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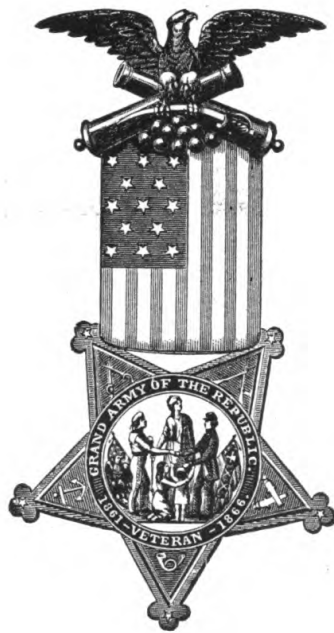
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### DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

James Van Kleeck, Post 67, - - - - - Bay City

### SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

M. C. Barney, Post 145, - - - - - Flint

### JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

H. A. Backus, Post 17, - - - - - Detroit

### 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.

Orrin Bump, Post 419, - - - - - Bay City

#### JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Burton Parker, Post 76, - - - - - Monroe

#### DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

E. F. Guild, Post 38, - - - - - Saginaw

#### CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

J. G. Allport, Post 7, - - - - - Muskegon

#### CHIEF OF STAFF.

Edward B. Nugent, Post 67, - - - - - Bay City

#### SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Edwin S. Petit, Post 98, - - - - - Port Huron

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wm. C. Claxton, Post 17, - - - - - Detroit

Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269, - - - - - Plainwell

A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75, - - - - - Grand Haven

Albert Dunham, Post 48, - - - - - Jackson

Wm. J. Just, Post 211, - - - - - Ionia

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**DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE THIRTY-FIFTH  
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT CLEVELAND,  
OHIO, SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1901.**

**DELEGATES.**

1. J. R. Stephenson, (at large) - Post 5, Grand Rapids
2. William Davey, - - - - Post 17, Detroit
3. D. J. Willson, - - - - Post 48, Jackson
4. Chas. M. Stephens, - - - - Post 32, Battle Creek
5. Roscoe D. Dix, - - - - Post 39, Berrien Springs
6. D. B. K. Van Raalte, - - - - Post 262, Holland
7. David S. Howard, - - - - Post 147, Pontiac
8. Robert King, - - - - Post 144, Lapeer
9. William N. Stocker, - - - - Post 156, St. Johns
10. N. R. Menold, - - - - Post 218, Luther
11. Henry W. Simms, - - - - Post 67, Bay City
12. B. F. Smith, - - - - Post 101, Ithaca
13. C. D. Blanchard, - - - - Post 300, Marquette
14. "Ren" Barker, - - - - Post 451, Reed City
15. William H. Russell, - - - - Post 194, Clio
16. A. L. Bryant, - - - - Post 255, Mayville
17. Henry S. White, - - - - Post 202, Romeo
18. E. W. Wheeler, - - - - Post 226, Sherman
19. M. M. Andrews, - - - - Post 419, Bay City
20. John Develin, - - - - Post 433, Detroit
21. R. L. Warren, - - - - Post 40, Charlotte

**ALTERNATES.**

1. Allen B. Morse, (at large) - - Post 211, Ionia
2. Eugene Muffat, - - - - Post 17, Detroit
3. Fred J. Buck, - - - - Post 45, Adrian
4. H. H. Weaver, - - - - Post 4, Reading
5. Edward Finch, - - - - Post 34, Otsego
6. George Fletcher, - - - - Post 382, Lake Odessa
7. Theo. E. Potter, - - - - Post 42, Lansing
8. E. S. Post, - - - - Post 98, Port Huron
9. W. E. Morris, - - - - Post 156, St. Johns
10. J. W. Brakeman, - - - - Post 7, Muskegon
11. E. S. Dickenson, - - - - Post 61, Salling
12. T. N. Stevens, - - - - Post 176, Stanton
13. H. O. Fifield, - - - - Post 266, Menominee
14. Frank E. Millets, - - - - Post 145, Flint
15. E. S. Jameson, - - - - Post 384, Marine City
16. Chas. S. Wilson, - - - - Post 395, Grand Rapids
17. Joshua V. Noah, - - - - Post 37, Stanton
18. Walter C. Cornwell, - - - - Post 100, Lyons
19. David C. Briggs, - - - - Post 381, North Branch
20. H. A. Chapin, - - - - Post 31, Paw Paw
21. N. N. Green, - - - - Post 188, Hadley

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, JUNE 13, 1901. }

To the HON. AARON, T. BLISS, 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 8, 1900, to June 13, 1901, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

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

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.





JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
FLINT, JUNE 12, 1901. }

The Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its Twenty-third Annual Encampment at Stone's Opera House at 10:30 a. m., and was opened by Department Commander E. M. Allen in an informal manner, that officials of the city might be introduced.

The Officer of the Day announcing that the Mayor of Flint was at the Outpost with his "official staff," the Department Commander instructed that his honor be escorted to the platform and called up the Encampment who saluted the visitors, consisting of Mayor Clark Dibble and four of the city police.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have the great pleasure of introducing to you his honor, the Mayor of Flint.

Commander Allen and Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

It would afford me great pleasure to be entitled to the distinction of being able to address you as comrades,

but an overruling Providence has seen fit to deny me that privilege, having for some good and probably sufficient reason deferred the circumstances of my birth until the very eve of the great conflict in which you were participators and in which you made a record for yourselves and your country that will endure as long as history survives. But in lieu of that coveted distinction, I esteem myself favored beyond all my predecessors in office in being the first Mayor of Flint to whom has been accorded the very great honor of welcoming to our beautiful and hospitable city the Michigan Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic.

You meet here today to transact business and renew old acquaintance formed in camp, tried and found true on the field of battle and cemented by such reunions as the present, during the years that have intervened since you laid aside the implements of war and returned to your peaceful avocations to reap the reward of gratitude that you justly earned at the hands of the American people. It is not my purpose to interfere at any length with either your business or the pleasure that comes of clasping hands and exchanging greetings with your old companions in arms. I come to you as the representative of a municipality that esteems itself greatly honored by your presence, and I feel that I am enjoying a rare privilege in appearing before you in my official capacity to extend to you a cordial welcome to Flint and the best that it affords. I mean this welcome to be taken by you individually as well as collectively, and trust that your brief stay here will afford you as much pleasure as I am very sure it will the citizens of the city which I have the honor to represent.

With so many valiant guardians of the nation in the time of its great peril among us the employment of a police force during your encampment seems superfluous, but in as much as our policemen are a permanent fixture in the municipal government they cannot be dispensed with even for a brief season, and they will therefore be permitted to exist during the period of your encampment for your special benefit. I have taken the liberty of instructing them to place themselves at your disposal and you will be permitted to use them even to the extent of keeping you out of the stockade. In order that you may

know them when you see them I take great pleasure in introducing them to you, and in asking Chief Carton to decorate their batons in your presence with the distinguishing badge of your grand organization to the end that there may be no mistake on your part as to their identity.

While the chief is employed in his especial office of decorating the policemen I will improve the opportunity to again express my keen appreciation of the privilege that is mine in bidding you a hearty welcome to our city, and to repeat and emphasize that welcome as being intended for each individual veteran, as well as the loyal and noble women of the W. R. C. who are meeting with you in annual reunion. Policemen, salute the Grand Army.

At the conclusion of his address the Mayor introduced each of his staff to the Department Commander and to the Department.

The Department Commander—Mr. Mayor, I fully sympathise with you in the fact that on account of an overruling Providence you were not permitted to participate in those historic days and events of which these men are representatives. You may console yourself, however, with the thought that while you did not march and camp and fight with us that your brow is still unclouded with care, and that it still wears the crown of youth. In behalf of the comrades assembled and the Department of Michigan which they represent, I return to you their sincere thanks for your cordial welcome to your beautiful city, its hospitality and its privileges—a city so renowned for its honor for and good words and work in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic; and I thank you most sincerely, individually. I wish to say a word further. It is the first time the Grand Army of the Republic has ever been entrusted with the command of municipal affairs, and I assure you, we deem it a very great honor; and since you have turned over to us the police force we feel that really we ought to let them out on parole, and so, my friends, if you will please stand I will administer it to you.

(The policemen thereupon arose and arranged themselves in line.)

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic hope

and expect that the gentlemen who are the conservators of peace, that in all their future life as in the past, they will be the guardians, not only of peace and good order but that they will care for the weak and the decrepit and the old, and I need not say a word about your attentions to the beautiful, because it is well known that you never need an admonition on that line. I want to ask you to remember that beautiful parable that we read in sacred story of what befel him who fell among thieves on his way up to Jericho, and if any of our comrades should be so unfortunate as to fall by the wayside, you will remember the Good Samaritan and provide for him.

I am very glad to extend the right hand, and I hope to meet you another time; for today and tomorrow you will be under our care, and I shall see, even though you violate your parole, there will be no penalty visited on the police force of the city of Flint.

The Mayor and his escort having left the building, the Encampment was opened in due form by the Department Commander E. M. Allen.

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

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we stand in Thy presence today, and we desire to thank Thee that in the nineteenth century, when Thou hadst a great work to be done, Thou did call upon us to do it. We have done it, and we trust that we did it well. We thank Thee for the opportunity Thou has given us to perform this great service to humanity in this age in which we have lived. And now, our Father, as we are advancing in years, passing on to that great world of the future, we ask for Thy blessing, Thy protection, Thy care. Forgive us all our transgressions, and grant us the favor of God. Look in compassion upon our wives and children, upon the widows and orphans of our comrades. Bless the Grand Army of the Republic in all its departments. Let Thy peace rest upon our nation. Give us peace everywhere, and protect and guide us in our affairs, and finally, when we have finished with this life, bring us home at last in Heaven. We reverently ask it in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Department Commander—The rules of the National Encampment will prevail at this Encampment,



- Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home. Representatives, Crawford Strunk, Oren W. Hodges; Past Post Commander, W. W. Fowler.
- " 2, Quincy. Post Commander, Eli T. Hoyt; Representative, L. C. Taylor.
- " 3, Whitehall. Eli M. Ruggles, Representative.
- " 4, Reading. Post Commander, H. H. Weaver.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, A. B. Coffinbery; Representatives, S. R. Wooster, Freeland Gray, Thos. Dixon, Joseph Fox; Past Post Commanders, Geo. E. Judd, James R. Stephenson, C. W. Dippler.
- " 7, Muskegon. Representatives, J. P. Newton, J. W. Brakeman, Albert. Towle; Past Post Commander, John G. Allport.
- " 11, Bancroft. Alternate, G. W. McCurdy; Past Post Commander, George A. Parker.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Post Commander, John Clark; Representative, L. B. Tryon.
- " 15, Ludington. Past Post Commander, F. J. Dowland.
- " 16, Evart. Representative, R. S. Covert.
- " 17, Detroit. Post Commander, Holden B. White; Representatives, H. A. Backus, J. Moody, J. A. Lane; Alternates, E. Muffat, D. G. Crotty, O. D. Kingsley; Past Post Commanders, William Davey, W. C. Claxton, James Reid, William Hart, H. B. Eggeman, C. K. Radcliff, A. V. Phister, D. S. Kimball.
- " 18, Traverse City. Representatives, F. D. Marvin, R. B. Garner.
- " 19, Bangor. Alternate, Elias Stevens; Past Post Commander, C. C. Phillips.
- " 23, Bloomingdale. Representative, J. E. Culver.
- " 24, Fenton. Post Commander, C. F. Wortman; Representative, B. F. Marsh; Past Post Commanders, D. Horton, E. T. Winter, Alvah Marsh, L. V. Curry.
- " 27, Decatur. Representative, D. L. Curry; Past Post Commander, R. Calbetzor.
- " 28, Hemlock. Post Commander, C. J. Burnham; Alternate, Calvin Sylvester.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Past Post Commander, H. A. Chapin.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Post Commander, J. W. Taylor; Representatives, Chas. M. Stephens, William Vickery; Past Post Commanders, S. S. French, William Donsett.
- " 34, Otsego. Post Commander, Edward Finch.
- " 37, Stanton. Representative, Jesse McBain.
- " 38, Saginaw. Post Commander, Chas. H. Peters; Representatives, John Nereter, John Massey; Past Post Commanders, S. Kitchen, R. L. Jones, Wm. W. Morgan, Fayette Wyckoff, Chas. F. Schuelter, E. F. Guild, Harrison Coleman, John Schmidt.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Past Post Commander, Roscoe D. Dix.

- Post No. 40, Charlotte. Representatives, Henry Gardner, D. F. Vickery; Past Post Commanders, J. D. Butler, Wm. M. Beekman, S. W. Harmon, R. L. Warren, T. J. Snow.
- " 41, Chelsea. Past Post Commander, A. N. Morton.
- " 42, Lansing. Representatives, E. H. Porter, H. L. Thayer, Homer Peck, Thomas Ellis, C. A. Disbrow; Alternate, R. W. Choate; Past Post Commanders, F. Schneider, W. W. Cook, Theo. C. Potter, Geo. W. Stone.
- " 43, Blissfield. Past Post Commanders, W. H. Colyer, H. H. Wilbur.
- " 44, Sanford. Representative, Geo. W. England; Past Post Commander, John Verrity.
- " 45, Adrian. Representative, J. H. Fee; Past Post Commander, Fred J. Buck.
- " 46, Ganges. Past Post Commander, J. L. Jerue.
- " 48, Jackson. Representatives, Daniel Beardsley, C. V. DeLand; Past Post Commanders, J. D. Jewel, Albert Dunham, D. J. Willson.
- " 56, Allegan. Representative, J. S. Curtis.
- " 57, Marcellus. Representative, Wm. J. Herbert; Past Post Commander, B. F. Groner.
- " 58, DeWitt. Alternate, John Sepley; Past Post Commander, Allen Dryer.
- " 61, Gaylord. Past Post Commander, E. S. Dickenson.
- " 63, East Tawas. Alternate, Reuben Wade; Past Post Commander, S. C. Williams.
- " 67, Bay City. Representative, Henry Simms; Past Post Commanders, Frank Berdan, James Van Kleeck, M. J. Borland, Henry Raymond.
- " 69, Midland. Post Commander, M. P. Anderson; Representative, C. L. Jenny; Alternate, O. A. Purchase; Past Post Commanders, J. W. Snell, True Hart, William Simmons, Wm. L. Stearns, T. B. Main, Geo. Richardson.
- " 74, Wayland. Representative, J. H. Sargent.
- " 76, Monroe. Past Post Commander, Burton Parker.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Representatives, W. C. Shook, M. Seymour; Past Post Commander, Chas. E. Foote.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Representative, James C. Leggett; Past Post Commanders, John Hoffmaster, Geo. Ruhele.
- " 88, Union City. Representative, C. B. Lowell.
- " 89, Flushing. Post Commander, Albert Crosby; Representative, Chas. Freeman; Past Post Commanders, J. M. Greenfield, W. H. J. Martin, Isaac Wheeler, Jas. Armstrong, S. H. Thomas, J. M. Caldwell, C. Phelps, William Stone, W. J. Ottaway, John Wheeler.
- " 90, Saginaw W. S. Post Commander, John P. Schwahn; Past Post Commander, Fred. Wellington.
- " 91, St. Louis. Post Commander, H. W. Forney.
- " 93, Webberville. Alternate, Timothy Hubbard.



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- Post No. 95, Flat Rock. Representative, Henry W. Moses.  
 “ 97, Hersey. Post Commander, M. A. Lafler.  
 “ 98, Port Huron. Post Commander, E. S. Petit; Representative, Richard Mann; Alternate, E. G. Spaulding; Past Post Commanders, M. F. Carleton, E. S. Post, J. D. Kenney.  
 “ 100, Lyons. Past Post Commander, J. S. Preston.  
 “ 101, Ithaca. Representative, B. F. Smith; Past Post Commanders, Wm. H. Beasley, James Donaldson.  
 “ 103, Williamston. Representative, Murray Baker; Past Post Commander, James H. Lockwood.  
 “ 104, Ovid. Post Commander, H. D. Treat; Representative, William Norton; Past Post Commander, Reuben Davis.  
 “ 109, Coldwater. Representative, George A. Russell.  
 “ 111, Eaton Rapids. Post Commander, W. D. Brainerd; Representative, J. R. Norton; Past Post Commander, Geo. W. Norton.  
 “ 112, Mulliken. Post Commander, L. D. Fisher.  
 “ 113, St. Clair. Representative, Peter Wood.  
 “ 114, Fowlerville. Post Commander, Wm. M. Horton; Representative, Marvin Benjamin; Past Post Commanders, D. C. Case, O. P. Showers.  
 “ 117, Byron. Representative, Henry Bishop; Past Post Commanders, A. Graves, G. Ladue.  
 “ 118, Lexington. Past Post Commander, L. W. Brown.  
 “ 120, Howell. Post Commander, Cal. Wilcox; Representative, Edgar A. Noble; Past Post Commanders, E. D. Sargent, Geo. P. Dudley, H. H. Collins, Asa Parshall, Geo. W. Axtell, John McGivney, Wm. L. Knapp, Frank Jordan, C. E. Snyder, R. D. W. Woodworth.  
 “ 125, Hastings. Past Post Commander, Geo. W. Ingram.  
 “ 126, Belding. Representative, Geo. Brown.  
 “ 130, Edmore. Post Commander, Jos. Perrine; Representative, Stephen A. Cole.  
 “ 132, Portland. Representative, John W. Klatz; Past Post Commander, W. G. Miner.  
 “ 134, Mount Morris. Post Commander, J. C. C. Stephens; Representative, John Hughes; Past Post Commanders, A. Herrick, C. Betts, W. M. Barber, Geo. W. Clute, H. Douglas, G. W. Cooley.  
 “ 137, Ann Arbor. Representatives, A. D. Markham, Jas. H. Webb; Past Post Commanders, J. Q. A. Sessions, Wm. K. Childs.  
 “ 140, Tecumseh. Representative, J. M. Wightman.  
 “ 141, Lakeview. Alternate, C. G. Towsey.  
 “ 143, Caro. Past Post Commander, N. M. Richardson.  
 “ 144, Lapeer. Post Commander, Peter Bezette; Representative, Lewis Allis; Past Post Commanders, Francis McElroy, Robert King, Geo. W. Houghton, G. B. Farquharson, G. W. Cranston.

- Post No. 145, Flint. Post Commander, Andrew J. Ward; Representatives, James Hempstead, Leonard Allport, Wm. M. Bagley, H. E. Todd; Past Post Commanders, O. F. Lochhead, F. E. Willett, John Algoe, George W. Buckingham, Geo. E. Newall, M. C. Barney, E. C. Marsh, C. W. Austin, J. H. Failing, O. S. Thomas, J. R. Benjamin, Wallace Caldwell, Wm. W. Wheeler, Geo. W. Hilton, John W. Begg, J. M. Van Tassel, H. H. Bardwell.
- “ 147, Pontiac. Post Commander, Wm. H. Morgan; Alternate, Amos Smith; Past Post Commanders, D. S. Howard, C. Brace, S. H. Giles, James W. Orr, L. D. Van Kleeck, A. J. Cloonan.
- “ 152, Alma. Representative, C. Walker; Past Post Commander, J. W. Holmes.
- “ 156, St. Johns. Representative, Carlos Caruss; Past Post Commanders, W. N. Stocker, W. E. Morris.
- “ 157, Cassopolis. Post Commander, Norris Richardson; Past Post Commander, Zach. Aldrich.
- “ 158, Elm Hall. Post Commander, Geo. Rockafellow; Representative, A. N. Morton; Past Post Commanders, C. E. Prine, J. W. Fullerton.
- “ 160, Corunna. Post Commander, E. M. Conley; Representative, Wm. E. Cummings; Past Post Commanders, O. F. Wilkinson, W. E. Jacobs, C. B. Pelton.
- “ 161, Blanchard. Representative, Wm. J. Nadeau.
- “ 163, Vermontville. Post Commander, Chas. F. Fuller; Past Post Commander, C. A. Hollenbeck.
- “ 166, Marshall. Representative, J. Hartwell.
- “ 169, St. Charles. Post Commander, John A. Griffin.
- “ 173, Carson City. Representatives, Washington Smith, A. N. Knapp.
- “ 176, Stanton. Representative, John P. Shauman; Past Post Commanders, T. N. Stevens, C. W. Blumberg.
- “ 177, Capac. Post Commander, Ezra S. Franty; Past Post Commander, A. C. Fairweather.
- “ 179, Brighton. Past Post Commander, J. W. Tobin.
- “ 180, Ypsilanti. Past Post Commander, J. T. Wise.
- “ 181, Milford. Post Commander, O. D. Stephens; Representative, James D. Rowe; Alternate, Spencer D. Lee; Past Post Commanders, Joseph Allen, A. V. Austin, Judson Fielden, A. Muir, Willis Smith, A. Southby.
- “ 183, Holly. Post Commander, F. F. Downey; Past Post Commanders, Silas Fletcher, C. P. Nash.
- “ 184, Detroit. Alternate, O. Crosby.
- “ 186, Otisville. Post Commander, B. F. Taylor; Alternate, Geo. Cottrell; Past Post Commanders, J. S. Decker, J. E. Price, C. Moon, S. Fisher, L. Fromwiller.
- “ 187, Oxford. Representative, Richmond Booth; Past Post Commander, W. H. Blanchard.

- Post No. 188, Hadley. Post Commander, Geo. Davenport; Past Post Commanders, N. N. Green, J. P. Suiter, F. W. Goodale.
- “ 190, Birch Run. Post Commander, John E. Austin; Past Post Commanders, V. B. Rottiers, Wm. H. Ferguson, John Cook, A. R. Brown.
- “ 194, Clio. Post Commander, Wm. H. Sargent; Representative, Lott Willett; Past Post Commanders, James S. Curry, Wm. H. Russell, E. E. Eckles, Geo. Van Nest.
- “ 196, Lawton. Alternate, Chas. D. Hooper; Past Post Commander, James H. Hall.
- “ 197, Ortonville. Representative, W. W. Carmer; Past Post Commander, J. R. Kipp.
- “ 200, Carleton. Post Commander, Geo. H. Post; Alternate, J. L. Sherman; Past Post Commander, J. Fahnstock.
- “ 202, Romeo. Post Commander, O. S. Perry.
- “ 203, Stockbridge. Post Commander, A. G. Miller; Past Post Commander, E. P. Parks.
- “ 205, Owosso. Post Commander, O. F. Webster; Past Post Commanders, M. C. Dawes, Wm. Guipe, W. H. Beatty, W. R. Smith, D. F. Blair.
- “ 206, Bellaire. Alternate, John Bush.
- “ 210, Albion. Representative, B. B. Bissell; Alternate, H. D. Smith; Past Post Commander, C. S. Smith.
- “ 211, Ionia. Post Commander, Murray L. Pike; Representative, Wm. S. Sanderson; Alternate, W. L. Brookins; Past Post Commanders, C. A. Cornell, O. H. Perry.
- “ 212, Columbiaville. Past Post Commander, Daniel Bowles.
- “ 213, Bellevue. Alternate, Freeman Upham.
- “ 214, Millington. Representative, Benj. B. Ream; Past Post Commanders, I. Van Wagner, J. A. Case, Elijah Howard, Alfred Bingham, W. J. Haines, Wm. J. Marks.
- “ 215, Fulton. Alternate, H. Ontman; Past Post Commanders, U. C. Case, G. W. Millen.
- “ 216, Mt. Clemens. Representative, J. F. Cotters.
- “ 218, Luther. Representative, N. R. Menold; Past Post Commander, A. A. Miner.
- “ 225, Trenton. Representative, Sylvester Thomas; Past Post Commander, John Todd.
- “ 226, Sherman. Past Post Commander, E. W. Wheeler.
- “ 229, Marine City. Past Post Commander, William Baird.
- “ 233, Wales. Representative, Chas. W. Fitz; Past Post Commander, William Smith.
- “ 234, Hubbardston. Representative, William Kemp.
- “ 238, Coopersville. Past Post Commander, John Jackson.
- “ 239, Concord. Past Post Commander, R. H. Halsted.
- “ 240, Grayling. Past Post Commanders, A. L. Pond, Oscar Palmer.
- “ 244, Almont. Post Commander, B. F. Johnston; Representative, John Murdock; Past Post Commander, W. W. Paton.
- “ 252, Howard City. Representative, Lewis W. Wilbur.

