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1902-1903.

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Edward C. Anthony, Post 300 - - - - - Negaunee

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

L. D. Van Kleek, Post 147, - - - - - Pontiac

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER.

M. D. Richardson, Post 365, - - - - - Lake City

MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

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

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

William Putnam, Post 42, - - - - - Lansing

OFFICIAL STAFF.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, - - - - - Saginaw

ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL.

Chas. D. Blanchard, Post 300, - - - - - Marquette

JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Mark A. Merrifield, Post 88, - - - - - Union City

DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

Geo. W. Stone, Post 42, - - - - - Lansing

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

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

CHIEF OF STAFF.

W. S. Green, Post 384, - - - - - Detroit

SENIOR AIDE.

L. C. Wilcox, Post 98, - - - - - Bay City

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

E. B. Fenton, Post 384, - - - - - Detroit
C. E. Foote, Post 79, - - - - - Kalamazoo
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Thos. Davey, Post 404, - - - - - Stark
Wm. J. Just, Post 211, - - - - - Ionia

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DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE THIRTY-SIXTH
NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT WASHINGTON,
D. C., OCTOBER 6-11, 1902.

DELEGATES.

1. "Ren" Barker, (at large) - - Post 451, Reed City
2. E. S. Jameson, - - - - Post 384, Detroit
3. J. Q. A. Sessions, - - - - Post 137, Ann Arbor
4. W. D. Brainerd, - - - - Post 111, Eaton Rapids
5. George D. Dean, - - - - Post 46, Fennville
6. H. W. Holcomb, - - - - Post 132, Portland
7. L. H. Ives, - - - - Post 441, Mason
8. Amos Finch, - - - - Post 55, Armada
9. A. L. Bryant, - - - - Post 255, Mayville
10. John W. Brakeman, - - - - Post 7, Muskegon
11. John W. Snyder, - - - - Post 67, Bay City
12. Thomas N. Stevens, - - - - Post 176, Stanton
13. Wm. A. Jellison, - - - - Post 300, Marquette
14. J. O. Bellaire, - - - - Post 5, Grand Rapids
15. F. J. Buck, - - - - Post 45, Adrian
16. J. W. Snell, - - - - Post 69, Midland
17. Frank E. Willetts, - - - - Post 145, Flint
18. William Hart, - - - - Post 17, Detroit
19. S. L. Cooper, - - - - Post 32, Battle Creek
20. M. C. Dawes, - - - - Post 205, Owosso

ALTERNATES.

1. D. C. Spears, - - - - Post 10, Dundee
2. Eugene Muffat, - - - - Post 17, Detroit
3. Horace Palmer, - - - - Post 45, Fairfield
4. Wm. C. Shook, - - - - Post 79, Kalamazoo
5. L. K. Jellison, - - - - Post 35, South Haven
6. S. H. Mallery, - - - - Post 382, Lake Odessa
7. Joseph Allen, - - - - Post 181, Milford
8. Rozell Widrig, - - - - Post 211, Mt. Clemens
9. E. Howard, - - - - Post 214, Millington
10. A. H. Eckerman, - - - - Post 7, Muskegon
11. Oscar Palmer, - - - - Post 240, Grayling
12. E. B. Kille, - - - - Post 101, Ithaca
13. Geo. G. Johnson, - - - - Post 8, Ishpeming
14. J. B. Kenney, - - - - Post 98, Port Huron
15. J. M. Greenfield, - - - - Post 89, Flushing
16. L. S. Russell, - - - - Post 42, Lansing
17. N. M. Richardson, - - - - Post 143, Caro
18. Clark M. Hall, - - - - Post 88, Union City
19. A. D. Miller, - - - - Post 203, Stockbridge
20. Roda O'Mara, - - - - Post 1, Soldiers' Home

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, JUNE 16, 1902. }

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 13, 1901, to June 12, 1902, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,
JAMES VAN KLEECK,
Department Commander.

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

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC }
PONTIAC, JUNE 11, 1902. }

The Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment in the Opera House at 10:30 a. m., and was opened by Department Commander James Van Kleeck in due form.

Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain White.

The Department Commander—The rules of the National Encampment will prevail at this Encampment, if there is no objection. The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll and make a report from the Committee on Credentials.

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

Your Committee on Credentials appointed by your Special Order consisting of the Assistant Adjutant General and Comrades H. A. Chapin and D. S. Howard, have checked as present and presented the Delegate's Badge to all comrades entitled to seats in this Encampment, who have appeared before them. Their work is

not completed, and they respectfully ask that the roll as prepared be accepted as the roll of this Encampment.

The Department Commander—If there is no objection such time will be granted the committee.

The following is the

ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

PRESENT.

Department Commander—James Van Kleeck, - Bay City
 Sen. Vice Dept. Commander—M. C. Barney, - - Flint
 Jun. Vice Dept. Commander—H. A. Backus, - - Detroit
 Medical Director—W. W. Root, - - - - Mason
 Department Chaplain—Rev. H. S. White, - : - Romeo

OFFICIAL STAFF OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General—C. V. R. Pond, - Lansing
 Assistant Quartermaster General—Orrin Bump, - Bay City
 Judge Advocate—Burton Parks, - - - - Monroe
 Department Inspector—J. W. Guild, - - - - Saginaw
 Chief Mustering Officer—J. G. Allport, - - - Muskegon

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Ogden Tomlinson, Plainwell A. M. Van Wormer, Grand Haven
 W. J. Just, - - Ionia Wm. C. Claxton, - Detroit

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

C. V. R. Pond, - Lansing Henry M. Duffield, Detroit
 Byron R. Pierce, - Grand Rapids Henry S. Dean, - Ann Arbor
 Oscar A. Janes, - Detroit Aaron T. Bliss, - Saginaw
 John Northwood, - New Lothrop S. B. Daboll, - - St. Johns
 Louis Kanitz, - Muskegon E. M. Allen, - Portland

Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home. Representative, O. W. Hodges;
 Past Post Commanders, W. W. Fowler, Rody
 O'Mara.
 " 3, Whitehall. Representative, Edwin Will.
 " 4, Reading. Representative, Jesse H. Fleming.
 " 5, Grand Rapids. Representatives, John W. McCrath,
 Thomas Dixon, Samuel R. Wooster; Alternate, H.
 C. Nichols; Post Commander, Wm. B. Bostock;
 Past Post Commanders, A. B. Coffinberry, Geo. E.
 Judd, J. R. Stephenson, J. O. Bellaire.
 " 7, Muskegon. Representative, J. W. Brakeman.
 " 8, Negaunee. Representative, Geo. G. Johnston.

- Post No. 10, Dundee. Past Post Commanders, D. C. Spears, James Knowles.
- " 11, Bancroft. Past Post Commanders, Chas. F. Coles, Geo. A. Parker.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Past Post Commanders, W. F. Kimball, A. A. Covell.
- " 16, Evart. Representative, D. W. Welsh.
- " 17, Detroit. Representatives, Wm. F. Atkinson, Chas. A. Bartlett, Wm. H. Fisher, Eugene Muffat, Jas. D. Elderken, John Moody, Alex. S. McWilliams, Wm. C. Stillwill; Post Commander, John A. Lane; Past Post Commanders, Wm. Davey, James Reid, William Hart, D. S. Kimball, H. B. Eggeman, H. B. White, Richard Doan, Chas. K. Radcliffe, A. N. Phlister, A. L. Sawyer, Y. B. Lachine, A. C. Blair, Moses Green, S. Jasnowski, C. W. Yates, John T. Spillane.
- " 18, Traverse City. Representatives, Curtis Fowler, T. D. Combs.
- " 19, Bangor. Representative, Elias Stevens; Past Post Commander, Edward Ruthruff.
- " 23, Bloomingdale. Representative, J. E. Culver.
- " 24, Fenton. Representative, E. H. Sloan; Post Commander, Chas. Sudden; Past Post Commander, E. Winter.
- " 25, Ogden Center. Representative, J. W. Robertson.
- " 27, Decatur. Representative, D. L. Curry.
- " 28, Hemlock. Representative, Nathaniel Perkins; Past Post Commander, Jedd. Bennett.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Past Post Commander, J. C. Christensen, S. H. Aldrich.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Past Post Commander, H. A. Chapin.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Representative, J. H. Stephens; Alternate, H. B. Hayes; Past Post Commander, R. M. Bellinger.
- " 35, South Haven. Past Post Commanders, L. K. Jillson, T. Biddle.
- " 37, Stanton. Past Post Commander, T. M. Smith; Post Commander, Jesse McBain; Alternate, Thos. Low.
- " 38, Saginaw. Representatives, Alex. Smith, F. C. Crowell; Past Post Commanders, W. W. Morgan, Fay Wyckoff.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Past Post Commander, R. D. Dix.
- " 40, Charlotte. Past Post Commander, J. D. Butler.
- " 42, Lansing. Representatives, Alex. Cameron, John Wardell, L. S. Russell, John Oatley, W. W. Forbes; Alternate, George Smalley; Post Commander Seymour Foster; Past Post Commanders, A. S. Shattuck, F. Schneider, W. W. Cook, T. E. Potter, Geo. W. Stone.
- " 43, Blissfield. Representative, H. B. Hathaway; Past Post Commander, John Rentz.
- " 44, Sanford. Past Post Commanders, John W. H. Brooks, John F. Briggs.

10 TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

- Post No. 45, Adrian. Representatives, Horace Palmer, O. H. Beach; Alternate, C. G. Drake; Past Post Commander, Fred J. Buck.
- " 46, Ganges. Post Commander, Geo. D. Dean; Past Post Commander, J. L. Jerue.
- " 48, Jackson. Representative, C. V. DeLand; Past Post Commander, Albert Dunham.
- " 55, Armada. Past Post Commanders, L. J. Compton, Amos Finch.
- " 57, Marcellus. Representative, Robert Smith; Post Commander, H. M. Nottingham; Past Post Commander, B. F. Groner.
- " 59, Gobleville. Representative, Ashael Harrington.
- " 67, Bay City. Representative, P. F. Gibbons; Past Post Commanders, J. W. Snyder, M. J. Borland.
- " 69, Midland. Representative, I. H. Richardson; Alternate, C. A. Harper; Past Post Commanders, J. W. Snell, T. B. Main.
- " 73, Sturgis. Past Post Commander, P. H. Van Vleck.
- " 74, Wayland. Past Post Commander, S. S. Fox.
- " 75, Grand Haven. Representative, Wm. F. Kefgen.
- " 76, Monroe. Past Post Commanders, Geo. Spalding, C. Luce, J. Collum.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Representative, W. C. Shook; Past Post Commander, Chas. E. Foote.
- " 87, Lowell. Representative, Jesse Frost.
- " 88, Union City. Representative, S. J. Osborn; Past Post Commanders, M. A. Merrifield, Clark M. Hall.
- " 89, Flushing. Past Post Commanders, Jas. M. Greenfield, Cyrus Phelps, Isaac Wheeler; Post Commander, Davis Olmstead.
- " 90, Saginaw. Post Commander, Jno. Ph. Schwahn.
- " 91, St. Louis. Delegate, T. W. Whitney; Past Post Commander, H. W. Forney.
- " 93, Webberville. Representative, Chester Barber; Past Post Commander, Chas. Terrell.
- " 95, Flat Rock. Representative, H. W. Moses; Past Post Commanders, J. R. Brown, B. H. Smith, Albert Wager.
- " 98, Port Huron. Alternate, A. Welsher; Past Post Commanders, J. D. Kenney, H. S. Petit.
- " 100, Lyons. Alternate, N. B. Sherwood.
- " 101, Ithaca. Representative, E. B. Kille; Past Post Commanders, G. T. Brown, Wm. H. Beasley.
- " 103, Williamston. Alternate, G. G. Haskell.
- " 104, Ovid. Past Post Commander, Luther Stone.
- " 107, Dimondale. Past Post Commanders, A. Pray, N. P. Bateman.
- " 108, Grand Ledge. Representative, Joseph Moss; Past Post Commander, B. F. Sanborn.
- " 109, Coldwater. Representative, Geo. A. Russell; Past Post Commanders, F. D. Newberry, N. A. Reynolds, A. Milnes.

- Post No. 111, Eaton Rapids. Representatives, Milo Thompson, G. V. Meseroll; Past Post Commanders, H. J. Milbourn, Eli Cook, W. D. Brainerd.
- " 114, Fowlerville. Alternate, J. G. Copeland; Past Post Commander, William Horton.
- " 117, Byron. Representative, H. L. Bishop; Post Commander, William Close; Past Post Commanders, Griffin La Due, Amos Graves.
- " 120, Howell. Representative, M. W. Dickerson; Past Post Commanders, H. H. Collins, Geo. Barnes, John McGivney.
- " 121, Chesaning. Representative, A. J. Wilson; Past Post Commanders, H. J. Hopkins, O. W. Damon.
- " 126, Maple Rapids. Past Post Commander, Robert Anderson.
- " 129, Fowler. Past Post Commander, Jesse Evarts.
- " 130, Edmore. Representative, S. A. Cole.
- " 131, Portland. Past Post Commander, H. W. Holcomb.
- " 137, Ann Arbor. Alternate, John L. Cox; Past Post Commanders, Wm. K. Childs, J. Q. A. Sessions.
- " 141, Lakeview. Representative, J. W. Larue; Past Post Commander, Aug. Wilcox.
- " 143, Caro. Past Post Commanders, N. M. Richardson, R. M. Ross, J. E. Springer.
- " 144, Lapeer. Representative, Levi Fitch; Past Post Commanders, F. McElroy, G. W. Houghton, C. V. Austin, Peter Besseette.
- " 145, Flint. Representatives, S. C. Jerome, L. P. Alport, Geo. Raab; Alternate, Jas. Hempstead; Past Post Commanders, F. E. Willett, Geo. E. Newall, E. C. Marsh, C. W. Austin, J. H. Failing, C. S. Thomas, J. R. Benjamin, W. W. Wheeler, Paul Countryman, G. W. Hilton, Wm. Stone, A. J. Ward, J. W. Begg, J. N. Willett.
- " 147, Pontiac. Representatives, John Benjamin, Robt. LeBarron; Past Post Commanders, Wm. H. Morgan, E. S. Whitcome, Wm. Cheals, D. J. Hammond, L. D. Van Kleek, L. Loovier, D. S. Howard, C. Brace, S. H. Giles, S. J. Clonan, N. F. Daniels, Geo. Eaton.
- " 152, Alma. Representative, Geo. Willard.
- " 153, Saranac. Past Post Commander, J. P. Livermore.
- " 156, St. Johns. Alternates, E. B. Smith, Z. Sexton; Past Post Commanders, H. S. Hart, W. N. Stocker.
- " 158, Elm Hall. Past Post Commander, C. E. Prine.
- " 160, Corunna. Representative, W. E. Cummin; Past Post Commanders, O. F. Wilkinson, Geo. D. Moreau.
- " 162, Detroit. Representative, John Shea; Post Commander, Julius Keagle; Past Post Commanders, J. McCreie, Carl Engle.
- " 163, Vermontville. Post Commander, C. F. Fuller.
- " 166, Marshall. Representative, Robert Schley; Past Post Commander, David Wilkinshaw.

- Post No. 167, Elsie. Representative, W. S. Starkweather; Past Post Commander, Chas. Preston.
- " 169, St. Charles. Post Commander, J. A. Griffin.
- " 173, Carson City. Representative, Jonas Ackley.
- " 176, Stanton. Past Post Commander, T. N. Stevens.
- " 177, Capac. Past Post Commander, A. C. Fourbrother.
- " 178, Sheridan. Representative, Judson Tanner.
- " 179, Brighton. Past Post Commanders, B. T. O. Clark, W. W. Pentlin, G. Baetcke.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Representative, J. T. Wise; Post Commander, C. S. Boutell; Past Post Commander, E. E. Trim.
- " 181, Milford. Representative, John Beaumont; Alternate, S. D. Lee; Post Commander, R. F. Potts; Past Post Commanders, A. J. McCall, Alfred Soulby, Andrew Muir, N. A. Rexford, Jos. Allen, John Stephens, A. V. Austin, Walter Crawford, O. D. Stephens.
- " 183, Holly. Alternate, John E. Thompson; Past Post Commanders, Silas Fletcher, F. F. Downey, D. W. Thompson.
- " 184, Detroit. Representative, George W. Moore.
- " 186, Otisville. Past Post Commanders, A. W. Matthews, L. Fromviller.
- " 187, Oxford. Representative, Vincent Brown; Past Post Commanders, C. Losey, C. H. Crawford, Gleason Perry, W. H. Blanchard.
- " 188, Hadley. Representative, Wm. Hardwick; Past Post Commanders, Geo. Davenport, Geo. Hemingway, J. P. Sutor, W. Goodel, N. N. Greene.
- " 190, Birch Run. Post Commander, Wm. H. H. Douglass; Past Post Commanders, Wm. H. Furguson, A. R. Brown, John Cook, John E. Austin.
- " 193, Mendon. Representative, R. D. Young.
- " 194, Clio. Past Post Commanders, W. H. Russell, Geo. Van Nest, E. E. Eckles.
- " 196, Representative, P. T. Crego.
- " 197, Ortonville. Representative, W. L. Guiles; Past Post Commanders, F. M. Jones, Wm. Moore.
- " 200, Carlton. Representative, M. L. Baker.
- " 202, Romeo. Alternate, John Corey; Post Commander, O. N. Bessey; Past Post Commanders, O. S. Perry, E. R. Sanderson, W. Smith.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Post Commanders, A. G. Miller, E. B. Parks.
- " 205, Owosso. Representative, John Wood; Post Commander, Robt. Gray; Past Post Commanders, T. M. Wiley, M. C. Dawes, D. F. Blair, Wm. H. Beattie, Wm. R. Smith, O. F. Webster, A. B. Crane, Chas. Freeman.
- " 211, Ionia. Past Post Commanders, A. H. Heath, C. A. Cornell, O. H. Perry.
- " 212, Columbiaville. Alternate, D. F. Whipple; Past Post Commander, E. Crittenden.
- " 213, Bellevue. Representative, Wm. W. Latty.

