Many Posts not represented, securing no copy, other Posts having representatives who have forgotten to deliver the book to their Posts.

VIII. Department and Staff Officers and Standing Committees having reports to make at the Department Encampment, will send copies of the same to the Assistant Adjutant General on or before May 15th, 1900.

IX. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of the Posts of this Department for the term ending June 30th, 1900, together with blanks for Chaplain's reports of the observance of next Memorial Day, with addressed envelopes for the return of same to these Headquarters, will be sent to Adjutants of Posts, who are instructed to see that the reports are properly and promptly made out after the dates of their required use.

X. More fires and more losses of Post property, make it proper to call attention of Posts to the danger in neglecting to have all such property insured.

XI. General Orders from National Headquarters No. 6-7; Department Memorial Orders No. 7 and Special Orders No. 21 are mailed with these orders. Where it can be done let the press of the state be invited to give publicity to Memorial Orders.

Unless special occasion should require, no further General Orders will be issued from these Headquarters prior to the Department Encampment.

Remember, send 13 cents in postage if you want National Journal.

By command of

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ADDRESS WANTED.

Of any one who knew William E. Thornton, of Company I, 24th Michigan Infantry, transferred to Battery B of Michigan Light Artillery, who was wounded at Fort Hell, Va. Send address to his widow, Mrs. Anna Thornton, Winfield, Kansas.

MEMORIAL DAY.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 21, 1900.

General Orders No. 7.

In a previous order Posts were requested to make early arrangements for Memorial Service and to announce their programs in season.

Thirty-two years have come and gone since Gen. John A. Logan, our most distinguished volunteer officer in the Civil War, and then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, instituted Memorial Day. Since that, patriotic citizens have made it a holiday in most of the states and as a rule it has been tenderly observed by a grateful people. It is regarded by the survivors of the war as the Soldier's Sabbath, and it ought to be to all Americans a holy day, never a day for celebrations, noisy demonstrations, fireworks or field sports, but a day of sacred observances; a day for strewing the most fragrant and beautiful flowers on the graves of our dead Comrades. It should not only be kept sacred to the memory of the dead but should also be devoted to patriotic teaching, and nothing should be arranged to divert the attention of the young. Thoughtful and patriotic citizens observe it with increasing interest.

Gen. Logan, when inaugurating the day, urged all "to tenderly cherish the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes. Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their deaths the tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms."

"We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic.

"If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remains to us."

From the programs, the processions, the music, the flags and patriotic addresses of the day, lessons of patriotism are taught and there comes a hallowed influence which tends to make all who enter into the exercises and spirit of the occasion, better citizens, and to keep pure the sources of national life and to strengthen the Nation by increasing the love of country. Let our services at the dawning of the 20th Century be of the very best.

Do not overlook the importance of patriotic services in the schools on Friday afternoon previous and in the churches on Memorial Sunday. The teachers and ministers have done and will continue to do invaluable work.

Gen. Logan invoked the friendly aid of the press and we have always had it, and we believe we shall have its support in every reasonable effort to arrest any tendency to arrange sporting

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programs which will tend to defeat the proper observance of the services of the day.

Do not hurry the decorating service too much; give ample time. A quiet hour spent in reflection in the presence of the graves of our Comrades is in keeping with the purposes of the day.

Invite the soldiers of the late war, the State troops and citizens all to take part. Decorate the graves of our soldiers of all the wars.

By command of

RUSSEL R. PEALER,

Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

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SPECIAL ORDER.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 20, 1900. }

Special Orders No. 21.

The Department Commander was pained to hear of the death of his immediate predecessor, Comrade Alexander L. Patrick, who died March 26th, 1900.

The funeral services were held at his home and were attended by Past Commander in Chief Russell A. Alger, the Department Officers, Past Department Commanders Pond, Janes, Duffield, Dean, Kidd, Kanitz and Bliss, and by many Comrades of his own and other Posts, of Detroit, as well as by several Comrades of the regiment in which he served. The presence of all these attest the esteem in which he was held as a Comrade and Department officer.

He was born in Scotland, September 7, 1836. He enlisted as a private in the 4th Michigan Infantry, May 16, 1861, and was honorably discharged as Bugler at Corps Headquarters, June 20, 1864.

He was a member of Fairbanks, Post No. 17, of this Department, having been mustered, in spring of 1887, and was elected and served as Commander of the Post in 1891.