- Post No. 255, Mayville. Past Post Commander, A. L. Bryant.
- “ 261, Wayne. Post Commander, Zeruah Monroe; Past Post Commanders, P. C. Bird, S. R. Kingsley, Joe Smith, F. Walden.
- “ 262, Holland. Post Commander, D. B. K. Van Raalte.
- “ 270, Ecorse. Representative, Joachim Theock.
- “ 278, West Bay City. Past Post Commander, H. H. Aplin.
- “ 281, Petersburg. Past Post Commander, Geo. C. Sayer.
- “ 284, Davison. Past Post Commanders, A. A. Elmore, Alex. Campbell, Wm. M. Knapp, B. F. Sanford, C. B. Smith, Isaac Hanson, Milo Swears, John Cottrell, L. S. McAllister.
- “ 294, Big Rapids. Representative, Frank Rice.
- “ 300, Marquette. Post Commander, E. C. Anthony; Representative, Gad Smith.
- “ 302, Byron Center. Past Post Commander, A. M. Green.
- “ 304, Clifford. Post Commander, W. E. Best.
- “ 307, Saginaw. Post Commander, John Moreau; Representative, Geo. Anthony.
- “ 318, Northville. Past Post Commanders, H. O. Waid, C. L. Brigham.
- “ 326, Potterville. Past Post Commander, D. A. Brandeberry.
- “ 327, Trufant. Representative, J. J. Riley.
- “ 337, Ravenna. Representative, John Gilbert.
- “ 339, Clare. Alternate, R. Malcom; Past Post Commander, S. P. Dowd.
- “ 342, Twin Lake. Past Post Commander, Geo. H. Buzzell.
- “ 347, Breckenridge. Representative, Thos. Holton; Past Post Commander, Barney Swope.
- “ 348, Scottville. Representative, E. B. Arthur.
- “ 356, Marlette. Past Post Commander, George Ervin.
- “ 357, Gagetown. Representative, LaFayette Mathews.
- “ 362, Baldwin. Representative, M. P. Howk.
- “ 364, Coleman. Post Commander, E. N. Carley; Representative, W. J. Tower.
- “ 365, Lake City. Past Post Commander, M. D. Richardson.
- “ 371, Fennville. Past Post Commander, W. H. McCormick.
- “ 375, Saginaw South. Post Commander, C. P. Colvin.
- “ 377, Rochester. Past Post Commander, A. O'Brien.
- “ 381, North Branch. Past Post Commander, A. B. Weston.
- “ 382, Lake Odessa. Post Commander, Thos. Leak; Representative, Geo. Fletcher; Past Post Commander, S. H. Mallery.
- “ 383, Martin. Representative, J. C. Bearup.
- “ 384, Detroit. Post Commander, Chas. E. Foote; Alternates, Jas. P. Scranton, Felix A. Lemkie; Past Post Commanders, Geo. H. Hopkins, Chas. Dupont, E. S. Jameson.
- “ 393, Detroit. Post Commander, H. Lorenzen; Past Post Commander, John Kidder.

- Post No. 395, Grand Rapids. Past Post Commanders, C. S. Wilson, John R. Wycoff.
- “ 398, Brant. Post Commander, Geo. Rivenberry.
- “ 402, Akron. Representative, Wm. R. Woodman.
- “ 408, Grand Rapids. Representative, Elias Sayles; Past Post Commander, J. S. Kenyon.
- “ 410, Vassar. Post Commander, Chas. E. Murray; Representatives, W. S. Elliott, J. W. Ruckeman; Past Post Commanders, J. H. Bourn, R. Hawley.
- “ 413, Wyandotte. Post Commander, W. W. Bishop; Representative, Wm. Belleville; Past Post Commanders, T. D. Evans, J. R. Haven.
- “ 416, Brooklyn. Representative, Frank English.
- “ 419, Bay City. Post Commander, Geo. P. Cobb; Past Post Commanders, M. M. Andrews, L. G. Wilcox.
- “ 424, Yale. Representative, Chas. W. Darling.
- “ 430, Burt. Representative, John Davis; Past Post Commander, John Jackson.
- “ 433, Detroit. Representative, John Devlin; Past Post Commander, S. Janowski.
- “ 436, Martinsville. Post Commander, Nelson Parrett; Representative, C. La Forge.
- “ 438, New Lothrop. Past Post Commander, S. D. Wilson.
- “ 440, Morrice. Post Commander, J. Q. A. Cook; Representative, W. H. Adams.
- “ 441, Mason. Representative, Theo. Bortles.
- “ 450, Standish. Representatives, H. E. Rockfellow.
- “ 451, Reed City. Past Post Commander, “Ren” Barker.
- “ 452, Samaria. Post Commander, A. J. Teall; Representative, H. M. Slick.
- “ 453, Kingston. Alternate, A. H. Sloan; Past Post Commanders, V. B. Nedrey, John Cunningham.
- “ 456, South Lyon. Representative, A. C. Washburn.
- “ 457, Attica. Post Commander, Wm. P. Baird; Representative, F. M. West.

Department Officers.....	12
Past Department Commanders.....	8
Post Commanders.....	63
Representatives .....	122
Alternates .....	27
Past Post Commanders.....	265
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>497</b>
Number of Posts represented.....	175

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair.

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

Comrades—We have assembled in this beautiful and hospitable city to open in executive session the 23d Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. It is no ordinary pleasure to come again in personal touch with representative comrades and to feel the heart throbs quicken as we meet. Bygone memories come thronging thick and fast upon us as we renew our friendship and indulge in reminiscence of other days. The year, which has come and gone since we convened in Grand Rapids, has been replete with joy and sorrow. Ever, amid the song and story of glad reunion, has come the sound of muffled drum beating the funeral march of some comrade, who has fallen out of rank to answer the muster call in Shadow Land. But recently loving friends have placed garlands upon their graves. The flowers have withered under sun and shower, but the motive that prompted their bestowal will live when we have been a century forgotten. So we are reminded that the final roll call is rapidly approaching, and yet with a death rate of 333 as reported to Department Headquarters, the total loss to the Department was but 170.

For a detailed statement of the condition of membership in the Department as numerically given I refer you to the very complete report of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Upon assuming the duties of this office as Commander of the Department, there was turned over by the retiring administration a balance of cash in the General Fund of \$740.85 and in the Alger Fund, \$934.95. It has been our policy and ambition to conduct an economical administration. Our efforts along this line have been ably seconded by the Assistant Adjutant General, the Assistant Quartermaster General and other members of my staff.

We have today in General Fund \$1,288.79 and no debts. The Alger Fund was by the last Encampment ordered to be invested by the Assistant Quarter Master General in "some interest bearing municipal, State or government bonds to be approved by the Department Commander, which shall remain in the custody of the Assistant Quarter Master General, and further that the 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." To carry out the provisions of the Encampment instructions I gave the matter my most careful personal attention. The excessive premium demanded on all desirable bonds and the difficulty in obtaining them in denominations equal to the fund induced us to invest the money in 3 per cent certificates of deposit payable on demand in Wayne County Savings Bank, which interest bearing paper the Assistant Quarter Master General now has. This action was approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, and later by the entire Council of Administration.

#### RELIEF.

The amount of relief contributed by Posts to the members and their families and to veterans not members of the order will not and can never be accurately known; suffice it to say those needing assistance by the Post organizations are being looked after to the full extent of the available resources.

It has been an unpleasant duty to deny permission to appeal to the Posts in the Department for relief to some one wishing to recover loss by fire or to raise a mortgage debt, but as previous Department Encampments have heartily endorsed the like action of my predecessors, I have taken such action as my guide and declined permission in two or three cases. Nearly, if not all, Posts in this Department have all they can handle in caring for the deserving in their own membership. In the case of the call for aid from National Headquarters to relieve our distressed comrades in Texas, who suffered from that terrible calamity known as the "Galveston flood," there went from the Posts of this Department \$301.32 direct to the Assistant Quarter Master General of that Department.

## THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The noble women who compose the Woman's Relief Corps, the recognized auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, are entitled to our sincere gratitude. Through winter's snow and summer's sun they have with rare enthusiasm and constant fidelity upheld our order by tender deeds and loving words. What they have accomplished in relief is history, but what they have done for human suffering by carrying sunshine and joy into desolate homes, consoling bereaved hearts, encouraging the weak and approving the strong are known only to those who have felt and appreciated their patriotic and womanly sympathy. God bless them all.

We recognize the fact that the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic have not been idle and their good work merits our approval, but we are constrained to say that we fully believe the Woman's Relief Corps offers ample opportunity for patriotic effort to relieve and help not only the veteran but human suffering everywhere, and we would rejoice to see these two organizations mustered under one standard, working unitedly for a common purpose.

## THE SONS OF VETERANS.

The young men who compose this organization merit our every encouragement. They are "our boys;" their love of country is as great as ours, while their respect and love for the men who served in the Union Army of 1861-65 is shown in the foundation articles of the constitution of their order. Let each one of us, my comrades, feel it a privilege to encourage the Sons of Veterans in their good work.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

The report of the Department Chaplain, which has been prepared with that care and attention which he has always given to the work, will give you the details of the observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1900. The reports of Post Chaplains as to the observance of Memorial Day this year are just being received at Headquarters, and the Chaplain whom you will elect at this Encampment will have to report upon those records one year



hence. The observance of Memorial Day we believe to be coming more and more general, as an appreciative public realize the benefit to the rising generation of the beautiful custom bequeathed to them by the Grand Army of the Republic. It is to be regretted that there should be any negligence on the part of Post Officers in sending in the report for Memorial Day. They can be made out and sent in by some officer of the Post upon the day following May 30. The Department Chaplain cannot maintain at National Headquarters the good name of our Department for promptness and completeness unless the Posts do their duty.

IN MEMORIAM.

The sudden death of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw in Washington, D. C., February 10, 1901, was a shock to the Comrades of this Department. It seemed but a day since he stood among us and with eloquence proved his love for the Grand Army of the Republic and all its membership. We shall not soon forget his words of counsel and advice. The Department colors were appropriately draped in token of respect to his memory.

The death of Past Department Commander L. G. Rutherford at his home in Hart occurred on the 9th of July, 1900, and was not wholly unexpected. I was permitted to attend his burial, where, with several of the Past Department Commanders, the Comrades of the Local and other Posts and a large concourse of his fellow citizens, I saw the remains of one whom you had delighted to honor, and whose love for his comrades was exceeded by none, laid in the tomb. I shall ask a committee to prepare suitable resolutions commemorative and present to this Encampment for its action.

I was greatly pained to receive notice of the death of Comrade O. B. Curtiss of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration. He died at his home in Detroit on the 11th of January, 1901. He was a faithful and earnest worker in our Order. At the meeting of the Executive Committee, on the 13th of February last, resolutions in memoriam were adopted and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased.

## ASSOCIATE ASSOCIATIONS TO POSTS.

We have received many inquiries from Posts as to their privilege to make "Honorary" or "Associate" members to their Posts as social and financial helps. As the National Encampment in 1884 acted upon the question of Honorary membership adversely, and in 1893 the then Judge Advocate General made a decision as to "Associate Membership" that gave it the same meaning as the term of "Honorary," I have been unable to give in answer to the inquiries that encouragement which I really feel would result in good to many Posts and in harm to none.

We recommend that this Encampment prepare a form of amendment to the rules and regulations for submission to the Thirty-fifth National Encampment to be held at Cleveland, that shall permit the formation of Associate Associations by Posts of our Order.

## THE VETERANS AT CHICAGO.

The short distance to be traveled allowed the attendance of a large number of the Comrades of this Department. You will pardon the Commander for taking to himself a feeling of intense pride, as he led his command from Michigan in the great parade of heroes of the Civil War; it was because you were there that his pride was born, and because you held up to public approval the fair name of our State that he gives to you now and through you to the Comrades you represent, his most sincere thanks for the magnificent appearance you made at the Thirty-fourth National Encampment.

## THE ENCAMPMENT AT CLEVELAND.

The Thirty-fifth National Encampment will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, during the week beginning September 9, 1901. Another opportunity, because of close proximity and low rates of railroad fare, is offered the Comrades of this Department to attend in large numbers a gathering that has become to us an annual enjoyment. I hope that my successor may see his Michigan Comrades at that Encampment in strong force. It has been the custom for the retiring Commander to en-

gage quarters for the Department Commander, who is to succeed him, at the point where the National Encampment is to be held, as the time after our Annual Department gatherings is too short to allow of securing proper accommodations. Acting in line with this custom, we ordered the Assistant Adjutant General to Cleveland to procure Headquarters. The order has been obeyed, and Michigan will have Headquarters at the Weddell House. Rooms have been engaged for that purpose with my approval and I trust to the satisfaction of my successor.

#### LEGISLATION.

The action of the last Department Encampment in urging the present officers to use all honorable means to secure the passage of the "Button Bill" has been kept well in mind, and as a result that bill is now a law upon our statute books. For a detailed account of the legislation affecting the interests of our Order enacted by the Legislature just adjourned, we refer you to the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and of the Committee on Legislation.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

The delightful hours I have spent with my Comrades at their reunions and campfires and installations, together with those recently spent at the Soldiers' Home and at the unveiling of the Kearny Statue at Muskegon on Memorial Day, will ever be fresh and grow more and more delightful in memory, as I look back upon the year I have been so honored as your Department Commander. I only wish that I could have looked into every Post room and grasped the hands of each of my comrades, but as is well known that was impossible. I did the best I could and without cost to the Department.

#### THE PRIZE BANNER.

In accordance with the announcement made by my predecessor, that a flag or banner should be given by the Department as a prize to the Post showing the greatest percentage of increase of membership from July, 1899, to July, 1900, the Executive Committee at its last February meeting awarded said prize to Charles Martin

Post No. 436, located at Martinsville, in Wayne county, that Post having made a gain of 100 per cent by muster of recruits.

The flag was ordered from the manufacturer and sent through Headquarters to the Post. Later by request of the Post the Assistant Adjutant General visited the Comrades on the 4th of May and made a formal presentation of the flag on behalf of the Department.

In examining the reports of the various Posts the Executive Committee found that Charles T. Foster Post No. 42, of Lansing, had made the wonderful increase in membership during the time above stated of 113 by muster alone, but having a membership of 191 to start with they could not show so great a percentage of increase as did the smaller Post. The work of bringing into the ranks of the Order 113 Recruits by Muster showed the faithful efforts of the Commander Comrade Theodore Potter, and the Executive Committee by unanimous resolution recommended to this Encampment, and I most heartily endorse the recommendation, that a prize flag of the same kind as given to Post No. 436 be presented to Post No. 42.

#### COMPILING THE JOURNAL.

I desire to recommend at this point that this Encampment provide for the compiling of the Journal of the Encampment by the present Assistant Adjutant General. If there were to be a change in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General the retiring Commander would well be anxious to have the proceedings of the Encampment compiled by the one who was most conversant with the work. The arranging for the printer, reading proof and indexing is a work of considerable magnitude, and the printers oftentimes drag the work to such an extent as to interfere with the compiler's business.

It was until two years ago the custom to pay the compiler the sum of \$50.00 for the work. In case there should be a change in the office of the Assistant Adjutant General I recommend that the sum of \$50.00 be allowed the retiring official for the work of such compilation.

## CONCLUSION.

I wish to improve this opportunity to publicly thank the members of my official family for their uniform kindness and cheerful assistance rendered whenever called upon, frequently at some inconvenience to themselves. To my Senior Aid, Comrade Frank McAlpine; Chief-of-Staff, Comrade F. R. Chase and the Assistant Quarter Master General, Comrade H. W. Holcomb, I am especially indebted.

The efficient work of the Department has been done and all details ably looked after by our energetic and devoted Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade C. V. R. Pond. His great heart thoroughly in sympathy with the Grand Army, his extensive acquaintance and his devotion to duty and watchful interest in all our work, has not only lightened our labors but endeared him to the Commander by strongest ties. Finally, my Comrades, let me say in conclusion that to me the past year is fragrant with sacred memories. As we go from this Encampment to our several homes let us carry renewed devotion to those cardinal virtues of our Order, Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. So shall the days go past gilded with kind words and loving acts and sacred devotion to that dear old flag, for whose honor we gave the best years of our young manhood and whose benediction rests tenderly upon us in age.

The Senior Vice Department Commander referred the address to a committee consisting of Comrades H. S. Dean, Post 137; O. A. Janes, Post 384; A. A. Miner, Post 218; H. H. Alpin, Post 278; Gad Smith, Post 300.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read and referred to the following committee: I. W. Taylor, Post 32; Edward Finch, Post 34; H. E. Rockefeller, Post 450.

The report was as follows:

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 3, 1901.

C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to submit my report as Senior Vice Department Commander. I have held myself in readiness to obey the commands of the Department Commander during my term of office. As he has been blessed with sufficient health and strength to perform all the duties connected with that office, mine have been correspondingly modest and light. I attended the National Encampment at Chicago, and was pleased to meet the great number of comrades that congregated on that occasion, enthusiastic and loyal as ever to flag and country. It was especially gratifying to see so many comrades from Michigan in the grand parade, whose fine appearance was second to none, and a credit to the State they represented. The Grand Army Posts which I have visited have all shown that time has wrought many changes in the physical condition of Comrades, but they will to the end be loyal American citizens.

Our faithful auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, is deserving of great credit, and should be encouraged in its good work. Many Posts without their aid would cease to exist. A due appreciation for their labors in our behalf is the only reward they ask.

Memorial Day services were attended in a manner satisfactory, Comrades very generally taking part. Patriotic services in schools were all that we could wish.

I have been interested in our Michigan Soldiers' Home, and often visit it, and always notice additional improvements being made. Cleanliness, order and contentment is the rule, and the citizens of Grand Rapids think it unsurpassed by any other institution of its kind. Indeed the only fault we can find with the Soldiers' Home is it is hardly large enough to meet the requirements of the institution at the present time.

I wish to heartily thank the Department Officers and

Comrades for their many kind words and courteous treatment during my term of office.

Very respectfully yours in F., C. & L.

THEO. C. PUTNAM,

Senior Vice Commander Department of Michigan.

The following telegram from the Commander-in-Chief was read:

E. M. Allen, Commander Department G. A. R., Flint, Mich.:

Important unexpected professional engagement in court detains me here. Please present kindest greetings and highest regards to your excellent Department, and excuse unavoidable absence.

LEO. RASSIEUR.

The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander was read and referred to the following committee: H. H. Weaver, Post 4; E. N. Carley, Post 364; Robert Malcolm, Post 339.

Junior Vice Commander's report:

Glenwood, Wayne county, Mich., June 12, 1901.

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

My dear Friend and Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report of my official duties during my term of office as Junior Vice Commander. While the burden of my office has not been very heavy and need not have any special significance, still much good work may be done in this capacity.

I attended the National Encampment at Chicago and was gratified to see Michigan so well represented and the Michigan boys so well received by the citizens and visitors in Chicago. Michigan may well be proud of her G. A. R. men. My associations with the Department Officers have been very agreeable, and it will ever be a

pleasant memory that I have had the honor of serving the Department of Michigan under our beloved Comrade, Commander Allen.

Yours in F., C. & L.  
 S. J. LAWRENCE,  
 Junior Vice Department Commander.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades J. F. Lee, Post 45; E. S. Post, Post 98; Ren Barker, Post 451.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., June 12, 1901.

E. M. Allen, 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 made to National Headquarters during your term of office were as follows:

Term ending June 30, 1900.	Posts.	Members.
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1899.....	382	15,102
<b>Gains.</b>	<b>Posts.</b>	<b>Members.</b>
By muster.....	2	456
By transfer.....	167	
By reinstatement.....	344	
By reinstatement from delinquent reports..	2	20
<b>Total gain.....</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>987</b>
<b>Aggregate .....</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>16,089</b>



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Loss.	Posts.	Members.
By death.....		175
By honorable discharge.....		21
By transfer.....		144
By suspension.....		438
By delinquent reports.....	10	125
By surrendered charters.....	1	18
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Total loss.....	11	921
Remaining in good standing June 30, 1900.....	375	15,168
Showing a total gain in membership for the term of 66.		

Term ending Dec. 31, 1900:

Gains.	Posts.	Members.
By muster.....	4	273
By transfer.....		85
By reinstatement from suspension.....		190
By reinstatement from delinquent reports..	5	65
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Total gain.....	9	613
Aggregate .....	384	15,781
Loss.		
By death.....		158
By honorable discharge.....		18
By transfer.....		118
By suspension.....		437
By delinquent reports.....	4	60
By surrender of charter.....	5	60
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Total loss.....	9	851
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1900.....	375	14,932

The showing made, of gains and losses, is even more remarkable than that of preceding years. We are another year nearer to the final report of the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are older, feeling more keenly any disease or infirmity that has possession of our physical and mental condition, yet notwithstanding 333 of our Comrades closed their eyes in eternal sleep, the total loss in our membership for the year 1900 was but 170.

There are reasons for this condition. First, activity on the part of the Comrades in recruiting in the Department; second, visitations by the Department Commander and fellow officers at gatherings of the veterans; third,

by the closest possible touch by headquarters with the Comrades over the State. I have no desire to secure any credit to myself for the work at headquarters during the past five years, and far be it from my purpose to cast any reflection upon those who preceded me, for their acquaintance with the Comrades was limited and the office a minor part of their business, but I unhesitatingly advance the expression, as an indisputable proposition, that no Comrade can properly conduct the office of Assistant Adjutant General of this Department that has not in his heart the continuous and unbounded determination to make the best interest of his Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic paramount. With such determination he is of the greatest help to his Commander, who cannot be at headquarters all the time, and he can do much to keep his Comrades from being lost to the Order when they become weary and fall out of line by having the ambulance of advice and good cheer ready to take them again to the Post room.

During the five years closing December 31, 1900, there was a total gain of two Posts and a loss of 1,836 members, of these 1,764 are numbered with the dead, leaving but 72 as a loss from other causes. For the three years preceding those just referred to there was a loss of 17 Posts, 3,703 members; 1,011 of this loss was by death and 1,692 a loss from other causes.

The following table showing the number of Posts and members in this Department on the 31st of December of each of the years named may be of interest to my Comrades:

Year.	Posts.	Members.	Year.	Posts.	Members.
1878.....	6	127	1890.....	375	20,765
1879.....	9	281	1891.....	391	20,905
1880.....	13	482	1892.....	390	20,469
1881.....	27	1,019	1893.....	384	19,020
1882.....	96	4,332	1894.....	383	18,059
1883.....	209	10,311	1895.....	373	16,766
1884.....	287	14,475	1896.....	382	16,096
1885.....	316	16,957	1897.....	385	15,831
1886.....	348	19,226	1898.....	386	15,531
1887.....	371	21,353	1899.....	382	15,102
1888.....	373	21,418	1900.....	375	14,930
1889.....	377	21,255			

You, my Commander, were elected in June, 1900; your term of office expires with this Encampment. Your first report to the National office was for a term that you had had but a few days' service in, it was a legacy from your predecessor, so the term that will end on the 30th of this month will be a legacy from you to your successor, what it will show as to losses and gains cannot be shown in full for the reports are coming in this month.