- Post No. 214, Millington. Representative, Christian Kist; Past Post Commanders, E. Howard, S. Atwood.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Representative, Rozell Widrig; Past Post Commanders, J. S. Farrar, Jos. Inman, J. Widrig, T. Samuel.
- " 218, Luther. Representative, C. B. Streeter.
- " 223, Richmond. Representative, A. M. Keeler.
- " 225, Trenton. Representative, Sylvester Hall.
- " 229, Marine City. Representative, Isaac Colby; Past Post Commander, William Baird.
- " 231, Plymouth. Post Commander, Walter Kensler; Past Post Commanders, John Gill, T. V. Quackenbush.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Past Post Commander, A. Houston.
- " 238, Coopersville. Representative, B. F. Norton.
- " 240, Concord. Representative, Geo. T. Pratt; Past Post Commander, R. H. Halsted.
- " 240, Grayling. Representative, D. S. Waldron; Post Commander, Dell Smith; Past Post Commander, O. Palmer.
- " 243, Sparta. Representative, W. S. Ryners.
- " 244, Almont. Post Commander, B. F. Johnson.
- " 248, Wacousta. Alternate, Joel E. Parks.
- " 255, Mayville. Representative, F. C. Michael; Post Commander, N. B. Goodfellow; Past Post Commanders, A. L. Bryant, Geo. Richards.
- " 256, Partello. Representative, R. H. McWithey; Post Commander, S. W. Thompson.
- " 261, Wayne. Alternate, A. W. Thompson; Post Commander, A. Howe; Past Post Commanders, D. L. Adams, Joseph Smith, J. R. Warner.
- " 262, Holland. Alternate, D. H. Clark; Post Commander, D. B. K. Van Raalte.
- " 269, Plainwell. Representative, Monroe A. Durkee.
- " 270, Ecorse. Representative, John Conrad; Past Post Commander, S. J. Lawrence.
- " 278, West Bay City. Past Post Commander, Geo. A. Allen.
- " 284, Davison. Alternate, Milo H. Hewitt; Past Post Commanders, A. A. Elmore, Wm. M. Knapp, S. S. Clemons, B. F. Sanford.
- " 294, Big Rapids. Representative, Geo. G. Jenkins.
- " 300, Marquette. Post Commander, E. C. Anthony, Past Post Commander, C. D. Blanchard.
- " 303, Schoolcraft. Past Post Commander, Phillip D. Miller.
- " 304, Clifford. Alternate, Charles Phillips.
- " 307, Saginaw. Representative, James T. Hale.
- " 318, Northville. Representative, J. T. Murdock; Past Post Commanders, B. G. Webster, E. K. Starkweather, H. O. Waid, H. M. White, C. L. Brigham, Andrew Houk, T. P. Banks.
- " 329, Sumner. Representative, John E. Booth.
- " 350, Sand Lake. Past Post Commander, Wellington Rasco.

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- Post No. 354, Palo. Past Post Commander, Chas. F. North.
- " 357, Gagetown. Representative, R. S. Brown; Past Post Commanders, Theo. Burden, Alex. Finkle, Wm. J. Williamson, L. Mathews.
- " 364, Coleman. Past Post Commander, E. N. Carley.
- " 365, Alternate, B. F. McManus; Past Post Commander, M. D. Richardson.
- " 377, Rochester. Representative, W. H. LeRoy; Past Post Commanders, A. E. Collins, J. J. Snook, A. O'Brien, E. H. Dewey.
- " 380, New Haven. Past Post Commanders, Geo. W. Dingman, J. E. Carrel, L. Leuttenbacher.
- " 381, North Branch. Past Post Commander, A. B. Weston.
- " 382, Lake Odessa. Post Commander, A. T. Bywater; Past Post Commanders, S. H. Mallery, W. Love-dale.
- " 384, Detroit. Representative, John Buehler; Alternates, B. F. Briscoe, E. B. Fenton; Post Commander, C. G. Hampton; Past Post Commanders, F. C. Trow-bridge, Geo. H. Hopkins, E. S. Jameson.
- " 395, Grand Rapids. Past Post Commander, Melvin Stilson.
- " 404, Livonia. Representative, Wm. D. Toles; Past Post Commanders, E. C. Bassett, C. G. Brown, Thos. Davey, H. D. Bassett.
- " 407, Auburn. Alternate, E. J. Buzzard, Post Com-mander, J. W. Davis.
- " 408, Grand Rapids. Post Commander, G. H. Sherman.
- " 410, Vassar. Representatives, Nathan Clark, Jared Downer.
- " 417, Harbor Beach. Representative, William Lamb.
- " 419, Bay City. Past Post Commander, L. G. Wilcox.
- " 430, Burt. Representative, W. W. Webster; Past Post Commander, John Jackson.
- " 431, Wayne. Representative, J. D. Felt.
- " 433, Detroit. Representative, John Devlin; Past Post Commander, Jas. McC. Miller; Post Commander, Wm. N. Suggins.
- " 436, Martinsville. Post Commander, Elias La Farge.
- " 439, Fostoria. Representative, Josiah Tompkins.
- " 440, Morrice. Representative, Wm. P. Breadway.
- " 441, Mason. Representative, J. B. Smith; Past Post Commander, L. H. Ives.
- " 450, Standish. Representative, B. F. Bourassa.
- " 451, Reed City. Past Post Commander, "Ren" Barker.
- " 453, Kingston. Representative, J. B. Hickie; Post Com-mander, G. H. Parker; Past Post Commanders, W. B. Nedrey, John Cunningham.
- " 455, Montrose. Alternate, Eugene Barnes; Past Post Commander, David Cross.
- " 457, Attica. Representative, D. D. Wallace; Post Com-mander, W. P. Baird.
- " 459, Otter Lake. Representative, Linus Bathwick; Post Commander, Willard Clemons.

Department Officers.....	14
Past Department Commanders.....	9
Post Commanders.....	36
Representatives	116
Alternates	28
Past Post Commanders.....	268
Total	471
Number of Posts represented.....	165

The Officer of the Day announced that the Mayor of the city with several members of the Common Council were at the outpost.

The Department Commander—Comrades we will take a recess in order to receive the city officials who have come to extend to us their welcome to this beautiful city.

The visitors were escorted to the platform amid a round of cheers.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it affords me much pleasure to introduce to you Hon. H. C. Guillot, the Mayor of the city of Pontiac.

The Mayor spoke as follows:

Members of the Grand Army of the Republic—It is with the greatest of pleasure that as Mayor of this city I extend to you all a hearty welcome. I must assure you, members of the Grand Army, that our citizens are not unmindful of the great debt of gratitude which we owe you as members of the most wonderful and victorious army ever organized.

You men, who by your patriotism and unflinching fidelity to a righteous cause, gave to our generation a country unparalleled in the world's history, will leave as a noble heritage to generations yet unborn, a united nation, glorious in spirit, proud of its achievements and over which will forever float that flag whose bright stars have enlightened our pathway, whose blood red stripes have washed away all traces of sectionalism and beneath whose sheltering folds untold millions have been baptized in the bright sunlight of freedom.

You are to be congratulated upon your choice of our city as a meeting place, a city whose greatness is all the more striking because of the fact that in 1862 it was the

point of rendezvous of the 22nd Michigan Infantry, a regiment commanded by a former townsman, Colonel Moses Winsor, whose untimely death from camp fever, put an end to the brilliant career of a man who in all walks of life served his country faithfully and well.

Throughout the whole war, no state in the Union has given to history a brighter record than that furnished by the Michigan soldiers. No name shines brighter upon the roll of fame than that of the Michigan major general who died of wounds received at Antietam, heroically shedding his blood that it might mingle with that of the martyrs of '76, to serve to cement this country into one grand union. It is to the home of Richardson, the noble general, that I bid you all a hearty welcome. Members of the Grand Army, this city and all that in it is, yours. Within our limits you will find many pleasant places in which to fight the old battles over and renew that friendship, which can be realized, only by those, who have marched shoulder to shoulder, have fought side by side upon the same battlefields, and rejoiced together in having gained a hard fought victory.

The Department Commander responded to the address of welcome in a few happily spoken words and instructed the Assistant Adjutant General to present to each visitor one of the Encampment badges as a souvenir of the occasion. The Mayor and his party then retired.

The Senior Vice Department Commander then took the chair, whereupon the Department Commander read his annual address, which was as follows:

Comrades—Once more the Comrades of the Department of Michigan have assembled for the transaction of such business as may come before them, and also to renew their friendships and again to pledge themselves, each to the other, in the name of the ties and friendships formed in common dangers and sacrifices made in a just cause.

These annual meetings are milestones on the road to a common camping ground.

The soldier of the Union discharged his duty to his country years ago, and it rests with him in the future, as in the past, to keep true step and time to the call of



Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, until he hears the last long roll sounded.

The world is better for his services. Much was accomplished by his sacrifices, and it can be said of him as was said of one of old, "His good works live after him."

I congratulate the Comrades of this Department on the successful year just past. I congratulate you on this meeting in this city, a city with a historical name and a loyal and generous and hospitable people.

It is fitting that the boys, now in the sear and yellow leaf of life, should meet and keep alive the spirit of patriotism of years gone by when the greatest sacrifices were demanded of this nation in the name of humanity that were ever demanded of any people of modern times.

Comrades! I am proud of the record made by the soldiers of the Civil War. I am proud of the Nation and of her soldiers who followed the flag and stood behind the guns since the close of that war.

Our late war with Spain has put the American soldier in competition with soldiers of other war-like nations. On all occasions he has shown his steadiness in battle, his willingness and ability to endure hardships, and above all, he has shown himself a gentleman.

The product of the American home and the pupil of our free schools is a safe man to guard a Nation's honor.

This is no time or place for criticism, but no set of men can take a keener interest in the affairs of this great nation than those who followed its flag through the Civil War. Speaking on my own responsibility, I want to say here that I have no sympathy for the harsh language used and the criticisms made against our soldiers in the far-off Philippines. The soldier is the most merciful of men and saves life as well as takes it, and I cannot believe, without the most absolute proof, that an officer would order or countenance the taking of life or be a party to cruel punishment or treatment of an enemy unless stern necessity demanded it.

The Assistant Adjutant Generals, will in detail, give you the condition as to membership of the Department. We can but expect a reduction each approaching year, of the total of our membership. Death is a power we can not overcome. It is, however, with somewhat of pride, that I can note the fact that death alone is the reducing force. There is evidence that many who have

been away from us, as members, for some years, are showing a desire to again be of us and with us. On the 31st of last December, we had 368 Posts and 14,406 members.

The last administration turned over to the present one a cash balance of \$1,288.79 in the general fund and a balance in the Alger fund of \$934.95. It has been my desire to conduct the financial affairs of the Department along the lines of economy and my efforts have at all times received the heartiest co-operation of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General as well as of the other members of my staff. As will be seen by the report of the Quartermaster General, there is today in the general fund a balance of \$1,559.32 and in the Alger fund a balance of \$967.32.

We seem to have an annual income sufficient for all our needs at the present time. The Alger fund is of a special character and has been the subject of some discussion by encampments of the past and of the Council of Administration.

My own judgment is that it should be left, for the present, as it is. Its accumulations are small but certain. The time may come when it will be necessary for this Department to use this fund in such a manner as the generous donor would desire it to be used. "Charity never faileth." Until it is needed let it remain in our fund and on our records as evidence of the comradeship, kind heart and broad human sympathy of him whom this Department will ever honor and respect.

The same conditions exist today that have been noticeable for many years as to the showing by the Department of the actual amount of relief afforded by the several Posts. The vague reports that come to Headquarters upon the blanks sent by Post Adjutants and Post Quartermasters of the amount of relief expended by the Posts give no fair idea of the real amount. Much is given by the individual members that does not appear upon the Post records. This may be as well, as to have it known; it surely shows that we are not givers merely to have it known by the world, but because of our comradeship. I have had the same unpleasant duty to perform that came to my predecessors for the last few years, that of denying permission to Posts to make an appeal for aid to the several Posts of the Department. The Depart-

ment Encampments of the last few years have recognized the action of those that have held this chair before me, in the matter of this refusal and I believe this Encampment will recognize the fact that every Post in this Department, with perhaps two or three exceptions, have all they can well look after in the caring for the needy in their own Posts.

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

This body of noble women who are known as auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, continue to be our great right arm in their help, socially as well as financially to the Posts of the Department. Never tiring, always devising new ways for rendering the desired aid to the needy of our order or to the families of the deceased.

The ladies who make up the order of the W. R. C. are entitled to an expression of gratitude from us that shall mean more than a gift of material matter. During the Encampment at Cleveland the headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps were adjoining our Department Headquarters and every day the ladies kept their rooms at the convenience of the Comrades as well as of their own members, very much to our comfort. The Department President, the wife of our Assistant Adjutant General, has our thankful acknowledgement of the many efforts made by herself and assistants to serve our Comrades during the year now closing.

The assistance rendered to the Grand Army of the Republic by the Woman's Relief Corps reminds us vividly of the work performed in the days when the Comrades of the Grand Army were discharging a duty to the Nation that tried the loyalty and manhood of each individual.

Over twenty-five million dollars was collected and distributed by the Sanitary Commission, which was conducted and controlled by the loyal women of the nation; add to this the private donations they made, the sacrifices made and the services rendered as nurses in the hospitals, their visits to the field after the battle, and tongue and pen fail to justly tell or record their loyalty, heroism and devotion.

Whittier, in his poem, paints the angel in the form of woman on the Mexican battlefield, but her sisters of the

north and south are worthy of the poet's thoughts and the historian's pen.

THE SONS OF VETERANS.

I most earnestly ask my Comrades to give to these our boys, all the encouragement possible in increasing the strength of this patriotic body of youth. The present Department Commander of the organization, our Comrade Coffinberry, has given a year of untiring effort to add to the membership and with a success that has won him the great credit he is so deservedly entitled to.

THE LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

To them we send a soldier's greeting. We thank them for their kindness, sympathy and assistance. May all orders and societies auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic work in harmony and attain the ends for which they organize.

MEMORIAL DAY.

A great satisfaction must come to each of us as the years roll on, in the positive knowledge that Memorial Day is becoming to be more and more a truly national day. The people of our great country are glad that we have a Memorial Day established, they show it by their yearly observance. Their presence at our memorial services is good proof that we have naught to fear as to any failure to remember you and I when we are gone, so far as paying the respect that comes with the day we so much love. The Chaplain's report will give you the facts that came to him as to the observance of Memorial Day last year, and the Chaplain whom you will choose at this time will compile the Post reports of the day as observed recently. The reports of the several Posts are now coming in to Headquarters to be forwarded to the Chaplain. So far as I have been able to learn, the 30th day of May last was, in Michigan, most appropriately observed by our fellow citizens, and I am glad to state that there was a marked decrease in the efforts of many to make the day one of fun and frolic.

No more familiar figure was seen at our past Encampments than was Comrade George W. Buckingham. The sad accident that occurred at the close of our last Encampment, that deprived us of his genial presence will long be remembered by the members of this Encamp-

ment. His kind and generous disposition and his soldierly qualities endeared him to his Comrades. It seems fitting that some expression should be made by this Encampment, showing the estimation in which he was held by his Comrades, and I recommend that the Committee on Resolutions, as they may deem proper, report the same to this Encampment.

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT CLEVELAND.

The response of the Michigan Comrades to the call to meet in Cleveland last year in National Encampment was most generous. Michigan made a fine showing in the great parade, and the callers at the Department Headquarters at the Weddell House, were unanimous in their verdict that a good time was being enjoyed. The reasonable rates of railroad fare which are now given to Comrades on account of our National Encampments are a strong inducement to make an earnest effort to meet our old tent-mates and rehearse once more the story we have so well committed to memory, of the days of the tented field. For the grand manner in which my Comrades responded to the invitation to meet at Cleveland in September last, and for the assistance they rendered me as Department Commander, I desire to convey to them my sincerest thanks.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Once more, making the third time that the "boys of 1861-65" will have had the opportunity to march along the beautiful streets of our national capital, are our Comrades given an opportunity to visit Washington. In the "Grand Review" in 1865 and again in 1892, when, under the lead of Past Department Commander Dean, we marched along the broad avenue that has for its ends the White House and the Capitol, we of Michigan were well represented. I sincerely hope that an effort will be made by my comrades to go once more to the National Encampment that meets in Washington early in October next. The month for the meeting is surely a beautiful one and the railroad fare will be at the lowest rate, as in the past.

As has been the custom, to engage headquarters for the incoming Department Commander, at the place of meeting of the National Encampment by the retiring Commander, I have acted on that line and have ordered the

Assistant Adjutant General to proceed to Washington and secure same. The order was promptly obeyed, and I think you will be glad to know that the same hotel was designated and secured for headquarters that was used by the Michigan contingent in 1892. I hope my action will be met with approval by my successor.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

The action of the last Department Encampment, in recommending to the National Encampment that the rules of our order be so amended as to permit of Associate Membership, was presented to the Encampment at Cleveland, and I have reason to believe that the rules would have been so amended but for the sudden action of the Encampment on account of the serious illness of Comrade McKinley. By that action which closed the Encampment, all amendments and other business was referred to the Council of Administration for their action. That body, when coming to the matter of amendments to the Rules and Regulations, believed that they should refer them to the next National Encampment, where a full and free discussion might be had, they were so referred, our own among the lot. I think, from word that comes from other States, that the amendment will carry at the Washington meeting, and I urge all representatives from Michigan to do all they can to have it carried.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

No more pleasant portion of the life of the Department Commander during his official year can be expected than that which finds him among his Comrades in the various parts of the State, in attendance upon camp-fires or reunions. While I have been unable to respond to every call, I have done so in a large number of instances, and have had a pleasure that will go into the pages of my life's memory as a golden character. My trip to the Upper Peninsula and the meeting with the veterans of the several Posts at Marquette was of a very satisfactory character. They are a true and loyal set of men that make up the Comrades of the Upper Peninsula.

FLAGS AT SCHOOLHOUSES.

I desire especially to call attention to the words of Comrade Pond, in his report as Assistant Adjutant Gen-

eral, wherein he refers to the absence of the United States flag at schoolhouses when school is in session, and urges upon the members of the Encampment to return to their homes with a determination to see that the law is enforced in their respective school districts, as to the floating of the flag during school hours. It is a very essential part of the day's lesson.

To the members of my official family, I desire to publicly express my thanks for their loyal aid and support at all times. To Assistant Quartermaster General Bump, who so kindly accepted the office at personal sacrifice of business affairs, I am especially indebted. To Assistant Adjutant General Pond, I am under obligations for his ever-ready disposition to assist in making the year just past a successful one. Early in my administration Comrade Pond tendered his resignation, that he might enter upon duties that would afford him an opportunity for more out-door exercise. I felt that neither the Department nor myself could well dispense with his services, if he would give even a portion of them and prevailed upon him to withdraw his resignation, giving him permission to place whom he desired at Headquarters at his own expense, he to keep his eye on the gun and give his name and advice to the use of the Department. Comrade Pond appointed Comrade Wyckoff to look after the affairs of the office under his advice and I feel sure no exception can be taken to the management of affairs at Headquarters during the past year.

With the experience of years and Comradeship that has the ring of true metal, Comrade Pond has been to me, as to my predecessors, a most faithful friend and officer.

In retiring from office permit me to express my sincere thanks to every officer and member of the Department of Michigan, for their kind and considerate treatment accorded me.

And now, Comrades, at the end of this Encampment I shall bid you an official farewell, but hope and expect to be one of you until I answer the final roll.

During the past year death has visited our ranks, Comrades who were familiar figures in our Annual Encampment are mustered on the other side. The long roll will summon them to the ranks no more, but their Comradeship will be ever green in our memory and the

sacrifices they made in the cause of Humanity will ever live in song and story and in the hearts of a grateful people.

The Chair—I will refer the Department Commander's Annual Address to the following Committee: Comrades Henry M. Duffield, Post 384; James H. Kidd, Post 211; L. G. Wilcox, Post 419; A. L. Milnes, Post 109; David S. Howard, Post 147.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order is the reading of the report of the Senior Vice Department Commander.

The Senior Vice Department Commander read his report, which was referred to the following Committee: Comrades Henry S. White, Post 202; Charles F. Fuller, Post 163; O. W. Hodges, Post 1.

The report was as follows:

Flint, Mich., June 11, 1902.

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 Department Commander during my term of office.

I have attended several Posts in the State and have been kindly received. I find the old soldier more appreciated as he nears the eternal camping ground.