He was the Department Commander for the year ending June, 1899, and was a zealous Grand Army man and an efficient officer. No one thought when he turned over the gavel at Petoskey that his career was so soon to end. We then looked forward to the enjoyment of years of mutual friendship. "Be ye also ready."

As a mark of respect to the memory of our deceased Comrade, the charters of the Department and of the several Posts are ordered to be draped for sixty days from date of these orders.

By command of

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

CIRCULARS.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 31, 1899. }

Circular Note to Aides-de-Camp.

Comrade—Your appointment upon my staff has been a most pleasurable privilege. In sending your Commission as an Aide, the belief has been with me, that I should find in your help most valuable work, in the furthering of the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, in your home locality and in the State at large.

Your duties are not specifically mentioned or laid down in our Rules and Regulations, but they are of a character that makes them felt by you in your day by day life. Are there Veterans of the Civil War in your vicinity, who are worthy, but have not united with the G. A. R.? Try to encourage them to become members at once. Are there members of the order who have become indifferent to their membership, and permitted suspension, or perhaps a placement upon the roll of "Dropped" members? Talk with them along the line of urging a revival of their interest. Do all you can to keep alive the interest in the Post, and encourage a desire to be known as members of the Grand Army of the Republic, when the bugle shall sound "Lights Out."

It is also desired that you do all you can to encourage a good turn out to the National Encampment at Philadelphia, in September, next. There is scarcely another city in our country where so great pleasure can come to our Comrades. It is an historic city full of the relics of our first days as a Republic.

If you attend the Encampment, as I hope you may be permitted to do, you are not expected to appear mounted in the parade. You should meet the Senior Aide, Comrade James M. Greenfield, at Michigan Headquarters, Room A at the Bingham House, corner Market and Eleventh streets, Monday evening, September 4th, at 7 o'clock, or on the following morning at 8 o'clock, and if able, march in a body as then instructed.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who can make it convenient to accompany the Headquarters train on Saturday, September 2. Circulars of the Transportation Committee as to the running of this train have been sent to you.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
Department Commander.

OFFICIAL:

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., NOV. 29, 1896.

Circular No. 2.

Comrades of the Department—We have now 385 Posts, and much as your Commander would like to visit each, and take each Comrade by the hand and look him in the eye, it is impracticable for him to attempt to do so, but having the interests of the order in my keeping for this year, and being desirous of securing the best possible results, I suggest:

I. That each Comrade use special care in the election soon to be held, in selecting post officers. Have the good of the order in mind. Elect good officers, comrades who have the ability, the zeal, the devotion to the order and the influence to strengthen the Post. The practice in many Posts of selecting new men each year deprives such Posts of the service of those most competent to command and serve, and places the organization, on public occasions, in the hands of Comrades either not qualified or who have not the confidence to discharge their duties, and the Comrades in the ranks become chagrined and the organization loses the respect of the public. Elect Comrades best qualified.

II. Select Comrades who have the respect of the community; you will secure a larger attendance at Post meetings. Such Comrades can command respect and support for your Post where others can not. Above all, select Comrades who will be on hand and think and act for the good of the Post. The Comrade who seldom attends Post meetings, who never brings in a new application, or raises his voice or his hand for the good of the order, has not earned the favor of the Post and will not build it up.

III. The next National Encampment will be held in Chicago in September next, and being so near, many Posts will no doubt be largely represented there, and it will be important to the Department and to you each that we have competent Post officers on this occasion, men who can assist their Comrades, who will have pride enough to appear in uniform and direct the formation and movements of the Post, and who will see that their flag is there.

IV. The new officers should all be recruiting officers. Let us have no schemes to keep Comrades out. Whatever our business or party differences may be let us keep them all outside of the Post room, and seek to have every worthy Comrade in, and meet him kindly and exercise fraternity and charity. Let us not forget the tie that should bind us together. Let us be generous to all who have fallen out of the ranks; make it easy for them to fall in again. If you can get them back they will most likely remain to the end, and you will get at least some support where you get nothing now. We all have our weaknesses, and many very good soldiers have made mistakes in relation to the order, but let us be charitable and take them by the hand and help them back. If we cling together like the Comrades of the Old Guard, we will command the respect of those around us and will always receive a generous support from the public toward Post expenses when needed. Again, reach for those who have never been members, in your own best way—win them, bring them in. As a rule the Posts exert a good influence over the members; they are a source of strength. Each Comrade has his own good name and the

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 good name of the Post in his keeping. A good Grand Army man will not forget this, and is a good citizen. In union there is strength. Members of the order have approved army records. This is important to our children and grand-children. We are free from the suspicion that there may be something wrong with our records that exists toward many who do not belong.