Charters have been issued since our last Encampment to Posts Nos. 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, and to reorganized Post No. 228, as will be shown in detail by the report of the Chief Mustering Officer. Post No. 355 has been resuscitated. Three of these Posts will be to the credit of your successor, while Posts Nos. 71, 81, 222 and 289, having surrendered their charters since January last, will be a loss to him.

Charters have been issued to Posts 206 and 316 to replace loss by fire, and supplies have been issued for same reason to Posts 206 and 439.

#### DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands were:

From last administration, Alger fund.....	\$934 95	
From last administration, general fund.....	740 85	
		\$1,675 80
Charter fees, 8 Posts.....	\$80 00	
Per capita tax.....	3,008 40	
From staff for horses.....	25 00	
Sale of Post supplies.....	327 79	
		3,441 19
Total .....		\$5,116 99

For which amount I hold the receipts of the Assistant Quartermaster General, as his report will verify, and show a good balance in the general fund. The policy of this administration to be as economical as possible has been literally adhered to in the conduct of my office, sometimes to my personal financial discomfiture.

The total value of Post supplies now on hand is \$94.97. The value of the Department property, such as flags and some office matter, as inventoried by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration on the 13th of February last, was placed at \$209.

The amount of property, cash and other, owned by the Posts in this Department, as shown in the reports of the Post Quartermasters for the term ending December 31, 1900, is as follows:

Cash in the Post relief fund.....	\$1,839 96
Cash in the Post general fund.....	10,355 56
Reported value of real estate.....	28,134 05
Estimated value of other Post property.....	45,830 27
	\$86,160 14

HEADSTONES FOR SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

The call for government markers for soldiers' graves has not been as great the past as in preceding years, yet I have sent out many hundreds of blanks. There has been considerable complaint that the applications sent in to Washington were not being filled as rapidly as desired; this should not give the idea that they will not be attended to. The recent work entailed upon the War Department because of the war with Spain and later the trouble in the Philippines, has undoubtedly had considerable to do in the causing of the delay. Sooner or later the government will carry out its promises to the letter. Blank applications can be had at any time from these Headquarters.

REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department will be entitled to elect one representative and one alternate at large and twenty representatives and twenty alternates upon the basis of one representative and one alternate for each seven hundred and fifty members or fraction over one-half that number as shown by the report of last December. This gives twenty-one representatives and alternates to the Thirty-fifth National Encampment to be chosen at this Encampment.

RECORD BOOKS.

The work on the record books has been continued as the time allowed from other work would permit. There is yet much to be done, and as each term in the year closes there is something additional to go upon the

books, while there are yet a large number of Posts to be entered. The value of these books is great and it has been proven.

**"THE LITTLE BRONZE BUTTON."**

After many years of earnest request by the Comrades of this Department, there has been enacted a law which will have effect about the first of September next, protecting the button we love so dearly from the use of it by people who are not members of our Order. The law as it will read is as follows:

"Section 1. Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

In securing the passage of this bill there was encountered an opposition of a peculiar character. Veterans who had once been members of the Grand Army of the Republic, but who had severed their connection with the Order by permitting themselves to be "dropped," refusing to pay their dues, or who had taken full withdrawal cards, tried to arouse a spirit of antagonism to the bill by claiming a right, because they were in the civil war, of being recognized as in the G. A. R. at the present time, and thus enabling them to work in political fields. I think I expressed the views of my Comrades when I said to the members of the legislature, "we do not wish to arrest or imprison anyone, we acknowledge the right of a suspended member to wear the button, and his right to pay up his dues at any moment, we do not suspend any member for non-payment of dues if he is too poor to spare the small amount annually charged as dues, to such an one we fraternally say your dues are remitted, Comrade, you are one of us and we want you to stay with us. To the Comrade who is able to pay his dues and will not, but on the contrary stands apart from his Comrades except at the time of some nominating convention where political offices are at auction, to him we say, pay your dues, or if you leave us do not wear the button and

thereby make yourself a living lie, for such you are if you wear the button when not a member of the Order." I ask my Comrades of this Encampment, as they report the same to their Posts, to urge the using of all honorable means to gain back into the Order all who are now out and wish to wear the button.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS.

There is a very pronounced showing of indifference to the making out of some of the annual reports by the Posts upon the blanks sent to the Adjutants. Take for instance the report of the Medical Director of the Department, 168 Posts failed to make any report to him. The law of our Order says these reports must be made out. Take the report of the Post Chaplain to the Department Chaplain, giving a full account of Memorial Day, this is a most important report and an essential one to the making of the records of the Department complete, yet it is a fact that a large number of Posts fail to make the report called for. If there be no Post Chaplain how easy for the Adjutant to make out the report which is not at all complicated, and to do the work the day after Memorial Day would enable the Department Chaplain to hold up Michigan's reputation with the National Chaplain. Take the report of Post Inspection, the rules are imperative that there must be no installation of officers until the Post has been inspected, yet the Department Inspector is obliged to report a large number of Posts as having given the matter no attention. I have no suggestions to make as to the means of making correction of these careless and disobedient habits, we are too old to permit of the excuse, "didn't know." We must put up with much rather than lose our membership, for that is our comradeship, we cannot let go of the ties that bind, what shall we do? Suppose we agree to try once more obedience of orders and see what the effect in the annual reports for 1901 will be.

In the matter of making out the semi-annual reports by the Adjutant and Quartermaster of Posts, the Commander has a grave responsibility resting upon him. It is his duty to see that the two officers named make their reports out at the last meeting of the Post in June

and December, and after affixing his signature to instruct the Quartermaster to forward the same the day after, with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing. If this is not done and the Assistant Adjutant General should comply with the rules, he would send his consolidated report to National Headquarters showing at least fifty to one hundred Posts as delinquent. The rules say that he shall send in his report on or before the 20th of July and January. If the Posts did their duty and the reports were in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General by the fifth of July and January, he could obey his orders. What will my Comrades think of the reporting of all Posts in good standing by the Assistant Adjutant General to National Headquarters in order to save the good name of the Department when he was obliged to place his hands in his own pocket and pay the National tax to do so. There may be Comrades in this Encampment whose Posts, because of negligence of the three officers above named, will be delinquent for the reports due this month. They have paid their dues, they suppose their officers are doing their duty, yet if the Post is reported delinquent, and the dues are not paid, the member in good standing is endangered as to his standing. I call upon every member of this Encampment to see to it upon his return home that his Post Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster make out and forward the semi-annual reports and per capita tax before the fourth of July, 1901.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER L. G. RUTHERFORD.

At our last Encampment held in the city of Grand Rapids I was instructed to and did send a message of sympathy to Comrade Rutherford because of his illness. On the 9th of July, 1900, Past Department Commander Kanitz notified me that our Comrade, known so well to all of us as the genial "Gid" Rutherford, had that morning peacefully and in the presence of his beloved and devoted wife gone into eternal sleep. The burial took place from the late residence of the deceased on the 12th of July, 1900, and the remains were deposited in the village cemetery at Hart according to the burial service of our Order. The Department Commander, E. M. Allen, and Past Department Commanders Pond, Gardner,

Brown and Kanitz were in attendance as honorary pall bearers. Comrade Gardner delivered the funeral address, and each of the Comrades named made appropriate remarks. I ask that suitable resolutions be adopted by this Encampment expressive of its sentiment regarding the life and death of Comrade Rutherford, and that the Department Commander appoint a committee to draft such resolutions.

#### REAL ESTATE OWNED BY POSTS.

By an act of the State Legislature of 1895, known as act No. 25, Session Laws of 1895, page 107, there was exempted from taxation all personal property owned by Posts of the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps. By an act of the legislature of 1901 just adjourned, all real estate owned by Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps was made to be exempt from taxation. This act will affect between \$25,000 and \$30,000 worth of property. There is a pleasure in referring to this action of the legislature, in making the statement that the law was drafted and pushed to its final completion by Representative William D. Totten, who resides at Kalkaska, and who having seen the great good that had been performed by the veterans and their helpers of the Relief Corps in caring for the needy of his home town, felt that it was no more than justice that the real estate which made the meeting home of these organizations should be exempt from taxation. The veterans were not asking for it, but he a young man who appreciated the past and present life of the Comrades, has shown himself a true friend.

#### GENERAL WORK OF HEADQUARTERS.

During the year just closed the work at Headquarters has been along the same line as in the two years preceding. Eight general and twenty-one special orders of the Department, with ten special dispensations have been issued. The correspondence has been greater and requiring more time than formerly, because of a desire to strengthen the interests of our Comrades in our organization. There have been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Com-



mittee of that body, the proceedings of which are attached to this report.

I have made several official visits, both with yourself and alone, to Posts and reunions without expense to the Department save in two instances when by your orders I visited Posts that could not well bear the expense, and the result of the visit was advantageous to the welfare of the Posts.

#### CONCLUSION.

Commander—You called me and I came to the position I now occupy. You have been my Commander, and with greatest interest in your administration, I have tried at all times and every moment to so conduct the affairs of my office as to give satisfaction to yourself and the members of the Order. You have been with me either in person, by phone or pen so often that there could be no doubt raised as to your continuous desire to have the best interests of the Grand Army of the Republic kept always at the fore front. I know that as you retire from your present office, with the honors so richly deserved, you will carry with you a genuine feeling of fraternal comradeship from every veteran in our ranks.

For myself, permit me to say, my dear Commander, that while officially our relations close with this Encampment, the association of twelve months has so developed your brother's heart that I shall claim for the future a closer relationship between us than ever before existed. For the honor you conferred when naming me upon your staff you have my heartfelt thanks.

To others of the Department Officers and my fellow members upon the Staff, who have at all times shown their interest in the work assigned them, and with whom my relations have been most positively fraternal, I offer sincere thanks for their continued courtesy. To Comrade Holcomb, your very capable Assistant Quartermaster General, with whom I have had almost weekly business relations, I extend a brother's hand in comradeship.

To you, my Comrades of the Department, representing the Posts that make up our numerical strength as an organization, I come once more with sincerest expression of fraternal sentiment and heartfelt thanks for your always generous treatment. You who have served your Comrades in the Post have many a time had occasion to

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communicate with Headquarters, and in such instances the greatest pleasure has been mine to serve you quickly and with a desire to comply with your wishes so far as the best interests of the Order would permit. My relations have been so pleasant with you, my Comrades, that as I turn over to my successor the affairs of my official station, I may entertain the feeling of a continuance of the shoulder touch with each, and an earnest heart's prayer that richer and richer blessings may come as we approach the sunset of our days.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

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

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in the parlor of Sweet's Hotel at 4 p. m.

Present:

E. M. Allen, Department Commander.  
T. C. Putnam, Sen. Vice Department Commander.  
S. J. Lawrence, Jun. Vice Department Commander.  
W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
H. S. White, Department Chaplain.  
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adj. Gen.  
H. W. Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
O. B. Curtis,  
J. O. Bellaire, } Council of Administration.  
O. Tomlinson,  
A. M. Van Wormer, }

Upon motion the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General were fixed at \$1,000, and those of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$2,000.

The Department Commander appointed as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year Ogden Tomlinson, Post No. 269; O. B. Curtis, Post No. 17; E. T. Carrington, Post No. 278.

Upon motion it was resolved that at the first meeting of the Executive Committee at Department Headquarters the matter of awarding prizes to the Posts showing the greatest percentage of increase from July 1, 1899, to July 1, 1900, as proposed by Past Department Commander Pealer, be settled as in their judgment is best.

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

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

Approved:

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, February 13, 1901. }

Pursuant to the call of Department Commander Allen the Executive Committee met at Department Headquarters at 11 o'clock a. m. on the above date.

**Present:**

E. M. Allen, Department Commander.  
 C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
 H. W. Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
 Ogden Tomlinson, } Council of Administration.  
 E. T. Carrington, }

The Commander announced the death of Comrade O. B. Curtis of the Executive Committee, on the 11th of January, 1901, and suggested that suitable resolutions be drafted.

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General was requested to draft such resolutions.

The Commander announced the appointment of Comrade A. M. Van Wormer as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee then proceeded to examine and audit the books and vouchers of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General, which were reported as being found correct.

The Assistant Adjutant General reported the following resolutions upon the death of Comrade Curtis, and they were unanimously adopted:

“Whereas, Our acknowledged conqueror, death, has taken from our association and committee our beloved Comrade, O. B. Curtis, of Post No. 17, Detroit,

“Be it resolved, That we hereby express our remembrance of the pleasant fraternal association which has existed in our relations with our late Comrade Curtis in the various meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and in our committee work as members of the Council of Administration of this Department;

“Resolved, That we recognize the great loss his Post and this Department have sustained in the death of our esteemed Comrade, and we extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy;

“Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the widow of our late Comrade and that they be recorded in the proceedings of this meeting, of the Executive Committee held at Department Headquarters, February 13, 1901.”

The Executive Committee took up the matter referred to them at their first meeting in Grand Rapids, June 8, 1900, as to the awarding of a prize under the plan proposed by Past Department Commander Pealer in his circular No. 2, November, 1899.

After a careful examination of the gains made by various Posts from July 1, 1899, to July 1, 1900, the committee decided that Charles Martin Post No. 436, of Martinsville, Wayne county, having made a gain of 100 per cent by muster of recruits, were entitled to the prize, and it was so voted unanimously, and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to purchase a silk regulation United States flag at a cost not to exceed \$36 to be presented to Post No. 436.

Upon motion the committee voted to recommend to the Department Encampment to be held in Flint in June, 1901, that a prize also be given to Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, of Lansing, for a showing of gain of 108 by muster, making a per cent of over 58.

Upon motion the following values were placed upon Department property:

1 silk flag.....	\$30 00
1 Department banner.....	50 00
1 Union jack.....	12 00
1 bunting door flag.....	7 50
1 numbering machine.....	12 00
1 typewriter and table.....	85 00
1 frame P. D. C. photographs.....	8 00
1 Department seal.....	2 00
1 letter scale.....	1 50
1 letter press.....	1 00
Total value.....	\$209 00

Committee adjourned subject to call.

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

Approved:

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
FLINT, MICH., June 11, 1901. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met in Headquarters, room No. 62, Bryant House, at 8 o'clock p. m. above date.

Present:

E. M. Allen, Department Commander.  
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
H. W. Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
O. Tomlinson, }  
A. M. Van Wormer, } Council of Administration.

The Executive Committee made a final examination of the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, and reported as finding the same correct, with a balance in the general fund of \$1,288.79, and that the Alger Fund amounts to \$934.95, invested in an interest bearing certificate of three per cent in Wayne County Savings bank in Detroit.

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

Approved:

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
FLINT, MICH., June 11, 1901. }

Pursuant to call the Council of Administration met in room No. 62, Bryant House, at 9 o'clock p. m. above date.

Present:

E. M. Allen, Department Commander.  
T. C. Putnam, Sen. Vice Department Commander.  
S. J. Lawrence, Jun. Vice Department Commander.  
W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
H. S. White, Department Chaplain.  
C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.  
H. W. Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Gen.  
O. Tomlinson, }  
J. O. Bellaire, } Council of Administration.  
A. M. Van Wormer, }  
Chas. R. Miller, Inspector.  
S. M. Kent, Chief Mustering Officer.

The Council listened to the reading of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee, and upon motion the action of the committee was approved.

The Council voted to endorse the recommendation of the Executive Committee to give a prize banner to Post No. 42.

Committee adjourned.

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

Approved:

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades W. K. Childs, Post 137; E. S. Jameson, Post 384; Jesse McBain, Post 37.

The report is as follows:

Portland, Mich., June 10, 1901.

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 G. A. R. for the year last past:

H. W. Holcomb, Asst. Q. M. Genl., in account with Department of Michigan G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Dr.
1900.		
June 30.	To cash, Asst. Adj. Gen'l. (general fund).....	\$700 00
July 6.	" " " " " " .....	303 18
" 11.	" " " " " " .....	600 00
" 21.	" " " " " " .....	93 60
1901.		
Jan. 1.	" " " " " " .....	358 95
" 10.	" " " " " " .....	601 55
" 18.	" " " " " " .....	61 50
Feb. 1.	" " " " " " .....	14 90
" 7.	" " " " " " .....	94 54
		<b>\$2,828 22</b>
VOUCHERS AS CASH FROM ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.		
July 6.	To vouchers 1 to 8.....	\$199 38
" 23.	" " 9 " 11.....	60 56
Aug. 11.	" " 12 " 17.....	353 52
Sept. 6.	" " 18 " 20.....	50 08
Oct. 6.	" " 21 " 22.....	64 70
Nov. 5.	" " 23 .....	11 35
" 30.	" " 24 " 26.....	44 30
1901.		
Jan. 1.	" " 27 " 31.....	141 92
" 10.	" " 32 " 33.....	44 62
" 18.	" " 34 " 35.....	66 33
Feb. 1.	" " 36 " 37.....	55 14
" 13.	" " 38 " 39.....	51 22
" 26.	" " 40 " 45.....	40 38
Mar. 29.	" " 46 " 49.....	61 09
Apr. 11.	" " 49 .....	22 21
May 13.	" " 50 " 51.....	36 50
Feb. 7.	" " 50 " 55.....	50 52
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$1,353 82</b>



Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1900.	Official expense headquarters..... Supplies Q. M. General..... Printing, Robert Smith Printing Co..... Expense 34th National Encampment, Chicago..... Music " " " "..... Per capita tax to National Headquarters..... Expense of executive committee, Lansing..... Asst. Adjt. Gen'l salary..... " Q. M. " "..... " Adjt. Gen'l expense to Chicago..... O. A. Janes, services Com. on Legislation..... Silk Flag, Post 436..... Jos. K. Davidson, Phila., 250 Met. Badges..... Asst. Adjt. Gen'l expense to Gaylord..... Guidons, etc..... Horses for parade, 34th National Encampment..... M. Unbdenstock Lith. Commissions..... Jewett & Knapp, badge ribbon..... Badge Past Dept. Comdr., R. R. Pealer..... Dyer-Jenison-Barry Co., Prem. bonds..... A. B. Coffinberry, aid to Asst. Adjt. Gen'l..... Asst. Adjt. Gen'l, postage, supplies, etc..... Ex. Dept. encampment and sundries, Flint.....	\$278 61 203 33 232 55 107 50 150 00 377 29 19 42 1,100 00 100 00 8 60 5 25 36 00 55 00 14 80 8 24 30 00 19 09 11 55 35 00 15 00 9 00 26 11 51 00
	Total disbursements.....	\$2,893 25
	Balance on hand.....	\$1,288 79

## ALGER FUND.

The last Encampment instructed the Commander and Assistant Quartermaster General to invest the Alger Fund, \$934.95, in government or municipal bonds. Owing to the excessive premium demanded on all desirable bonds it was thought best to deposit the fund in Wayne County Savings Bank at three per cent. A certificate of deposit for the same is submitted herewith:

It was my desire and ambition upon accepting this office to merit the commendation of Department Commander Allen, who, unsolicited, gave me the appointment. My most sincere thanks are due to him for his kindness and the valuable suggestions given me in the performance of my duties; also to Col. C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, for counsel so kindly granted whenever applied for.

It has been the wish of this administration that economy should prevail, so far as consistent with the welfare of the Department, and, to that end, we have used our best endeavors. We have added materially to

the general fund, having received from the hands of the last administration \$740.85, as per report of Assistant Quartermaster General. We have now on hand \$1,288.79 in cash, with all accounts settled to date.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. W. HOLCOMB,  
Assistant Quartermaster General.

Flint, Mich., June 11, 1901.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same correct. We find that he has received from the Assistant Adjutant General in the general fund the sum of \$4,182.04, that he has expended from this fund, showing proper vouchers therefor, \$2,893.25, leaving on hand the sum of \$1,288.79. He received in the Alger Fund the sum of \$934.95, the same now being on hand.

O. TOMLINSON,  
A. M. VAN WORMER,  
Executive Committee.

The Department Commander appointed the following committees:

On resolutions upon the death of Past Department Commander Rutherford—Comrades Northwood, Post 438; J. G. Allport, Post 7; L. G. Wilcox, Post 419.

Committee on resolutions—Comrades Charles E. Foote, Post 79; R. R. Pealer, Post 72; Louis Kanitz, Post 7.

To visit the W. R. C. convention—Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; Oscar Palmer, Post 144; Andrew J. Ward, Post 145.

To visit the ladies of the G. A. R.—W. W. Cook, Post 42; William E. Cummings, Post 160; Washington Smith, Post 173.

To visit the Sons of Veterans—A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5; Zach. Aldrich, Post 157; J. Hartwell, Post 166.

The report of the Medical Director was presented and read and referred to the following committee: Comrades James R. Stevens, Post 5; Geo. R. England, Post 44.

The report is as follows:

## MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Mason, Mich., June 10, 1901.

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 twelve months ending December 31, 1900:

No. of Posts Dec. 31, 1900.....	375	
No. of Posts not reported.....	168	
No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	207	
No. of deaths during term.....	224	
No. who presumably died of wounds received in the service.....	16	
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service.....	135	
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	73	
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	114	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		\$445 56
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	98	
The reasonable money value of such service.....		500 53
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or Relief Corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....		257 00
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....		\$1,203 09
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions .....	46	

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.

The population of the Home at Grand Rapids Dec. 31, 1900, was: Men in quarters, 631; in hospital, 127; total present, 758; on furlough, 149; total membership of veterans, 907.

In woman's building, 50; in hospital, 14; women present, 64; on furlough, 12; total membership of woman's building, 76.

The above Home is supported by State appropriation.  
 Number of ex-soldiers or sailors in alms houses, nine.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,  
**WILLIAM W. ROOT,**  
 Medical Director.

The report of the Department Chaplain was presented  
 and read. It was as follows:

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

Romeo, Mich., June 10, 1901.

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. MICH. G. A. R., }  
 Office of Department Chaplain. }

To Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General:  
 I have the honor to submit the following report as  
 Department Chaplain:

No. of Posts in this Department.....	454
No. of Posts reporting Memorial Day services.....	304
No. of Posts attending religious services May 27, 1900.....	300
No. of sermons preached.....	300
No. of sermons preached by Veterans.....	26
No. of sermons preached by Sons of Veterans.....	30
No. of Comrades attending services.....	9,405
No. of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	304
No. of Comrades participating in Memorial Day services..	10,060
No. of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	927
No. of graves decorated.....	18,023
No. of graves unmarked by tombstones.....	2,344
No. of public schools engaged in Memorial Day services.....	782
No. of pupils participating.....	102,444
No. of other organizations participating.....	395
No. of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day.....	284
No. of addresses delivered by Veterans.....	59
No. of addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans.....	25
No. of Posts having a burial plat.....	132

I find by reports made to me by the various Posts that  
 not only are our ranks rapidly depleting, but a con-

stantly increasing number are unable to co-operate with their Comrades on these sacred occasions.