Citizens of Michigan begin to realize what the old soldier has done for this country and the few years they are permitted to stay shall be the best years of their life. Pension haters are fast disappearing, all right minded people are beginning to think that every old soldier should have a pension.

The Woman's Relief Corps is doing a better and more efficient work each year and as they are growing gray with us they are enlisting younger women that the good work may go on and Uncle Sam's soldiers of 1898 shall have the same attention we have had. Comrades of '61-'65 think of the kindness of these ladies always ready

to aid the sick and destitute and carrying flowers to cheer and brighten their sick rooms.

Memorial Day was better observed than ever before, many children marching and taking part in the exercises.

I attended the National Encampment at Cleveland and was pleased to see so large and enthusiastic a gathering, although it was disturbed by the sad news of the death of our beloved President McKinley. I never was prouder of Michigan than at Cleveland.

I have visited our Soldiers' Home and was much pleased with it but think it would be much better if we had small cottages where Comrades and their wives could live together the little time they have to stay. I wish to heartily thank the Department Commander and Department officers, also Comrades of Posts and members of the W. R. C. for their kind and courteous treatment during my term of office.

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

M. C. BARNEY,

Senior Vice Department Commander.

The Department Commander—We will next hear the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander.

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

Detroit, Mich., June 4, 1902.

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

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the pleasure of submitting my report as Junior Vice Department Commander. As suggested by the Department Commander, I have at all times held myself in readiness to execute his desires, but as I have not been called on for any purpose whatever my conclusion is that the Department has passed a year of prosperity and without anything to mar its usual harmony. I attended the National Encampment at Cleveland and desire to say that the appearance of the Posts of the Department was highly creditable. Memorial Day services seem to have been more generally observed than in former years and with more regard for its proprieties. This is as it should be.

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Memorial Day was not set aside as another holiday for the youth of this country.

It should call to mind the blood and sufferings, the tears and the heartaches that began in '61 and that have followed us down to today and will follow us until the G. A. R. shall be no more. On these and the patriotism that descended to us has been built up a country that is the pride of all the nations of the world. Those two glorious bands of women the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. stand close beside us in their work, and but for their untiring labors many a post would become defunct. They are deserving of our best encouragement. As to the future of the order it can have but one forecast. The situation is pathetic in the extreme, and the sight of a Comrade of the G. A. R. will be rare before many years. My associations with my fellow Department officers have been most agreeable and my term of office will always be a pleasant memory.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

HERBERT A. BACKUS,

Junior Vice Commander, Department of Michigan.

The Department Commander—The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander will be referred to the following Committee: Comrades James Greenfield, Post 89; Joseph Keagle, Post 162; S. H. Mallory, Post 382.

I will appoint the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Comrades M. Brown, Post 294; William C. Claxton, Post 17; R. R. Pealer, Post 79.

Committee to Visit the Woman's Relief Corps—Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; C. E. Foote, Post 79; George A. Russell, Post 109.

Committee to Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.—Comrades John Northwood, Post 438; E. T. Carrington, Post 278; O. H. Beach, Post 45.

Committee to Visit the Sons of Veterans—Comrades Theodore C. Potter, Post 42; J. W. McCarthy, Post 45; E. B. Fenton, Post 384.

The Assistant Adjutant General will now make his report.

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

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 LANSING, MICH., JUNE 11, 1902. }

James Van Kleeck, Department Commander:

Comrade—Following custom and obeying the rules and regulations governing the duties of my office, I take pleasure in handing you the following report:

MEMBERSHIP.

The reports made to National Headquarters during your term of office were consolidated from the semi-annual reports sent in by the respective Posts of the Department, and made the following showing:

Term ending June 30, 1901.	Posts.	Members.
Remaining in good standing, Dec. 31, 1900.....	375	14,930
Gains.	Pos's.	Members.
By muster	2	233
By transfer		147
By reinstatement		257
By reinstatement from delinquent reports	3	33
	5	670
Total gain		
	380	15,600
Loss.	Posts.	Members.
By death		227
By honorable discharge.....		35
By transfer		120
By suspension		388
By delinquent reports.....	10	199
By surrender of Charter.....	6	77
	16	1,046
Total loss		
Number in good standing at end of term	364	14,554

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Term ending Dec. 31, 1901.			
Gains.		Posts.	Members.
By muster	2	178	
By transfer		96	
By reinstatement	10	199	
By reinstatement of delinquent Posts...	8	163	
Total gain			10 636
Aggregate			374 15,190
Loss.		Posts.	Members.
By death		186	
By honorable discharge.....		40	
By transfer		78	
By suspension		396	
By delinquent reports.....	5	61	
By surrender of Charter.....	1	23	
Total loss			6 784
Remaining in good standing Dec. 31, 1901			368 14,406

As I have shown in previous reports, the report I make today does not show the exact condition as to membership as it exists in the Department. The report just read covers a year that ended last December 31, 1901. it could not show more; for annual Encampments of the Department are held of late years just a week or two before a semi-annual report is due from the Posts, so the report given to you today covers but about six months of your administration, the first part being the legacy given you by your predecessor, while the last six months of your administration or so much of it as begins the first of last January and ends today, is sent to your successor as your legacy, with no knowledge as to its real showing at this moment.

Of the four Posts reported as mustered during the year three had been chartered by your predecessor, but were mustered by your officers. One new Post has been chartered and mustered as No. 459 at Otter Lake.

Seven Posts have surrendered their Charters, Nos. 77, 81, 204, 222, 289, 405, 420.

The showing of losses in this Department for the period covered by this report affords an opportunity for the members of this Encampment to seriously consider, and carry to their Comrades at home for their consideration the question, as to whether when a Post surrenders its Charter, it shall have so passed out of

existence as to compel its former members to remove the button from their coats, or whether every effort will be made to have them by means of transfer cards which all members of a disbanded Post who were in good standing, are entitled to, unite at once with such Post as they may desire, and under the very convenient rules of our organization, be formed into an outpost and thus without cost other than a minimum one for annual dues, have the pleasure of social meetings from time to time and from home to home, and enjoy the feeling that they are still members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and entitled to all of the privileges granted by such membership. This report shows to you and the Comrades of the Encampment, that we lost 524 members last year in the aggregate, but you have noticed that 413 of our tent-mates are sleeping the sleep that knows no awakening here on earth; this leaves a balance of 111 who are noted in the column of losses, but you will notice that 100 of these were members of Posts that surrendered their Charters, so in reality there were but 11 members passed to the loss account, besides those noticed as dead and those of the disbanded Posts. It is of these of the disbanded Posts that I wish to ask earnest consideration. If a Post has become too weak to longer keep up its individual organization, pay rents, hold regular meetings, and pay per capita to the Department, then let that Post receive of the Assistant Adjutant General in conformity with the rules a Transfer Card for each of its members in good standing, and at once present that card to some other Post, which while they may not be able to attend regularly, they can call their home and if desiring form an outpost for their home locality.

The policy of my office has been to urge the taking of Transfer Cards in all cases of disbanding. I am now well satisfied that the time is near at hand when the Posts of our county seats or large towns will have to throw out outposts that shall cover the territory in their jurisdiction. I have dwelt upon this point in my report because I am anxious that every worthy member of our order, should be able to wear the button as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic when he answers the last call and goes to sleep forever. To be thus permitted, my Comrade when he leaves a Post or the Post disbands, must by card at once join another

and should secure the formation of an outpost in his neighborhood.

Believing that there are but few have given attention to that portion of our Rules and Regulations that permit and govern the formation of outposts, I recommend that this Encampment instruct the Assistant Adjutant General to have printed 1,000 slips with the outpost rules, and that as occasion offers he mail the same to Posts that are contemplating the surrender of their charter.

DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands were:

From last administration, Alger fund..	\$934 95	
From last administration, general fund..	1,288 79	\$2,223 74
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From per capita tax.....	\$2,912 80	
From Charter fee.....	10 00	
From staff for horses.....	15 00	
From other sources.....	4 77	
From sale of supplies.....	335 94	3,278 51
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Total		\$5,502 25

All of which has been accounted for to the Assistant Quartermaster General as his receipts on file at Headquarters will show. The showing of so good a balance in the general fund will, I am sure convince the Comrades of the Department, that economy and not extravagance is the practice of their officials.

The total value of Post supplies now on hand is \$99.37. The value placed upon the Department property, consisting of flags, office matter, etc., was fixed recently by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration at \$174.00.

From the reports to Department Headquarters from the various Posts in this Department, showing conditions for the year closing on the 31st, of December, 1901, as to amount of property, cash and other belongings to the Posts, the following aggregate of items is collected.

Cash in the Post relief fund.....	\$1,742 39
Cash in the Post general fund.....	11,222 10
Reported value of real estate.....	31,098 55
Estimated value of other Post property.....	43,437 15
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Total	\$87,500 19

REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Encampment will be expected to choose one representative and one alternate-at-large and nineteen representatives and nineteen alternates upon the basis of one representative and one alternate for each seven hundred and fifty members or fraction over one-half that number, to the Thirty-sixth National Encampment to be held at Washington, D. C., the week of October 6, 1902.

HEADSTONES FOR SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

The number of blank requisitions upon the War Department at Washington, asking for Headstones or Markers for soldiers' graves, that have been sent out from Department Headquarters has not been as large as in previous years, and this fact leads to the gratifying belief, that as rapidly as may be, the unmarked grave of our Comrade is being appropriately remembered. Let it be well known in our membership that blank requisitions are ready upon call to be furnished any locality that may write to Department Headquarters for them.

FLAGS ON SCHOOLHOUSES.

It is pretty well-known to the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in Michigan, that we have a law upon our Statute Book, known as Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State."

During the past year I have passed by over 700 schoolhouses in the rural districts of our State. In nearly all instances I have noticed that a flag pole stood near to the building, in some instances the flag rope was gone, in others the school was not in session, but it is no draft upon imagination when I say, that I have gone by the doors of over 500 schoolhouses where school was in session during the year, and in but five instances have I been permitted to remove my hat in salutation to our glorious flag. Actually, in those five cases the tears came to my eyes from joy, because as is the case of the traveler from abroad when he approaches our shores and sees the beautiful Stars and Stripes, so my heart filled with gladness as I looked upon the emblem that

means so much to the youth seeking education. But what about the nearly entire number of schoolhouses in the country that are not complying with the law of our State and giving the children an opportunity to early learn what the real worth is of the protection which our flag guarantees? I ask every Comrade in this Encampment to make it a part of his duty when he returns to his home, to see to it that the law calling for a display of "Old Glory" during the school hour at every school in his neighborhood is literally fulfilled.

WORK AT HEADQUARTERS.

Very soon after the commencement of your official duties as Commander of the Department, I had occasion to tender you my resignation as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Michigan, that my entrance upon a work that should give me more of outdoor exercise, might not embarrass you. You asked me not to resign but to continue in name and in outlining of the work of the year, as well as in giving of advice, your official head of staff officers, with permission to place such a Comrade as I might choose and at my own expense in the office to do the work. I consented and named Comrade Fay Wyckoff of Post No. 38 to perform the duties of the office under my direction. A more faithful observance of the daily requirements of the office at Headquarters could not be had and I am very thankful that I should have had such a faithful assistant as Comrade Wyckoff. He is a firm believer in the policy of the Department which has prevailed for years, that a shoulder touch is a great essential in maintaining the membership of the order.

At the National Encampment at Cleveland I inaugurated a new system,—to us,—of registering all Comrades who came to Department Headquarters. I am sure from the words of congratulation that came from the callers, that the dispensing with the book register system and the adopting of that of the card and hook plan was much appreciated by the Comrades. The same system can be adopted at the Washington Encampment.

There have been two meetings of the Council of Administration and two meetings of the Executive Committee of that body, the proceedings of which are attached to this report.

CONCLUSION.

As I come to the conclusion of the year, my dear Commander, please accept, as made in no idle sense, my high appreciation of the honor and confidence you bestowed when you called me to your side as your Assistant Adjutant General. I have not only endeavored to make you feel that your confidence had not been misplaced, but because of the warm place you hold in my breast I have had great pleasure in carrying out your every wish to make your year one that you could well be proud of. As we sever the official relations existing between us, I give you sincere assurance of a wish that the years that are before you, may be those of happy hours filled with the thought of the great love that your Comrades bear for you.

To all the members of the staff and to the members of various Committees that the work assigned them has led to more or less of relationship, I desire to return thanks for the courtesy and help always extended.

And now to you my Comrades of the various Posts of the Department, I come once more and for the last time as the Assistant Adjutant General of the Department, to tell you and those whom you represent, that for your fraternal Comradeship I am more than grateful. For a number of years, I have as your servant at Headquarters endeavored to so conduct the official work which devolved upon me as to meet your approval. I believe that I have succeeded in nearly a unanimous degree. As I stated in a former report, no Comrade is worthy to fill this responsible position that does not sink self in an endeavor to work for the best interests of our order. To hold the position with the only thought that there is a salary attached, and that the work is only routine in character, would soon cause a showing of greater reduction in membership than that brought annually in response to the call by death.

Upon you my Comrades rests a great responsibility, that of "Holding the Fort" and continuing the organization we all have such a pride in. There never can be just such another. Let us stand by the guns of organization and when we see a desire to drop out, let us use all reasonable effort to keep within the ranks, the weary one.

Once more I wish for each one of my Comrades the blessing which I believe should come to every one who has, as you have been, enrolled with the defenders of your Country and its Flag. May your coming days be happy days and as the beautiful rainbow so often follows the blackness of the storm, so may the shadows be dispelled by glorious sunshine in the lives of each of you.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

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

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 FLINT, MICH., JUNE 13, 1902. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, a meeting of the Council of Administration was held in room No. 62 Bryant House at 2:45 p. m. above date.

Present:

James Van Kleeck, Department Commander.
 M. C. Barney, Sen. Vice Department Commander.
 H. A. Backus, Jun. Vice Department Commander.
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.
 H. S. White, Chaplain.
 C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Gen.
 Council of Administration—O. Tomlinson, W. C. Claxton, A. M. Van Wormer.

The Department Commander announced as the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, Comrades O. Tomlinson, Post 269; A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75; Wm. J. Just, Post 211.

Upon motion the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General were fixed at \$1,000 and those of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$3,000.

On motion it was voted that the Department Commander be empowered to respond to calls for visits by weak Posts in the Department, by detailing officers from nearest points at expense of the Department. Adjourned subject to call.

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

Approved:

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 LANSING, MICH., MARCH 8, 1902. }

Pursuant to a call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met at Headquarters at 10 o'clock a. m. above date.

Present:

Executive Committee—O. Tomlinson, W. J. Just.
 Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond.
 Assistant Quartermaster General, Orrin Bump.

The Committee examined the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General, and the Assistant Quartermaster General, and reported them correct as shown by the balance in the hands of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

Upon motion the Assistant Adjutant General was ordered to pay the hotel bills and railroad fares on account of the officers attending this meeting.

A telegram was received from the Department Commander, saying he could not arrive until evening. Answer was sent that the Committee had finished their work and his presence would not be necessary.

The Committee apprised the Department property and affixed the following values:

1 Department banner.....	\$50 00
1 silk flag.....	20 00
1 Union Jack	12 00
1 bunting flag	7 50
1 letter scale	1 50
1 letter press	1 00
1 Department seal	2 00
1 typewriter	60 00
1 numbering machine	12 00
1 frame Dept. Commander, photos.....	8 00
Total	\$174 00

Upon motion the Committee adjourned subject to call.

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

Approved:
 JAMES VAN KLEECK,
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. }
 PONTIAC, MICH., JUNE 10, 1902. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Executive Committee met in room C, Hotel Hodges at 3:30 o'clock p. m., date above mentioned.

Present:

Department Commander, James Van Kleeck.
 Asst. Adjt. Gen., C. V. R. Pond.
 Asst. Q. M. Gen., Orrin Bump.
 Executive Committee—O. Tomlinson, W. J. Just, A. M. Van Wormer.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and vouchers of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, which they reported to be accurate and the balance of funds on hand as stated in the reports of these two officers. Amount of cash in General Fund, \$1,559.32. Amount of Alger Fund, \$967.72. Adjourned.

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

Approved:

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 PONTIAC, MICH., JUNE 10, 1902. }

Pursuant to the call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met in room C, Hotel Hodges, at 4:30 o'clock, above date.

Present:

Department Commander, James Van Kleeck.
 Sen. Vice Department Commander, M. C. Barney.
 Jun. Vice Department Commander, H. A. Backus.
 Department Chaplain, H. S. White.
 Asst. Adjt. Gen., C. V. R. Pond.
 Asst. Q. M. Gen., Orrin Bump.
 Council of Administration—O. Tomlinson, W. C. Claxton, A. M. Van Wormer, Wm. J. Just.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting of the Council and of the two meetings of the Executive Committee.

Upon motion the report of the Executive Committee was approved.

Upon motion of Comrade Pond a vote of thanks was tendered the Assistant Quartermaster General for his payment of interest upon a portion of the General Fund and his work of his office.

Council adjourned subject to call.

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

Approved:

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
Department Commander.

The report was referred to the following Committee: Comrades Henry S. Dean, Post 137; Louis Kanitz, Post 7; O. A. Janes, Post 384.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General.

The Assistant Quartermaster General read his report, which was referred to the following Committee: Comrades George W. Hilton, Post 145; D. B. K. VanRaalter, Post 262; N. Richardson, Post 143. The report was as follows:

Bay City, June 10, 1902.

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 last year.