V. Each Post is hereby ordered to make a special effort to secure at least five new members within the next three months.

A banner will be awarded by the Department, at the next Encampment, to be held at Grand Rapids, in June, to the Post securing the largest percentage of gain over last report, not counting transfers, and a second and third prize will be recommended. Should an earnest effort be made by the Posts to make a good record. Should two or more Posts show the same percentage, they may draw cuts for the prize.

Never think of giving up the charter; meet somewhere without expense when your numbers become depleted.

With kind wishes for you all and a Happy New Year when it comes, I remain your Comrade in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

RUSSEL R. PEALER,
 Department Commander.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 10, 1900. }

Circular Note.

To the Adjutant:

Comrade—With this I send you blanks for semi-annual returns—for Adjutant's and Quartermaster's report, for term ending June 30, 1900.

Please see that these blanks are promptly filled out, at the close of the last Post meeting held in June, whether that meeting be in the first or last week of the month. Don't hold your reports for signature of the Commander, if he cannot be with you when reports are made out, get his consent to sign his name and forward report next mail, with per capita tax of ten cents for each member.

National Headquarters, under the rules, only give me 20 days to consolidate and forward these returns to the Adjutant General. As the National Encampment meets August 27th, this year, and the reports of Departments have to be printed some time before, it compels me to send my report promptly. If your Post reports are not in my hands in time, I am obliged to report you as delinquent. This reflects discredit upon our Department and prevents a showing of actual conditions.

You and the Quartermaster with myself must work together in this matter of reports. I rely upon your promptness, for my interest in having your Post reported "present and accounted for" is no less than yours. I feel certain you will act with me in this work.

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The blanks are furnished by National Headquarters, and we must accept them as they are.

Do not alter the red figures I have placed upon the blanks—they are the figures that came from your Post on the last returns, December 31, 1899. If they do not agree with your books as you find them relative to membership, you must, in the columns of Gains or Loss, write in "by error"—, as the case may call for.

Do not fail to give the name and regiment, with the date of each gain or loss, and how gained or lost. Keep one copy on file for the Post.

Yours in F., C and L.,

C. V. R. POND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Don't fail to mail reports and per capita tax within three days after last meeting in June.

STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislature down to and including the session of 1899.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

[Act No. 152, Session Laws 1885, p. 172; amended 1889, Act 103, p. 108; 1891, Act 44, p. 44.]

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of the "Michigan Soldiers' Home," and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the general fund for preparing grounds, and for the erection of suitable buildings and fixtures thereon, and equipping the same; and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of maintaining such Soldiers' Home for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundred and eighty-six: Provided, That the board may use ten thousand dollars of the above, or so much as may be needed, to support or maintain such persons as are entitled to support under this act up to the time the home is ready for occupancy, in such manner and such place as the board may deem best: Provided, however, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers hereinafter created to draw upon the sum hereby appropriated an amount exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and the sum of forty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of

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March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respective terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good and [and] sufficient titles to any lands thus granted shall be obtained by said board before any such site shall be fully established.

Sec. 4. The said board, having established a site for the home, shall immediately deposit a certificate of their determination, together with all conveyances of lands granted, in the office of the Auditor General. They shall also prepare, or cause to be prepared, and adopt a plan for the grounds, buildings and fixtures necessary for such institution, of such form, dimensions, style and finish, as when completed the grounds and improvements thereon, including the buildings and fixtures therein, shall be at a cost to the State not exceeding the sum hereinbefore appropriated.

Sec. 5. The board of managers having secured a site and adopted a plan for the grounds and buildings, which shall not comprise less than one hundred acres of land, shall forthwith proceed to advertise for proposals for the erection and furnishing of such parts of the buildings, in accordance with their plans, as may be necessary to put the said institution in readiness at an early day for the reception of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as shall be hereinafter declared entitled to homes in said institution; and upon the reception of such proposal they may, in their discretion, make contracts with such bidders as shall make proposals most conducive to the interests of the State, taking into consideration the price, time of performance and responsibility of the contractor, with such sureties as he may offer; which contract, when

duly executed, shall also be deposited in the office of the Auditor General, and a duplicate of said contract shall be kept by the secretary or other proper officer of the board as part of the records of the institution.