The question comes up at this time, what can be done by us to insure the perpetuation of Memorial Day services? A careful inspection of the situation is suggestive. By the census of the United States for 1860 we find that the population of the United States was for the North, or free states, 19,330,639, and for the South, or slave states, 12,112,683, making 31,443,322. Now it is not probable that there are more than 16,000,000 out of the 31,000,000 who are now living that were here at the opening of the war. But we find that now there are nearly 80,000,000 of people in the United States. Where have this sixty or more millions come from that were not here in 1860. They were born here or they have come from other lands. Here then is a most stupendous problem, not only before the G. A. R., but before the whole American people, can this vast mass of people become Americanized? If so, what are the forces whose operation must be depended upon to enthuse and Nationalize them? Among the potent forces that tend to Americanize the people is the common school. If a love of and veneration for our flag is cultivated time will evolutionize the people. Can we join Memorial Day with the public schools? More than 100,000 children marched after and cheered the flag on last Memorial Day. My observation leads me to conclude that two-thirds of these were girls. Whatever cause secures the mothers of America is safe. But those who have been active and conspicuous in securing a proper observance of Memorial Day are rapidly passing from us. Who will take up and perpetuate the custom? Will the Sons of Veterans do it? In some cases, yes; but can we depend on them to take up and care for this work? For myself the outlook is not promising. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to consider and if possible mature a plan for enlisting the patriotic citizens to combine and arrange for the care and observance of Memorial Day. The undertaker and the school house have in them the potency that must solve the problem of human liberty and human prayers.

Henry Ward Beecher said, "When a lion eats an ox the lion does not become ox but the ox becomes lion."

A critic said, "Perhaps the lion will gorge himself and die." That is the American problem. For myself, I believe the ox will become lion.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,  
H. S. WHITE,  
Department Chaplain.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—I move that we dispense with the referring of that report of the Chaplain to a committee and that it be accepted and approved by the entire Encampment by a rising vote. To me it seems to hit the bull's eye. For the first time during the history of Orcutt Post at Kalamazoo this year we dispensed with a memorial address. It was also resolved by the Post to decorate the graves of our fallen Comrades by the Post inviting the citizens to take part as they saw fit. I visited three cemeteries and assisted in strewing flowers upon the graves; and I say to you, Department Commander and Comrades, that not a citizen of Kalamazoo, man, woman or child, except the wives and families of soldiers, decorated or assisted in decorating one single grave of our fallen Comrades. And I am satisfied that with the passing away of our Comrades that the future decoration of the graves must be done by the families of the soldiers themselves. I therefore move as a substitute that this vote be accepted by a rising vote of the Encampment.

The motion of Comrade Foote was seconded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The report of the Judge Advocate was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades George W. Buckingham, Post 145; O. Tomlinson, Post 269; John Devlin, Post 433. The report was as follows:

## JUDGE ADVOCATE'S REPORT,

Ionia, Mich., June 10, 1901.

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

Comrade—I herewith present my report for the year just closing. There have been four cases presented to me.

First, At a regular meeting of a Post under the head of new business a motion was made to adjourn. The Commander of the Post refused to entertain the motion, and proceeded to the installation of officers. No appeal was taken from his action to the body of the Post.

My opinion was that a motion to adjourn is always in order and the Commander should have entertained and put the same. But when he ruled the same out of order and proceeded to install the officers, without any appeal being made from his decision, I think the officers were properly installed. It was in the power of the majority to have overruled the decision of the chair, and to have adjourned the meeting; but failing to do so, they would, it seems to me, be deemed to have acquiesced in the decision, which acquiescence would be equivalent to a withdrawal of the motion. I do not think the Commander could be court martialed, as he may have acted in ignorance of parliamentary rules.

Second, Comrades of a certain Post were from six to twelve months in arrears. After they were notified in writing that they would be suspended if such dues were not paid they paid something upon their dues, but were still in arrears.

My opinion was that if the payment still left the Comrade in arrears for more than six months before notice was given he was still liable to suspension under the notice, but if the payment was accepted and he was not then six months in arrears a new notice after further arrears would be necessary.

Third, A Comrade asked for a withdrawal or transfer

card. Before the card was issued he withdrew his request for the same.

My opinion was that he had the right to withdraw his request. A refusal to accede to such request would be practically an expulsion from membership in the Post.

Fourth, At a meeting of the Post a motion was made to drop a Comrade who had been previously suspended. The motion was properly stated and put by the Commander, but only one Comrade voted, and he in the negative. An appeal was taken from the Commander's decision and he was not sustained—five voting to sustain and ten against the decision of the chair. This ended the proceedings.

My opinion was that the matter was thereupon left where it was in the first place before motion was put. To drop the Comrade it was necessary to vote directly upon that proposition.

The chair not being sustained may have nullified the vote upon the motion, but it could have no other effect. It was still necessary for the Comrades to vote to drop the member. By appealing from the decision of the Commander and not sustaining it, they could not convert the one negative vote—the only vote cast—into an affirmative one.

I return herewith the correspondence upon these four questions.

ALLEN B. MORSE,  
Judge Advocate.

The Encampment took a recess until 2:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Encampment was called to order at 2:30 o'clock, the Department Commander in the chair.

The Officer of the Day announced a committee of ladies from the Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps in waiting at the outpost.

The regular order of business was suspended, an escort sent to meet the ladies, Mrs. Allaseba M. Bliss, Past De-



partment President, Mrs. Elizabeth Humphrey, Mrs. Anna L. Shakespeare and Mrs. Kate M. Redner, who were received by the Encampment with much applause and were given the salute of the Comrades.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure and honor of introducing to you Mrs. Bliss, the wife of our Governor, whom you all know.

Mrs. Bliss—I come before you with the report of the President of the Woman's Relief Corps. Our position you well know, and we call ourselves and hope to be called and expect to be called the right hand of the Grand Army of the Republic, and its only legitimate auxiliary. I am not given to speech-making. I think none of us have come before you with a speech. I presume you are all glad to hear that, but I would like to have you know what we have done during the past year.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE G. A. R.  
ENCAMPMENT, FLINT, JUNE 12-13, 1901.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN }  
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, }  
AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
THREE RIVERS, June, 1901. }

I have the honor to transmit to you the following report of the social and financial condition of the Department Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic.

We have great reasons to be thankful for the prosperity that has attended our efforts. The social and friendly feelings throughout the Department are manifested apparently in the kind expressions that have met us on every hand with a hearty wish for success in maintaining the objects for which we are banded together (namely), to assist the dear old soldiers and their dependent ones. This one object prompts the Department Woman's Relief Corps to leave with you our yearly report. We have sought diligently the best way to assist the soldiers and their dependent ones.

No. of Corps in the Department.....	245
No. of members.....	8,127
No. of Corps organized during the year.....	6
Soldiers and families assisted.....	2,686
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$2,197 41
Estimated value other than money, given as relief.....	3,405 25
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Total relief from Corps.....	\$5,602 66
Cash turned over from Corps to G. A. R. Posts.....	1,349 37
Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	90 00
Cash balance in Corps relief fund.....	2,760 84
Cash balance in Department relief fund.....	56 34
Cash sent to Galveston sufferers.....	335 40
Cash received from last administration.....	902 32
Amount of money in general fund.....	509 89
Total disbursements during the year.....	4,099 50
Total turned over to the new administration.....	924 79

These noble patriotic women, numbering 8,127, again pledge you their loyal support to maintain the obligations they have taken in the spirit of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Comrades of the Grand Army, through all the years' work that I have given untiringly to the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Michigan has been interwoven with many kindnesses from you; without a single exception the Grand Army have all been ready with expressions of appreciation of my labors, and as I leave this year's report, sealed today, with it I leave my promise with you for the future. If at any time a single word, act or deed of mine will be a benefit to your noble order I will perform them as willingly in the future as I have in the past.

"I pledge my allegiance to God and our Country, one country, one language, one flag."

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

ANNIE E. UDELL,  
Department President.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Gen. William Humphrey, of Adrian.

Mrs. Humphrey—Commander, Brothers of the Grand Army and dear Comrades, I did not expect or come with any set speech to you, but it seems I should be recreant

to my trust if I did not simply recognize you as friends and brothers, and say that I considered it an honor, with all sincerity, to be considered fit to come to bring greetings to you, the grandest organization that the world has ever known. We sometimes say that we feel highly honored. That seems to be a form of expression; but I say it with all sincerity, I do consider it an honor. I feel that a woman who would not consider it an honor to speak to or meet such a body of men is not deserving of honor. My heart has always been with this organization of the W. R. C. I have not joined any other. Other organizations are grand, I know, and I admire and sympathize with them in their work, but my heart is with this organization. For one reason I have always been intimately associated with some of your members, brothers of those that fell in the civil war. I was a young girl in school when the war broke out. I think I was always endowed with patriotism, and I hated slavery as a child. When the war broke out I had two brothers old enough to go. One was working in a drug store near us. I never thought they would enlist; but one day I went into the store and I noticed a great change in my brother's face, a look in it that I had never seen before, and tremblingly I said to him, "Henry, you haven't enlisted, have you?" I had a feeling within me that he had, and from the look that came over his face I knew that he had. For a few moments he couldn't speak, when he said, "yes, I have; you must tell mother." Well, boys, maybe you think that was not a hard task. I believe that I could have enlisted, that I could have fought, I was so full of patriotism, but I waited all that afternoon, to sundown, before I told her, and I can't tell you how I did it. However, I finally did tell her. A few days later my other brother enlisted, two years older than myself; my companion, to whom I told all my troubles, and to whom I always went whenever in need of advice or consolation. They lived to come home. And again later I was associated with another brave soldier. And it has been so all my life. I feel that we owe a debt of gratitude to you that we can never repay. I come again to pledge you our holy allegiance, and to swear with all my soul, with all my heart and with all my strength, that it shall ever continue. All that our country is to-

day you have made. So I do honor and love and revere the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. General Shakespeare, wife of our Past Department Commander.

Mrs. Shakespeare—It was a great surprise to me this morning when I was asked to visit your Encampment, and I assure you it is a great pleasure to do so. I was never given the gift of oratory, and the only time I ever tried to say anything before the Grand Army of the Republic some of the Comrades here will remember that I said not one thing that I meant to. I know that you are anxious to continue in your work. I will only say that all my sympathies go out to the Grand Army. I know from my own experience in my own home that many Comrades have suffered and are suffering today from the perils and effect of that terrible war, and I am only too glad when I can give any aid or comfort to any of the boys who wore the blue.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Kate M. Redner, a loyal, tried and true woman.

Mrs. Redner—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I extend to you the greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps, the loyal, hearty and true support of the women of our grand organization. We well understand and realize that but for your loyalty and devotion to our country we might today have a divided country, with two flags instead of one, with its added stars on its bright stripes, which is now waving over an undivided country. I come before you today to say a word because of my long acquaintance with your Commander. I knew him as a lad, and I knew him again in his uniform, ready to march to fight for his country and the right; and I knew his father and mother, and I witnessed the sorrow and anxiety pictured on the faces of his father and mother, his sweetheart and sister. I saw him again at the head of a slow procession in our little village riding in front of that procession in his uniform. It was the day of the Lincoln memorial service, and father, mother, wife and sister were there.

He had returned to them in safety and in honor; and I have known him from that time until now, and regard his family as among my dearest and best friends. And that is one particular reason why I was so glad to come to you today, and when our President placed me on this committee I was only too pleased to come. The love of the women for you, Comrades, is expressed in their organization. I know that there is no organization can exist like the Grand Army of the Republic, and I know the great amount of affection that exists among you for each other. You shared your sufferings together, you shared your last mouthful together. But there are wives of many Comrades who are not members of the Woman's Relief Corps. It seems to me, my friends, that every loyal woman should aid the union veteran and his dependent wife. We come, of course, as your only auxiliary, willing to do all in our power to aid you in every way. The aid we bring to the soldier can never be too much. At home and around here today I see the changes in the boys of forty years ago, when you went forth to the stirring music of the band, "The Star Spangled Banner," "When Johnnie Comes Marching Home," and the never to be forgotten "The Girl I Left Behind Me." But you didn't go with the step you do today. But you are the same loyal boys, and we are the same loyal women with the same loyal hearts, here ready to give you cheer.

The Department Commander—I am sure that our Comrades have been busy with memories of old times and associations. I know that my own eyes have been overflowing with tears. I know that every Comrade here has gone back to the time when he was young, and when he went out from home to do battle for his country. In behalf of the Department I give you our sincere thanks, which I ask you to take back to the Relief Corps, for the great work you have done for the Grand Army. Somewhere we read in the old story, that it is not good for man to be alone. That is true as to society. We look to you, my friends, as having been for the past few years the mainstay of our organization, and we admire you, and you carry with you from this Encampment the very heartfelt good will of every Comrade here. We are glad to have met you. I can see that my feelings are getting

the best of me, and I will ask the Assistant Adjutant General to pin upon each of you the badge of this Encampment.

The ladies of the committee were each presented with the badge of the Encampment, and having been escorted from the hall, the regular order of business was resumed.

The report of the Inspector General was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades Frank Rice, Post 294; A. J. Teal, Post 452; A. J. Backus, Post 17. The report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

Lansing, June 12, 1901.

To 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 June 30, 1900:

Total number of Posts.....	375
Total number of members in good standing.....	14,932
Number of Posts inspected.....	284
Number of Posts not inspected.....	91
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings....	Good
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly exemplified .....	263
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped .....	52
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed....	22
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	281
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded .....	282
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	54
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$1,833 35
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	1,721 95
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters....	14,861 02
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts.....	63,129 26
Number of Posts with Women's Relief Corps attached....	206
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	32

Our present system of inspection is of very little benefit, being inaccurate. A Division of the Department into inspection districts, and the selection of competent Comrades as Assistant Inspectors, one for each district, would be the proper remedy. I am advised that such a change can only be made by action of the National Encampment; therefore, any recommendations I should feel disposed to suggest would be superfluous.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,  
**CHARLES R. MILLER,**  
 Department Inspector.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was presented and read. It was as follows:

#### CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER'S REPORT.

OFFICE OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER,  
 DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R., }  
 GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., June 11, 1901. }

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

Comrade—I have the honor to submit herewith the annual report of my office:

On the 23d of June, 1900, in obedience to Special Orders No. 3, Past Junior Vice Commander David C. Spears mustered and organized at Samaria, Monroe county, H. W. Lawton Post No. 452, with 18 charter members, A. J. Teall, Commander.

On the 17th of July, 1900, in obedience to Special Orders No. 5, Comrade Daniel Blakely, of Geo. Martin Post No. 227, at Eastport, mustered and organized James A. Sexton Post No. 454, at Central Lake, Antrim county, with eleven charter members, William Mohrman, Commander.

On the 21st of July, 1900, Past Department Inspector N. M. Richardson, acting under Special Orders No. 4, mustered and organized at Kingston, Tuscola county, Harlow Pelton Post No. 453, with 15 charter members, Walter B. Nedrey, Commander.

On the 24th of November, 1900, in obedience to Special Orders No. 8, Comrade W. H. Russell, of Post 194, at Clio, mustered and organized John Hunter Post No. 455, at Montrose, Genesee county, with 14 charter members, W. H. Baker, Commander.

On the 22d of February, 1901, in obedience to Special Orders No. 18, Department Inspector Charles R. Miller mustered and organized Stansell Post No. 456, at South Lyon, Oakland county, with 13 charter members, Lewis S. Allen, Commander.

On the 6th of April, 1901, in obedience to Special Orders No. 19, Comrade Francis McElroy, of Turrill Post No. 144, at Lapeer, mustered and organized Emory C. Baird Post No. 457, at Attica, Lapeer county, with 10 charter members, William P. Baird, Commander.

On the 24th of July, 1900, in obedience to Special Orders No. 7, Comrade D. J. Willson, of Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, at Jackson, mustered and reorganized Fairchild Post No. 228, at Grass Lake, Jackson county, with 16 charter members, E. L. Cooper, Commander.

On the 22d of May, 1901, Comrade William Hunt and 12 other veterans of Mio, Oscoda county, made application for a charter for a Post at Mio. The request having been granted by the Department Commander, a charter was issued for Post No. 458, and Special Orders were issued detailing Comrade Steward Gordon of Post No. 240, but residing at Luzerne, near to Mio, to organize and muster said Post. No report has been received as to the action of the Mustering Officer.

I desire to thank the Department Commander thus publicly for the honor conferred in appointing me upon his Staff, and to express my appreciation of the friendly relations with my fellow members of the Staff.

There has been no effort made to organize new Posts save where there has been an earnest desire for such organization upon the part of the veterans making the application.

Yours in F., C. & L.,  
S. M. KENT,  
Chief Mustering Officer.



Comrade Bellair, Post 5—As the Mustering Officer makes no recommendation in his report, I move that we accept it and place it on file. Seconded and carried.

The report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home was read, and, on motion of the Assistant Adjutant General, was accepted and adopted. The report was as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 5, 1901.

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

Comrade—Your committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home performed that duty on December 13, 1900, and beg leave to report the following facts:

We found the buildings and grounds in excellent condition, visited every room in the building and found them clean and well kept in all its appointments, made a thorough inspection of the hospital and found same in perfect condition. The addition erected last year gave every facility of taking care of the sick and disabled. Large airy rooms, not overcrowded, thus the hospital force being able to give each individual case the attention needed. The food supplied to invalids seemed to be the best that can be had, issued from a well appointed kitchen and culinary department of the hospital. Dr. Bennett, with his assistant and able corps of trained nurses, gave all the attention the sick and convalescent required, and we can only speak in the highest commendation of the able and painstaking care that your old Comrades receive.

The Home proper is well kept, but we could not refrain from noticing the overcrowded condition of the various rooms, in fact, the population being so great that the management and Commandant found it necessary to utilize every available room in the basement to find quarters for the inmates. This, in the opinion of your committee, should not be. The basement was not intended for dormitory purposes, lacking the necessary ventilation and other requirements for such purposes. This was confirmed by the Commandant, who said with much regret that this was all the management had avail-

able to take care of the ever increasing demand of inmates on the Home. This condition, however, exists only during the winter months. In the early spring and summer a great many of the old boys take their annual outing, so to say, visiting their old homes and friends, and leave the quarters of the Home in fairly good condition.

Your committee took great pains to ascertain the food supply and found it to be clean, wholesome and well prepared and plenty to satisfy the requirements of the inmates. In fact, your committee can report with pleasure that nothing seemed to be wanting as to supplies of the inner man.

Your committee further noticed the discipline and order maintained in the Home to be of a high standard, and we feel like complimenting the Commandant and management in their endeavors to make it so.

Every opportunity was given to the inmates to state if any grievance they had to your committee, but we are pleased to report that no complaint was made, all agreeing that they were satisfied and everything was given them which the State in its generosity supplied them.

The Women's Annex was thoroughly inspected and found to be clean and in healthy condition. Opportunity was given to the ladies to state if any grievance they had, and they all seemed to be generally satisfied. Some cases were noted where it was thought that the food supplied to them, being from the general Home, was not such as old ladies of their age required, and further that it is a great inconvenience to them and detriment to their health to walk from the Annex to the dining room of the Home for their meals. To this proposition your committee fully agrees, and we can simply state that it seems to be almost cruel to require these old decrepit ladies to walk on a cold winter day from the Annex to the dining room of the Home. We can report that this matter has been fully appreciated by the management, having prepared a bill to the legislature asking for an appropriation of \$15,000 to remodel the Annex so as to give them their own kitchen, laundry and increased facilities, doing away with the objectional feature above noted, and we can state at this date that the legislature has fully provided the necessary funds to make the improvements called for, the bill having been signed by the Governor and is now

law. The building will be raised and improved so as to make it comfortable, doing away with all the obnoxious features and making the Annex exclusive in itself.

We append hereto the report of the Commandant of December 31, 1900, which will more fully give you an insight of the population of the Home.

Your committee is of the unanimous opinion that the state and your old Comrades who have been compelled to seek the Home wherein they can spend the evenings of their life are fortunate in having such able management and efficient Commandant as your old Comrade, Geo. E. Judd.

LOUIS KANITZ,  
Chairman.

STATISTICS OF WOMAN'S BUILDING, MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1900.

1900.		
Jan. 1.	In Woman's building.....	47
	In hospital .....	11
	Total present .....	58
	On leave .....	12
	Total membership.....	70
1901.		
Jan. 1.	In Woman's building.....	50
	In hospital .....	14
	Total present.....	64
	On leave .....	12
	Total membership.....	76
	Admitted during year.....	27
	Readmitted .....	9
	Total .....	36
	Discharged during year.....	23
	Died .....	7
	Total .....	30

Whole number admitted since opening of building, January 8, 1894, 171.  
 Whole number of deaths of members of the Woman's building since opening, 27.  
 The husbands of 30 of the members are themselves members of the Soldiers' Home.  
 Three of the members are mothers of soldiers; the balance are wives or widows.

STATISTICS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, YEAR ENDING  
 DEC. 31, 1900.

Membership Jan. 1, 1900:

Present—	
In Home .....	598
In hospital .....	93
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Total present.....	691
On leave .....	140
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Total membership.....	831
Received during year—	
Admitted .....	225
Readmitted .....	256
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Total received.....	481
Total cared for during year.....	1,312
Losses during year—	
Honorably discharged.....	268
Dishonorably discharged .....	55
Died .....	65
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Total losses .....	405

Membership Jan. 1, 1901:

Present—	
In Home .....	631
In hospital .....	127
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Total present .....	758
On leave.....	149
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Total membership .....	907

Highest number present during year, Dec. 8, 824.  
 Smallest number present during year, June 19, 529.  
 Oldest member 94 years of age.  
 Youngest member (in War of Rebellion) 48 years of age.

Average age, 64 years.  
Average age of members dying, 66.  
Average number present during year, 670.  
Average number present during previous year, 653.  
Total number admitted since establishment of Home, 3,535.  
Total number of deaths of veterans, members of Home, 706.

Comrade Pealer, Post 72, presented and read the report of the Committee on Legislation, which was as follows:

Department Commander and Comrades—Your Committee on Legislation respectfully report that bills relative to the following subjects of interest to our Order and Comrades were introduced either in the House or Senate of the last legislature by members at the request of your committee. First in order was the button bill, which Col. Pond was authorized to copy and place in the hands of some member for action, and which he placed in the hands of our Comrade, Senator Sovereign, of Berrien county, who introduced it in the Senate. Comrade Pond and your committee gave this measure their earnest support and met with persistent opposition from certain members of the Senate and others, and without going into details we gladly announce to you that a bill was finally passed and has become a law, which provides that "Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

Among other bills your committee prepared one providing for the erection of a few cottages in connection with the Soldiers' Home where a Comrade and his wife, under exceptional conditions, could reside together, and another giving the Governor power to appoint a Soldiers and Sailors' State Monument Commission to consist of five members, who shall select a design for a State Soldiers and Sailors' Monument to be erected on the capitol grounds at Lansing, and who shall also designate the site on said grounds where the monument shall be lo-

● cated. These bills were placed in the hands of Representative Wheeler, from St. Joseph county, who was a volunteer soldier in the Spanish American war, and served as captain of company K, 33d Mich., and were introduced in the House by him, and the committee's report was secured in favor of both bills, and we are happy in reporting that the bill providing for a Monument Commission has become a law, and that our honored Governor and Comrade has appointed an able and patriotic committee, of which our Comrades Past Commander Duffield, of Detroit, General Pritchard, of Allegan, Comrade Anthony, of Negaunee, and Hon. Justus S. Stearns, of Ludington, are members. We earnestly hope that this commission will manifest as much zeal as they have ability, and not only select a design and determine the site, but also give this project the weight of their large influence and help awaken a proper public spirit and support in favor of the erection of a monument which will bespeak for all time the gratitude, intelligence and patriotism of the people of this great State and commemorate the heroism of the Michigan soldiers and sailors in the civil war, the Spanish American war and the campaigns in the Philippines, and that our Governor will find so much public support for this undertaking that he will feel fully warranted in commending the question to the next legislature and in recommending such an appropriation as will provide a monument creditable to our beloved State, which shall adorn its capitol grounds and stand as a silent teacher of patriotism for the centuries.