ORRIN BUMP, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL IN ACCOUNT WITH
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1901.		
June 21st.	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l, being balance turned over by Asst. Q. M. Gen'l Holcomb.....	\$1,288 79
July 1st.	To cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l.....	226 85
July 6th.	" " " " " ".....	503 40
July 17th.	" " " " " ".....	183 70
July 31st.	" " " " " ".....	100 00
Dec. 27th.	" " " " " ".....	261 56
1902.		
Jan. 3rd.	" " " " " ".....	401 10
Jan. 6th.	" " " " " ".....	187 25
Jan. 14th.	" " " " " ".....	330 71
June 10th.	" " " " " ".....	17 65
June 10th.	For interest on general fund.....	30 00
Total.....		\$3,531 01
1901.		
Received vouchers as cash from Asst. Adj. Gen'l:		
July 1st.	To vouchers Nos. 1 to 5, inclusive.....	\$151 80
July 6th.	" " " 6 to 7, ".....	24 36
July 17th.	" " " 8 to 11, ".....	100 69
July 31st.	" " " 12 to 17, ".....	123 33
Aug. 31st.	" " " 18 to 22, ".....	49 70
Nov. 26th.	" " " 23 to 25, ".....	63 26
1902.		
Jan. 3rd.	" " " 27 to 30, ".....	142 82
Jan. 6th.	" " " 31, ".....	13 50
Feb. 25th.	" " " 32 to 38, ".....	174 34
Apr. 23rd.	" " " 39 to 47, ".....	157 28
June 2d.	" " " 48 to 51, ".....	37 07
June 10th.	" " " 52 to 60, ".....	28 14
Total.....		\$1,066 29

Date.	Disbursements as shown by vouchers.	Amount.
1901.		
1. June 20	Supplies from National Headquarters.....	\$43 32
2. June 21	Drayage Hdqtrs. baggage, Flint.....	\$1 00
	Exchange.....	10
	Telegram, 25c, postage \$8 70.....	8 95
	Expenses to Bay City and return, A. A. G.....	3 12
3. June 28	Express, stationery to Dept. officers.....	\$2 27
	Telephone Dept. Com., 40c, postage, \$5 00.....	5 40
		6 67
4. 10, 15, 18½, 29, 32, 34, 43, 45, G, I, N, Q, R, S, T, X, Y, Z, aa, bb, cc, ff.—Salary Asst. Adj. Gen., one year.....		1,100 00

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Date.	Disbursements as shown by vouchers.	Amount.
5. June 28	Robt. Smith Ptg. bill: 1,500 envelopes, Dept. officers..... \$12 20 1,000 " Adjts. of posts..... 2 50 500 " Asst. Adj. Gen..... 1 75 500 letter heads, A. A. G..... 2 50 1,200 " " Dept. officers..... 12 00 550 General Orders 1-2..... 6 10 550 Special Orders 1..... 1 75 800 Receipts..... 3 00	\$41 80
A. July 2	Stenographer, 23d Encampment, Flint.....	50 00
B. July 3	Gold badge to P. D. C., E. M. Allen.....	35 00
6. July 3	Fidelity bond, Asst. Q. M. Gen. O. Bump.....	15 00
7. July 5	Express on badge, 25c; express on prize flag, 45c; P. O. box rent, 50c; postage, \$4.00; expenses to Bay City, call Dept. Com., \$3.66; stamp on bond A. Q. M. G., 50c.....	9 36
8. July 6	Prize flag to Post 42, Lansing.....	36 00
9. July 9	Dampener and sheets for letter press.....	2 00
11. July 11	Telegraph bill, June 17-30..... \$0 90 Telephone rental to Sept. 1st..... 5 00 " State service for June..... 1 45 Postage..... 9 50	16 85
12. July 17	Fidelity bond, Asst. Adj. Gen.....	5 00
C. July 19	Supplies National Headquarters.....	44 95
13. July 23	Ribbon for "Michigan" badges, Nat. Enc.....	14 63
14. July 24	2,000 tags for registration, Nat. Enc.....	1 40
16. July 30	Compiling Journal, 23d Dept. Enc.....	50 00
17. July 30	Postage, \$6.20; telegram Comdr., 27c.....	6 47
D. Aug. 2	Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	182 34
18. Aug. 5	Hooks and screws for registration rack.....	1 20
E. Aug. 9	Deposit for horses, National Encampment.....	35 00
19. Aug. 15	Letter book.....	2 35
20. Aug. 17	Postage, \$9.30; telegraph, 50c; type ribbon, 75c... \$10 55 Telephone, State service, July 1-30..... 1 30 Express badges from Philadelphia..... 1 20 " letter book, 30c; supplies Post 459, 30c... 60 " hooks to Cleveland..... 30	13 95
F. Aug. 21	300 souvenir badges, National Encampment.....	66 00
21. Aug. 31	Picture cut Commander, Journal, Flint, Enc.....	5 00
22. Aug. 31	Postage for office and mailing Journal.....	27 20
H. Sept. 4	Expense of O. Tomlinson, detailed to attend reunions at Hart and Fremont, Aug. 21-29.....	13 50
J. Sept. 9	Carpenter's bill making registration rack at Cleveland Encampment.....	6 50
K. Sept. 13	Headquarters room, 4 days at Cleveland National Encampment..... \$100 00 Board and use of rooms, 6 people, and board of two assistants, 9th-14th Sept., 1901, Dept. Com. Staff and Gov..... 77 25	177 25
L. Sept. 14	Railroad fares Dept. Com. Staff and Executive and assistants to Cleveland Encampment..... \$30 40 Hack hire, baggage, portorage..... 6 10 Aid, by order Dept. Com., sick Comrade..... 2 00	38 50
M. Sept. 9	Bill of decorator for work at Headquarters room, Cleveland Encampment.....	15 00
O. Sept. 30	Bill of Post 384, Band, National Encampment.....	50 00
P. Sept. 30	Bill of Post 17, Band, National Encampment.....	50 00
23. Oct. 1	Postage, \$12.93; P. O. box rent, 50c..... \$13 43 Express, 17c; Drayage, 50c..... 67 Stationery, 35c; black goods drapery, 75c..... 1 10	15 20

Date.	Disbursements as shown by vouchers.	Amount.
24. Nov. 2	Supplies National Headquarters.....	\$19 55
25. Nov. 5	Rent of telephone to January 1st..... \$5 00	
	Postage..... 14 60	19 60
26. Nov. 20	Telephone Bay City, 25c; postage, \$8.66.....	8 91
27. Dec. 13	Supplies National Headquarters.....	13 50
28. Dec. 28	Robt. Smith Ptg. Co. bill: Printing envelopes, letter heads, vouchers, receipts, countersigns, general orders, special order, ribbon badges for Nat. Enc., tags for registration, labels (38 forms), credentials, election returns, placards.....	83 81
30. Dec. 31	Postage, \$12.88; express to Post, 30c.....	13 18
31. Jan. 13	Supplies National Headquarters.....	31 30
33. Jan. 16	Telephone rent to March 31..... \$5 00	
	Postage..... 14 15	19 15
35. Feb. 14	Supplies National Headquarters.....	19 25
W. Feb. 8	Per capita tax, National Headquarters.....	254 15
36. Feb. 18	Cartage on Journals, 25c; error per capita, 82c... \$1 07	
	Postage..... 9 40	10 47
37. Feb. 22	Expense to Pontiac call of Committee.....	2 50
38. Feb. 27	Dept. Inspector's bill, postage, etc.....	11 07
39. Mar. 6	Express on papers from Dept. Inspector..... \$0 30	
	Post 247..... 35	
	Postage..... 2 39	3 04
Mar. 8	Expense Executive Com. auditing books Department Headquarters: O. Bump, \$5.12; O. Tomlinson, \$7.04; W. J. Just, \$3.34.....	15 50
40, 41, 42.	Supplies National Headquarters.....	18 00
44. Mar. 28	Telegram to Comdr., 25c; box rent, 50c..... \$0 75	
46. Apr. 12	Telephone rent to June 30..... 5 00	
	Postage..... 12 25	18 00
May 26	Supplies National Headquarters.....	4 41
47. 48.	Expense Dept. Comdr. to Headquarters.....	7 30
49. June 2	Postage.....	25 36
50. June 2	Expense C. V. R. Pond to Washington to secure Head- quarters for Nat. Enc., by order Dept. Com.....	25 00
dd. June 2	Robt. Smith Ptg. Co. bill: 440 rosters..... \$44 00	
	3,050 General Orders..... 14 65	
	4,800 envelopes..... 18 20	
	300 letter heads..... 1 75	
	1,000 requisitions..... 4 25	
	1,000 Q. M. orders..... 3 00	
	2,000 post receipts..... 5 25	91 10
51. June 7	Expense Chairman Com. to visit Soldiers' Home.....	5 00
52. June 9	Postage, \$1.40; drayage, 25c.....	1 65
53. June 10	Expense Ex. Com., W. J. Just to Pontiac.....	2 95
54. June 10	" " O. Tomlinson to Pontiac.....	6 64
hh. June 10	" " A. M. VanWormer to Pontiac.....	4 85
55. June 10	Dept. Comdr. to Encampment, Pontiac.....	2 43
56. June 10	Asst. to A. A. G.	1 90
57. June 10	Com. on credentials " ".....	1 90
58. June 10	C. V. R. Pond " "..... \$1 90	
	Cartage and freight..... 1 34	3 24
59. June 10	Expense of A. Q. M. G. to Encampment, Pontiac.....	2 43
gg. June 10	Salary A. Q. M. Gen. for year.....	100 00
	Total expenditures.....	\$3,037 98

Disbursements Consolidated.	Amount.
Office expenses Headquarters.....	\$365 11
Supplies, Quartermaster General	194 28
Printing, Robert Smith Printing Co.	221 01
Expenses, 35th National Encampment, Cleveland.....	272 25
Music, 35th National Encampment, Cleveland.....	100 00
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	436 49
Expenses of Executive Committee, Lansing.....	15 50
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General, salary.....	100 00
Jos. K. Davidson, Philadelphia, for badges.....	101 00
Expenses, Executive Committee and Council of Administration, Pontiac.....	26 34
Stenographer for writing proceedings 23d Annual Encampment at Flint.....	50 00
Guarantee, Fidelity Co.	20 00
Prize flag for Post 42, G. A. R.....	36 00
Total.....	\$3,037 98
Balance cash on hand.....	1,559 32
	\$4,597 30
Received from the Assistant Adjutant General on account of Alger fund	\$934 95
Received interest on same.....	32 77
Balance on hand in certificate of deposit in the Second National Bank of Bay City.....	\$967 72

I recommend this fund to be kept in some good bank which will pay three per cent interest, where it will be available at any time.

I also recommend that such an amount of the General Fund after providing for current expenses be deposited to draw interest.

You will notice by report that we have \$270.53 more balance on hand than one year ago and every bill against the Department is paid.

I want to thank Commander Van Kleeck for the honor conferred upon me and also to say that if it were not for the systematic business like methods of Assistant Adjutant General Pond, and his able assistant, Comrade Wyckoff, the duties of the Assistant Quartermaster General would be much more arduous.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. BUMP,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

The report of the Medical Director was read, and referred to the following Committee: Comrades O. Palmer, Post 240; G. H. Sherman, Post 408; C. D. Blanchard, Post 300.

The report was as follows:

Mason, June 7, 1902.

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 year ending December 31, 1901:

No. of reports received from Post Surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	228
No. of deaths during year.....	278
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service	16
No. who presumably died of disease contracted in the service	128
No. who presumably died from other causes.....	134
No. of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge	88
The reasonable money value of such service....	\$389 00
No. of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines	42
The reasonable money value of such service....	538 28
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, Posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or Comrades.....	221 00
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies	\$1,148 28
No. of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions	24
<p>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, Grand Rapids.</p>	
No. in quarters in men's building, Dec. 31, 1901..	674
No. in hospital, men's building.....	140
No. on leave.....	158
Total male members.....	972

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No. in quarters in woman's building.....	52	
No. in hospital, woman's building.....	24	
No. on leave.....	19	
		95
Total membership in woman's building.....		95
		1,067
Total membership		1,067
Deaths of men during the year.....	77	
Deaths of women during the year.....	9	
		86
Total number of deaths.....		86

The Home is supported by the State.
 The appropriation for the year ending Dec. 31, 1901 was \$124,000.00.

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

Department Chaplain Henry S. White read his report, which was as follows:

Office of Department Chaplain,
 Romeo, Mich., June 10, 1902.

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

Comrades—I have the honor to submit the following report as Department Chaplain for the year 1901:

Number of Posts in this Department.....	454
Number of Posts reporting Memorial services.....	298

MEMORIAL SABBATH SERVICES.

Number of Posts attending Sabbath services.....	580
Number of sermons preached to veterans.....	288
Number of Comrades present.....	7,800

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Number of Posts observing Memorial Day services.....	298
Number of Comrades participating.....	12,288
Number of cemeteries in which graves are decorated.....	1,407
Number of graves decorated.....	24,319
Number of graves unmarked by headstones.....	3,142
Number of public schools engaging on Memorial Day....	944
Number of pupils participating.....	15,422
Number of other organizations participating.....	441
Number of addresses delivered to Posts on Memorial Day, 1901	299
Number of addresses by veterans.....	64
Number of addresses by Sons of Veterans.....	28

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Last year in complying with the order of the Chaplain-in-Chief, as published in the blank furnished me on which to report, is the following question: "How would you improve upon and make more impressive the exercises of Memorial Day and better enlist the sympathy and participation of the public?"

At that time I called the attention of the Encampment to the importance of the public schools as an essential factor in the work of nationalizing the vast element that has come to the ballot and to motherhood since the close of the Civil War. In meeting the requirements of this demand the Chaplain must compile the reports, survey the situation, sum up the result in suggestions that may increase and conserve the ends contemplated in the organization of the G. A. R.

Before us there seems to be a *danger* in the way of increasing the interest in Memorial Day services—also a fair *promise* of perpetual and increasing educational benefit to the American people.

The danger is in increasing the annual attractions so as to turn popular attention from the original memorial character of this custom as a tribute to the American soldier. I allude to the multiplication of Memorial Days by the several orders and the multiplied observance of birthdays of eminent men. Washington's birthday, Lincoln's, McKinley's, birthdays of poets commemorated in the schools. Labor Day, tree planting, etc., with the tendency to make, in spite of all protests, the 30th of May a day of popular sport and hilarity. I hold in my hand an order from Commander-in-Chief Torrence asking that June 14 be set apart and observed as Flag Day. A good thing—all these special commemorations are good in themselves, but what will be the effect on the special work of the G. A. R. when the old Comrades are no longer here to keep this noble custom alive by their personal effort.

On the other hand there is a fair promise that a vigorous and potent seed is taking root that will conserve and perpetuate a true Memorial Day. It is a great thing to get a nation to observe a custom. This custom is now established. It takes hold of the imagination of the young. We have a good hold on the public schools. We have got the American pulpit preempted for the previous Sunday. The W. R. C. can recruit itself with

new timber and if it had no other work could well concentrate its influence and power to give dignity and vitality to perpetuate a true Memorial Day.

As an aid I would recommend that every Post, while they can, prepare a roster of all soldiers living or dead that went from or since have made a home in said place and that the roll of the dead be called in the cemetery before the flowers are laid upon the graves. On this list of names mark the dead or deceased and as the living, one by one, depart, then mark the name and call it with others the following Memorial Day. By incorporating this custom now we prepare the way for its perpetual observance. The custom of calling annually the individual name of every soldier that has answered the final roll call would help keep alive the memory of men who deserve to live in the homage of mankind.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

H. S. WHITE,
Chaplain.

The report was referred to the following Committee: Comrades Samuel J. Lawrence, Post 270; A. Dunham, Post 48; Walter Kimball, Post 14.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report of the Judge Advocate, which was as follows:

Monroe, Mich., May 29, 1902.

Department Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade—I have the honor to submit my annual report for the year ending June, 1902, as follows:

Letter from M. J. Borland, Aide to Department Commander, dated November 8, 1902, inquiring as to regularity of a meeting held under following conditions: Commander of Post No. 67 at a regular meeting of that Post on October 1st, declared the Post closed for two weeks. A few got together in one week, without any notice of change; the Commander opened a regular meeting against the protest of several members present.

Opinion: Post meetings are fixed by resolution of the Post and can only be changed by resolution. A meeting

might be called to transact certain business, but the members of the Post should receive notice and the notice should state the kind of business that was proposed to be transacted at the special meeting. This not having been done, and the meeting not being held upon a day fixed by special resolution, and also under protest, it was irregular, and any business transacted would be void.

William M. Beekman, of Charlotte, Michigan, in a letter dated January 15, 1902, desired to know if a motion, made at a regular meeting of the Post in July last, instructing the Quartermaster to pay a certain amount of money for a certain legitimate purpose, and carried by a majority vote, and so recorded by the Adjutant, could be reconsidered at a Post meeting in December, the Post by-laws stating opposite.

Opinion: The Post by-laws govern; they may be amended by giving proper notice, but unless changed in the regular way, the motion referred to as having been made, passed and recorded in July last, cannot be reconsidered at a meeting in December.

Charles F. Sanscranite of No. 579 Junction Avenue, Detroit, Mich., inquired as to necessity for payment of dues when application is made for transfer card.

Opinion: Rules of Fairbank's Post require the payment of dues for one year upon application for transfer card.

Mr. W. H. Thurber, Adjutant of Post No. 2, Quincy, Michigan, asks information regarding case of Mr. Herrick who applied for an honorable discharge from that Post, and stating that Mr. Herrick had grossly violated the laws of the State and land by leaving his lawful wife and living with another woman. Charges against him for such conduct were pending.

Opinion: Cited Article 6, Section 1, Subdivision 3 of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army, and held that honorable discharge could not be granted until exonerated from said charges.

Respectfully submitted,

BURTON PARKER,

Judge Advocate.

The report was referred to the following Committee: Comrades M. A. Merrifield, Post 88; W. J. Just, Post 211; N. A. Reynolds, Post 109.

The report of the Department Inspector was read, and referred to the following Committee: Comrades O. Tomlinson, Post 269; J. C. Christensen, Post 29; S. H. Aldrich, Post 29.

Saginaw, Mich., February 26, 1902.

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

Comrade—I have the honor to present the following summary of the consolidated report of the inspection of the Posts of the Department for Michigan for the year ending June 30, 1902:

Total number of Posts.....	369
Total number of members in good standing.....	14,608
Number of Posts inspected.....	362
Number of Posts not inspected.....	7
Attendance of officers and members at Post meetings Fair to Good.	
Number of Posts in which the Ritual is properly ex- emplified	327
Number of Posts where officers and guards are properly uniformed and equipped	65
Number of Posts where members are fully uniformed.	27
Number of Posts whose records are complete and well kept	347
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax have been forwarded	361
Number of Posts having a relief fund.....	61
Aggregate of Post relief funds.....	\$1,850 35
Aggregate expenditure by Posts for relief.....	1,745 86
Aggregate of funds in hands of Post Quartermasters..	15,255 56
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	73,459 31
Number of Posts with Woman's Relief Corps attached	231
Number of Posts with Ladies of G. A. R.....	14
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached....	30

The present system of inspection is of no practical benefit to the Department as much of the information obtained is reported to the Assistant Adjutant General in the semi-monthly reports, and in many cases the reports by the inspectors are inaccurate, and in my opinion that part of the law should be repealed. The condition of the Posts and the Comrades are today far dif-

ferent than they were thirty years ago, when we were all much younger, more enthusiastic and had more military spirit. In many of the Posts, meetings are held monthly with barely a quorum present, and in some Posts they only meet to elect officers and attend Memorial Day services. Many comrades are losing interest as they grow older and weaker and I find a sentiment among those who are not blessed with a goodly portion of this world's goods that they get no benefit from the G. A. R. This feeling has been growing very fast in the last few years and the action of the Pension Commissioner and the Pension Office has been such as to nourish it very much. As age increases and we become crippled with disease and sickness the home influence becomes stronger and we have less desire to leave it and tell stories as we did at one time with the "boys." Under these conditions I would recommend that our delegates to the National Department be instructed to use their best endeavors to get the law for inspection of Posts repealed. I do this for the purpose of relieving the Comrades of all duties of a military or a semi-military character in the Posts that are not actually necessary.

Let us get together as Comrades fulfilling the social and fraternal feature of the organization to the best of our ability. Let us keep in touch, relieve them of all unnecessary duties, assist when we are able and as we travel along the path to that Great Camping Ground across the Great River, it may be said of us that we did our duty as we saw it. Now Commander, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me with this appointment. I have tried to do my duty as I saw it but if I have failed in any respect I hope you will kindly overlook it and say it was a matter of judgment and not intentional, and now as I surrender this, my official station, I shall ever remember with pleasure the many kindnesses that have been shown me during my term as staff officer.

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

E. F. GUILD,
Department Inspector.

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The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was read, and was as follows:

Muskegon, Mich., June 10, 1902.