Sec. 6. Each of the members of said board shall be entitled to receive three dollars per day for each day he shall be engaged with the business of the board and his actual and necessary expenses, the accounts for such expenses and compensation to be allowed by the Board of State Auditors and paid from the general fund in a similar manner to those for members of other boards of the several State institutions.

Sec. 7. It shall be the duty of the members of the board of managers to meet annually at the home on the second Wednesday in March of each year, and at said annual meeting they shall elect of their own body a treasurer and a clerk, who shall hold their office for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the board of managers to meet once in every three months, on their own adjournment, and oftener if they should deem it advisable, at which meeting they shall prepare and carefully digest and mature a system of government for said home, embracing all such rules, regulations and general laws as they may deem necessary for preserving order, for enforcing discipline, for preserving the health of such disabled soldiers, sailors or marines as may be received at this home.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of maturing said system of government and discipline it shall be competent for said board to authorize one of its members to visit similar institutions now in operation, and by personal inspection and investigation to acquire an insight into the principles and practical workings of said similar homes, for the information and benefit of said board, the expense actually and necessarily incurred in any such visit and investigation to be charged against the appropriation hereinbefore made.

Sec. 10. The board of managers shall have power, and it shall be their duty to appoint a Commandant for said home who shall be an ex-officer, soldier or marine, whose salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars per annum, and who shall nominate for the action of the

board of managers all necessary subordinate officers, who shall also be ex-officers, soldiers, sailors or marines, who may be dismissed by said Commandant for inefficiency or misconduct; but in case of every removal a detailed statement of the case shall be reported to the board of managers by the Commandant. The board of management shall have power to fix the salaries of all subordinate officers: Provided, The amount so paid shall not exceed such reasonable compensation as is paid for the like service in similar institutions.

Sec. 11. All honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army or navy of the United States in the late war of the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and who are disabled by disease, wounds or otherwise, and who have no adequate means of support, and by reason of such disability are incapable of earning their living, and who would be otherwise dependent upon public or private charity, shall be entitled to be admitted to said home, subject to the rules and regulations that shall be adopted by the board of managers to govern the admission of applicants to said home: Provided, That no applicant shall be admitted to said home who has not been a resident of the State of Michigan for one year next preceding the date of the original passage of this act, unless he served in a Michigan regiment or was accredited to the State of Michigan.

Sec. 12. The method of drawing money from the State treasury and accounting for the same shall be similar to that now in force with other State institutions, as prescribed by the general law.

Sec. 13. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, and for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six the further sum of forty thousand dollars, which sums when collected shall be passed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse the same for the amounts advanced under the provisions of this act.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

Approved May 21, 1889.

Approved April 28, 1891.

[Act No. 240, Session Laws 1889, p. 370; amended Act 47, p. 143, 1895.]

AN ACT relating to the admission of insane members of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to the insane [asylums] asylum of the State, and to their support at such asylums.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That in case any member of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall become insane, and shall be so adjudged according to law, and shall be sent to any one of the asylums for the insane, such insane inmate shall not thereby lose his connection with said Michigan Soldiers' Home, and the proper officers of said Soldiers' Home shall claim from the general government any proportion of the cost of maintaining such insane inmate to which said Soldiers' Home is entitled by law.

Sec. 2. Whenever any such inmate of the Michigan Soldiers' Home shall be adjudged insane according to law, the probate judge having jurisdiction thereof may commit such insane person to any insane asylum of this State to be there maintained and supported at the expense of the State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved July 3, 1889.

Approved March 29, 1895.

[Act No. 90, Session Laws 1895, p. 199.]

AN ACT to provide for the maintenance of discipline and for the better government of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines, who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the officers of the Michigan Soldiers' Home and the Home for the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, shall consist of a Commandant, with the military rank of Colonel; an Adjutant, with the military rank of Major; a Surgeon, with the military rank of Major; a Quartermaster, with the military rank of Captain, and such non-commissioned officers as the Commandant may from time to time appoint.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commandant to provide some suitable place within said home wherein

disobedient or otherwise disorderly persons can be restrained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person, until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost when finished a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cottages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandent of the Soldiers' Home shall have direct control and supervision of the Home herein created, and the officers of the Soldiers' Home shall also be the official officers thereof.