In reference to the bill for cottages, while we secured a favorable report from the Soldiers' Home Committee, we regret to have to report that our bill did not pass. It was urged by members of the legislature that we were asking for a large appropriation for the kitchen and dining room under the Woman's Annex and other large sums for repairs and improvements about the Home, and that to press too many bills might endanger these essential measures which we have also been contending for for years. And we were urged to wait until another session for an appropriation for this worthy object. It was further urged that possibly suitable provision could be made for some homes for Comrades and their wives in

the building now erected in connection with the repairs, and improvements to be made out of the appropriation secured.

Comrades Janes and Potter plead earnestly for some provision for a place where an old soldier and his wife can be provided for together, and knowing our cause is just, we are not disheartened, but hopeful that by another session, if provision is not made out of the present appropriation, a proper appropriation will be secured and our Soldiers' Home Board come to favor this improvement.

We recognize the fact that the State has been generous toward the Soldiers' Home, but the system there will not be complete until some provision is made whereby it will not be necessary to separate an old soldier and his worthy wife when they are forced to come to the Home in their declining years, and whereby in exceptional cases they may be provided a home in a cottage or rooms together.

Comrade Potter had a flag bill prepared which required the flag to be displayed over places where elections are held on election day, which was endorsed by the committee and introduced in the House by Representative Randall and favorably reported upon with an amendment, which your committee did not care to accept, and the bill was suffered to rest.

Another measure of interest to all Comrades and loyal citizens became a law at the last session. It provides for Flag Day.

We further respectfully report that we found friends for our cause wherever we found a Comrade in good standing in our Order. Comrades, it behooves us as long as we live and have needs to see to it that we have as many live, earnest and devoted Comrades in positions of influence as possible, not simply because they merit these places but because they can aid those who cannot help themselves and who need the watchfulness and assistance of their more fortunate Comrades.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

R. R. PEALER,

T. E. POTTER.

Comrade Pealer—In addition to what I have read in the report I wish to ask every Comrade in my presence to act as a committee of one to work to secure this appropriation. And I also move the adoption of the report.

The motion was seconded and the report was adopted.

Comrade Parker, Post 76—I desire to move that the election of officers be made the special order for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrade Cook, Post 42—Your committee appointed to visit the ladies of the G. A. R. have performed that duty and ask to be excused.

The report was accepted.

Comrade Wightman, Post 140—I wish to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Department Encampment of the G. A. R. Department of Michigan assembled at Flint, Mich., this 12th day of June, 1901, that an order should be promulgated by the Department Commander fixing the time for Memorial Service on the third Sunday in May instead of May 30, which is now set apart as a legal holiday by the laws of the State.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Department now here assembled that G. A. R. Posts should not participate in any parade or other demonstration that shall have a tendency to make Memorial Day a gala day, but that all G. A. R. Posts within this jurisdiction should observe Memorial Day in such a manner as to teach those who shall take our places in the future that it is a day of commemoration and not a day of recreation.

The resolutions were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Assistant Adjutant General—Commander, under the head of unfinished business I have the following, which was laid upon the table by the last Encampment, for the action of this Encampment. I move its reference to the Committee on Resolutions.

Resolutions by Comrade Springer, of Post 24, offered to the Encampment at Grand Rapids, June, 1900,



## 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.

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,

1. Resolved, 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 Adjutant 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 committee to whom these resolutions were referred in June, 1900, reported as follows:

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.

Comrade DeLand, Post 48—It seems to me it would be well enough for us to wait until we get to some of these big bridges before we try to cross them. I think at the present time, and for many years to come, that there will be enough men left belonging to Posts in the Grand Army of the Republic to observe Memorial Day, and observe it properly, without any other assistance. We have from time to time petitioned Congress, and the legislatures of the states have passed laws regulating this day. And we have, in every instance, gotten just about what we have asked for. What is the sense of going to work and tearing down all the work which we have been doing for the past 25 or 30 years? It seems to me as though this question should be deferred. The time may come when each community throughout the country may have only now and then a Grand Army man to head the procession. I remember in my day when we used to search the country all over for an old Revolutionary soldier to

ride in an old buggy at the head of the Fourth of July procession. When that time comes, if there is enough respect left with the citizenship of America to honor the soldiers by keeping up this memorial, it will be kept up. If there is not, no laws or action of ours will keep it up or sustain it. We can't bind the future. Let us simply take care of the present, and let what laws we have for Memorial Day entirely alone, until the time comes when it is necessary to ask somebody to assist the old soldier to assist in the decoration of the grave of his Comrade.

Comrade Whitman, Post 140—Commander and Comrades, so far as the legislation by the State and by the general government is concerned I am with the Comrade over here, let it alone, but so far as the observance of Memorial Day is concerned, to me it is not a gala day; it is a day that it seems to me should be celebrated as a funeral day. It is a day that should not be given up by the young people to games of base ball, horse racing, etc.

Comrade DeLand—We don't know where we will be if we keep this up. I rise to a point of order, that the question is not debatable.

The Department Commander—The point is well taken. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Encampment, on motion, took a recess to tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment convened at 9:30, with the Department Commander in the chair.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander appointed five Comrades to act as tellers.

Comrade Griffin, Post 169—Is this the proper time in which to present a resolution?

The Department Commander—Yes, sir.

Comrade Griffin—With your permission, I would like to say a few words. I will be brief in my remarks in relation to this document.

The Department Commander—Please read the document.

Comrade Griffin—You have turned me around, and I am compelled to commence at the wrong end.

Flint, Mich., June 12, 1901.

Whereas, It is deemed honorable and patriotic to do something in memorial of the departed heroes of our wars:

Whereas, Also some of those lamented dead to the number of over 700 who are credited to the State of Michigan lost their valuable lives in that foul pen known as Andersonville prison; and,

Whereas, A number of states of this republic have honored their soldier dead buried at said Andersonville prison by the erection of a suitable monument to their memory under the auspices of the G. A. R.; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan G. A. R. cause a suitable monument to be erected to the memory of those Comrades buried at Andersonville, Ga.;

Resolved further, That said monument be erected in the Prison Park within the lines of the old stockade; and

Resolved further, That the Department Commander of Michigan appoint a committee of five, three of which said committee to be ex-prisoners of war, to take charge of the designing, purchasing and placing of said monument.

With your indulgence, I want to say a word to these Comrades.

The Department Commander—They will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and when they are reported back they will be in order for debate.

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and Comrade Dean, Post 137, read the report of

the committee on the Department Commander's address, which was as follows:

Flint, Mich., June 12, 1901.

To the Department of Michigan G. A. R.:

Comrades—Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and respectfully recommend that the thanks of the Department be extended to Commander Allen for the efficient service rendered by him in securing legislation for the protection of the button of our Order.

We recommend the adoption of recommendation of the Commander for the purchase of a banner to be presented to Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, and your committee also earnestly recommend the appropriation of the sum of \$50 for the compilation of the Journal of the Encampment by the present Assistant Adjutant General.

We further recommend that an amendment to the rules and regulations be formulated by this Encampment for presentation to the 35th National Encampment, allowing Posts to elect "honorary" or associate members.

We also recommend approval by the Encampment of the action of the Department Commander in depositing the "Alger Fund" at interest in the Wayne County Savings Bank.

We also commend the earnest and loyal spirit of the entire address and recommend that the incoming administration be directed to purchase a Past Commander's badge, at a cost not to exceed \$35, and present the same to Commander Allen as a token of esteem and appreciation of the Department of Michigan G. A. R.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. DEAN, Post 137,  
A. A. MINER, Post 218,  
H. H. APLIN, Post 278,  
O. A. JANES, Post 384,  
GAD SMITH, Post 300.

Comrade Parks, Post 76—I move that the report of the committee be adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5—Referring to the Alger Fund and the recommendation made by our Department Commander to place this fund in the Wayne County Savings Bank, will it be necessary for this Encampment to take some action relative to a resolution that was passed here on the motion of Comrade Curtis at the last Encampment?

The Assistant Adjutant General—As I understand, if I listened correctly to the report of the committee just now, they endorsed the action of the Department Commander in placing the Alger Fund in the Wayne County Savings Bank. He confessed judgment here yesterday in saying that he had departed from the text of the resolutions passed at the last Encampment, which were that this fund should be placed in a bond, municipal, state or national; and he gave as the reason why that was not done, that bonds of that character could not be had for that sum of money, neither could they be had without paying a heavy percentage; and he therefore placed the fund in the Wayne County Savings Bank; and this committee endorsed his action.

Comrade Bellair—I think this is satisfactory to the Encampment. I will second the motion made by the Comrade here.

The report of the committee was then adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Childs, Post 137, presented the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, which was unanimously adopted.

The report of the committee was as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, H. W. Holcomb, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct. With balance on hand at date:

General fund .....	\$1,288 79
Alger Fund, plus interest.....	934 95
Total .....	<u>\$2,223 74</u>

The bills paid include the Department expense of this Encampment.

The report shows care and labor of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

We move the adoption of the report.

WM. K. CHILDS, Post 137,

E. S. JAMESON, Post 384,

JESSE McBANE, Post 37.

Comrade Fee, Post 45, presented the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of Assistant Adjutant General Pond have had said report under consideration, and while it contains no specific recommendations, there are some features thereof to which we think it well to call special attention of the members of the Encampment.

To the report, as a whole, your committee accords hearty approval. The paper gives a clear, succinct account of the year's work of the Department; such a report as could be given only by one thoroughly conversant with all the details of the work in all the lines of activity exercised in the conduct of the organization's affairs during the period covered by the report. Such a paper could be prepared only by one posted in all the matters involved. For such knowledge and the ability to present it years of experience are necessary. The Department is extremely fortunate in having a member who has the experience and qualifications necessary for the presentation of such a report.

Your committee have no intention of indulging in fulsome eulogy of Comrade Pond. We simply desire to say that in our judgment the Assistant Adjutant General has earned the commendation of "Well done good and faithful servant."

Special attention is called to that portion of the report relating to the trouble and embarrassments that may and sometimes do result from failure of Post officials to make promptly the reports they have obligated themselves to make or to see that they are made. Too great emphasis

cannot be given this matter of promptness in making up and forwarding official reports due from officers of the individual Posts. If the duties of Post officers are promptly discharged the work of the State Department will be easier and more satisfactory, and the good results will be felt in the work of the National Organization.

The Adjutant General's report is well worthy the acceptance and approval of this Encampment.

J. H. FEE, Post 45,  
E. S. POST, Post 98,  
"REN" BARKER, Post 451,  
Committee.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive a delegation from the Camp of the Sons of Veterans, who were admitted to the Encampment and escorted to the stage. They were C. H. Wagner, H. E. Cowden, C. J. Post.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department Encampment, I have pleasure in introducing to you a delegation from the Camp of the Sons of Veterans.

Mr. Wagner—Fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is with considerable hesitation that we come before you, noble sires and examples of patriotism and sacrifice for our country and our flag. We come to you with the greetings of your sons, the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans, to express to you the deep gratitude we feel at the consideration you have showed us by appointing a committee yesterday to wait upon us, that spoke to us words of encouragement and cordiality. The words cheered us to make renewed efforts to maintain the principles of our order, and to keep green in our memory the sacrifices and the noble deeds of those both living and dead who did so much that this country might be saved and this flag remain unsullied—the proudest flag on the face of the globe. We recognize that to you and to you alone is due all the benefits and the privileges that we enjoy today as citizens of this great republic. To you and to you alone are we indebted for the



fact that this is the most powerful, the most prosperous, and the grandest nation on the face of the earth. We realize that your numbers are daily growing less, and that each year there will be a smaller number of you to observe Memorial Day and commemorate the deeds and sacrifices of your Comrades: and we feel that the duty that is devolving upon us becomes greater each year, to assist in perpetuating your memory and the memory of the Comrades who have gone before, as was expressed in the general orders of the Commander-in-Chief of our order for the current year, that every son of a veteran should see to it that he not only abstains and keeps away from all entertainments and all exercises that are not in harmony and in keeping with the spirit of the day, and that we shall by word and pen, and by every act, discourage all those who live in the community in which we live from doing the same. I know that you are engaged in important business, and that you are about to enter upon one of the most important orders of business before you, and therefore will take up no more of your time, but will close by again thanking you for your hearty cordiality in inviting us to hold our Division with you at the same place, and for the expressions of good cheer and encouragement that you sent to us yesterday.

The Department Comander—Comrades and Sons of Veterans, it is a very great pleasure to have received you today. I realize very forcibly that you are soon to be a residuary legatee of all that remains of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we bequeath to you the memory and the history of the most brilliant days that any country ever had, for the four years of the great war; and we feel that it is placed in safe hands; and, sir, I am glad to know that you are not only a son of a veteran, but a young man who two years ago bared his own bosom in the shock of war, to sustain the honor of the flag for the preservation of which you are pledged. I give you the expression of the good will of all the Comrades present and of 15,000 Comrades who are not here, and the Assistant Adjutant General will pin upon your breasts the badge of this Encampment.

The committee, having been decorated with the Encampment badge, were escorted from the hall, and the

regular order of business was resumed. The committee to escort the young gentlemen from the hall was composed of Governor Bliss, General Duffield and Judge Peeler.

Comrade Stevenson, Post 5—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director of this Department has examined the same and find it correct, and we recommend the adoption of said report. All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee.

The report of the committee was adopted.

Comrade Buckingham, Post 145—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate find that the report consists very largely of legal opinions, and we find also that it is signed by that eminent lawyer, Allen B. Morse. Your committee does not feel like finding any fault with it. They therefore endorse it thoroughly.

The report was adopted.

Commander:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander, desire to endorse the faithful service of Comrade Putnam in the performance of all duties that came to his official life, and recommend the adoption of his report.

J. W. TAYLOR, Post 32,  
EDWARD FINCH, Post 34,  
H. E. ROCKAFELLOW, Post 450,  
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report upon the following resolution—a resolution which was handed up by the Comrade for the erection of a monument at Andersonville, which has been read by him, and I presume is fully understood by the Comrades, and so it is not necessary for me to read it again. Your committee think, in view of the fact that every dollar that is to be raised for the erection of this monument must come from the pockets of our Comrades,

it is wise to recommend that a committee be appointed by this Encampment to ascertain the expense of erecting such monument, and to report at the next regular Encampment. You remember that the next session of the legislature, unless our Governor calls a special session, will not convene until after our next Encampment. I do not believe that if a bill is presented to that legislature for this purpose that the patriotic people of Michigan will refuse to pass an appropriation commensurate with the cost of the erection of the monument. I therefore move the adoption of the recommendation.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5—There are 82 National cemeteries throughout the United States where are buried 377,000 of our Comrades. This cemetery at Andersonville is included in these 82 National cemeteries. Have we a right, even as Comrades representing the State of Michigan, to erect a monument there without the permission of Congress.

Comrade Griffin, Post 169—Let me say about that. I can inform the Comrade, I have the document in my pocket that this monument is to be erected in the prison part of the stockade. I was going to tell you all about the prison. The stock part is known as the prison part. I have a letter from the ladies of a Relief Corps saying we shall have a deed of the property or ground on which this monument is to be erected. It is not in the cemetery; it is in the same old dirty black hole that was washed by the tears of our mothers. My God, is there anyone in Michigan who would not go down and take his last dollar? I am a poor man, but I will take my coat off and throw it down. Do you forget these Michigan men? I am not a Michigan man. Thank God, I have been permitted to be an adopted son, and I appreciate that advantage. A man, an outside man, going, praying and crying for those Michigan sons. Oh, my God, is there no one to pray for us? Yes, one old man. He was there the other day, the first time in his life. He was there six months. He was the only one who ever succeeded in wringing a tear from my face. I was in my vigorous youth, and learned from the teachings of my good mother "Never go back on your word, John." Thank God, I come

to tell you 14,816 more besides John stood there like a man. I went down there the other day. You know I was brought up in the United States navy, and no good man should be brought up in that service that is not a willing man. I am not a Michigan man; a New Jersey man, and New Jersey is the only state that has got a monument in the stockade at Andersonville, costing \$15,000. You know they used to say of us fellows from New Jersey that we wasn't in it at all; all we done was to kill musquitoes and peddle peaches. I don't know how much time I have got to take on this subject, but I am loaded clear to the muzzle. I want to tell you this is the one subject that I am more interested in than anything else in God's earth. I have a good old wife at home. If she would hear what I say she would say I have gone wild on this subject. I want to tell you about Andersonville. Let me commence at the right end of this story. I think I can answer this question by saying that the chairman of the committee down there wrote me from Temple Place, Boston, saying "If you will put this matter before your Comrades you shall be voted a piece of land." The committee wants to know how big a piece of land we want. Go down and see. Ask me how big a lump of chalk is. I don't know, I will try it and see, I will size it up. Put up as big a monument as you can.

Comrade DeLand, Post 48—I agree thoroughly with all my Comrade says in regard to Andersonville. I know something about southern prisons myself, but I believe that the best we can do is to appoint a committee. We have got plenty of time to take it up. I will guarantee the gentleman from New Jersey that the State of Michigan will have as good a monument as was ever raised by New Jersey buffaloes.

Comrade Griffith—They are not buffaloes; they have all got stingers.

The recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted.

Department Commander—I will name as such committee to report at the next Department Encampment the estimated cost of such a monument as is referred to by the

Committee on Resolutions, Comrades John A. Griffith, Post 169, and C. V. DeLand, Post 48.

Comrade Foote—Your committee have fully considered the resolutions offered for the purpose of changing of Memorial Day and the observance of Memorial Day, beg leave to offer the following substitute:

Resolved, That while we deeply deplore the tendency in some places to convert Memorial Day into one of holiday sports, thereby diverting the attention of the young and defeating the purposes and teachings of the day, yet we feel that the time has not yet arrived when we should favor a change to the Sabbath day, as many suggest. We believe it is best to continue the observance of the day under our rules and regulations and the law as we have them for the present, and persevere in our efforts and exert our influence as best we can to perpetuate the proper observance of the day, and to invite general co-operation and rely on the thoughtful, patriotic and intelligent people of the State to aid us while living, and to carry forward the hallowed custom when we are gone; and we earnestly appeal to the citizens of the State to preserve the day inviolate, and we respectfully urge all the educational institutions of the State to aid us and not to allow their athletic clubs to go out on that day to entertain the people and draw the young away from our services.

C. E. FOOTE,  
R. N. PEALER,  
S. M. KENT,  
Committee.

Adopted.

Comrade Foote—Your Committee on Resolutions, to whom was referred the following amendments to the rules and regulations of our Order so as to admit of associate members, recommend that the same be endorsed by this Encampment and be presented to the National Encampment for adoption.

The proposed amendments read as follows:

Amend chapter II, rules and regulations, by adding article XI, to read as follows:

## ASSOCIATE SOCIETY.

Section 1. Posts may have an association of gentlemen who are not eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic, are over twenty-one years of age and have never borne arms against the United States, to be known as the Associate Society of———, Post No.—, Department of———, Grand Army of the Republic. The objects of the society to be the promotion among our fellow citizens of a feeling of respect and consideration for soldiers and sailors who served in the war for the preservation of the Union. To systematize the efforts of citizens who desire to identify themselves with the objects of the Grand Army of the Republic and to aid in its beneficent work. To stimulate patriotism and a grateful remembrance of the blessings secured to the nation by the happy termination of the war of the Rebellion.

Sec. 2. Posts may adopt such bylaws for the government of the associate society as they deem proper, providing they in no way conflict with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, it being well understood that members of the society shall have no vote in Grand Army matters or be present at any meeting of the Post when open under the rules of the ritual. The associate society may be permitted to parade on the left of the Post on all occasions except when prohibited by the orders of superior authority.

Sec. 3. A Post may at a regular meeting, previous notice having been given of the intended action to its members, dissolve the associate society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and it shall cease to exist thereafter.

C. E. FOOTE,  
S. M. KENT,  
R. R. PEALER,  
Committee.

Adopted unanimously without discussion.

The Officer of the Day announced a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. who desire to be presented to the Encampment. The regular order of business was sus-

pended and the ladies were escorted to the stage. The committee consisted of Mrs. May Randolph, Ella Stevens and Mary B. Howard.

The Department Commander—I present to you Mrs. Randolph.

In response to the call Mrs. Randolph recited the following original poem:

A welcome to the soldier, loyal, true and brave,  
Who helped with many a noble stroke our lovely land to save.  
We welcome echoes far and near, from morn till stilly eve'n,  
*Until our cry of Liberty shall mount to yonder heaven.*

We shout you welcome till the hills resound with freedom's cry;  
But for the noble ones who fell, we drop a tear and sigh.  
Spread forth the banner to the breeze, sing your praise to God;  
*Let the flag's bright folds wave o'er those beneath the sod.*

With joyful tears we greet you, who have lived sad tales to tell  
Of friends and brothers kind who starved in some vile prison cell;  
Of tender youths who left their homes to help put down the strife,  
*And little thought in this way they'd part with their young life.*

Some froze to death; the heart grows sick in thinking of the past.  
And many starved; oh God; we trust they found a rest at last.  
Oh listen to these sad, sad tales that brothers shared so long,  
*And wonder not that they seem weak who once were bold and strong.*

Don't wonder that the eye is dim and cheeks are sunk with care,  
Or that you see some silver threads that streak the raven hair;  
Or why the once bold step is slow, or that they are not well;  
But think of months of suffering in those cold prison cells.

We will not forget the emblem of our free born right,  
The Stars and Stripes of Liberty, the loyal soul's delight.  
You come with colors flying, we hail you from afar,  
And kiss the dear old flag we love with the Stripes and Stars.

We greet you kindly; may your future lives be blest,  
And when the worn and weary ones are called unto rest,  
May loving friends be around you to watch the parting breath  
And soothe you as you pass away, to sleep the sleep of death.

Mrs. Stevens—Comrades, I lost four brothers in the civil war, and I have a great warm love in my heart for all the boys in blue. I won't take up your time, but my

heart and home is open, and our latch string always out for the soldiers.

The Assistant Adjutant General presented to each of the ladies the Encampment badge.

The Department Commander—I want to say to you ladies in behalf of the Department of Michigan, that we thank you for this expression of good will, and we know that your hearts are warm, and that you will all of you work for the boys who bore the colors of their country. We thank you for these words of greeting.

The ladies having been escorted from the hall, the regular order of business was resumed.

The hour for the special order, being the election of officers for the ensuing year, having arrived, nominations for Department Commander were declared to be in order.

On motion of Comrade Childs, Post 137, that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes, the Encampment, by amendment, voted to limit the speeches to three minutes each.

Comrade Alpin, Post 278, nominated Comrade James VanKleeck; U. S. Grant, Post No. 67, Comrade Foote, Post 79, nominated Comrade Edward Anthony, Post 300. Comrades Parker, 76; Baird, 229; Jenny, 69; Department Chaplain White; Duffield, 384; Warren, 40; Tucker, 98; supported the nomination of Comrade VanKleeck. Comrades DeLand, 48, and Stevens, 19, seconded the nomination of Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Gad Smith, Post 300, withdrew the name of Comrade Anthony, and on motion of Comrade Foote the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade VanKleeck for Department Commander for the ensuing year, and he was declared to have been unanimously elected.

Comrades Anthony, Gad Smith and DeLand were appointed a committee to escort Comrade VanKleeck to the stage.