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

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

In the report of my predecessor it will be seen that Post No. 458 at Mio, Oscoda County, has been granted a Charter and the mustering officer detailed, but that no report of muster had been received at Headquarters. On the 12th of July, 1901, I received a report from the mustering officer, stating that on the 1st of July, 1901, he mustered and organized A. T. Smith Post No. 458 at Mio, Oscoda County, Michigan, with nine Charter members. Marcus Wood, Commander.

On the 21st of August, 1901, in obedience to Special Orders No. 2, John A. Case of Post 214 at Millington, proceeded to Otter Lake, Lapeer County, and mustered and organized Robert Bell Post No. 459 with thirteen Charter members. Willard Clemons, Commander.

The days of additions to our Department of new Posts have gone into the history of the past. We cannot expect to muster many, if any more new Posts, but we can gather up now and then a veteran and muster him into our Posts already organized, but that is all.

With thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred in naming me the Chief Mustering Officer, I am in

F., C. and L.,

J. G. ALLPORT,
Chief Mustering Officer.

The report was referred to the following Committee: Comrades E. Ruthruff, Post 19; A. B. Weston, Post 384; B. F. McManus, Post 362.

The Encampment, on motion, took a recess until 2 P. M., standard time.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment reconvened at the hour to which a recess was taken, with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Department Commander—Comrades, the hour has arrived when we can commence our business. I am in receipt of this telegram:

Detroit, Mich., June 11.

Department Commander Van Kleeck, G. A. R., Pontiac:

Please give my best regards to the Comrades assembled. With very great regrets that I cannot be with them.

R. A. ALGER.

Comrades, at this time it becomes my pleasant duty to introduce to you one whom you well know. I think there are few men in this Encampment but what know or have known General Black, of Illinois. General Black.

Comrade Black—Department Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan: I appear before you with very mingled feelings. I am here by the special request of the Commander-in-Chief, earnestly reiterated in writing and in person that I should represent him upon this occasion. For that honor I am greatly pleased, but at the same time I am a substitute, and that don't satisfy me so well. I think that it is right to you and to the Commander-in-Chief to state that no ordinary circumstance would have detained him. I know how far he has been traveling, how earnestly he has been exercising the functions and duties of his great office this year. I know that from south to north he has been incessant in the performance of his duties, and that Encampments very far in the west and in the east have seen him; and that the only reason which restrains him from your presence today is one which relates not alone to the present but also to the past, for the President did him the great honor and courtesy to appoint him a member of the Board of Visitors at the

military academy at West Point—that school where some of our great men learned the art of war; that school where our boys are being trained today to be worthy successors of their great forebears; that school which is to become, if it is not now, the foremost educational institution of the globe where art, and arms, and languages are taught to our boys; that school which has had up to Thursday a hundred years of successful existence; which received the affectionate consideration of Washington, and has had the earnest support of every President since that time and of every Congress. So when a choice came between the attendance here and the attendance upon our boys, the Commander-in-Chief for once varied from the ordinary plan, and chose, perhaps the greater duty, and I know that you will excuse him, and wish him well where he stands today among the lads of the nation, on the shores of the Hudson, seeing and forming the acquaintance of those who yet will be the captains of our country.

But there is a personal aspect in my coming here today. The Department of Illinois had highly honored me by making me Commander of the Grand Army, thus setting the sign of her affectionate regard upon my career; and from that old Department, the mother Department of the Grand Army, I come and bring a Comrade's greeting to every man before me. In one sense, Comrades, the war in which we served wiped out all lines of State, and even the broad flowing Michigan, that spreads its many waves between you and Illinois, only unites and does not disserve us; and while you are Michigan men and I am an Illinois man, we are all of us, first and foremost, Americans of the great country. Take out the load of woe, of sacrifice, take out the seas of flood, take out the uncounted sorrows of men and of women, that mighty enduring fact remains, that on the American continent the first and overshadowing character is the American. But thank God, it is established; and today, around the globe, wherever the Comrade of the Grand Army goes, the presentation of his credentials is sufficient—of his badge, of his button, is sufficient—to make the people of the world pay honor to the survivor of the mightiest host of Liberty.

These prosperous years that have intervened since we stacked arms on the field of victory have done much,

even with every one of you, to obliterate the fierceness of the impressions of our struggle. I doubt if there is a man here, even those with empty sleeves or empty trousers, or his wounds hidden beneath his coat, that can recall the intense feeling that controlled him during the time that he bore arms for the Republic. Perhaps that is right. Perhaps the Maker of us all has so fitted us that as the years drop their veils between us and the past, we shall lose sight of the bitterness, and we shall look only where above the veils, peaks of history stand, and will stand revealed, forever. Perhaps it is well that the human heart shall no longer count its pulse beats and feelings of resentment, but instead a broad spirit of citizenship, a broad Christianity, which welcomes you into a newer and higher life. For that, my Comrades, is what we fought for. We fought that within the confines of the Republic there should no divided allegiance; that every man should be the fellow citizen of every other man. And we have won that contest. Harder, far, than storming Missionary Ridge, harder far, than passing through the Wilderness, harder, far, than all that happened at Fredericksburg, we have won the great eternal American fight—indeed, we have conquered the judgment and won the respect and returning love of the very men that bore arms against us. No other soldier of any other land has ever done that. The old wars of England divided families for centuries; the wars in Germany have not yet healed their gashes; but the American war, our war, sees the same generations that fought, fraternizing with each other in all that relates to the greatness and the glory of the Republic.

I was a visitor for the first time in my life this year at a Confederate reunion. I was sent down by the State of Illinois as chairman of her commission upon Vicksburg matters. I may tell you more about that later; but after we had finished our duties there, we traveled across the State of Louisiana and went on to Dallas, Texas. And now let me frame that situation so that you may fully comprehend what I am trying to illustrate. For a long year the Confederate survivors had been preparing for that reunion. They had occupied their press, they had occupied their public subscription, besides their churches, and everything else they could

command or control or induce, and at last they assembled in that far away region, the greatest reunion in their history. They had there every man that could be induced to come, by payment of expenses or by appeals to their old associations; and the result was, a town full of people. The day of the great parade came. I was upon the stand from whence I could view it all. They marched for nearly an hour, tramping by, some in the old grey uniforms that they saved up as heirlooms, and some in the newer uniforms of the Confederate Camp. Their long lines were interspersed with women and disabled men in carriages, and with younger men, of whom I shall speak presently. Yet, my Comrades, when that host went by, summoned as it had been from the Potomac and from the Tennessee, from Georgia and Texas and Louisiana, their long grey hairs streaming in the wind as they cheered in Comrade affection for the men in their ranks, it took but twenty-five minutes in passing. The armies to which they belonged were gone. And right in the midst of them, part of their procession, marched their sons, just home from Santiago and the Philippines, wearing the uniform of the United States, carrying the arms and the flag of the Union. I was glad that my eyes had seen a sight like that, the father heart, the yearning above the Absalom of the Union. It was a sight worth having gone a long, long way to see. It was a sight that was not possible anywhere else but in America, and it was a sight not possible before in all our history. It demonstrates what I have told you, that the American soldier conquered the heart of his adversary.

More than that, I found down there that they were supplying themselves with the daily products of their own raising; that they were shipping the stuff to us, and we manufactured it and sent it back to them for use. I found that the great system of railroads which has been built up where our armies tracked the wilderness were loaded with the products and population of the whole nation. I found by turning to the census returns of 1900 that more than a million of the white men who have been born in the South are dwellers among us here in the North and that more than 900,000 of our boys and girls are dwelling among them at the South, so that this great intermingling of kindred blood holds the

whole nation in indissoluble bonds. This was the consummation for which we strove. It was the highest, the purest, and noblest motive which influenced all and each of you when you stepped to the sound of the drum from the old town into the ranks of the army. It was for this that 12,000 Michigan men died during the great war. It was for this that Michigan has written her name on all the heights of glory from where Kenesaw lifts its rugged front to where Gettysburg towers into the eternal sky of fame. It was for this she contributed her Sheridan, and her golden haired Custer, and all the noble men your—your Richardson included. It was for this that the Michigan boys, unnamed except upon the muster roll, went, saber or gun in hand, to do, and if need be, to die, that the Republic might live.

Comrades, that war in which you fought was the greatest, the purest, the noblest, the most exalted war that mankind has ever waged. It was that. Take the tramp of Napoleon's legions from the pyramids to Moscow, and they did not cover such an area as was conquered by the untitled sons of the Republic. And when at last Napoleon drew home his forces, he drew them home in defeat and disaster, and left long lines of graves, the monuments of ambition in his track. But the American soldier, when he was through with his great war, left no monument of hate, forgot the crimes that had been committed against his Comrade, as far as humanity can forget, and pointed only to the mighty result of a re-established nation and a victorious life. During the progress of that war, my Comrades, there was scarce an hour in the day that did not mark somewhere or other the sound of marching and fighting of mighty men. Twenty-five hundred and more battles and recorded skirmishes—more than two a day for the entire time of the struggle—have left their records upon the pages of history. Seven hundred thousand dead on both sides of American soldiery, bind us. And such treasure, such sea fighting, such land battles, are without parallel. When did it happen before that a scattered navy, with perhaps a dozen ships, some of them in the Pacific, some in the Mediterranean, some in the Atlantic, were magnified and were made by the sacrifices and purposes of a people, a people only twenty-five million strong then, into a hundred fighting ships, that girdled all the shores

of rebellion, that sought, and penetrated and cleared the course of the mighty river, that carried the flag wherever the stars and bars raised above the blue sea, and halted not until it was hauled down in disaster and defeat? Where was there ever a fight such as this, where these untitled men moved firmly in, and staid until eleven States returned to their allegiance, and the mightiest rebellion of modern times closed in an era of magnanimity?

So it seems to me as I review this situation, the mere outlines of which I hint to you—for I confess, my Comrades, that I am not in condition today to speak to you as my heart moves—but when I review this mighty achievement, when I recollect what became of those men, when I recollect how the Frenchman had landed upon the American coast and the Englishman had threatened the Canadian border, and when I recollect how this mighty mass of men, without a single foeman left in arms, had all the opportunity and all the incentive for vengeance—when they might have waged a war that would have carried the flag to the poles on the one side and the isthmus on the other, and the world would have said it was just national politics—and when I reflect upon those men, when the rebellion had ceased, and all this vast machinery had toppled into ruin, laying aside their arms, furling their flags, and taking their way back to their homes to resume the quiet avocations of life, I confess that my heart bows with sincerest reverence to the memory of the American soldier. Not his captain, not his general, but his very self. And, Comrades, when the time shall come that the last greatest fitting American monument shall be reared, it will be by the statue of liberty upon the Atlantic, or perchance at the Golden Gate upon the Pacific, and it will be the moulded figure of the man of '61-'65, his musket at his breast, at parade rest, looking over a continent that he has secured to liberty, and freedom, and education.

Did you ever see a cloud come up on a summer's day, like a fleece, gathering strength as it moves and the winds toss it, at last turn to the tempest that is full of thunder and ruin? That is the American flag. When men do their duty by it, all its stars are benignant, all its stripes the rays of peace; but when men sin against it, it has the thunder and the threatening of war, and

men must fall before it. I don't want you that are growing old here (if you are, I guess you are young now, as you think about those old days) I don't want you who are getting old here in Michigan to let any notion from our scholastics or extremists or mere theorists in government, influence you that the American can ever afford to take his stand against the flag. I don't care where it waves, I don't care where or in what part of the world it is borne, the American must stand by his flag. Some of us don't know all the ins and outs of the varying influences that operate upon the minds of others, but when you are talking to your boys or to your neighbors, I want you to say to them, "Do you see where the flag is? Stand by it now, and forever." That flag has accomplished in 125 years the greatest progress that the world has ever known—a progress that is not only in itself organic and mechanical, a progress that had taken the surplus of English manufacturers and merchants for the English colonies and changed them into a balance the other way; that flag which had taken the scattered colonies and led them under its folds until it secured liberty to the great free Republic; that flag which has floated over our hosts in war after war, every one of which has resulted in the advancement of human kind, every one of which has made our institutions and government firmer; every one of which, from that war which wrested the shackles from a race in bondage, has carried us forward until the present time and which has resulted in the advancement of humanity, in the expansion of education, in the extension of the influences of true religion, and which yet my countrymen, if we are true to it, will stand as the uplifted blessing of universal brotherhood around all the globe. There is only one flag by which all Americans may stand, and that is the flag of the free.

The others who come after us, and this assembly and all other gatherings like it of delegates from our American soldiery, owe it to themselves and their country that their acts in life shall be above suspicion and full of honor. I love to see the old man that once carried the rifle, and whose stalwart form still shows the uprightness of the soldier when the drum stirs him—I love to see that old man pass and repass in the streets in the stately figure of the American patriot soldier. He can't

do it if he takes too much. Just let that alone. Now, Commander, I am not talking about a temperance society; I am talking about a sufficiency.

In listening to your Chaplain's report this morning—now I am representing the Commander-in-Chief and not the visiting Illinoisan. As Commander-in-Chief I will say that which an Illinoisan has no right to say. I noticed by his report that of 454 Posts in this State only 298 had reported that they had attended memorial exercises. What were the other 156 Posts of Michigan doing? I guess you had better hunt them up, and start them out, and if there is only nine, or seven, let them go on, and wherever a soldier's grave is to be decorated, let them hunt that up, and drop flowers on that loyal monument. The great, brave boys that rode beside you and beside your Comrade, the grave of every survivor of the Grand Army and also of the Grand Army of the Republic within our borders, let us hunt it out, and let us see that Memorial Day is a little better observed that it was this year, even in glorious Michigan. Let us see to it, my Comrades, that no future Chaplain will ever be obliged to blister the pages of his report with such a story as that one. But I am inclined to think that the fault was in the report and not in the attendance—I am sure that must be the case.

And now as Commander-in-Chief I congratulate you upon the splendid attendance here, and your appearance today—the appearance of integrity and of high personality of the body of the Encampment all bears the mark of high citizenship. I am glad that it is so. Let us teach the young that the highest duty they can do in a soldierly way in this world is to rise and salute the veteran as he passes, whether it is on the street or in the home. Wherever the Union soldier that followed Sherman, and Meade, and McClellan, and Grant passes, there the uplifted hand of the young man should say "He helped save my country to me, and I will honor him."

I am to speak to you at the camp-fire this evening about some matters that will be of a like character perhaps. I want to thank you for the attention you have given me. I wish to thank you for this splendid for-

giveness that by your cheers you have extended to the Commander-in-Chief in his absence. I hope that each succeeding Encampment of the State of Michigan will be a larger and brighter one even than this, as the years go by.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I am informed that there is a Committee of the Woman's Relief Corps in attendance. I will appoint the following Committee as an escort: Comrades E. M. Allen, George H. Hopkins, Burton Parker. Gentlemen of the Committee, you will at once proceed to the outer door, and admit those ladies.

The regular order of business was suspended, and the Committee of ladies from the Woman's Relief Corps was escorted to the stage, and received in due form.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Udell, Past Department President.

Mrs. Udell—Mr. Commander, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic: This indeed is a bright spot in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is a place where nature breathes into full blossom the garb of her beauty; and in its promise and loveliness it speaks to you the loving kindness of all humanity. And this special occasion that has brought us together for the meeting of old friends and acquaintances for this shaking the hands of dear old Comrades, those who marched so bravely to the front and faced the enemy's bullets, is surely of great satisfaction to you, with your loveliness in character, and your bravery in battle, and loyalty in peace. These annual gatherings are of great value to you. They bring you both joy and sorrow; and on this 24th birthday it writes another page in your history to be handed down to generations to come. Mr. Commander, there is a delightful duty placed upon me at this time. Our beloved President of the Woman's Relief Corps has commissioned me to bring to you her greetings:

OFFICE OF }
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT. }

In annual convention of the Department of Michigan,
Woman's Relief Corps.

Pontiac, Mich., June 10, 1902.

Department Commander Comrade James VanKleeck,
and Comrades of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encamp-
ment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of
the Republic:

It is a pleasant duty in accordance with the custom
of our Order, to transmit to you through the hands of
the Committee I have appointed to represent the Wo-
man's Relief Corps of Michigan, a condensed summary
of the present condition, and of the past year's work in
this Department, of our Association.

Number of Corps in the Department.....	241
Number of members.....	8,316
Soldiers and members of their families assisted	1,080
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$1,648 71
Estimated value of relief other than money.....	3,407 71
Cash turned over to Posts by Corps.....	1,548 59
Cash for relief from Department fund.....	50 00
	\$6,655 01

Our usual contributions have been sent to various funds, in-
cluding Andersonville Prison fund.

We received from the last administration.....	\$924 79
We pass to our successor.....	\$1,064 69

It is gratifying to note that the prosperous times
which have rested upon our State, have made the calls
for relief much less than in some of the years that are
passed. We would not have you gather from this ex-
pression, that we hail with joy a release from the work
which as your recognized Auxiliary of Loyal Women it
is our pleasure to perform, but rather, that when our
dear Comrades are free from the necessity for relief, our
hearts are glad for their sakes.

Comrades, the 8,000 and more of women who make up
the Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of Michi-
gan, are full of a desire to prove at all times their loyalty

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to the men who so fought in their country's cause, as to leave a heritage to the millions who shall enjoy the blessings of our country that has no equal on other shores. The flag which you have saved to us and our posterity, in all its beauty of glorious unity, means to us a daily lesson of inspiration to continue to the last as your helpers in all that our association can be.

To you Commander and to those who with you are in annual session for the great and glorious Grand Army of the Republic, as an executive body of workers for good, I desire to thank you for myself and the women of the organization I have the honor to preside over, for the uniform aid and courtesy you have always extended to us in our work. We shall continue to be at your command.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

JENNIE L. POND,
Department President.

The Department Commander—There are none of us but what must be pleased with this report and the remarks made by the Past Department President. We have present with us another Past Department President, and I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Mrs. Halstead.

Mrs. Halstead—Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army: Among you is one who knows I never make a speech, but I am delighted to stand before you and look into your faces. I did have a little speech ready, but after listening to the grand speech by Comrade Black I have forgotten all I had to say; but we have another sister here of the Committee—the Commander of the Commander—who is ready to make a speech.

The Department Commander—I am relieved from a duty by the last remark, of making you acquainted with the next speaker; and I assure you, while the last Past Department President said she could not talk, you learned in a few minutes that she could. I now assure you, you have one before you who can talk.

Mrs. Vankleek—I never make a speech in public. I am glad to greet you.

The Department Commander—If she don't make speeches in public, she does in private. Now, Comrades,

I have the pleasure of directing the Assistant Adjutant General to present those sisters with the badge of this Department.

Each of the ladies having been presented with the Department badge, they were escorted from the hall.

The Department Commander—I am also advised that there is in waiting a Committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. I will appoint as a Committee of escort Comrades Barney, Just and Van Wormer.

The Committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. were then received in due form, and escorted to the stage.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it is my pleasure to introduce to you another of our friends, Mrs. Wood.

Mrs. Wood—I am happy to meet you this afternoon, and to greet you, on behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I come to you from our Department, which is composed of Grand Army women, and bear to you their greetings and good wishes. I am glad that I can be with you, and look at so many old soldiers.

The Department Commander—I will introduce to you Mrs. Starkey.