Sec. 5. Any moneys, which may be paid to the said board of managers from subscriptions, donations, or any source whatever of like private beneficence, should there be a surplus at the annual meeting at the end of the year, shall be covered into the State treasury and placed to the credit of the general fund.

Sec. 6. The board of managers shall elect out of their own body a chairman, secretary and treasurer, whose terms of office shall be for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 7. All supplies for said institution shall be purchased and furnished under the direction of the Commandant of the Soldiers' Home, as may be prescribed by the board of managers.

Sec. 8. The conditions as to eligibility shall be the same as prescribed for the admission into the Soldiers' Home of the soldiers, sailors and marines, under act one hundred and fifty-two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, viz.: The husband or father must have served in a Michigan regiment, been accredited to the State of Michigan or have been a resident of this State one year previous to the passage of this act.

Sec. 9. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the sum of fifteen thousand dol-

lars, and in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be assessed, levied and collected according to law, which sums, when collected, shall be passed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse it for the advances made under the provisions of this bill.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 2, 1893.

BURIAL OF SOLDIERS, ETC.

[Act No. 170, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to authorize the burial of the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor, or marine in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray his funeral expenses.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each county in this State to appoint in each township and ward in their respective counties, a suitable person, other than those designated by law for the care of paupers and the care of criminals, whose duty it shall be, in his township or ward, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent or respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine, having at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person as appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors, and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed in the foregoing section, before he assumes the charge and expense of any such burial, to first satisfy himself by a careful inquiry into and examination of all the circumstances in the case, that the family of such deceased

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soldier, sailor or marine, if he had any at the time of his decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable, for want of means, to defray the expenses of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine, to be buried as provided in section one of this act, and he shall also immediately report his action to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county, setting forth all the facts, and that he found the family of such deceased person, if he had any, in indigent circumstances and unable to pay the expenses of such funeral or burial, together with the name, rank and command to which he belonged as such soldier, sailor or marine, the date of his death, place where buried and his occupation while living; also an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of supervisors, upon receiving the report and statement of expenses provided for in section two of this act, to transcribe in a book, kept for that purpose, all the facts contained in said report respecting such deceased soldier, sailor or marine. It shall also be the duty of said clerk, upon the death and burial of any such soldier, sailor or marine, to make application to the proper authorities under the Government of the United States, for a suitable headstone, as provided by act of Congress, and to cause the same to be placed at the head of such deceased soldier's, sailor's or marine's grave.

Sec. 4. All expenses incurred in such burial, as provided in this act, shall be audited and paid by the board of supervisors, or board of county auditors, the same as other legal charges against the county.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 10, 1885.

[Act No. 33, Session Laws 1887, p. 31.]

AN ACT to authorize the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase lots in any cemetery or burial place for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That it shall be lawful for the board of supervisors of any county in this State to purchase one or more lots in

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any cemetery or burial place, for deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, who have served in the army of the United States in the late war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. The title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall be vested in such county or in such incorporated Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, as the board of supervisors may designate, such title to be held by such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the title to such lots in any such cemeteries shall revert to the county when such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to be a legal corporation.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 17, 1887.

[Act No. 130, Session Laws 1889, p. 150.]

AN ACT to provide for the joint erection of soldiers' monumental buildings by townships, incorporated villages and cities, and to permit the same to unite with any Grand Army Post in the erection of such buildings.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That whenever any township, incorporated village or city, or county, in which a soldiers' monumental building is proposed to be erected by any Post or Posts, or the Department of Michigan, of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, shall desire to unite with such Post or Department in the erection of such building for township, village or city purposes, such township, village or city, shall have the right to aid and assist in the construction and building of the same to the same extent as though such [building] buildings were to be used solely for such township, village and city or county purposes, and such township, village, city or county shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to contract with any such Post or Department, whenever the same shall have been incorporated, and thereby determine the proportions that said township, village, city or county shall pay towards the construction of said building, the architecture and arrangements of the same, and the separate portions respectively which shall be occupied or used by the respective parties to such contract.

Sec. 2. And for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, the said township, village, city or county is author-

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ized to appoint by its township board, village trustees, or common council of any such city, or board of supervisors of any such county, a board of three trustees, who shall constitute the building committee in behalf of said township, village, city or county, under the supervision of the township board, village trustees, or common council, or board of supervisors appointing them, and who shall have power under such supervision to make the contracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee, on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible, the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construction of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so

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long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State, and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.