The next in order being the nomination and election of a Senior Vice Department Commander, Comrade M. C. Barney, Post 145, was nominated, and there being no further nominations, by order of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast its vote for Comrade Barney, and he was declared to have been duly elected



Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—I have the honor of introducing to you Comrade VanKleeck, who is to be our Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade VanKleeck—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I hardly know how I can express my thanks to you for your kindness to me on this occasion. That it is an honor, and a very great honor, to be elected Commander of the Department of Michigan, goes without saying. I have been honored before by my friends and neighbors, but I think I never have had a prouder election than the present one. In accepting this election I accept it with all the responsibilities that go with it. It will be my duty in the future, perhaps, to make some appointments. I want to say now that I hope that there will be earnest work by those who shall be appointed by me, and who assist me in conducting during the next year the affairs of the Department of Michigan. I am a little overcome on this occasion. I have known something of that organization of which my Comrade Anthony was a member. The county where I was born furnished more than a company for that old First Michigan Cavalry. I remember from reading that that regiment of cavalry lost more than any other regiment of cavalry except one in the Union army. And when it was stated this afternoon that there were no dead cavalymen, I can remember the charge that that gallant regiment made at Gettysburg; I can remember, as was said on this floor, that they left their dead strung over almost every county in Virginia. With such a candidate against me, and the intelligence of this organization, I was very much surprised that I was not defeated. Now, Comrades, I shall accept this position with all its responsibilities. I hope that we may gain at least as much as we shall lose by death during the next year in this Department. I promise you now to use the utmost of my endeavors to make this Department in the future what it has been under my predecessors in the past. I thank you for your consideration of me and I will retire.

The Department Commander—I want to introduce to you a man, a grand man, Ed. Anthony, of the Upper Peninsula. He is as great in defeat as he is in victory.

Comrade Anthony—I want to thank you for the support that I appeared to have in this Encampment, and I assure you that there are no sore spots left on me. No one will support Commander-elect VanKleeck more warmly than I will the coming year. I thank you again for the honor in presenting my name before this Encampment. I thank you.

The next business in order was the nomination and election of a Junior Vice Department Commander. Comrade Lawrence, Post 270, nominated Comrade Herbert A. Backus, Post 17; Comrade Dean, Post 137, nominated Comrade S. M. Kent, Post 5; Comrade Wilcox, Post 419, nominated Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365; Comrade McBain, Post 37, nominated Comrade Joshua V. Noah, Post 37; Comrade Backus' nomination was seconded by Comrades Norton, Post 41, Ward, Post 145; Comrade Kent's nomination was seconded by Comrade Alpin, Post 278, and Comrade Judd, Post 5.

The names of Comrades Richardson and Norton were withdrawn.

The Department Commander—It has just come to me that the Woman's Relief Corps has elected to the Presidency for the ensuing year the loyal and faithful wife of our dear Comrade, C. V. R. Pond.

Pending the counting of the ballots for Junior Vice Department Commander, the regular order of business was continued, and the next in order being the election of a Medical Director.

Comrade Pond, Post 2, placed in nomination Comrade W. W. Root, Post 441 (the present incumbent). No other nominations were made, and by direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Root, and he was declared to have been duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The next in order being the election of a Chaplain for the ensuing year, on motion of Comrade Foote, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encamp-

ment for Henry S. White, Post 202, the present incumbent, and he was declared to have been unanimously elected Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Comrade White—Comrades, some 14 or 15 years ago I commenced to attend this Encampment. I never came for an office; I never asked for an election; I came here to work with the boys. From time to time you have asked me to do certain work. I have sought to do that as well as I could, and I thank you for this election. I am very happy to receive it at your hands. I do not come to ask it; but three times I have stepped aside and nominated my brethren for the position here, and with but a single exception they do not come back to work; with a single exception they never came to work. I am in favor of putting into office the men who stand by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The following Comrades were placed in nomination for members of the Council of Administration: Comrades William C. Claxton, Post 17; Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269; W. J. Just, Post 211; A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75; Albert Dunham, Post 48. There being no further nominations the Assistant Adjutant General was directed by a vote of the Encampment to cast its ballot for the Comrades named, which being done, they were declared each to have been elected a member of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

The result of the ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced by the tellers as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 386; necessary to a choice, 194; of which Comrade Richardson received 24, Comrade Kent, 149; Comrade Backus, 213.

Comrade Kent—I move that Comrade Backus be declared unanimously elected Junior Vice Department Commander.

Seconded and carried, and Comrade Backus was declared to have been so elected.

The next order of business being the election of Delegates and Alternates to the Thirty-fifth National Encampment, the following nominations for the respective positions were made:

## DELEGATES.

J. R. Stephenson (at large), Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
 William Davey, Post 17, Detroit.  
 D. J. Willson, Post 48, Jackson.  
 Chas. M. Stephens, Post 32, Battle Creek.  
 Roscoe D. Dix, Post 39, Berrien Springs.  
 D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262, Holland.  
 David S. Howard, Post 147, Pontiac.  
 Robert King, Post 144, Lapeer.  
 William N. Stocker, Post 156, St. Johns.  
 N. R. Menold, Post 218, Luther.  
 Henry W. Simms, Post 67, Bay City.  
 B. F. Smith, Post 101, Ithaca.  
 C. D. Blanchard, Post 300, Marquette.  
 "Ren" Barker, Post 451, Reed City.  
 William H. Russell, Post 194, Clio.  
 A. L. Bryant, Post 255, Mayville.  
 Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.  
 E. W. Wheeler, Post 226, Sherman.  
 M. M. Andrews, No. 419, Bay City.  
 John Develin, Post 433, Detroit.  
 R. L. Warren, Post 40, Charlotte.

## ALTERNATES.

Allen B. Morse (at large), Post 211, Ionia.  
 Eugene Muffat, Post 17, Detroit.  
 Fred J. Buck, Post 45, Adrian.  
 H. H. Weaver, Post 4, Reading.  
 Edward Finch, Post 34, Otsego.  
 George Fletcher, Post 382, Lake Odessa.  
 Theo. E. Potter, Post 42, Lansing.  
 E. S. Post, Post 98, Port Huron.  
 W. E. Morris, Post 156, St. Johns.  
 J. W. Brakeman, Post 7, Muskegon.  
 E. S. Dickenson, Post 61, Salling.  
 T. N. Stevens, Post 176, Stanton.  
 H. O. Fifield, Post 266, Menominee.  
 Frank E. Millets, Post 145, Flint.  
 E. S. Jameson, Post 384, Marine City.  
 Chas. S. Wilson, Post 395, Grand Rapids.  
 Joshua V. Noah, Post 37, Stanton.  
 Walter C. Cornwell, Post 100, Lyons.  
 David C. Briggs, Post 381, North Branch.  
 H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw.  
 N. N. Green, Post 188, Hadley.

There being no further nominations, by vote of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to cast one ballot for each of these Comrades for

the position to which he was nominated, which having been done, each was declared to have been unanimously elected to said position.

The next business in order being the selection of the place for the next Encampment, the cities of Pontiac, Wyandotte and Howell each extended an invitation to the Encampment to meet with them next year. A ballot being had, votes were cast for these cities as follows: Pontiac, 66; Wyandotte, 8; Howell, 41. Pontiac having received a majority of all the votes of the Encampment, it was selected as the place for holding the next Encampment in 1902.

The Encampment thereupon took a recess until 2 p. m.

The Encampment re-convened at 2 o'clock, with the Department Commander in the chair.

Comrade Dean, Post 137—I desire to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be and are hereby tendered to the city of Flint and to her patriotic citizens for the cordial reception they have given to the members of the G. A. R. The pleasant meeting and enjoyable occasion will always be remembered as one of the most pleasant of our lives.

Resolved, That the thanks are hereby tendered to the Officer of the Day and the guards for their faithful and efficient services during this session of the Encampment.

Adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Northwood, Post 438—Your committee to prepare resolutions commemorative of the death of Past Department Commander L. Gideon Rutherford, make the following report:

Comrade Rutherford entered the service of the United States to serve in the suppression of the Rebellion of 1861-1865 in Co. H, 189th Regiment, New York Volunteers, at Lockport, New York. He served with honor and distinction during those dark days of civil war to the end of the strife, when he cast his lot with the citizens of the village of Hart, Oceana county, Michigan. There he followed the profession of the law, and was always found a congenial Comrade and an honest and upright citizen. He early affiliated himself with the Grand Army of the Republic by being made a member of Joe Hooker

Post No. 26, located at Hart, Michigan, and was elected Commander thereof, and served in that capacity during the year of 1887. Comrade Rutherford was one of those instrumental in procuring the passage of the bill through legislature of 1885 that established the Michigan Soldiers' Home. During the administration of Governor Winans, in 1891, he was appointed upon the Board of Managers of the said Home, and served as such upon the board for a full term of six years, during which term he filled the office of treasurer of the board for one year, and as clerk thereof for three years. During his connection with the Michigan Soldiers' Home he was a faithful, conscientious and honest official. He was elected and served as Department Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic during the year 1887 with honor to it and credit to himself. His last sickness was a painful and lengthy one, and he received all the attention from a devoted, dutiful and loving wife that was possible to give. His demise took place on the 9th day of July, 1900, at the place of his residence, Hart, Michigan. His funeral was under the auspices of Joe Hooker Post No. 26, G. A. R., and was attended by Department Commander E. M. Allen, Past Department Commanders C. V. R. Pond, Michael Brown, Washington Gardner and Louis Kanitz, and by Dr. C. P. Brown, Past Medical Director, and W. E. Thorp, Past Assistant Adjutant General, and a large number of Comrades and friends from the adjoining country and Grand Rapids. He leaves surviving him a widow and one son to mourn his loss. Comrade Rutherford was a true and devoted member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a friend of every soldier that needed his friendship. His presence in the Councils of Administration of the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic will be greatly missed.

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 Encampment.

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

JOHN NORTHWOOD,  
J. G. ALLPORT,  
L. G. WILLCOX.

Committee.

## In Memoriam.

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PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

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L. GIDEON RUTHERFORD

Commander—1886

Born—January 2, 1842

Died—July 9, 1900.

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### MILITARY RECORD

Private 78th N. Y. Infantry, 1861

Discharged—Physical Disability, 1861

Private Co. H, 189 N. Y. Infantry, 1862

Captain Co. H, 189 N. Y. Infantry, 1865.

The committee on the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander reported as follows:

Your committee on the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander most respectfully recommend the adoption of said report.

H. H. WEAVER, Post 4,  
ROBT. MALCOM, Post 339,  
Committee.

On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Rice, Post 294—Your committee report that they have carefully examined the report of the Department Inspector and find everything regular and in order. The suggestions for the better inspection of the Department are good, if they can be carried out. Therefore we recommend that the Comrade's report be accepted and adopted. Respectfully submitted by the committee.

FRANK RICE, Post 294,  
H. A. BACKUS, Post 17,  
Committee.

Adopted.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—Your committee to whom was given the high honor of visiting the Woman's Relief Corps Convention, beg leave to report that they were received yesterday afternoon by a body of women more numerous by three times than we are now assembled, earnestly at work in the interests of their order, and as your committee was escorted to the platform and given a seat for a moment before them I believe that each member felt, as did the chairman, overcome with this thought: What are these girls here for? And the answer came instinctively, for me and my Comrades, that is all. They are here to work for the veterans, and they are working so earnestly and doing so much. I gave to them your greetings, and the greetings of your 14,000 Comrades. They fluttered their beautiful little flags and sent back the word "We shall never forget the boys of the Grand Army of the Republic."



Comrade Veasey, Post 101—I want to say in relation to the Committee on Legislation, or its report in relation to the wearing of the badge, we have Comrades who don't belong to the Post, but they continue to wear the button. We have notified them of the passage of the law, and that they were not entitled to wear the button. I heard the report of the committee here yesterday that the law is passed and had been signed by the Governor. The situation is right here, that Legislative Committee has done its business all right, and every honest Comrade will approve of its work, but these Comrades say that they have bought those buttons; have we a right to instruct those Comrades that don't belong to the Post, and I am sorry to say there is a great many of them, who are a disgrace to the Post, in our vicinity, at any rate, that they cannot wear the button? I want to say to this Encampment, that every Comrade of the various Posts should see that this order is carried out; that these men be instructed and notified that they have no right to wear the badge or the button. But they continue to wear it, and say, "Here, we bought this badge, we bought this button, it is our own individual property." I think the proper way to be for the various Posts to redeem the badges and buttons and take them back. Now then, I say, Commander, that every Comrade who belongs to this Encampment should work faithfully and see that this law is carried out. The Comrades understand it now, and I think they should make it conspicuous. The only way, as I said, that I can see that it can be done is to purchase those badges from them, for they claim them as personal property.

Comrade Tomlinson—I want to say one word upon this subject. If you will listen to the report of the committee you will discover that this is a State law, enacted by the legislature. It is not an order of this Encampment. It will go into effect 90 days from the end of the legislature. It makes the illegal wearing of the button a misdemeanor. If any Comrade desires to avail himself of the remedy fixed by the law, he must make complaint to a proper officer, namely, some justice of the peace, that some person has violated the law, then the proper papers are placed in the hands of an officer, and the person is brought before

the proper tribunal and placed on trial before a jury, and the court or jury must decide whether or not he is guilty.

Comrade Pond—Here is the statute: “Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor.” I do not recede one single inch from the position I took in my report. We want to make no arrest of our Comrades. We wish to imprison no one; but we say to them frankly, “There is the law, obey the law. If you are not entitled to wear it, wait until such a time as you are. If you want to wear the badge or button come into the order.” Do all you can to make these men come back; ask all those who have the button and the badge to come back, and make your incoming Commander feel that every mother’s son of you is doing something to get back the boys into the order.

Comrade Johnston, Post 44—I wish to inquire, suppose the Post that you are a member of fails, becomes weak, and the Post disbands, those who have been loyal to the order, will they be compelled to discard the button?

Comrade Pond—The law settles that. Should a Post disband the Assistant Adjutant General is under obligation to furnish each one of those members with a transfer card, and if within 12 months that transfer card be offered at any Post, and the party becomes a member of it, well and good. At the expiration of the card the man is honorably discharged and is out of the order, and certainly would not want to wear the button.

Comrade Moreau, Post 307—I have belonged to the Grand Army quite a number of years, and have belonged to different Posts. In the four different Posts that there are in Saginaw there is not one of them but what a man can keep up his membership in the Grand Army of the

Republic. If they state that they can't pay their dues, or anything like that, the Posts are always ready to remit them; but some of them I know have made no application, but still wear the button. They have no more right to wear the button than they have to wear the Odd Fellows' badge or that of any other organization. But I don't think there will be any need of an arrest. Any man who has any love at all for this great comradeship—for we are banded together ever since the war and during the war—ought to have common sense enough to let the Posts know (it is all in the family, anyhow) that he is unable to pay his dues, and we are always willing, and most any Post is able, to carry him in good standing.

Comrade Pond—This does not affect a suspended member. Every suspended member can wear his button. He can even attend the meetings of his Post, but he cannot vote. They are still in the order, but they are on the suspended list. The Blue Book, which is our authority, says that if the Commander of the Post is willing, a suspended member may sit in the Post room, but he cannot vote. He is still a member, and can wear the button.

The Senior Vice Commander took the chair.

The Department Commander—I realize as much as any Comrade here the delicacy of taking any legal action against a man who has worn the livery of his country; yet as a Grand Army organization I think we cannot afford to be placed in disrepute or in disgrace in the communities where we live by the persistent and continued action of some unworthy man who is no longer a member of our order. The law punishes the man who is not entitled to wear the button for wearing it. The penalty of that law is in the option of the court which tries him. I do not hesitate to say that I feel sorry for those men whose unfortunate habits have disgraced them. I remember upon one occasion when the Commander of my own Post so far forgot himself as to be in a disgraceful condition. I went to him kindly and said to him "You must get off the street, you are bringing disgrace upon our order; it ought not to be done." He said "I won't; I will be drunk on the street if I want to." I said "The

Post to which you belong shall not be disgraced by such a proceeding; you take your choice, you go home and get sober or I will prefer charges against you at the next meeting of the Post." That man never disgraced us again. Do not be willing to place the machinery of the law at work against them. Work with them; but if they will not listen to reason, and are men who are bringing disgrace on the order, my advice would be to put the machinery of the law in motion, and compel those men, if they wear that button without the authority of the law, to suffer the penalty which they deserve. I assure you if they pay ten cents for the button they will not want to pay \$5 for the privilege of wearing it.

Comrade Smith, Post 284—What right has a man who never belonged to the Grand Army, and never made application, to wear the Grand Army button?

The Department Commander—None whatever.

The officers-elect were then duly installed by the Senior Past Department Commander, Comrade C. V. R. Pond. The Department Commander-elect announced the appointment of Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Post 2, as his Assistant Adjutant General. Comrade Pond was duly installed by Past Department Commander O. A. Janes. The appointment of an Assistant Quartermaster General was deferred.

Department Commander VanKleeck announced his desire to meet the Council of Administration at the Bryant House immediately after adjournment.

Department Commander—There being no further business to transact I declare the Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Department Encampment adjourned sine die.

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

## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. opened most auspiciously in the city of Flint during the week of June 10, 1901. The beautiful city of Flint, surrounded by a section of country most fertile and productive in character, was in gala attire when the Headquarters' advance guard of the Grand Army of the Republic made its appearance within its precincts on Tuesday, June 11. The hospitality of the citizens who had invited the veterans to hold their Annual Encampment in the city of their homes, was evidenced to a degree never excelled in the history of the Michigan G. A. R. The local committee, made up of civilians and veterans of the war, was headed by that grand type of the volunteer soldier and citizen, Comrade Geo. W. Buckingham, who from the time of the first arrival to the close of the Encampment, made it possible by his genial and lovable nature to give all guests the assurance that their complete pleasure was the desire of the citizens of Flint.

The Encampment meetings were held in Stone's Opera House, which was most elaborately trimmed and had a capacity ample for the comfort of all the delegates and visitors. The words of welcome by his honor, Mayor Dibble, given to the veterans upon their assembling for their first session, Wednesday forenoon, were full of patriotic welcome, and when he turned over the police force to the tender care of the veterans he won the hearts of all before him.

The Woman's Relief Corps held their Annual Convention in the Congregational Church, and was one of the most largely attended in the history of that order, which is the recognized auxiliary of the Grand Army. The ladies were pronounced in their praise of the hospitality of the people of Flint.

Excessively hot weather on Wednesday and Thursday did not seem to lessen to any great degree the real pleas-

ure of the veterans and their lady friends as they visited and rehearsed the stories of bygone days.

Wednesday night Stone's Opera House was packed in the truest sense as the Camp Fire of the week was conducted to a complete success under the guidance of the chairman, Comrade Buckingham, who was in his happiest humor. Hon. D. D. Aitken, in words full of eloquence and patriotism, greeted the veterans. Governor and Comrade A. T. Bliss threw aside his toga of executive character and said "I am nothing more or less than a Comrade tonight." He paid a beautiful tribute to the work of the Woman's Relief Corps, and announced his desire to do his whole duty by his Comrades. Department Commander E. M. Allen, with his usual eloquence, pictured in reminiscent form incidents of the war, and in his inimical manner kept the audience in fine glee with stories suitable to the moment. Interesting talks were made by Mrs. Annie E. Udell, President of the Department of W. R. C., and by Mrs. S. L. Brown, Past President of the Department, and Mrs. Gen. Wm. Humphrey, of Adrian. Hon. Washington Gardner made brief remarks in closing the evening, much to the regret of the audience, who always enjoy listening to the Comrade orator.

Gov. Crapo, Post 145, through its membership was constant in attention to the visiting Comrades, and Gov. Crapo Corps left no opportunity untaken to show their hospitality and fraternity.

The citizens and veterans of Flint promised to take good care of the visitors to the Encampment, and they more than fulfilled that promise. Nearly all the visitors left the hospitable city Thursday night.

To the Comrades of Post 145, to the citizens' committee and to the gentlemen of the press of the city, I desire to tender sincere acknowledgment of courtesies received.

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

P. S. —As I send these pages to the printer, it seems a duty, painful in the extreme, to mention the terrible tragedy of Friday morning, June 14, 1901, in which in an instant our dear Comrade Geo. W. Buckingham and his lovely daughter Anna, with our beloved friends, Mrs.

Gen. Humphrey and her sister, Mrs. Thomas Applegate, both of Adrian, were killed. The announcement made by the press of the State of this fearfully sad ending of the week of the Encampment has already given the details of the accident. Comrade Buckingham was driving about the city showing the ladies its many objects of interest; crossing a railroad track the party were struck by a fast moving train and death came to all. All who knew these dear friends and those who met them at the Encampment join with the people of Flint and Adrian in their grief, and extend to mourning friends sincerest sympathy.

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

## GENERAL ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
GRAND RAPIDS, June 8, 1900. }

## General Orders, No. 1.

Having been elected and installed Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Twenty-second Annual Encampment held in the city of Grand Rapids, I hereby assume and enter upon the duties of the office.

The responsibilities of the office with which my comrades have honored me are of sufficient magnitude to demand most careful consideration. Unless as Commander I can rely upon your active cooperation as Comrades, in upholding high the banner of our Order, in urging the continual fealty of all our members and securing additions to our ranks of those who may have "fallen by the wayside" and those who have never been with us. I shall not be able to accomplish what you would wish.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond, Post No. 2.

Assistant Quartermaster General, H. W. Holcomb, Post No. 132.

Headquarters of the Department will continue at Lansing, Mich., and all official correspondence should be addressed to the Asst. Adjt. Gen. G. A. R., Lansing, Mich.

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., June 9, 1900.

## General Orders, No. 2.

I. The Twenty-second Annual Encampment of this Department held at Grand Rapids, Mich., June 7 and 8, 1900, elected the following named comrades to office for the ensuing year:

Department Commander, Ethel M. Allen, Post 132, Portland.

Senior Vice Department Commander—Theo. C. Putnam, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

Junior Vice Department Commander—Samuel J. Lawrence, Post 270, Wyandotte.

Medical Director—W. W. Root, Post 441, Mason.

Department Chaplain—Henry S. White, Post 202, Romeo.



## 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. VanWormer, Post 75, Grand Haven.

## DELEGATES TO THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

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. Christiansen, Post 29, Grand Rapids.
7. John W. Begg, Post 145, Flint.
8. E. S. Petit, 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.

II. Additional appointments upon the staff are announced:

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 Aid, Frank McAlpine, Post 40, Charlotte.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

Thomas Ryan, Post 2, Quincy.  
 M. D. Richardson, Post 365, Lake City.  
 Norris Richardson, Post 157, Cassopolis.

III. Other appointments as Aides on the Staff of the Department Commander will be made upon recommendation by Post Commanders to the Assistant Adjutant General. In making recommendation of Aides, the Commanders of Posts are requested to have in mind that the office is not to be one of honor only, but that the Department Commander wishes to feel that his Aides are comrades filled with a desire to do all in their power to advance the interests of the Order in Michigan.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.  
 O. B. Curtis, Post 17, Detroit.  
 E. T. Carrington, Post 278, West Bay City.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

R. R. Pealer, Post 72, Three Rivers.  
 O. A. Janes, Post 384, Detroit.  
 T. E. Potter, Post 42, Lansing.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Louis Kanitz, Post 7, Muskegon.  
 S. P. Hicks, Post 87, Lowell.  
 N. P. Kellogg, Post 269, Martin.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Wm. B. Bostock, Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
 Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.  
 Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.

V. Post Commanders will at once send to the Department Inspector, Comrade Charles R. Miller, Milford, Mich., the name of a competent and suitable comrade, to act as Post Inspector and perform the duties of that office between the 1st of September and December 31, 1900, in accordance with Rules and Regulations, Chap. V, Art. V. The publishing of the names of Assistant or Post Inspectors in General Orders cannot be done until they have been received by the Department Inspector and by him forwarded to Department Headquarters for the approval of the Department Commander. Post Commanders will see the necessity for prompt action in this matter.