Mrs. Starkey—Comrades, I am not in the habit of speech-making; I am extremely modest. I leave that to my husband. I am very glad to see you here today, and to meet you.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I introduce to you Mrs. Secafore, who will also have a kind word for us.

Mrs. Secafore—Commander, Brethren, Comrades:—I never knew a woman but what could talk if she wanted to. You are all Comrades. I am the wife of a Comrade who has gone to the Great Commander, and I have a great interest in the old soldiers. I love them as a class of men more than any other men, because I remember when I was young, my young husband went to the war, and left me with a little son, only a few months old, and ever since have I had a great interest in the old soldier. I am delighted this afternoon to see so many here. I thought you were all out on the street. I said to the ladies it was hardly worth while going down to the Opera House, because the soldiers were all out on the street. I am so glad I was disappointed, because so many are here. You are looking so hearty and well, it

is a great delight, and you ought to live long. You ought to live years and years yet to bless the country and to enjoy the freedom that has been given to you, and for which you fought. It is a wonderful thing to have done the work you have done. I said to our little corps the other evening that every soldier ought to be a clean wholesome citizen and man. I was terribly shocked in coming into the city last evening to see on a saloon a strip of bunting, and on that bunting a welcome to the soldiers. I do hope there is not a soldier present that will make use of that privilege. I am a woman of the Grand Army. We are just as much interested in the soldiers as the W. R. C. They have done a wonderful work. Even in this year they raised money to help you and help those who could not help themselves; and we are trying to do the very same work, and we are just as much interested in that work as any woman can be—made up of the wives and mothers and daughters of soldiers. I am so glad that I have this privilege of greeting you this afternoon. We must all live just such lives, and be such men and women as will bring us all into immortality.

The Department Commander—In behalf of the Department, I want to return thanks to these ladies. In behalf of the Department I want to say that none of us will notice that piece of bunting.

The ladies of the Committee having been presented with the Department badge, were escorted from the hall, when the regular order of business was resumed.

The Assistant Adjutant General—I desire to have Comrade Black take back to Illinois a better idea of the observance of Memorial Day than he got from the Chaplain's report. While the Chaplain's report was made in accordance with the reports made to him, I want to say to him, Tell your Comrades, sir, in Illinois that not a grave where lies the remains of a soldier in the State of Michigan was passed by on the 30th of May, last, without decoration. The Posts of this State, in some instances are very, very small, they are down in numbers to five members, three have seven, two have nine, twenty have about eleven; and so on. And some of these Posts have joined hands with their Comrades of other Posts in some special observance at a locality other than their own,

but every one of them went and laid at the mound of each of their Comrades something beautiful—a flower upon the grave of their Comrades. Yet they did not report to the Chaplain as individual Posts.

Comrade Black—I want to assure you, Comrade Pond, that I was not going to detail that story in Illinois. I was talking to the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Department of Michigan, whose Chaplain officially in my presence had made the statement that I made. Now then, boys, if you have got any quarrel, it is with Brother White, not Brother Black. He is long enough, and big enough, and good enough to fight it through to a finish.

Chaplain White—I hope that whoever is elected Department Chaplain from this Encampment will not suffer the chagrin that annoyed me in trying to get reports. I suppose that there is truth in what Comrade Pond has said, that these men did their work, but they did not report, and I could not report what they did not report to me. I hope the Department Chaplain next year will receive a report from every Post and every section of the Department.

The Committee on Soldiers' Home, through Comrade Allen, Post 132, made its report, which was adopted. The report was as follows:

Col. C. V. R. Pond, Asst. Adjt. Genl., Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Comrade—The Committee appointed to visit the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids, respectfully report that they performed that pleasant duty, Thursday, April 24th, passing the entire day in visiting every department of the various buildings and in conversing with the Comrades, in their quarters, in the hospital and about the grounds. It affords us pleasure to state that every part of the several buildings from basement to dormitories, is kept scrupulously clean and tidy and that every possible effort is put forth to insure the comfort and convenience of the inmates. The grounds, as every Comrade knows, who has visited them, are kept in the most attractive condition. The wide lawns sweeping away from the front of the building to the river, in the distance, are well kept and rendered most attrac-

tive to both inmates and visitors. The large wood lot adjoining the grounds affords ample shade and recreation to those who are able to roam about at their pleasure. Your Committee gave special attention to the hospital, which is usually well filled with those whose physical condition demands continuous care. The surgeon in charge, so far as we could discern, and his assistants, are humane in their efforts and manifest the utmost consideration for those who are rapidly approaching the last muster. Many of the assistants are Comrades who yet have the strength to render assistance to those more unfortunate than themselves. The death rate is large, but not greater than should be expected when we remember that those who fought the battles of the Civil War are now in the decline of life and many of them weakened by the hardships endured in the field, on the march and in the carnage of battle. We cannot conceive that any man, much less a Comrade, could find it in his heart to fail in rendering to these unfortunates every assistance within his power to bestow and we are glad to say that the closest scrutiny failed to disclose any just occasion for complaint. To the kitchen, to the character of the food furnished and the service in the dining-room, we also gave very careful attention, and we have no hesitation in saying that any soldier who would complain at the quality or quantity of the food furnished would lack appreciation of the liberality manifested by the State. There are those who complain, of course, and so there will be, were a printed bill of fare furnished showing every delicacy of the season. The food is substantial and well cooked, the milk sweet and pure and everything about that department denotes the utmost cleanliness and sustained the most rigid inspection. The quarters occupied by the men are modestly furnished, neatly kept and as a rule well ventilated and very few complaints were heard from those who occupy them. In some of the larger rooms, occupied by a large number, all are not of the same disposition, nor are all satisfied with the same condition of atmosphere and of necessity some complaints were heard, but on the whole there was general satisfaction and a great majority admit that the State provides for them comforts and privileges, which satisfy every reasonable demand. The Woman's Building, which has been recently enlarged by

the addition of a story, is a model of convenience and a deserving home for the loyal women, who did their full share in the hour of their country's peril. The building has been furnished largely by the Relief Corps throughout the State. The widow of Past Commander Rutherford presides over this building and we do only justice, when we mention the uniform kindness and courtesy she manifests towards those who are under her supervision. We would fail in our duty were we to close this report without commending the efficiency, earnestness and patriotic devotion of the Commander, Col. Geo. E. Judd. Thorough business methods prevail throughout the institution. He is ably assisted in all the detail work by the Adjutant, Major E. B. Taylor, whose records are admirably kept and show at a glance the exact condition of every department. Your Committee confess an honest pride that the great State of Michigan, which heroically performed her whole duty in the Civil War, has been so mindful and considerate of the men, who offered the comfort of home, health and even life itself, in camp and field, to maintain the honor of our flag. They gave the best years of their young manhood to their country and Michigan today, as far as possible returns in tender care her appreciation of their patriotic service. We append hereto a statement from the Adjutant's office showing the condition of the Home as rendered to the General Government.

Very sincerely yours in F., C. and L.,

E. M. ALLEN,
R. L. WARREN,
"REN" BARKER.

STATISTICS OF WOMAN'S BUILDING, MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

1901.	
Jan. 1.	In Woman's building..... 50
	In hospital 14
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	Total present 64
	On leave 12
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	Total membership 76

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1901.	
Dec. 31.	
In Woman's building (1st and 2d floor).....	52
On hospital floor.....	24
	76
Total present	76
On leave	19
	95
Total membership	95
Admitted during year.....	31
Re-admitted	10
	41
Total	41
Discharged during year.....	13
Died	9
	22
Total	22
Whole number admitted since opening of building, Jan. 8, 1894	
	203
Whole number of deaths, same period.....	36
Number of members whose husbands are members of this Home	43
Number with husbands living who are not in this Home..	12
Numer of widows	36
Number of soldiers' mothers, (all widows).....	4

STATISTICS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME, MEN'S BUILDING, YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1901.

1901.	
Jan. 1.	
Present in main building and dormitory.....	631
In hospital	127
	758
Total present	758
On leave	149
	907
Total membership	907
Received during year.....	
Admitted	215
Re-admitted	252
	467
Total received	467
Losses during year	
Honorably discharged	258
Dishonorably discharged	29
Dropped from rolls	38
Died	77
	402
Total losses	402

1901.	
Dec. 31.	Present in main building and dormitory..... 674
	In hospital 140
	Total present 814
	On leave 158
	Total membership 972
	Highest number present during year, Feb. 5..... 861
	Smallest number present during year, June 16.. 525
	Oldest member 94
	Youngest member (in war of rebellion)..... 48
	Average age 65
	Average age of members dying..... 67
Average number present during year:	
	Men 718
	Women 56
	Total 774
Total number admitted since establishment of Home:	
	Men 3,750
	Women 203
	Total 3,953
Total number of deaths since establishment of Home:	
	Men 783
	Women 36
	Total 819

Comrade Hopkins, Post 384—I would like to make a motion, which I think possibly may be in order. One of the most pleasant duties that the Comrades have when they attend the Encampments is to pass the honors around upon their Comrades. I move you, therefore, that 11 o'clock tomorrow be set apart for the election of officers. I understand that all our meetings are in harmony with the city time, which is meridian time, or about one-half hour faster than standard time, and so it will be half-past 10 standard time and 11 o'clock local time.

The motion was seconded, and unanimously carried.

Places of meeting of the several congressional delegations were announced.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—I understand from the report of the Adjutant of this Department that we are this year entitled to 19 delegates. Our usual practice has been, I think, that each congressional district elect one delegate, and that those above the number of 12 be elected at large. Is that going to be the course of action at this Encampment?

The Department Commander—That was the course that was pursued a year ago. You elect 12 by congressional districts and the one which you are compelled to elect as delegate at large, and that would leave seven at large.

Comrade Schneider—For the purpose of having harmonious action in this matter, I move you that each congressional district be requested to elect one delegate and one alternate, and that the Department, when we arrive at that point, elect seven delegates and seven alternates at large.

Seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrade Hopkins, Post 348—I move you that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, meridian time.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Russell, Post 42—I have a resolution in my hand that is presented by Post 42, that is of interest

to every soldier in Michigan, it seems to me. It is very short:

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment assembled, hereby request of the Legislature and Governor of Michigan, that immediate provision be made for the publication of the record of the officers and enlisted men who served from this State during the Civil War, in form substantially the same as those published by other States, notably New Hampshire, Connecticut, Ohio, &c.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Carried unanimously.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—The Committee to visit the Woman's Relief Corps beg leave to say that they have made their visit and desire to be discharged.

Report accepted and Committee discharged.

Adjourned to tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock standard time.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Encampment opened in due form at the hour appointed, with the Department Commander in the chair.

Prayer, by the Department Chaplain.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the reports of Committees. Are there any Committees to report?

Comrade Griffin, Post 169—The Committee on a resolution for a monument at Andersonville, are ready to report. These are the recommendations of the Committee. I will talk loud, so you will all hear the report. When you get home, if this resolution is adopted, and the Comrades are interested in it, and will work for it, we will have that monument at Andersonville:

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

The undersigned who was appointed a Committee at the annual Encampment held at Flint in 1901, to report relative to the erection of a monument to the Michigan soldiers who died at Andersonville prison, have duly considered the matter and submit the following:

We believe that it is a duty the State owes to the brave and noble men who perished at Andersonville to make a suitable offering to the sacrifice they made. They were among the most patriotic of our citizens, for it is known that they could at any time have secured their release by forswearing their allegiance to their country and flag and entering the service of the Confederacy. But their loyalty was too strong and deep, and they elected to perish with hunger and disease rather than to desert the Union cause. They died as noble martyrs to their faith in the Union, as did any Comrade who fell upon the battle-field.

The State has nobly and liberally provided monuments for the heroes of Gettysburg and Chickamauga, and why not for those at Andersonville?

From inquiries made by your Committee the cost of a fitting memorial will not exceed the sum of \$10,000, including all the necessary expense. This is a small sum to the people of our great State.

The general government has set aside a cemetery and park and several States have already erected similar monuments. We think Michigan should not be behind any of its sister States in honoring the noble dead.

The War Department has established rules regulating the placing of such monuments in the Andersonville National Cemetery Park, and there will be no trouble in securing a proper site.

We therefore recommend that the Commander and Adjutant of this State Department be directed to draft a proper form of petition to the Legislature for the passage of a joint resolution appropriating a sufficient sum to defray the expenses of a monument, not to exceed \$10,000, and that copies of the same be sent to the different Posts for securing the signatures of Comrades and other citizens for the purpose suggested, and that the same officers be instructed to prepare a proper bill or resolution and cause the same to be placed before the Michigan Legislature, and that its passage be urged by every Comrade of the G. A. R. in Michigan.

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

J. A. GRIFFIN, Post 169,

C. V. DELAND, Post 48.

The report of the Committee and the resolution were unanimously adopted.

The Senior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and Comrade Duffield, Post 384, made the following report from the Committee on the address of the Department Commander:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Commander's address have carefully considered the same and

respectfully report that we most heartily approve of his recommendations and his reference to the Soldiers' Home, the Woman's Relief Corps and the general reference to the management of the Department for the past year.

We recommend the approval of the address by a vote of thanks to the Commander, and that he be presented with a Past Department Commander's badge made and costing the same as those presented to his predecessors.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

HENRY M. DUFFIELD,
L. G. WILCOX,
D. A. HOWARD,
AL. MILNES.

The report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Hilton, Post 145, read the report of the Committee on the Assistant Quartermaster General's report, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

To the Commander and Comrades of the Department of Michigan G. A. R.:

Comrades—Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct and heartily agree with the recommendations contained therein and recommend the adoption of the report.

Respectfully,

GEO. W. HILTON,
N. M. RICHARDSON,
D. B. K. VAN RAALTE.

Comrade Just, Post 211, read the report of the Executive Committee, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

We have this day examined the accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and find as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS.

We find he has received from Assistant Quartermaster General Holcomb, of general fund, balance.....\$1288 79
 From Assistant Adjutant General..... 3278 51
 Accumulated interest on same..... 30 00

Total receipts general fund.....\$4597 30

We find that he has expended from this fund showing proper vouchers therefor\$3037 95

Showing balance on hand, general fund.....\$1559 32
 Deducting balance on hand June 11, 1901..... 1288 79

Gain of general fund..... \$270 53

Received of the Alger fund..... \$934 95
 Accumulated interest on same..... 32 77

Total on hand, Alger fund..... \$967 72

OGDEN TOMLINSON,
 A. M. VAN WORMER,
 WM. J. JUST,
 Executive Committee.

Comrade Merrifield, Post 18, presented the report of the Committee on Judge Advocate's report, which was unanimously adopted. The report of the Committee was as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Twenty-fourth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Your Committee to whom the report of the Judge Advocate was referred, most respectfully say that they have had the same under consideration and find the same to be a correct exposition of the law of the G. A. R. in every particular and recommend its adoption by this Encampment.

M. A. MERRIFIELD,
 WM. J. JUST,
 N. A. REYNOLDS,
 Committee.

Chaplain White—I have the report of the Committee on the Senior Vice Department Commander's report.

I called on the Comrades beside myself upon the Committee and failed to meet them. I have prepared this report myself, and if the Encampment feels in harmony with the views therein expressed, it may adopt the report:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of Senior Vice Commander would report commending the same. As to the suggestion concerning cottages at the Soldiers' Home where aged veterans and their wives can live and grow old together, would recommend that the Committee on the Soldiers' Home be requested to consider the same and recommend such action as may be deemed wise.

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

H. S. WHITE.

Chaplain White—The report calls attention to the fact that soldiers are living at the Soldiers' Home, men and their wives apart, and calls attention to the deplorability of their so living at the Soldiers' Home, and recommends that the authorities make arrangements so that the old soldiers and their wives can live together in their old age. We endorse the recommendation of the Senior Vice Department Commander, and recommend that the Committee on Soldiers' Home take such action as may be deemed wise under the circumstances.

Comrade Jones, 441—I will state to the Encampment what the difference is between the Committee's recommendation and the recommendation of the Department. I don't think there is any. The rules and regulations of the Soldiers' Home do not allow men and women that are supported by the Home to live together. This recommendation is that cottages be erected, so that infirm old men who have wives, and who perhaps are blind, be permitted to live together a little while before they go down into dust.

The report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The report of the Committee on Chaplain's report was read by Comrade Lawrence, Post 270, and was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the Chaplain's report, would respectfully submit the following:

The thanks of the Grand Army are due to Comrade White for the thorough painstaking manner in which he has done the work assigned to his hands.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

S. J. LAWRENCE,
ALBERT DUNHAM.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report of the Committee on report of Junior Vice Department Commander, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Your Committee, appointed on the report of the Junior Vice Commander, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find it correct in every particular and would recommend its adoption.

JAMES M. GREENFIELD,
S. H. MOLLERY,
JULIUS KEAGLE.

Comrade Ruthruff, Post 19, read the report of the Committee on Chief Mustering Officer's report, which was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Chief Mustering Officer would recommend the adoption of the report.

E. RUTHRUFF,
JOHN W. SNYDER,
B. F. McMANUS.

Comrade Dean, Post 137, read the report of the Committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General. The report was as follows:

Your Committee to whom the report of the Assistant Adjutant General was referred, beg leave to report as follows:

The report shows that the losses have exceeded the gains during the year and that seven Posts surrendered their charters. The suggestion made by the Assistant

Adjutant General that Comrades of disbanded Posts take transfer cards and unite with other Posts, and thus continue their membership in the order, with the formation of outposts where they live is commended, and the recommendation therein to have slips with the rules governing the formation of outposts printed for distribution among Posts is recommended by your Committee.

It is with regret that there is a decrease in the membership as each year comes and goes, when there is on the rolls of the United States Pension Agency of this State over 30,000 survivors of the War of the Rebellion, which does not comprise those veterans—who are not pensioners—the present membership reported in good standing December 31, 1901, being 14,406.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General calls attention to the neglect of school boards in various parts of the State to comply with the laws of the State to display the flag of the Union over the schoolhouses during school hours. He reports that he has passed the doors of over 500 schoolhouses while schools were in session during the year and but five displayed the beautiful stars and stripes. The law of the State requires all school boards to provide each schoolhouse with a flag, staff and ropes, and display the same over the schoolhouses or on the schoolhouse grounds while schools are in session.

It is to be regretted that this law is not complied with by every school district, and your Committee would urge upon every Post and Comrade to see that the law is complied with, so that the school children throughout the State may look upon "Old Glory" each day and learn to revere and respect it as the emblem of liberty and national unity.

Your Committee recommend the approval of the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, and wish to compliment him as well as the administration on the fine condition of the Department, and we would recommend the retiring Assistant Adjutant General be directed to compile the proceedings of this Encampment and that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for payment of same.

H. S. DEAN,
LOUIS KANITZ,
O. A. JANES.

Comrade Blinn, Post 90—I move to receive and adopt the report.

Seconded.

Comrade Janes, Post 384—I want to just say one word in reference to that part of the report that speaks of the neglect to display the flag of the nation over the schoolhouses in this State. I myself have traveled through this State considerably, and I have found many schoolhouses where the schools were in session that Old Glory was not floating to the breeze. My Comrade Pond reports over 500 that he has seen while traveling in his official duties that have neglected to display the flag. In 1895 I drafted and presented that bill requiring that the flag be floated from the schoolhouses during sessions. I believe if the flag of the nation had floated from the schoolhouses in '60-'61 there would not have been rebellion in this land. Many cities have followed the statute. It is required, and a penalty is imposed upon boards who fail to do that. I ask the Comrades of this Department to go home, and if in their vicinity or in an adjoining school district the flag is not displayed on schoolhouses, make complaint, if necessary, against the officers, and compel them to do their duty by law.