PAYMENTS OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

AN ACT to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers, and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

Sec. 2. For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mus-

tered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certificate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificate the Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer of the State of Michigan for the amount found due by said board as shown by such certificate, and the Treasurer shall pay the same out of any money appropriated for that purpose, or any money not otherwise appropriated.

Approved June 9, 1885.

[Act No. 138, Session Laws 1891, p. 171.]

AN ACT providing for the payment by the State of bounties offered to soldiers and sailors under the call of the President of the United States of February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and remaining due to them and their heirs.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be paid to each enlisted man who enlisted and was mustered into the military or naval service of the United States during the late war of the Rebellion, under the call of the President of the United States bearing date February first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and who served in a Michigan regiment, company or battery, or who served in any organization from any other state, and who was credited to this State, or to any county, township, city or village, or military subdistrict therein, under offers of bounties made by virtue of acts passed by the Legislature of Mich-

igan, such sum or sums as may remain due to such soldier or sailor under said offer of bounties, and in case of his death, then to his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, then to the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, or in case neither widow nor child survive him, then to his father or mother in the order named.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, upon application being made to them by any such soldier or sailor, or his widow, or in case of her death or remarriage, the surviving children of such soldier or sailor, his father or mother, as aforesaid, for the payment of such bounty, to ascertain upon proper and sufficient proofs, to be made in such manner and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of States Auditors:

First, Whether the applicant is a soldier or sailor, or the legal representative of a soldier or sailor, who is entitled to the bounty under the provisions of this act;

Second, The amount of bounty, if any, heretofore paid to such soldier or sailor by this State.

Sec. 3. If it shall appear that said applicant is entitled to the sum claimed or any part thereof, they, the said Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, shall make the necessary certificate showing the amount so due, with certificate together with the proofs and copies of the records relating thereto shall be forwarded to the Board of State Auditors. The Board of State Auditors shall thereupon examine and review such proof, and if found correct draw their warrant upon the State treasury for the amount so due, and the amount of said warrant (together with the date of its drawing), shall be communicated to the person entitled to receive the same, together with a voucher to be executed by the recipient of said bounty and returned to the Auditor General, according to certain rules to be prescribed by the Board of State Auditors, and thereupon said warrant shall be forwarded to the person so entitled to said bounty, and when properly endorsed and presented in due form to the State Treasurer, shall be paid out of any moneys in the State treasury for that purpose appropriated, and in case there shall not be sufficient money in the State treasury applicable to such purpose, such warrant shall remain as an obligation against the State until paid, and a sum of money not exceeding one hundred thousand dol-

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lars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated for the payment of said bounties.

Sec. 4. All applications for bounties, now on file in the office of the Board of State Auditors, shall be transferred to the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General, and considered by them as original applications.

Sec. 5. It shall not be necessary to employ any agent or attorney for the prosecution or collection of said claims for bounties; but they shall be settled and adjusted directly by the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and Board of State Auditors, without cost to said applicant, and the checks drawn in payment of these bounties shall be mailed directly to the claimant, or the money paid to the claimant, and it shall not be lawful to pay any moneys to third parties except after the transfer of said checks by indorsement of the soldier or claimant in whose favor the same was drawn.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1891.

INCORPORATION OF G. A. R.

[Act 37, Session Laws 1883, amended Act 84, 1889, p. 87.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, and subordinate Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Department of Michigan, may be incorporated in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, which articles of association shall be acknowledged before some officer authorized by law to take acknowledgments of deeds, and shall set forth:

First, The names of the officers above mentioned and their places of residence;

Second, The corporate name by which the association shall be known in law;

Third, The object and purpose of such association, which shall be to promote the general welfare of the order known as the Grand Army of the Republic, and the period for which it is incorporated, which shall not exceed thirty years.