VI. The blanks for the semi-annual reports and per capita tax for the term ending with the last meeting of the Post in this month of June, were all mailed to Adjutants last month. The rules of the National Encampment require that the Asst. Adjt. Generals of Departments shall make their consolidated report of the Post reports on or before the 20th of July. As the National Encampment to be held this year at Chicago is at an earlier date than usual, Post officers will see that in order to be reported in good standing at that Encampment they must send their reports immediately after the last meeting of the Post in June. Send them the next day. Let the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster make them out at the close of the meeting; if either one are absent, secure in advance such permission as will enable the making out and sending of the reports by those who are able to do so.

VII. Detroit Post No. 384 having tendered their services for escort duty to the Department Commander at the coming National Encampment, the same are accepted with thanks.

VIII. The Thirty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Chicago, August 26 to September 1, 1900. The nearness of Michigan to Chicago gives the Department Commander reason for the hope and belief that the attendance of comrades from this State will be large. It is suggested that in the several counties where it is not possible for Posts to attend as Post organizations, that the comrades organize county battalions for appearance in the grand parade, with music, where it is practicable to secure it at an expense within the means of the battalion. Let there be as large a number of Post flags in the Michigan column as possible.

All information that can be secured for the Department, relative to the National Encampment, will be promulgated in future orders.

By command of  
E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

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

ADDRESS WANTED.

Of Samuel Traverse of Co. B, 8th N. Y. Heavy Artillery, by Charles Thornton, Chesaning, Mich.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., July 12, 1900.

General Orders, No. 3.

I. The Thirty-fourth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Chicago, August 26th to 31st, inclusive, will without doubt be the great event of 1900, to the Veterans of 1861-65 who attend.

The local committee of arrangements, as shown by their circulars sent to all Posts in the Department, are using their best efforts to make the Encampment a success in every particular.

The close proximity of Chicago to this Department gives the Commander reason to believe that the number of Comrades in attendance from Michigan will exceed that in attendance at any former like gathering outside the State.

Comrades desiring quarters during the Encampment should make application without delay; if they have not the address of the sub-chairmen, they will be able to reach them by addressing Comrade E. A. Bigelow, Secretary G. A. R. Committee, 184 LaSalle street, Chicago, Ill.

II. The Transportation Committee, through their chairman, Comrade Wm. B. Bostock, have made arrangements, which are approved by the Department Commander, whereby the Headquarters train for the National Encampment will start from Lansing Monday, August 27, 1900, at 8:30 a. m., via the Pere Marquette railroad. This train will carry the Commander and many of his staff, via Grand Rapids, Holland, Benton Harbor and New Buffalo, and is expected to reach Chicago about 4:30 p. m.

The connections that can be made with this train at the many points touched in Michigan will enable all who desire to accept the cordial invitation of the Commander to accompany him, to do so. The Pere Marquette system will arrange to give the Veterans at points on their lines as great an opportunity as possible to take this special Headquarters train. Where the residence of Comrades is upon route by rail or waterways that would afford them greater convenience and less expense to reach Chicago than by the Headquarters train, it is hoped that such routes will be taken. The great desire is to see you all in Chicago.

As the parade is to be on Tuesday, the 28th of August, it is advised that Comrades reach Chicago as early as possible before that date, that they may have become located in quarters and rested for the march.

The rate of fare all rail will be one cent per mile each way, tickets good to return, without making deposit, up to and including September 1, 1900. If desiring to make a longer stop, the tickets must be deposited with the joint agency in Chicago, and may be good until September 30, 1900.

III. Michigan Headquarters will be established in Parlor "A" of the Tremont House, corner Lake and Dearborn streets, and will be open to visitors Monday forenoon, August 27th. The hotel is easily reached by elevated or surface road cars, and the Commander extends a cordial invitation to all Veterans, coupled with an earnest wish, to call as soon after arrival as possible and register name and place of stopping while in the city.

For the information of those who may wish to engage rooms at the Tremont House, the following is given:

The house is conducted upon the European plan only, a cafe is attached. The charges are for rooms only. Rooms without bath, two or more persons, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day for room. Rooms with bath, two or more persons, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day for room. Any engagements desired to be made for rooms must be sent direct to the manager of Tremont House, L. J. Clark.

IV. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic has been arranged by the local committee to take place at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, August 28, 1900. Particulars as to route and point of assembly for the Department of Michigan should be learned by the Comrades as soon after arrival as possible, either from the daily papers or at the depots of information in various parts of the city, or at the Department Headquarters at the Tremont House. The Commander sincerely hopes that all who are physically able will take part in swelling the ranks of the Michigan contingent.

V. Chief of Staff, Comrade Frank R. Chase, will form the Michigan line for the parade. Commanders of Posts and Battalions will either in person or through their adjutants report to Comrade Chase for orders at Michigan Headquarters, Parlor "A," Tremont House, Monday evening, August 27th, from 7 to 8 o'clock.

Senior Aide Frank McAlpine will have charge of the Department Aides, and they will report to him for instructions at the same place and hour.

The Department Commander and some of the other Department officers who have signified such desire, will appear mounted in the parade. It is desired that no Comrade may feel under any obligation to secure mounts, which are usually expensive and difficult to secure.

Should it be deemed desirable, a circular will be issued later setting forth more fully particulars of the formation of the Michigan Department in the parade, as they shall be conveyed to the Chief of Staff.

VI. A meeting of the Representatives and all who are entitled to seats and votes in the National Encampment from this Department will be held at Michigan Headquarters, Tuesday evening, August 28th, at 7:30 o'clock. The first session of the Encampment will be called to order at Studebaker hall at 10 a. m. Wednesday, August 29th, and it is essential that there should be a full attendance at the meeting of the evening previous, that each one entitled may receive from the Assistant Adjutant General the Encampment badge, without which entrance to the floor of the Encampment cannot be had.

Representatives who were elected at the Grand Rapids Encampment who find it impossible to attend the Encampment at Chicago, should notify the Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade C. V. R. Pond, not later than August 15th, that he may notify alternates.

VII. Department Headquarters at Lansing will be closed on the evening of August 24th until the week after the National Encampment. Orders for supplies received up to August 22d will be filled. No supplies will be taken to Chicago for sale.

VIII. A large number of Posts have failed to send in their reports and per capita tax to Department Headquarters for the term ending

June 30, 1900. If such reports are not received before the 25th of this month—July—they will have to be reported to the National office as delinquents, for it will not be possible to consolidate them in the report obliged to be made by this Department before August 1st. The Comrades of the Department expect that their Post officers maintain the good reputation of the Posts; if they fail to make reports a great injustice is done to the membership, and the Department is in bad repute at National Headquarters. Let every Commander and Adjutant behind at this time attend to this important matter at once.

IX. The name of the chairman of the Committee on Transportation should read Wm. B. Bostock, and not as in General Orders No. 2—Wm. P.

X. H. W. Lawton Post No. 452 was organized and mustered June 23d, 1900, at Samaria, Monroe county, by Comrade D. C. Spears and Comrades of Post No. 10, with eighteen charter members. A. J. Teall is Post Commander.

XI. National Orders No. 8 are mailed with these Orders. Unless found to be essential, no further General Orders will issue from the Department prior to the National Encampment.

XII. Additional appointment as Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. If in attendance at the National Encampment, and their services are required, the Department Commander will not hesitate to assign his Aides and members of his Official Staff to duty at Headquarters.

N. H. Walbridge, Post 395, Grand Rapids.

Austin O. Kruger, Post 300, Marquette.

John T. Pomeroy, Post 141, Lakeview.

A. A. Miner, Post 218, Luther.

Isaac Wheeler, Post 89, Flushing.

David C. Briggs, Post 381, North Branch.

George A. Farr, Post 75, Grand Haven.

Wm. J. Just, Post 211, Ionia.

I. P. Covey, Post 372, Benzonia.

G. T. Nash, Post 57, Marcellus.

C. B. Williams, Post 198, Reed City.

R. C. Bird, Post 261, Romulus.

J. A. Kellogg, Post 37, Stanton.

G. W. Dickinson, Post 13, Harbor Springs.

Joseph Rush, Post 145, Flint.

J. B. Grandy, Post 19, Bangor.

Wm. Westcott, Post 302, Byron Center.

H. H. Bradford, Post 426, Iron Mountain.

Silas Saddler, Post 205, Owosso.

D. K. Halsey, Post 375, Saginaw.

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

Thomas M. Riley, Post 205.

G. T. Nash, Post 57.

Fred Bay, Post 25.

Emanuel Zeigler, Post 73.

William Stone, Post 89.  
 B. F. Archer, Post 138.  
 Augustus Wilcox, Post 141.  
 Jas. C. Percival, Post 176.  
 Jas. P. Suiter, Post 188.  
 A. A. Miner, Post 218.  
 A. O. Kruger, Post 300.  
 Hiram Loomis, Post 326.  
 Sylvester Coon, Post 386.  
 Willis Dibble, Post 398.  
 R. G. Thomas, Post 426.  
 Walter F. Kimball, Post 14.  
 J. A. Cocker, Post 37.  
 Toney Boet, Post 75.  
 Hiram Rix, Post 93.  
 J. C. C. Stephens, Post 139.  
 Jas. H. Failing, Post 145.  
 Silas H. Millen, Post 181.  
 Jerome B. Frost, Post 209.  
 S. R. Kingsley, Post 261.  
 William Malcom, Post 321.  
 T. T. Hubbard, Post 375.  
 Geo. S. Edjett, Post 394.  
 John H. Bourns, Post 410.

XIV. At the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans of Michigan, held at Battle Creek June 18-22, 1900, F. E. Munger, of Port Huron, was elected Division Commander. The Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan can do very much in the building up the order of the Sons of Veterans, and the Department Commander urges upon the several Posts in his command that they become interested in increasing the membership of this organization of our sons. Address F. E. Munger, Port Huron.

By command of  
 E. M. ALLEN,  
 Department Commander.

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

**ADDRESSES WANTED.**

Of Samuel Traverse, late of Company B, 8th New York Heavy Artillery, by Charles Thornton, of Chesaning, Mich.  
 Of Charles Rider, late of the 76th New York Vol. Infantry, (don't know the company), by A. A. Lombard, of Leslie, Mich.  
 Of some Comrade who knew Walter M. Davis, of Company A, 15th Regiment, United States Volunteers, while he was a private of said company and regiment. Address H. H. Sparks, Morgan, Bay county, Mich.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., September 6, 1900.

General Orders, No. 4.

I. The Thirty-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Chicago, August 26-31, 1900, has become a part of the history of our Order.

To the Department of Michigan the Encampment was one of the most enjoyable our Comrades have attended. In point of numbers the Michigan Veterans attending the Encampment and taking part in the grand parade exceeded any number from this Department in former years, excepting at the Encampment at Detroit in 1891. There were about 3,000 men in the Michigan Division of the parade, and not only did they receive the merited applause of the million people who witnessed the march, but from the officials having the parade in charge came to the Department Commander special word congratulating the Department for its fine showing and the manner in which the orders for formation and march were complied with.

The registration of Comrades at the Michigan Headquarters exceeded that of any former year (except in 1891) by from four to seven times. The close proximity of Chicago to our Department is of course a principal reason why so great a number of our Comrades were enabled to attend the Encampment. It was exceedingly gratifying to the Department Commander to hear so many expressions of the great pleasure that was being enjoyed.

To the Comrades who made up the Michigan column in parade, the Commander tenders his personal thanks for their successful effort to give honor to their State. To his escort, Detroit Post 384, Fairbanks Post 17, Custer Post 5, and E. M. Prutzman Post 72, for their excellent showing on the march, expression of high appreciation is hereby made. To the various county battalions, so organized as to make their forces appear to finest advantage, the Commander feels grateful; they showed the evidences of early experience not forgotten. To the Dowagiac drum corps of well-drilled boys the thanks of the Department are due, and to the Ionia band, under command of his Aide, Comrade Wm. J. Just, for their services at Headquarters and elsewhere under orders of the Commander, he gives his thanks.

The service rendered by all his staff was noticed and sincerely appreciated by the Department Commander, specially does he desire to tender his sincere acknowledgment of their services to his Chief of Staff, Frank R. Chase, his Senior Aide, Frank McAlpine, for their arrangement of the Michigan Command in parade; to Comrades H. A. Chapin and Henry Spaulding for their most exhausting duty as registration aides, and to Comrade Miner, of Post 218, who, as one of his Aides, was on duty almost constantly from the morning of August 26 to the close of the Encampment.



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**DIED CARRYING THE FLAG.**

II. The Department Commander, with intense sorrow, announces the death of Comrade Charles Beckwith, of Phil. Sheridan Post No. 4, of this Department. He died while carrying the colors of his Post in the great parade in Chicago, August 28, 1900.

Born in the state of New York, removing early to Michigan, he, at the age of sixteen years, enlisted in the Second Michigan Cavalry, Co. G, September 16, 1861, and was mustered out July 25, 1865. He was wounded while in one of the battles of that famous regiment, that had for its Colonel our Nation's Sheridan.

Comrade Beckwith became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic by uniting with Post 4 at Reading, Hillsdale county, May, 1884, and had been a faithful member of the Order to the time of his death. His presence at our National Encampment was to have been immediately followed by a trip to the west to attend to matters of business, and he had so left his family. Though more than an ordinarily heavy man, Comrade Beckwith was so desirous that his Post should have a goodly number in the parade that he insisted on making the march. He died with the flag in his hands. For four years he gave his service to his country that the flag might be preserved to a united land. To the bereaved widow and family of Comrade Beckwith and to his Comrades of Post 4, the Department Commander tenders the sincere sympathy of the entire Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

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III. The recent establishment of "Rural Mail Delivery" routes has evidently made changes in the address of some Post Commanders and Adjutants. That the mailing list at Headquarters may be kept in corrected form, any change of postoffice address should be reported to the Assistant Adjutant General at once.

IV. Inquiries from many Post officers as to the right to buy and wear G. A. R. badges and buttons offered for sale by mercantile and newspaper firms, calls for the announcement that any such articles not furnished by the National and Departmental Headquarters are bogus. The Rules and Regulations of our Order specially make it a violation of the same for any Comrade to buy or wear such bogus articles as emblems of membership. The badge and button furnished by the Department upon requisition of Posts are protected to our Order by copyright. Requisition blanks giving the prices of all articles furnished from Headquarters can be had by application to the Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Pond, at Lansing.

V. The attention of Department and Post officers is called to Sec. 1, Art. V, Chap. V, Rules and Regulations, which reads as follows:

"An annual inspection of each Post shall be made between September 1st and December 31st by the Assistant Inspector, Department officer, or other Comrade assigned to such duty, the report of the same to be made to the Inspector of the Department within thirty days after the inspection."

Post Commanders that have not already done so, will at once send the name of a competent Comrade to be appointed Assistant Inspector to the Department Inspector, Comrade Charles R. Miller, Milford, Mich. Blanks for the Post inspection will be sent to Adjutants early in October and that officer will at once place them in the hands of the Assistant Inspector, who will be instructed by the Post Commander to see that the law as quoted in these Orders is complied with.

VI. Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, is granted a leave of absence from September 10 to October 1, 1900. Orders for supplies will be filled upon his return to duty.

VII. Additional appointments as Aide-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

E. T. Winter, Post 24, Fenton.  
 Franklin Cooley, Post 23, Bloomingdale.  
 John B. Morse, Post 302, Byron Center.  
 Joseph Powell, Post 16, Ewart.  
 William Davey, Post 17, Detroit.  
 William Hart, Post 17, Detroit.  
 A. S. Harris, Post 234, Hubbardston.  
 James Sweeney, Post 58, Bath.  
 A. W. Knee, Post 87, Lowell.  
 N. W. Herrington, Post 168, Solon.  
 E. S. Dickinson, Post 61, Gaylord.  
 Miles Mulford, Post 62, Cedar Springs.  
 Chas. C. Eyster, Post 211, Ionia.  
 William Clare, Post 117, Byron.  
 Clark Richards, Post 283, Sunfield.  
 Wm. M. Horton, Post 114, Fowlerville.

E. E. Trim, Post 180, Ypsilanti.  
 Alfred J. Gunnell, Post 258, St. Ignace.  
 A. W. Russell, Post 101, Ithaca.  
 Jas. B. Alexander, Post 425, Freeland.  
 Calvin Wilcox, Post 120, Howell.  
 John G. Berry, Post 263, Vanderbilt.  
 Thomas Biddle, Post 35, South Haven.

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

George Gardiner, Post 16.  
 James Reid, Post 17.  
 Levi Soule, Post 18.  
 George Wilson, Post 23.  
 Charles T. Wortman, Post 24.  
 Daniel B. Scott, Post 168.  
 Charles M. Butterfield, Post 169.  
 O. E. Pratt, Post 180.  
 Samuel Kelley, Post 211.  
 A. A. Moore, Post 234.  
 George H. Smith, Post 35.  
 Lafayette Rowley, Post 40.  
 Henry Rouse, Post 43.  
 Ruben Brink, Post 58.  
 Levi Beans, Post 62.  
 George W. Todd, Post 101.  
 C. E. Dunston, Post 114.  
 George W. Axtell, Post 120.  
 Hiram A. Sweet, Post 137.  
 W. L. Farnum, Post 140.  
 V. M. Wilson, Post 152.  
 Herbert A. Taylor, Post 274.  
 Clark Richards, Post 283.  
 A. M. Green, Post 302.  
 Harvey Bartholomew, Post 365.  
 J. C. VanBlaricum, Post 372.  
 A. E. Collins, Post 377.  
 B. L. Dean, Post 396.  
 Enos Page, Post 408.  
 George Stoddard, Post 425.  
 Thomas McQuillan, Post 453.  
 H. C. McFarlin, Post 454.

By command of  
 E. M. ALLEN,  
 Department Commander.

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

## ADDRESSES WANTED.

Of any member of the 10th Michigan Infantry who was discharged from Hart's Island and knew George Spears while at Hart's Island, by George Spears, Rathbone, Gratiot county, Mich.

Of Harrison Benner, Thomas Finney, and Horace McClelland, formerly of Co. B, 57th Ohio Infantry, by George J. Gunder, Pine Grove Park, Port Huron, Mich.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., November 15, 1900.

General Orders, No. 5.

I. The great contest of political parties was concluded on the sixth of this month. It was natural that the veteran soldier of 1861-65 should continue earnestly interested in the welfare of the country he fought to preserve. During the excitement of the political campaign, Comrades were oftentimes too absorbed in the discussions of the time to heed the day and hour of Post meetings, and their absence made it impossible in many instances to hold a meeting. But the campaign political has ended. Let every Comrade renew again his acquaintance with his Comrade by a shoulder touch in the Post room. As the winter evenings are coming, let preparations be made for social gatherings and Camp Fires, that the interest of the occasions may be invigorating and joyous to men whose years are compelling them to recognize the approaching sunset of life.

II. The election of Post officers for 1901 and of Representatives to the Twenty-third Annual Department Encampment, to be held at Flint next June, must be made at the first regular Post meeting in December, 1900. The Department Commander urgently asks that at such election the Comrades will choose for their officers those qualified and willing to fill the positions, with a desire that the best interests of our Order shall be advanced.

Blanks for a report of the names of the officers elected and for credentials of Representatives to the Department Encampment, with addressed envelopes for return to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, are being sent to the Adjutants of Posts, who will see that they are properly filled out and returned at once after the Post election.

III. The semi-annual reports for the term ending December 31, 1900, are to be made out immediately after the close of the last Post meeting in December.

The blanks for these reports are being sent to the Adjutants of Posts with addressed return envelopes, and should be mailed with the per capita tax of ten (10) cents for each member in good standing to Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., upon the day following the last Post meeting in December, 1900.

The red ink figures upon these blanks show the membership and funds of the Post as reported in the June reports; they *must not* be altered. Post Commanders, Adjutants and Quartermasters are responsible for promptness in making these returns, which wholly

govern the standing of the Posts at Department and National Headquarters.

IV. Post Surgeons' reports are, under our present laws, to cover the year ending December 31. Blanks for these reports are forwarded to Post Adjutants, who are charged with the duty of seeing that they are properly made out and mailed in the addressed envelope to Comrade W. W. Root, Medical Director, Mason, Mich. Be very particular to give the number of deceased Comrades.

V. The Department Chaplain reports that 132 Posts are delinquent in making reports of last Memorial Day. Post Commanders will at once ascertain if such a report has been forwarded from their Post; if not so forwarded, they will at once order it sent to the Department Chaplain, Comrade Henry S. White, Romeo, Mich. Prompt attention to this matter will avoid the publication of the delinquent Posts in General Orders.

VI. The installation of Post officers for the ensuing year, must, under the rules, take place at the first regular Post meeting in January, 1901, but no such installation can take place until the Post has first been inspected. Post Commanders have in many instances failed to comply with the previous orders from these Headquarters, calling for the nomination of a suitable Comrade as Assistant Inspector to the Department Inspector. Where such failure is the case, the Post Commander will at once name a Comrade for the work, give him the blanks already in the Adjutant's hands, and order the inspection to proceed without delay. The Inspector will forward his report to Comrade Charles R. Miller, Department Inspector, Milford, Mich. There will be no further mention in General Orders of Assistant Inspectors so named by Commanders, but their selection is hereby approved.

VII. The printed journal of the proceedings of the last Department Encampment will be mailed to Adjutants at once. In the journal will be found the laws relating to veterans of the Civil War as enacted by the legislatures of Michigan. They will cover answers of Comrades made oftentimes as to certain laws affecting the veteran. The journal is the property of the Post.

VIII. In giving Department Headquarters the address of the Commanders and Adjutants of Posts, great care should be taken to note the fact of any change on account of the "Rural Mail Delivery" routes now so often established.

IX. The Department Commander notes with grateful pride the response made by many Posts to the appeal of the Department officers of Texas for assistance to the many Comrades who were made to suffer by the calamity which befell the city of Galveston and surrounding country. In addition to the aid rendered on account of this appeal, Post 42, of Lansing, had already contributed \$10 to a citizens' fund for general relief to the stricken city, while Post 63 at East Tawas had sent \$1, and Post 205, of Owosso, had sent \$2 to Post 72, Alvin, Texas.

The Posts below named sent, in response to the appeal sent out October 9, the sums of money mentioned direct to the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Texas:

Post No. 5....\$20 00	Post No. 108....\$3 00	Post No. 247....\$2 00
" 9.... 2 00	" 117.... 5 00	" 261.... 1 00
" 14.... 3 00	" 127.... 2 00	" 284.... 2 15
" 19.... 5 00	" 131.... 3 00	" 288.... 2 00
" 25.... 2 00	" 133.... 2 00	" 302.... 2 00
" 31.... 5 00	" 152.... 1 00	" 326.... 2 64
" 40.... 3 00	" 162.... 5 00	" 365.... 3 00
" 42.... 5 00	" 176.... 4 25	" 395.... 2 00
" 63.... 5 00	" 182.... 2 00	" 398.... 3 00
" 74.... 3 00	" 212.... 5 00	" 433.... 5 00
" 75.... 5 00	" 233.... 2 00	" 453.... 3 50
" 57.... 3 00	" 235.... 2 00	" 452.... 4 00
" 87.... 2 00	" 240.... 5 00	" 384....10 00
" 89.... 3 00	" 114.... 2 00	

Total sent to Col. Rusk, A. Q. M. Gen., Houston, Texas.....\$151 54  
 Reported as donated to other sources..... 13 00

Total Texas relief.....\$164 54

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

Jas. D. Robinson, Post 20.  
 Fred Barkway, Post 110.  
 B. F. Preston, Post 182.  
 A. W. Dorland, Post 278.  
 James Osman, Post 431.  
 John H. Morey, Post 133.