Comrade Atkinson, Post 17—I move that the motion to adopt be amended to the effect that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to furnish to each Post an itemized statement of the matters that went into the \$3,000 for the Encampment Headquarters this last year.

The Department Commander—The motion is out of order.

Comrade Atkinson—I appeal from the chair. It seems to me we ought to have the right to know what our money is being expended for. I expect that we will approve of every dollar of it, but we will know where it has gone to. If it costs \$3,000 to run the Department every year, it isn't going to hurt the Department to let us know. I think my motion is in order.

The Department Commander—The report of the Committee is made on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General. If you ask anything further from the Assistant Adjutant General, do it by a separate motion and separate action.

Comrade Atkinson—I am doing it because the Committee that we had ask something more from the Adjutant General, and they are going to pay him \$50 for doing it. I ask that he be asked to furnish an itemized statement of his accounts.

Comrade Dean, Post 137—I wish to say at this point that the report of the Assistant Adjutant General is not a financial report. The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General gives all that the Comrade wants.

Comrade Atkinson—I heard the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General read, and it certainly did not contain what I ask. I really can't understand why there is any objection to what I ask.

The Assistant Adjutant General—The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General has all that is asked for by the Comrade, and the only reason he didn't read it was because it would take him half an hour. He has every single item, even to postage ten cents, postage five cents, that was expended, and every single item expended in the Assistant Adjutant General's office.

Comrade Atkinson—Is there any way by which during the year the report will be had?

The Assistant Adjutant General—The report is on file, and it will be published in the proceedings, and every Post in the Department will be furnished with a copy.

The appeal was withdrawn, and the report of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

The Assistant Adjutant General read the report of the Committee on the report of the Department Inspector.

Your Committee heartily endorse the recommendation made by the Department Inspector.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

J. C. CHRISTENSON,
L. H. ALDRICH.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—Before voting on this, I will call your attention to what it is, because it means something: it means that it must go to the National Encampment; it means a change in the rules and regulations. The report says: "I therefore recommend that our

delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to use their best endeavors to get the law for an inspection of Posts repealed." The Committee recommend that.

Comrade Livermore, Post 153—I move the adoption of the report.

The report was adopted.

The Department Commander—I have been notified that a Committee of the Sons of Veterans desire to visit the Encampment. If there are no objections, they will be received at this time.

Comrade Colby, Post 129—At this time, just before you admit them, I want to say a few words, and only a few. It is a matter that has been threshed around for a good while. Comrades, when I see these people and their grey hairs and their wrinkled faces—I rise to make no motion or to elect officers—(Voices: "I object, no, no").

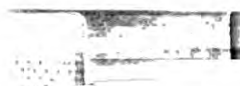
The Department Commander—Has the Comrade got a motion to make?

Comrade Colby—Comrades, it is in relation of the future of this great organization. Why, we have today less than 400,000 in the whole United States, and the record shows that the death rate is 40,000 a year. Figure it up. In five years 200,000 are left, and not a corporal's guard could be raised in any Post outside of some big city in the whole United States. Now then, the proposition that I wish to make is, that this convention instruct its representatives to the October convention at Washington to vote for the admission into the Posts of the Sons of Veterans.

The Department Commander—I think that that ought to come up under the head of new business. It is not proper at this time if objection is made. Will you kindly take your seat, and make a motion at a later date, under a different order of business?

The regular order of business was suspended, and the Committee from the Sons of Veterans was received.

The Department Commander—Comrades, permit me to introduce to you a representative of the Sons of Veterans, Capt. Wagner.



Capt. Wagner—Commander, and Comrades of the Grand Army—I have been selected to bring the greetings to you from the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans, and to express to you our regards for the services that you rendered in the times of danger to our country and the support that you gave our institutions and her flag. In the time that has elapsed since we last appeared before you, we haven't been idle: we have been at work, and we have established at Mason City, Iowa, a university dedicated to the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps. We have there erected a building at a cost of \$100,000, which is the first of a number of such buildings, and we have established a curriculum of work which you may learn more about by some bulletins we have with us: We haven't enough to go all around, but we will leave the few here for your examination. We as Sons of Veterans think we have grown out of the condition of boyhood. Although we are yet boys, we think we have men's work to do, and we are doing it with all the ability that we possess. However, we need your co-operation, and without it, we feel that our work will be more difficult than it will be with your assistance. We feel that we haven't the occasion to exist as an organization as you have. We feel that while so many brave men of the Grand Army of the Republic are still on earth that we are far overshadowed by them, and the boys feel a little bit timid about taking an active part in the work. To illustrate what your sympathy and co-operation can do for us, I will cite one instance in our own division. In the city of Lansing, where a strong Post of the Grand Army is in existence and a strong Corps of the Woman's Relief Corps, there has not for a number of years been a camp of the Sons of Veterans, and it was said that none could be organized. One brave Comrade of your order, with the spirit that animated every one of you in '61-'65, says, "It can be done, it shall be done," and note the result: inside of 30 days a camp of 36 Charter members was mustered into the Sons of Veterans in the city of Lansing. What Brother Potter has done in Lansing for the Sons of Veterans, every Comrade before me is able to do in his home. If you will say to your sons, "Boys, we are growing old. Our work

is soon done. You must take up the work as we leave it. I want you to identify yourselves with the Sons of Veterans," that boy will feel that he has the support, and sympathy, and pride of his father behind him, and he is going into it with zeal and earnestness. I don't want to take up your time, but simply ask you to take this thing up, and think of this proposition that I have made to you, and do for us what you would do for yourselves, because we are organized to do your work after you have gone. I thank you.

Comrade Colby—I would like to ask if the same ambition, and the same courage, and the same anxiety to carry on their work for their fathers could not be done on the inside of the Grand Army of the Republic instead of starting something else?

The members of the Committee were each presented with a Department badge, and having been escorted from the hall, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Palmer, Post 240, presented the report of the Committee on Medical Director's Report, which was adopted. The following is the report of the Committee:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the action of that officer receives their hearty commendation, and they respectfully recommend the adoption of the report.

Submitted in F., C. and L.,

O. PALMER,
G. H. SHERMAN,
C. D. BLANCHARD,
Committee.

The Department Commander—The hour has now arrived for the election of officers.

Comrade Just, Post 211—I move that the nominating speeches be limited to three minutes, and that there be no seconding speeches.

Seconded.

Comrade Deland, Post 48—I move to lay the motion on the table.

Comrade Springer, Post 143—I arise to a question of information: whether the motion contemplated that there should be no seconding of nominations, or simply no seconding speeches.

The Department Commander—The chair understands that the motion is that there be nominating speeches of three minutes in length, but no speeches in seconding the nominations—seconds, but no speeches.

Comrade Just—Seconds, but no seconding^g speeches.

The motion to lay on the table the motion of Comrade Just was lost.

Comrade DeLand—It seems to me that this is putting on the gag rule pretty close for this convention. I don't know how many men will be proposed for Commander, and I don't care, but I would like for some reasonable time for each gentleman, and I would like to hear the man who nominates him for a reasonable amount of time. I believe that the friends of nominees should have a little time in which to present their choice. I can see no reason for a different course, unless there is some cut and dried programme that is to be rushed through with a whirl. I think if the nominees have friends who wish to express themselves they should have a few minutes in which to do it. There is ample time in which to do it, and nobody will be injured.

Comrade Thomas, Post 145—I move you as a substitute that nominating speeches be limited to three minutes and seconding to one.

Lost.

Comrade DeLand—I move to strike out the latter part of the motion, that there be no seconding speeches.

Lost.

Comrade Snyder, Post 45—Suppose we pass this resolution as it is now before the Encampment and about to be voted upon, will that preclude districts or Posts from seconding the nominations?

The Department Commander—No, no.

Comrade Snyder—Only from making a speech on seconding it?

The Department Commander—That is the way that the Chair understands it.

Thereupon the motion to limit nominating speeches to three minutes, and that there be no seconding speeches, was adopted.

The Department appointed as tellers Comrades John Snell, Post 69; S. H. Lawrence, Post 270; George Rabb, Post 145; M. C. Dawes, Post 205; Clark M. Hall, Post 88.

The Department Commander—The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll for nominations for Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Assistant Adjutant General called the roll, and the following nominations were made:

Comrade Spaulding, Post 76, nominated Comrade Burton Parker, Post 76, and immediately thereafter, at the request of Comrade Parker, withdrew his name in favor of Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Merrifield, Post 88, nominated Comrade Stephen H. Mallory, Post 382. Comrade Mallory withdrew his name in favor of Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262. Comrade Van Raalte withdrew his name in favor of Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Wilcox, Post 419, nominated Comrade M. C. Barney, Post 145.

Comrade Beasley, Post 101, nominated Comrade T. W. Whitney, of St. Louis.

Comrade Foote, Post 79, nominated Comrade Ed. Anthony, Post 300.

Comrade Beaseley withdrew the name of Comrade Whitney, and Comrade Barney withdrew his own name, both in favor of Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Parker moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade E. C. Anthony for Department Commander for the ensuing year. The motion was carried unanimously, and the Assistant Adjutant General having cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Anthony for Department Commander, he was declared to have been elected Department Commander of this Department for the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed as a Committee to wait upon Comrade Anthony and escort him to the stage, Comrades Parker, Barney, Mallory, Whitney, and Van Raalte.

Comrade Anthony was escorted to the stage.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Encampment, it is my pleasure to introduce to you an old acquaintance. One year ago he appeared before you, and you heard what he had to say. He thinks more of this Encampment than he did of the one we held a year ago, but I don't, but I think both Encampments acted with great discretion. Comrade Anthony.

Comrade Anthony—Comrades, I thank you for the great honor conferred upon me, and the only way that I can ever repay the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan is to promise you now that I will devote my time and the best ability I have in your behalf and in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander—I want to introduce to you one of our old friends whose name has been before you this morning, Comrade Parker, of Smith Post, 76.

Comrade Parker—Commander and Comrades, I heartily endorse the action of this Department today in the nomination and election of Comrade Anthony. I met Comrade Anthony at his home a short time ago among the rugged hills and deep mines of the Upper Peninsula, and shook him by the hand, and said "my old friends—a great many of my old friends, had requested me to be a candidate, but I promised to be with you, and I shall surely keep that promise." I was here today to ask that my name be withdrawn in favor of Comrade Anthony. He is one of Michigan's grand, good, upright, loyal, patriotic soldiers, and every throb of his heart is in

sympathy with the old soldiers of Michigan. We here believe—

“From Saginaw’s tall whispering pines
To Lake Superior’s farthest mines,
Fair in the light of mem’ry shines,
Michigan, my Michigan.”

And the name of Ed. Anthony. When I bid him good-bye, waiting for the train—we had a few minutes more—I remember I said—

“There are bonds of all sorts in this world of ours,
Fetters of friendship and ties of flowers,
And true lover’s knots I ween—
The boy and the girl are bound to kiss,
But there’s never a bond, old friend, like this,
And we’ll drink again from the same canteen.”

The Department Commander—And here is another Comrade whom you know.

Comrade Mallory—Comrades, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, my friends, for placing my name in nomination as Department Commander. I asked my friends to withdraw my name in favor of Comrade Anthony. I went to Flint last year, and I wished to redeem the pledge of the comrades there I supported Comrade Anthony. I did not do it because our present Commander was not as good a man as Comrade Anthony, and would not serve us just as faithfully; I did it because I thought the Upper Peninsula was by right entitled to the position. But I am glad to say to my friends that you have taken the same view today that I had a year ago, and elected Comrade Anthony. There are no sore spots on me.

The Department Commander—I want to introduce to you Comrade Whitney, if he is here; I don’t find him on the platform. (Voice: “I don’t think he is here; he had to go to Detroit.”) Well, here is Comrade Barney. I will now present him to you, that you may see what kind of material he is made of.

Comrade Barney—Commander and Comrades, I want to thank you both, those who were for me at the commencement and those who voted against me. I want to say to each one of you, let us swing into line with Comrade Anthony. For the year to come, and as the years come and go, it is our duty to take hold and do what we

can for each other. I want to say to you, Comrades, I never felt prouder in my life than I have today, having Comrade White a Committee on my report, and asking you people to endorse that part where I ask for cottages to be built at Grand Rapids, that our old soldiers and their wives can live together the few days they have to live here. They fought for you and I, and helped to build up this country. You can remember when the produce of these farms were sold upon the streets for such small prices—50 or 60 cents for wheat. It has all gone up, and it hasn't come down since. What we ask of the people of Michigan is to erect those cottages where the old soldier and his wife can have a little place in which to spend the few remaining days of their lives.

The Department Commander—We have still another defeated Comrade. I want to say that the only trouble with him is that Kanitz made two speeches for him.

Comrade Van Raalte—It is very easy to get into trouble, and more difficult to get out. After hearing these brilliant speeches I feel that I am set in the shade so far I would rather not say anything; but I wish to say to you this: It is a great pleasure to look into your faces. It brings back to memory when you and I were boys, when you defended the integrity of this nation, and defended its flag. Then was the time that you made the noble record. And your labors during those days have procured for us our nation of today—one of the grandest nations on the face of the earth. I shall again thank you for the honor.

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

Comrade Leander D. Van Kleek, Post 147, was nominated by Richardson, Post 145, Flint, and there being no other nominations, on motion of Comrade Bellair, Post 5, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Van Kleek, and he was declared to have been elected Senior Vice Department Commander of this Department for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, the Encampment voted to hold its next annual session at Muskegon.

Recess, to 1:30 p. m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Encampment reassembled and resumed business at the appointed hour, with the Department Commander in the chair.

The Assistant Adjutant General—If you will permit me, the Committee on Resolutions desire to present a resolution with reference to the death of our Comrade Buckingham. May I have the privilege of reading it at once, before we proceed?

The Department Commander—Certainly.

The Assistant Adjutant General—The Committee on Resolutions have requested me to read the following resolution, as the light in the body of the hall is not sufficient to permit it to be read there:

Department Commander and Comrades: Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report.

One year ago this Department was in session at the city of Flint.

The Comrades of the local Posts were exerting themselves to their uttermost to make a success of their annual meeting. Above all could be seen the tall and erect form of our Comrade George Buckingham. Ever active where most needed, the picture of health and the one great factor to the interesting meeting then in session.

Scarcely had the meeting closed, and while the comrades, were dispersing, Comrade Buckingham's cup of happiness seemed full, and while in his last act, giving comfort to others, while driving friends to the nearby railroad on their way to their homes, in an unforeseen moment, in the twinkling of an eye, came in collision with the train and was hurled to destruction, and all that was mortal of our Comrade was cold in death—the which cast a gloom over his family and direct friends within the entire city, he had made his home for so many years; but especially so by those attending the Encampment just closed, who now desire to put them-

selves on record as to their great loss by this terrible death of their comrade.

Therefore, be it resolved, That in memory, the loss to this order is a continual one which will never be forgotten.

His record as a soldier is honorable, he was a good citizen, faithful father and friend, and a constant worker in all Grand Army work; but while we still mourn his loss, we would remember that we are all under the controlling power of the Great Father, who we are taught to believe "Doeth all things well," and therefore, we recommend a memorial page in the records of this Encampment be set apart for this remembrance.

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

WILLIAM C. CLAXTON,

For Committee.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

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In Memoriam.

GEORGE W. BUCKINGHAM,
LIEUT. AND CAPTAIN, 23d. MICH. INFANTRY.

CHARTER MEMBER.
GOV. CRAPO, POST 145, DEPARTMENT OF MICH.
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Well known to and beloved by all of his Comrades in the Department, he was the active personal character that made the efforts of the local Committee a perfect success in their entertainment of the Twenty-third Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department at Flint, Genesee Co., June 12th, and 13th, 1901. He held various offices in the Grand Army of the Republic and always with distinction.

KILLED BY A RAILROAD TRAIN
JUNE 14th, 1901, AT FLINT, MICH.

The Committee on Resolutions also offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment are tendered the Mayor and citizens of this beautiful city for the magnanimous manner they have opened their gates, which will no doubt be a lasting history in the memory of our Comrades attending this Encampment, and to them and the local Committee we give assurance of a heartfelt appreciation, also,

Be it resolved, That the Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard, and attending Guards, be given the thanks of this Encampment for the able manner in which they have performed the many duties assigned them during this meeting.

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

WILLIAM C. CLAXTON,

For Committee.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the election of a Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 413, nominated Comrade M. D. Richardson, Post 365, and there being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Richardson for Junior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared to have been so elected for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—The next order of business is the election of a Department Chaplain.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42, nominated Comrade William Putnam, Post 42, and there being no further nominations, on motion of Comrade Springer, Post 143, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Putnam, and he was declared to have been elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order is the election of a Medical Director.

Comrade Daboll, Post 156, nominated Comrade O. Palmer, Grayling.

Comrade Dix, Post 39, nominated Comrade W. W. Root, of Mason.

The nomination of Comrade Root was seconded by Comrades Day, Post 17; Foote, Post 79; Russell, Post 42; Allen, Post 138.

Comrade Palmer withdrew his name, and on his motion, there being no other nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Root, and he was declared to have been elected Medical Director of the Department for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order is the election of five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade E. B. Fenton, Post 384; Comrade Charles E. Foote, Post 79; Comrade Ogden Tomlinson, Post 269; Comrade Thomas Davey, Post 404; Comrade W. J. Just, Post 211; Comrade J. W. Snell, Post 69; Comrade A. M. Van Wormer, Post 75; Comrade Victor Rottier, were placed in nomination.

Comrade Snell, Post 69—I move that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for the first five names for members of the Council of Administration.

Seconded, and carried unanimously, and the Assistant Adjutant General thereupon cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrades Fenton, Foote, Tomlinson, Davey, and Just, for members of the Council of Administration for the ensuing year, and they were declared to have been elected.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order is the election of a Delegate-at-large to the National En-

campment, and one alternate. Following that will be the reports from the districts that have chosen delegates and alternates, and their confirmation by this Encampment. Following that will be the election of the other seven delegates and their alternates.

For Delegate-at-large, Comrade "Ren" Barker, Post 451, Reed City, was nominated.

Comrade Duffield moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade "Ren" Barker, Post 451, for Delegate-at-large to the National Encampment. Carried, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment as directed, and Comrade Barker was declared to have been so elected.

On motion of Comrade Lawrence, there being no other nominations, Comrade D. C. Spears was elected the Alternate-at-large by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General, and was declared to have been so elected.

The names of the following Comrades were presented by the several congressional district delegates in nomination for delegates and alternates to the National Encampment at Washington, and on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for them, and they were each declared to have been elected:

DELEGATES.

Dist.

1. E. S. Jameson, Post 384.
2. J. Q. A. Sessions, Post 137.
3. W. D. Brainerd, Post 111.
4. Geo. D. Dean, Post 46.
5. H. W. Holcomb, Post 132.
6. L. H. Ives, Post 441.
7. Amos Finch, Post 55.
8. A. L. Bryant, Post 255.
9. J. W. Brakeman, Post 7.
10. John W. Snyder, Post 67.
11. Thos. N. Stevens, Post 176.
12. Wm. A. Jellison, Post 300.