Sec. 3. A copy of said articles of association, together with a copy of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and thereupon the persons who shall sign such articles of association, and their associates and successors, shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and shall be persons in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy to them and their successors estates, real and personal, of suing and being sued, and to have a common seal which may be altered or changed at pleasure, but said corporation shall have no power to divert any gift, grant, or bequest from the specific purpose or purposes designated by the donor or donors. It shall also have the power to act as trustee under any gift or bequest for any specified purpose within those named by its rules and regulations, or the spirit thereof, and may administer such trust by such officers and in such manner as is in accordance with such rules and regulations of the order and with the specified instructions of the donor or donors, and such trust when so created shall not be invalid for want of the names of specific beneficiaries to be benefited thereby. And in case the charter of any such Post or Department should be taken away or surrendered, or whenever such Post or Department shall become defunct as a corporation and incapable of carrying out the provisions of any such trust as trustee thereof, the same shall be turned over to and received by a commission, or board of trustees, of not more than three persons in number, which said board of trustees shall be appointed by the circuit court of the county in which Said Post was organized, or if said property be real estate, in which said real estate is situated, which said board of trustees shall continue to administer said trust fund in accordance with the provisions and the spirit of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the conditions expressed in said trust, and they shall account to and be governed in the man-

agement thereof by said court, and may be required to give the same bonds as receiver appointed under the general powers of the court: Provided, That the value of the real estate and personal estate owned in fee by said Post or Department, shall not exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars, and that they and their successors shall have power to give, grant, sell, lease, devise and dispose of such real and personal estate or any part thereof to be disposed of, together with the proceeds, rent and income, as directed by such corporation under its rules and regulations. Said corporation shall have full power to make and establish rules and by-laws for regulating and governing all of its affairs and business not repugnant to the laws and constitution of this State or of the United States, and to designate, elect, or appoint from its members such officers under such name and style as shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sec. 4. A copy of the records of such articles of association under the seal of the State, duly certified by the Secretary of State, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 5. Such corporation when duly formed shall have power to institute and charter Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this State, and from time to time issue such orders for the government of Posts as are not repugnant to the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic of the United States.

Sec. 6. At any time when a subordinate Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, shall, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said Post, resolve to become incorporated, the Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander and Adjutant of such Post may make and execute articles of association under their hands and seals, specifying as provided in section two of this act, and file a copy of the resolutions passed at a regular meeting of the Post, with the clerk of the county in which such corporation shall be formed, which shall be recorded by such a clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be

a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts in this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation: And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal regulation in regard to cemeteries: And provided

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further, That any such corporation may join with any public corporation in the creation of such cemetery, or division of any existing cemetery, but in case of such joint agreement, such cemetery, after the dissolution of the said corporation, shall revert to and become the property of, or subject to the control of, any such public corporation, to be maintained by it in perpetuity as a distinct Grand Army division of such cemetery.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

LEASE OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS TO G. A. R. POSTS.

[Act No. 79, Session Laws 1889 p. 84.]

AN ACT to authorize the leasing of public buildings and parts thereof in this State to Grand Army Posts at a nominal rent.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, Any county, city, town, village or school district in the State of Michigan is hereby authorized to lease for any period not exceeding five years each to any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic established in any such county, city, town, village or school district, to be used by such Post, any public building or any part thereof, belonging to any such county, city, town, village or school district except school houses in actual use as such, at a nominal rent to be fixed by the board of supervisors of such county, the board of aldermen of such city, the township board, the board of trustees of such village, or the school board or boards of education of said district.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1889.

TO PREVENT ILLEGAL WEARING OF THE BADGE.

[Act No. 78, Session Laws 1887.]

AN ACT to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or the badge of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That any person that shall wilfully wear the badge of the

Grand Army of the Republic, or the badge of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use or wear the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby within this State, unless he shall be entitled to use or wear the same under the rules and regulations of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and the Michigan commandery of the military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not to exceed thirty days in the county jail, or a fine not to exceed twenty dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 19, 1887.

PROPERTY OF POSTS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

[Act No. 25, Session Laws 1895, p. 107.]

Sec. 3. The following personal property shall be exempt from taxation:

Third, Of all Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sons of Veterans, Union Veterans' Unions and of the Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith.

STATE ARMS FOR SONS OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 141, Session Laws 1885, p. 158.]

AN ACT to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organizations known as the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Quartermaster General of this State be and is hereby authorized to furnish each of the organizations known as the "Sons of Veterans," in this State, with four of the condemned muskets belonging to the State. Said muskets are to be used by said [organization] organizations until such time as the [organization] organizations shall be disbanded, and upon such disbanding they shall be returned to the State.

Sec. 2. In order to insure a prompt return to the State

of such arms upon the disbanding of such several organizations, the Quartermaster General shall in each case require of such organization a good and sufficient bond in such amount and with such sureties as he shall approve, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

RELIEF COMMISSION.

[Act No. 253, Session Laws 1895; p. 548.]