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

Theo. C. Putnam, Post 1.  
 Joseph O. Bellair, Post 5.  
 Albert C. Wead, Post 8.  
 James Knolls, Post 10.  
 Charles F. Cowles, Post 11.  
 Daniel Poole, Post 20.  
 Joseph Price, Post 29.  
 R. B. Gregg, Post 30.  
 Henry Miller, Post 39.  
 Addison H. Boyce, Post 42.  
 J. H. Fee, Post 45.  
 John H. Jones, Post 48.  
 Edwin Nickerson, Post 52.  
 T. M. Saraw, Post 53.  
 H. G. Sperry, Post 55.  
 F. M. Hurd, Post 56.  
 Thomas Lauren, Post 60.  
 William H. Smith, Post 61.  
 Chauncy Smith, Post 65.  
 Frank Berdan, Post 67.  
 V. P. Fales, Post 74.  
 Tony Boet, Post 75.

O. W. Green, Post 83.  
E. H. Campbell, Post 87.  
N. S. Wood, Post 90.  
Wm. W. Hartson, Post 98.  
Lucius A. Dillingham, Post 109.  
Fred Barkway, Post 110.  
Eli Cook, Post 111.  
William H. Collins, Post 119.  
Wesley Thorp, Post 130.  
R. H. King, Post 131.  
S. B. Gibe, Post 133.  
N. M. Richardson, Post 143.  
Thomas J. Blair, Post 158.  
D. M. Purchis, Post 163.  
E. E. Giddings, Post 182.  
Jerome Oliver, Post 183.  
Wells Knapp, Post 185.  
Charles Moon, Post 186.  
F. M. Jones, Post 197.  
Jacob Peffes, Post 198.  
Levi S. Worren, Post 210.  
Edwin Crittenden, Post 212.  
Daniel Blakley, Post 227.  
Charles W. Fitze, Post 233.  
John A. Newville, Post 235.  
A. H. Lyman, Post 239.  
B. F. Taylor, Post 242.  
George Watson, Post 248.  
C. P. White, Post 259.  
John Kramer, Post 262.  
J. B. Wilcox, Post 271.  
John Chambers, Post 278.  
Thomas D. Horton, Post 280.  
Emerson Demming, Post 288.  
J. P. Guiley, Post 307.  
John Rosewarn, Post 316.  
P. W. La Clear, Post 323.  
Richard Hornby, Post 339.  
Fred J. Clark, Post 342.  
D. M. Burtch, Post 352.  
James McGinn, Post 357.  
Jonathan Blurton, Post 392.  
W. W. Smith, Post 395.  
C. G. Brown, Post 404.  
Caleb Simons, Post 431.  
John Fisher, Post 434.  
W. H. Adams, Post 440.  
Isaac Grant, Post 451.  
C. L. Clarey, Post 452.  
H. C. McFarlane, Post 454.

XII. The following Posts have been organized in the Department and are in full commission: Harlow Pelton Post No. 453, Kingston, Tuscola county, organized by Comrade N. M. Richardson, of Post 143,

July 21, 1900, with 15 charter members; Walter B. Nedrey, Post Commander. James A. Sexton Post No. 454, Central Lake, Antrim county, organized by Comrade Daniel Blakely, of Post 227, July 17, 1900, with 11 charter members; William Mohrmann, Post Commander. Fairchild Post No. 228, was reorganized and chartered at Grass Lake, Jackson county, July 24, 1900, by Comrade Daniel Willson, of Post 48, assisted by several Comrades of the same Post. The new Post had 16 charter members; its Commander is Comrade E. L. Cooper.

XIII. Post No. 71, Burr Oak, and 165, Le Roy, have gone out of commission. Post 92, Marion; 142, Rapid River; 264, Wolverine, and 355, Rockery, made no report for June.

XIV. National Orders No. 2 are mailed with these orders.

By command of

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

Official:

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

FOUND.—By Mr. Peter J. Feipel, 255 North Green street, Chicago, Ill., a badge representing a delegate to the Saginaw Encampment. The badge has the likeness of the then Commander of the Department, Comrade S. B. Daboll, upon the medallion pendant. It was picked up at the 55th street station of the South Side elevated railroad Wednesday, August 28, immediately after the sham battle at Washington Park. The finder, a friend to the Veteran, is ready to return it to the loser.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., April 3, 1901.

General Orders, No. 6.

I. The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will convene at Flint, Mich., Wednesday, June 12, 1901, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Bryant House, in the afternoon of June 11, 1901.

The Executive Committee will meet in room 61 of the Bryant House Tuesday evening, June 11, at 8 o'clock; the Council of Administration will meet in room 61 the same evening at 9 o'clock.

On the occasion of the Encampment the Michigan Passenger Association has authorized "a rate of one fare for the round trip to Flint from all points in the lower peninsula of Michigan; tickets to be sold June 11 and 12, limited to return on or before June 14, 1901." Efforts are being made to secure a concurrence in the rates by the roads of the upper peninsula, with a selling date to commence on the 10th of June.

The Commander-in-Chief has given assurance of his intention to be present at the Encampment June 12 and take part in the Camp Fire of that evening.



The date of the Encampment has been fixed with a view to the greater accommodation of the Veterans of the Department who are upon the pension rolls. The commencement of the payment of pensions on the 4th of June by the agent, Comrade O. A. Janes, is a guarantee that every pensioner in the State who desires to attend the Encampment is quite sure to have received his pension. The Department Commander earnestly hopes that the attendance will be large.

Unless otherwise instructed directly from the local committee of Flint, address all communications of inquiry as to matters pertaining to the Encampment to Comrade Andrew J. Ward, Commander of Post No. 145, Flint, Mich.

II. The sudden death of Past Commander-in-Chief Albert D. Shaw at his hotel in Washington, D. C., Sunday morning February 10, 1901, caused a shock to the Comrades of Michigan, who had but a few months before, at Grand Rapids, listened to the eloquent words of their Commander-in-Chief as he expounded the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. Devoted to the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Shaw has left behind a record of unselfish endeavor to literally exemplify the true meaning of Comradeship.

III. It is with feelings of sincere sorrow that the Department Commander announces the death of Comrade O. B. Curtiss, of Fairbanks Post No. 17, and a member of the Executive Committee of this Department, who died at his home in Detroit, January 11, 1901. Comrade Curtiss was so constant in his attendance at our Department Encampments that thousands of the Comrades became personally acquainted with him. They will miss his face and voice in our future gatherings.

IV. At a meeting of the Executive Committee at Department Headquarters, February 13, 1901, it was decided that Charles Martin Post No. 436, of Martinsville, Wayne county, was entitled to the first prize for increase of membership for the year ending June 30, 1901, and that the next Department Encampment be requested to permit the giving of a similar prize to Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, Lansing, for the remarkable work done in increase of new members in the same period of time. A silk United States flag on staff has been presented to Post No. 480 in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee.

V. Since the issue of General Orders No. 5, these headquarters, reports of the aid sent to the "Texas flood sufferers" in addition to that noted in those orders have been received as follows:

Post No. 2....	\$2 00	Post No. 53....	\$2 50	Post No. 287....	\$1 00
" 10....	7 10	" 56....	1 00	" 294....	2 00
" 17....	10 00	" 62....	1 00	" 337....	1 50
" 18....	1 00	" 119....	2 00	" 339....	1 00
" 20....	3 00	" 125....	5 00	" 347....	1 00
" 21....	2 00	" 156....	5 00	" 357....	5 50
" 24....	2 00	" 160....	2 00	" 358....	1 00
" 32....	5 00	" 183....	1 00	" 342....	1 00
" 36....	1 00	" 168....	2 00	" 366....	1 00
" 39....	5 00	" 193....	1 00	" 374....	1 00
" 45....	5 00	" 227....	5 00	" 393....	5 00
" 48....	5 00	" 241....	2 00	" 402....	2 75
" 49....	2 00	" 255....	2 00	" 410....	2 00
" 28....	2 00	" 274....	3 00	" 434....	1 00
" 38....	1 00	" 276....	2 00	" 452....	25
" 97....	6 18	" 288....	5 00	.....	9 00

Total .....\$136 78  
 Amount noted in General Orders No. 5..... 164 54

Total relief from this Department.....\$301 32

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

William S. Little, Post No. 375.

John L. Buell, Post No. 426.

George H. Gilbert, Post No. 451.

VII. The following Posts have been organized since the issue of General Orders No. 5: John Hunter Post No. 455, Montrose, Genesee county, organized by Comrade W. H. Russell, of Post 194, November 24, 1900, with 14 charter members; W. H. Baker, Post Commander. Stansell Post No. 456, South Lyon, Oakland county, organized by Department Inspector Comrade Chas. R. Miller, of Post No. 181, February 22, 1091, with 13 charter members; Lewis S. Allen, Post Commander. Post No. 457 is expected to be organized on the 16th inst. at Attica, Lapeer county.

VIII. Posts 199, Bear Lake; 418, Morgan; 421, Crystal Falls, and 447, McBain, have gone out of commission. Posts 151, Sebewa; 466, Remus, and 499, Mears, are delinquent for December, 1900, reports.

IX. Blank requisitions for supplies are sent with these orders; they are to be placed in the hands of Post Quartermasters.

By command of

E. M. ALLEN,

Department Commander.

Official:

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

## ADDRESSES WANTED.

Address of anyone knowing of whereabouts of Henry A. Hydorn, late of Co. B, 152d N. Y. Infantry, last heard from in Detroit. By Mrs. Kate Hydorn, Schuylerville, N. Y.

Address of M. A. Shafer, late Assistant Surgeon, 7th Michigan Cavalry, by Corodon E. Crossett, Battle Creek, Mich.

Address of anyone who knew John Jones, Co. A, 48th Indiana Infantry, by Mary L. Jones, 17 Badeau street, Muskegon, Mich.

Information of whereabouts, "dead or alive," of Isaac E. Henry, by his son, H. Henry, Iron Mountain, Mich. Said Isaac E. Henry was in some Ohio Volunteer Regiment during the Civil War, records of which have been lost by fire. He left Rockford, Ill., about 17 years ago.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., April 27, 1901.

General Orders, No. 7.

Memorial Day, sacred to the Grand Army of the Republic and fragrant with tender memories of unforgotten valor, is approaching. It becomes our duty and honor to fittingly observe the solemn and impressive ceremonies of the occasion. We pause a moment to remember that four decades have been woven into history since the flower of American chivalry went out from happy homes to breast the shock of battle and defend our flag.

Billowy graves across our land today attest the loyalty which throbbed in valiant hearts, and our country, the greatest in the world, unequalled in diplomacy and invincible in war, has grown to its present enviable position among the nations of the world because a million men took touch and step in those historic years to preserve its honor, defend its life and make its future greatness possible. In those eventful years, my Comrades, you were central figures. It becomes us well, on this approaching Memorial Day, to reverently pay a loving tribute to our honored dead, and bring flowers to garland their tomb. Another year, and some faithful Comrade may bring the same sweet children of sunshine and shower to grace our resting place.

Post Commanders are enjoined to make proper arrangement for the observance of Memorial Day, and to see to it that so far as possible every mound that marks the resting place of a soldier or sailor of our army or navy is visited and remembered with a suitable floral offering. This work may necessitate the making of details, in cities for different cemeteries, in the country village for the visit to the cross-roads churchyard; in either case let the remembrance be observed. Some day it may be to your final resting spot that a detail should go.

Let the Woman's Relief Corps and all patriotic women, the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, all veterans of the Civil War and of the more recent conflicts, together with the school children and all civic

organizations, be invited to participate with you in the duties of Memorial Day.

Post Commanders and all officers of the Post are requested to use their best efforts in directing the minds of their fellow citizens to a proper observance of the 30th day of May as a day sacred to the memory of men who were instrumental in enabling the business man of today to enjoy the benefits that he calls his privilege. Let there be a proper effort made to dispense with any attempt to make of the day one for sport and amusement only.

Post Commanders are requested to arrange, so far as practicable, for an observance by all churches, on Sunday, May 26, of an appropriate service commemorating the soldier and sailor dead of our country, and it is earnestly desired that with their colors at the front every Grand Army Post in this Department will attend some such memorial service in a body on the Sabbath next preceding Memorial Day.

Chaplains of Posts are directed to make out their reports on the blanks sent to Adjutants with these orders, and to mail them in the addressed envelopes on the day following May 30. Commanders and Adjutants will see that this order is obeyed. If there be no Chaplain, then the Adjutant will make the report.

In accordance with the action of the Thirtieth National Encampment, it is ordered by the Department Commander that "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address" be read in connection with Memorial services. It cannot be read too often to the rising generation, while to us as Comrades it comes as a voice from our beloved father. The address is attached to these orders.

By command of  
E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

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

#### PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG, NOVEMBER 19, 1863.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war; testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living or dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add

or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., May 8, 1901.

General Orders, No. 8.

I. Blanks for the reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending June 30, 1901, are mailed with these orders with envelope addressed for return of same to these headquarters immediately after the last Post meeting in June.

Post Commanders will see that the Adjutant and Quartermaster have their reports made out and per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing ready for mailing not later than three days after the last meeting in June.

The per capita tax may be sent in form of draft, money order or registered letter, but not by personal check unless the collection fee of ten cents be added. Make all drafts or money orders payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

The red ink figures showing membership and funds as per your last report must not be altered.

The National Headquarters require that the consolidated report of Posts made by the Departments must be forwarded by the 20th of July. Post Commanders will readily understand the necessity of their having their reports forwarded before the 5th of July to enable the Department to comply with the law.

II. The printed journal of the Thirty-fourth National Encampment, held in Chicago last September, has just been received at these Headquarters. Posts desiring copies of the same should enclose eleven (11) cents in postage to the Assistant Adjutant General with their request. Copies not thus called for will be taken to the next Department Encampment at Flint and there distributed.

III. A serious typographical error in the Gettysburg Address of President Lincoln, as sent out with Memorial Orders 7, last week, has made it necessary to send with these orders a corrected copy of the address. Adjutants and all others who received the incorrect copy will destroy the same or paste the one sent herewith over it.

IV. Any survivors of the First, Second, Third or Fourth Regiments of the "New Jersey Brigade" of three months' men, mustered into the service of the United States May 1, 1861, are entitled to a "first defenders' medal" recently voted by the New Jersey legislature, and can

secure the same by sending their address to Gen. A. C. Oliphant, Adjutant General, Trenton, New Jersey.

V. The Department Commander renews the wish expressed in General Orders No. 6, that the attendance of Comrades at the Department Encampment at Flint on the 12th and 13th of June next should be large. The railroads of the upper peninsula will sell tickets at the same rate as those sold in the lower part of the State, but will place them on sale one day earlier, i. e., June 10.

VI. Requisitions for supplies will be filled, so far as possible, up to June 6 next, but not after that until the return from Department Encampment.

VII. National Orders No. 5 are mailed with these orders.

By command of

E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

Official:

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

ADDRESS WANTED.

Of any member of Co. A, 8th Michigan Cavalry, who knew Thomas W. Wells; by his widow, Mrs. Thos. W. Wells, 706 E. State street, Marshall, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH, July 12, 1900. }

Special Orders, No. 6.

The Department Commander announces with sorrow the death of Past Department Commander L. G. Rutherford at his home in Hart, Oceana county, Mich., July 9, 1900.

Born in Steuben county, N. Y., January 2, 1842, Comrade Rutherford was engaged in the study of law when the War of the Rebellion broke out. He enlisted in the 78th New York Infantry in 1861 and was discharged from the same in 1862 on account of serious physical disability. Immediately upon recovery of health he joined the 189th New York Infantry and was commissioned Second Lieutenant, serving with distinction to the close of the war. His record of battles engaged in was one to be proud of.

August 16, 1881, as a charter member of Joe Hooker Post No. 26 at Hart, he became identified with the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan. At once he became an earnest, active Comrade in our ranks, and at Grand Rapids, in 1887, was elected Department Commander, serving in such a faithful manner as to greatly increase the membership. His face and voice were familiar at our Department and National Encampments, until failing health about two years ago compelled him to give up his great pleasure, that of meeting his Comrades in their annual gatherings. A great sufferer from the disease which terminated his life, death finally came in a peaceful way, and with his beloved and devoted wife by his side to receive his parting words of endearment, he joined his Comrades gone before.

The funeral services were held beneath the maples at the home Wednesday, July 11, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m., and were attended by the Department Commander, Past Department Commanders Pond, Gardner, Brown and Kanitz; several surviving members of Comrade Rutherford's staff and a large number of his Comrades from the town and surrounding country, as well as very many members of the legal fraternity, of which the deceased was an honored member. Comrade Washington Gardner delivered the funeral address and was followed by brief remarks from other Comrades.

The burial took place in the village cemetery, Post 26 officiating according to the service of our Order, and was made exceedingly impressive by the attendance of an immense concourse of sorrowing citizens.

It is ordered that the Department and all Post charters be draped in usual mourning as a token of respect to the memory of our departed Comrade for sixty days from the date of these orders.

By command of  
 E. M. ALLEN,  
 Department Commander.

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

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., Oct. 9, 1900. }

Circular Note, No. 1.

The enclosed appeal of the Commander of the Department of Texas G. A. R., endorsed by the Commander-in-Chief, asking aid for our Comrades who suffered in that terrible storm and flood that devastated Galveston, Texas, so recently, is presented to the Comrades of this Department with the earnest hope that their financial condition may enable them to respond at once.

Post Commanders will notify these Headquarters of the amount of their donation as soon as made, but will forward the funds as directed, to Col. E. G. Rust, Ass't Q. M. Gen., Houston, Texas.

If any of the Posts in this Department have responded to any appeal from Texas for aid for our G. A. R. Comrades, they will at once notify Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Ass't Adjt. Gen., Lansing, of amount sent and to whom, that proper credit may be given such Post.

By command of  
E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

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

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., April 5, 1901.

Special Orders, No. 20.

I. The following act of congress providing for detail of retired army and navy officers to assist in military instruction in our schools is herewith promulgated in the interest of patriotic education of our youth.

II. Post Commanders will see that this order is given as much publicity as possible among our Comrades and the public generally; this may be done by asking local papers to print in their columns, and by posting on Post bulletin.

By command of  
E. M. ALLEN,  
Department Commander.

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



AN ACT to amend section twelve hundred and twenty-five of Revised Statutes so as to provide for detail of retired officers of the army and navy to assist in military instruction in schools.

WHEREAS, The national defense must depend upon the volunteer service of the people of the states; and

WHEREAS, Those schools which shall adopt a system of military instruction are entitled to the assistance of the government in order to secure to the United States such a knowledge of military affairs among the youth of the country as will render them efficient as volunteers if called upon for the national defense; therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twelve hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, concerning the detail of officers of the army and navy to educational institutions be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to permit the president to detail under the provisions of that act, and in addition to the detail of the officers of the army and navy now authorized to be detailed under the existing provisions of said act, such retired officers of the army and navy of the United States as in his judgment may be required for that purpose, to act as instructors in military drill and tactics in schools in the United States, where such instruction shall have been authorized by the educational authorities thereof, and where the services of such instructors shall have been applied for by said authorities.*

SEC. 2. That no detail shall be made under this act to any school unless it shall pay the cost of commutation of quarters of the retired officers detailed thereto and the extra-duty pay to which the latter may be entitled by law to receive for the performance of special duty: *Provided*, That no detail shall be made under the provisions of this act unless the officers to be detailed are willing to accept such position *without compensation from the government other than their retired pay*.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War is authorized to issue at his discretion, and under proper regulations to be prescribed by him, out of ordnance and ordnance stores belonging to the government, and which can be spared for that purpose, upon the approval of the governors of the respective states, such number of the same as may be required for military instruction and practice by such school, and the secretary shall require a bond in each case for double the value of the property, for the care and safe-keeping thereof and for the return of the same when required.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect immediately.

Signed by

WILLIAM MCKINLEY,  
President of the United States.

February 26, 1901.

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**STATUTE LAWS.**

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislature down to and including the session of 1901.

**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 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 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. 249, 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 domitory, 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 dollars, 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 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 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 authorized 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 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 mustered 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 Michigan, 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 State 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 dollars 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 management 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 prime 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 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 OR  
BUTTON.

[Act No. 181, Session Laws 1901.]

AN ACT to amend the title and section of act number seventy-eight of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, being an act entitled "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," and being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the Compiled Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the title of act number seventy-eight of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year eighteen hundred eighty-seven, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, to wit: "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and that section one of said act, being section eleven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight of the compiled laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Any person who shall wilfully wear the badge or the button of the Grand Army of the Republic, the insignia, badge or rosette of the Loyal Legion of the United States, or who shall use the same with the intent to obtain aid or assistance within this State, unless entitled to use or wear the same under the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of such order or of such society, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Approved, 1901.

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.

[Act No. 44, Session Laws 1901.]

Section 7. The following real property shall be exempt from taxation:

Eleventh, All lands with the buildings thereon owned by any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic or Woman's Relief Corps connected therewith when such lands and buildings are occupied and used by such Post or Woman's Relief Corps exclusively for the purposes for which they are organized.

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 organization 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 ap-

prove, 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 the 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 and 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 was 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 di-

rected 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 enlisted 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 battle of Chickamauga or Chattanooga, who shall serve without pay, and whose duty it shall be to co-operate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization 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 securing 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 April 4, 1893.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 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 thou-

sand eight hundred ninety-five, the sum of twenty 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 one of this act.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 26, 1895.

#### PERMANENT G. A. R. HEADQUARTERS.

[Act No. 8, Session Laws 1897.]

AN ACT to provide permanent headquarters in the capitol building for the Grand Army of the Republic, to designate the purposes for which the same shall be used, and to provide for an annual report by the commander.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors shall set apart a suitable furnished room at the Capitol in Lansing, to be known as Headquarters room of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. Said room shall be given like care and attention as is given to other office rooms in the Capitol. The room shall be under the charge of the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Department of Michigan, and such officer or officers of the Grand Army of the Republic as he or his successors in office may appoint, and said room shall be used for the purpose of storing its supplies and property, arranging and keeping the records and history of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, and conducting the general office business of the Department as directed by the Commander. The records shall be accessible under suitable rules and regulations established by the Commander of the Department or his authorized assistant, to members of the Grand Army of the Republic and others engaged in collecting historical information.

Sec. 2. The Commander of the Department of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic shall annually report to the Governor on or before the first day of June of each year, such portions of the transactions of the



Grand Army of the Republic as he may deem to be of interest to that organization and the people of the State. Eight hundred copies of this report shall be printed and bound in paper cover. Two hundred copies shall be distributed among the members of the Legislature and State officers, and six hundred copies shall be delivered to the Commander of the Department for distribution among the Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved February 11, 1897.

#### EMPLOYMENT OF VETERANS.

[Act No. 85, Session Laws 1899.]

AN ACT to amend act number two hundred five of the Public Acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment."

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That act number two hundred five of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-seven, entitled "An act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. In every public department, and all public departments in all municipal corporations, and upon the public works of the State of Michigan, honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Rebellion and the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war shall be preferred for appointment and employment; age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not, in fact, incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them: Provided, however, That the applicant shall have been a resident of the State for at least five years and of the county in which the office or position is located for at least two years, and possesses other requisite qualifications.

Sec. 2. No veteran, or other soldier, sailor or marine, as indicated in the preceding section, holding an office or employment in the public works of any city or town of the State shall be removed or suspended, or shall, without his consent, be transferred from such office or employ-

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ment, except after a full hearing before the mayor of such city, or before the common council of such town, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or of the common council.

Sec. 3. Any violation of the provisions of this act shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 25, 1899.



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