AN ACT to amend sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or

deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof. Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treasury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then and aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make the place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the

secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue payment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet, and made of good flag bunting "A," flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 14, 1895.

STATUE OF GOV. AUSTIN BLAIR.

[Session Laws 1895, p. 600.]

No. 11.

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for placing a statue of Michigan's War Governor, Austin Blair, on the east side of the capitol building on the State House grounds, in the city of Lansing, Michigan.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of securing and causing to be erected on the grounds belonging to the State of Michigan, adjacent to and on the east side of the capitol building, in the city of Lansing, a statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair.

And further resolved. That there shall be appointed by the Governor three commissioners, of whom two at least shall have been soldiers of the Union army of eighteen

hundred sixty-one, eighteen sixty-five, whose duty it shall be to procure such statue of "Michigan's War Governor," Austin Blair, and cause the same to be placed upon the grounds adjacent to the capitol building, and on the east side of said building, in the city of Lansing. The commissioners so appointed shall serve without charge for their services, or cost to the State: Provided, That such necessary expenses as may be incurred by the commission for postage, stationery, travel and expenses essential thereto, while carrying out the object of this resolution, shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgment, when audited by the Board of State Auditors: Provided, That the said ten thousand dollars shall be added to and incorporated in the State tax for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six by the Auditor General, and shall be assessed, levied and collected and credited to the general fund to reimburse it for the sum hereby appropriated, but said ten thousand dollars shall not be drawn from the treasury before April first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

This joint resolution is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 8, 1895.

RECOMPILATION OF SOLDIER RECORDS.

[Act No. 30, Session Laws 1895, p. 117.]

AN ACT to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history, and final disposition of the soldiers or sailors from this State during the war of the rebellion, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Adjutant General is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who en-

listed from or was credited to this State during the war of the rebellion. Such history shall show, as far as may be possible, the name, age, date of enlistment, military or naval history and final disposition of each such soldier or sailor.

Sec. 2. The sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any moneys in the State treasury to the credit of the general fund not otherwise appropriated, for the purposes mentioned in this act. The Auditor General shall draw his warrant upon the State Treasurer upon the certificate of the Adjutant General not to exceed the sum above mentioned, as the same may be required to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five the sum of four thousand dollars, and a like sum for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, to be assessed, levied and collected as other State taxes are assessed, levied and collected, which sums, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund to reimburse it for the sum appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 22, 1895.

LOCATING MICHIGAN REGIMENTS ON BATTLE FIELDS.

[Act No. 55, Session Laws 1893, p. 57.]

AN ACT to provide for a commission to locate and mark the positions and places occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries who fought upon the battle fields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, and to make an appropriation to defray the expenses of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to appoint a commission of five persons, all of whom participated in the said battles of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to coöperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent or-

ganization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and procuring the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiment's batteries and other organizations as hereinbefore provided upon filing of itemized statement of such actual and necessary expenses. The commission shall also make out and file with the Governor, upon the fulfillment of their duties, an abstract of all expenditures and all acts done or recommendations made by them, with the information gathered from their observation, and pertinent in its relation thereto, as the commission may think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three the sum of two thousand dollars to be apportioned, levied, assessed and collected, which sum, when collected, shall be placed to the credit of the general fund, to reimburse said fund for the amount appropriated by section two of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws of 1895, p. 72.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for marking by monuments the places occupied by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second Regiments of Infantry; the Second and Fourth Regiments of Cavalry, Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery, and the First Regiment Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, who participated in the campaigns and battles of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, within the National Military Park of Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and providing for the erection of the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting monuments to mark the places occupied on the battle fields of Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge by the Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Thirteenth, Twenty-first, Twenty-second Regiments of Michigan Infantry; the Second and Fourth Michigan Cavalry, the First Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, and Batteries A and D, First Michigan Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park Commission, created by act number fifty-five, public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Sec. 2. The said commission shall at once, after the passage of this act, proceed to carry the same into effect. They shall determine the design and number of monuments to be erected as contemplated in this act with all convenient speed. The actual expenses of said commission shall be paid out of the fund hereby appropriated, and they shall report to the Governor of the State of Michigan immediately upon the fulfillment of their duties in detail, making an abstract of expenditures with vouchers thereto, with all acts done or made by them, together with information as gathered from their observation and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the [commission] commissioner shall think proper.

Sec. 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty thou-

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