ALTERNATES.

Dist.

1. Eugene Muffat, Post 17.
2. Horace Palmer, Post 45.
3. Wm. C. Shook, Post 79.
4. L. K. Jellson, Post 35.
5. S. H. Mallery, Post 382.
6. Joseph Allen, Post 181.
7. Rozell Widrig, Post 211.
8. E. Howard, Post 214.
9. A. H. Eckerman, Post 7.
10. Oscar Palmer, Post 240.
11. E. B. Kille, Post 101.
12. G. G. Johnson, Post 8.

The following Comrades, having been placed in nomination for the remaining seven delegates and seven alternates to the National Encampment, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the ballot of the Encampment for the several Comrades for their respective positions, as nominated, and each of them was declared to have been elected to his respective position, as below indicated:

For Delegates: J. O. Bellaire, Post 5; F. J. Buck, Post 45; J. W. Snell, Post 69; F. E. Willetts, Post 145; Wm. Hart, Post 17; S. L. Cooper, Post 32; M. C. Dawes, Post 205.

For Alternates: J. B. Kenny Post 98; J. M. Greenfield, Post 89; L. S. Russell, Post 42; N. M. Richardson, Post 143; C. M. Hall, Post 88; A. D. Miller, Post 203; Roda O'Mara, Post 1.

Comrade Backus, Post 17—Comrade H. S. Ryness publishes the only distinctly Grand Army paper in Michigan. I have a resolution which is not supposed to carry any patronage of the Department, but he wishes simply to be recognized.

Whereas, Comrade Walter S. Ryness is publishing the only distinctive Grand Army newspaper issued in Michigan, being located at the Michigan Soldiers' Home with a circulation of fifteen hundred copies and called the Michigan Vidette.

Therefore, resolved, That said paper be declared the official organ of the Michigan G. A. R.

Comrade Hopkins—I move that the matter be referred to the incoming Council of Administration, with power to act.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Springer, Post 143—I wish to offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation, when appointed, be requested to consider what legislation, if any, can and ought to be had to provide for the perpetuation of suitable services on Memorial Day in communities where no Grand Army Posts exist, and to report their recommendations to the next State Encampment.

Of course, you see it is not necessary at all to take the work out of the hands of the Grand Army Posts—only to see what is to be done for those communities where there is no Post.

Adopted.

Comrade Jameson—In addition to the report of the Committee that was last year appointed relative to the erection of a monument at Andersonville, I have prepared a supplemental resolution. While the amount mentioned in the report I consider excessive—the amount spoken of is \$10,000—plans have been drawn which can be carried out for a less sum. The chairman of that Committee has done everything in his power to get the thing consummated. To carry on the work further, I will offer the following resolution:

Whereas, There has been a resolution presented to this body setting forth the desirability and appropriateness of placing a Michigan monument within the prison stockade at Andersonville, Ga., and

Whereas, The Committee appointed to report on the feasibility of so erecting a monument has reported to this body that the probable cost of erection of such monument will not exceed the sum of \$6,000, and that such erection should be at the expense of the State of Michigan, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Commander appoint a Committee of three members to solicit from the State an appropriation of \$6,000 to cover the expense of such monument and to do any and all things necessary in case such appropriation is secured, in and about the purchasing of said monument, erecting same, and securing title to the grounds satisfactory to the State of Michigan.

EDWARD S. JAMESON, Post 384.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Department Commander appointed the following as the Committee: E. S. Jameson, Post 384; J. A. Griffin, Post 169; Geo. W. Stone, Post 42.

Comrade Stevens, Post 19—Under the head of new business, I handed the Assistant Adjutant General a paper the other day, I would like to have indorsed or some resolution equivalent to it. The other day on the adjournment I handed the Adjutant the National Tribune, with a resolution of the Indiana Encampment. I would like to have that read. Will the Assistant Adjutant General please read it?

The resolutions were read from a newspaper handed to the A. A. G. (This paper was by someone removed from the table of the A. A. G. and resolutions cannot therefore be printed here, Compiler.)

Comrade Stevens—I move you that these resolutions be adopted or similar resolutions passed by this Encampment.

The Department Commander—If the Comrade will offer a resolution, there is no doubt but what this Encampment will consider it. There is no resolution before the Encampment at the present time.

Comrade Jenkins, Post 294—I offer a resolution practically covering the same ground:

Resolved, By the Michigan State Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled, that we denounce in unmeasured terms the course pursued by some members of Congress and other prominent citizens of the country in traducing our brave officers and soldiers of the army in the Philippine islands by falsely accusing them with inhuman acts of cruelty to captured Filipino soldiers as well as helpless citizens of that country.

Comrade Springer—I would be very glad for this Department to give some suitable expression on this subject, but at this time we ought not to pass this resolution nor the resolutions passed by the Department of Indiana for this reason. Distinct charges of specific

acts of cruelty have been made with sufficient distinctness to constitute a prima facie ground of investigation, and this matter by order of the President is now in process of investigation. When the time shall come, I hope that we will be able to pass resolutions of congratulation and support. I don't want to be branded as a copper head, I am not one of those, and I should dislike very much to have any of you doubt my loyalty to my country, but I do not think we ought to pass these resolutions in anticipation of the congressional and Department investigations.

Comrade Cook, Post 42—I move you that the resolution be laid upon the table.

Carried.

The Department Commander—All other business having been dispensed with I will call upon the Senior Past Department Commander Comrade Pond to install the newly elected officers into their respective offices.

Comrade C. V. R. Pond then installed the officers elect with Comrades Fayette Wyckoff of Post 38 as Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade Charles D. Blanchard of Post 300 as Assistant Quartermaster General, into their official positions.

Past Department Commander Van Kleeck turned over to Commander Anthony the property of the Department with a few words pertinent to the occasion. The Department Commander asked the Council of Administration to meet at the Headquarters room in Hotel Hodges as soon as possible and after prayer by the Department Chaplain announced the Twenty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic closed.

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

GENERAL ORDERS.

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

General Orders No. 1.

Having been elected and installed as Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at its Twenty-Third Annual Encampment held in the city of Flint this day, I hereby assume the duties of the office.

The responsibilities properly belonging to the high office you have chosen to confer upon me, I know are very great and it will be my desire to so administer the affairs of the Department, with the help of my associate officers as to merit the approval of all my Comrades. Success cannot attend my efforts unless I have the hearty cooperation of each member of the order in Michigan. While we acknowledge the invincible character of our greatest enemy, Death, and that his assaults upon our ranks must necessarily reduce our numbers, we also know that there are numbers of those who "drank from the same canteen" in 1861-5 that are not today "bunking" with us in our G. A. R. camp. I ask your help in getting such into the Grand Army of the Republic.

The following appointments are announced:

Assistant Adjutant General, C. V. R. Pond, Post 2.

Assistant Quartermaster General, Orrin Bump, Post 419.

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

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Department Commander.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., June 18, 1901.

General Orders No. 2.

I. The Twenty-third Annual Encampment of this Department held at Flint, Michigan, June 12-13, 1901, elected the following named Comrades to office for the ensuing year:

Dep't Commander, James Van Kleeck...	Post 67, Bay City.
Sen. Vice Dep't Commander, M. C. Barney	" 145, Flint.
Jun. Vice Dep't Commander, H. A. Backus	" 17, Detroit.
Medical Director, W. W. Root.....	" 441, Mason.
Department Chaplain, Henry S. White..	" 202, Romeo.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

William C. Claxton.....	Post 17, Detroit.
Ogden Tomlinson	" 269, Plainwell.
A. M. Van Wormer.....	" 75, Grand Haven.
William J. Just.....	" 211, Ionia.
Albert Dunham	" 48, Jackson.

DELEGATES TO THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

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

ALTERNATES.

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

II. Additional appointments upon the staff are announced:

Judge Advocate, Burton Parker.....Post 76, Monroe.
 Department Inspector, E. F. Guild..... " 38, Saginaw.
 Chief Mustering Officer, J. G. Allport.... " 7, Muskegon.
 Chief of Staff, Edward B. Nugent..... " 67, Bay City.
 Senior Aide, Edwin S. Petit..... " 98, Port Huron.

AIDES-DE-CAMP.

M. P. Anderson.....Post 69, Midland.
 Chas. E. Foote..... " 79, Kalamazoo.
 A. H. Rolph..... " 175, Escanaba.

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. Great care should be exercised in the recommending of Aides for appointment, that they may be Comrades who have the interest of the Department at heart, and are ready and willing to further such interests in their respective localities.

IV. The standing committees of the Department are announced as follows.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Ogden TomlinsonPost 269, Plainwell.
 A. M. Van Wormer..... " 75, Grand Haven.
 William J. Just " 211, Ionia.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

George H. Hopkins.....Post 384, Detroit.
 Alfred Milnes " 109, Coldwater.
 J. Q. A. Sessions..... " 137, Ann Arbor.

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

E. M. AllenPost 132, Portland.
 R. L. Warren " 40, Charlotte.
 "Ren" Barker " 451, Reed City.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

William P. BostockPost 5, Grand Rapids.
 H. A. Chapin " 31, Paw Paw.
 Geo. H. Keating..... " 67, Bay City.

V. Post Commanders will at once send to the Department Inspector, Comrade E. F. Guild, Saginaw, Mich., the name of a competent Comrade to act as Post Inspector and perform the duties of that office between September 1st and December 31st, 1901, in accordance with Rules and Regulations, Chap. V, Art. 5. Let action in this matter be prompt.

VI. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of Post Adjutants and Quartermasters were mailed to Post Adjutants last May. Unless great promptness is shown in making out and forwarding

these reports to the Assistant Adjutant General at Department Headquarters in Lansing, with the per capita tax of ten (10) cents for each member in good standing, at the last Post meeting held in the month of June, 1901, it will impossible for the Assistant Adjutant General to make his report to the National Headquarters by July 20th as provided for by Rules and Regulations. If such report is not made the standing of the Department is jeopardised.

VII. At the annual gathering of the Sons of Veterans held in Flint, June 12-13, 1901, our faithful and much esteemed Comrade, A. B. Coffinberry, of Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids, was elected the Commander of the Michigan Division. The Sons of Veterans as an organization should receive our every encouragement, and the Department Commander desires that the several Posts of the Department give aid and encouragement to the increasing of this organization of Sons of Sires who saved our Union in 1861-5.

VIII. The Department Commander feels it a pleasurable duty to urge upon all Posts in the Department not already receiving the benefit derived from such auxiliary, to take steps at once to have organized a Woman's Relief Corps. The worth of this grand organization of women cannot be summed up in a few words. As an auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic they have been of vital service. All inquiries as to organization of the W. R. C. should be addressed to Mrs. Jennie L. Pond, Department President, W. R. C., Lansing, Mich.

IX. Detroit Post, No. 384, having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander during the parade at the National Encampment to be held in Cleveland, the same are accepted with appreciative thanks.

By Command of

Official:	JAMES VAN KLEECK,
C. V. R. POND,	Department Commander.
Assistant Adjutant General.	

Capitol, Lansing, Michigan., Aug. 5, 1901.

General Orders No. 3.

I. The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held in Cleveland September 9th to 14th, 1901, offers an opportunity to the Comrades of this Department to meet their tent-mates of 1861-65 seldom enjoyed and simply because of the close proximity to our State. The Department Commander hopes that as many of his Comrades as possibly can will avail themselves of the low rate of fare and once more make it possible to grasp the hand of those they meet but rarely.

II. Headquarters of the Department of Michigan will be established at the Weddell House in parlor No. 108 for the week of the Encampment and will be open to all Comrades and other visitors at 8 a. m., Tuesday, September 10, 1901.

An arrangement for the registration of Comrades has been made for this Department, whereby the unpleasant crowding of the room and delay in securing the entry of name upon the

registration book will be avoided and the desire to know of the presence of a friend or his whereabouts will be more surely gratified. The registration will be upon cards, one for each person and the card will be placed upon a hook designated for the Michigan regiment, or for the State if other than Michigan, these hooks arranged upon a rack will enable easy access and quick information.

III. The Committee on Transportation have arranged for a special Headquarters train to leave Bay City, Monday morning, September 9, via the Michigan Central Railroad, through Saginaw, Owosso, Lansing and towns on that line to Jackson, thence via the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railroad to Adrian, Toledo and Cleveland. This train will carry the Department Commander and such of his staff as may conveniently join him at Bay City, and at Saginaw will take on the Governor of Michigan, Comrade A. T. Bliss, and wife. The train is to start at such an hour as to enable lunch or dinner at Toledo and reach Cleveland at about 5:00 p. m. in time to allow the reaching of quarters before dark. The schedule time for leaving Bay City and all points at which the train may stop enroute, will be announced by the railroads interested, in time for public benefit.

The Department Commander extends to all Comrades and their friends and especially to the organizations allied to us by ties fraternal, to join him upon Headquarters train, if practicable for them to do so without increasing expenses to them. The Department Headquarters of the Woman's Relief Corps have signified their intention to join this train at Lansing.

The rate of fare from any point in Michigan to Cleveland will be one cent per mile each way. Tickets will be on sale from September 8 to September 12, inclusive, and will be good to return up to midnight of Sunday, September 15, 1901. Those desiring to remain longer will deposit their tickets before noon of September 1, with the "Joint Agent" at Cleveland and upon the payment of fifty cents, the ticket will be kept good for return on or before October 8, 1901, to the depositor who must call for it in person and at once commence the return trip.

It is earnestly recommended that so far as possible, baggage be confined to that most readily kept with the person. If checked it should be through to Cleveland from the starting point on any road, and have very plainly marked upon it the name and home address of the owner.

IV. Delegates elected to the National Encampment at the Department meeting at Flint, should notify these Headquarters at once whether they will attend at Cleveland or not. This essential, that alternates may be notified in time to fill vacancies, if any there are to be.

A meeting of Delegates, Past Department Commanders and all officers entitled to seats in the Encampment from this Department, will be held in the Michigan Headquarters parlor at 7:00 p. m., Tuesday evening, September 10, 1901, for the transaction of business and the distribution of the Encampment Badges.

V. The parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1901, and will start promptly

at ten o'clock a. m. The Michigan Department will form in the position assigned by the the Chief Marshal, under the immediate direction of Comrade Edward B. Nugent, Chief of Staff of this Department, to whom all Post Commanders and Commanders of battalions intending to take part in the parade will report during the day or evening of Tuesday the 10th of September, at the Headquarters at the Weddell House.

Aides-de-Camp upon the staff of the Department Commander will report to the Senior Aide, Comrade Edwin S. Petit, Tuesday evening Sept. 10th, at the Weddell House for assignments to duty on day of parade. Comrade Petit will report to and take instruction from the Chief of Staff who will have entire charge of the Michigan column during the parade.

The route of parade is reported to have been laid out for a march not exceeding two miles and over streets that will be pleasant to the marchers. The Department Commander hopes that as many Post colors as possible may be seen in the Michigan line.

VI. It is with extreme regret, though in compliance with Rules and Regulations, that it becomes necessary to note that Posts 116, 123, 217, 243, 277, 315 and 369 failed to make reports for the term ending June 30th 1901. Had these Posts made report the total loss of the Department membership would have shown less than the actual loss by death.

VII. Additional appointments as Aides-de-Camp upon the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly. The Department Commander will not hesitate to call upon the members of his staff for any aid necessary in keeping the Michigan Headquarters at Cleveland in cordial greeting to all Comrades who may call.

	Post		Post
Austin Herrick	134	A. A. Shaver	339
H. L. Thayer	42	Henry D. Warner	42
Rudolph Papst	118	Wilber Cutler	159
William Close	117	George W. Hilton	145
Oren Hoag	288	M. J. Stockman	119
S. B. Preston	82	Samuel Pollock	40
C. P. Greenman	285	M. D. Cole	182
Jas. M. Greenfield	89	Jas. A. Donaldson	101
James Knowles	10	Joseph Fox	5
A. B. Coffinberry	5	M. J. Borland	67
Hanford E. Meeker	419	J. L. Fowle	211

VIII. The inspection of Posts must, in accordance with Rules and Regulations, take place between September 1st and December 31st, 1901. Blanks for such inspection are being sent to Adjutants of Posts who will see that they are placed in the hands of the Post Inspectors appointed by the Post Commanders. The reports of the inspection will be forwarded to the Department Inspector, Comrade E. F. Guild, Saginaw, in the addressed envelopes sent with the blanks for the report.

IX. The Department Headquarters of the Ladies of the G. A. R. are located at Marine City, Mich. Mrs. Mary A. Jameson

is the Department President to whom all correspondence pertaining to that order should be addressed.

X. The Corner Stone of the Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa, was laid on the 26th of June last. This Memorial is dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic and is being built with funds raised by the Sons of Veterans. It is to be co-educational in character and means much to those engaged in its construction and completion, proving as it does that "Our Boys" are building to substantially give to the future generations, a monument of patriotic merit.

XI. Comrade John Develin, elected as a delegate to the National Encampment, is a member of Post No. 433 in Detroit, and not of Post 17 as was made to appear by General Orders No. 2.

XII. National Orders No. 6 go out with these orders. National Orders No. 7 will probably be ready to go from these Headquarters about the 15th of August.

XIII. No Orders for supplies will be filled from these Headquarters between the 6th and 17th of September, 1901.

By Command of

Official:

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Department Commander.

Address wanted—Of any member of Co. G, 5th Mich. Infantry who served in that company from July 1st, 1864, to July 1st, 1865, by Donald McInnis, Croswell, Mich.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., Nov. 6, 1901.

General Orders No. 4.

I. The time for the election of Post officers is near at hand. The Department Commander calls upon all Comrades to give this matter their most serious consideration. At the first meeting in December you will elect all but the appointive officers, and one delegate and alternate for each 50 members or fraction over one-half that number, to the Department Encampment, to be held in Pontiac in 1902.

The election of Post officers means everything to the Post. We have reached that point in our life's work where many of us may feel that the number of our years prevents our active work in keeping up the status of a "good Post." There are, however, in nearly every Post, those of our Comrades who are yet able to take the burden of office, and who have in their hearts a lasting desire to keep the standing of our comradeship up to the highest point possible. Such are the Comrades who should be chosen at the December election to guide and officially conduct the interests of the Posts for 1902.

Blanks for returns of election of Post officers and for credentials for delegates will be sent to each Post Adjutant with addressed envelopes for their return to Department Headquarters immediately after the election at the first meeting in December, 1901.

II. The semi-annual reports of each Post must be made out at the last Post meeting in December, 1901, and with the per capita tax of ten cents forwarded to Department Headquarters on the day following such last December meeting. Make all post-office orders, express orders or drafts payable to Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R., or order. Send no personal checks, as they cannot be collected save at an expense to the Department. Blanks for semi-annual returns are being sent to Adjutants of Posts, one copy to be kept in Post files and the other to be forwarded as above stated.

Posts should keep in mind that the National Countersign for 1902 will not be sent to them until after receipt of semi-annual returns for December 31, 1901, are received at Department Headquarters.

III. Blanks for Post Surgeon's reports are being sent to Post Adjutants who will place them in the hands of the Post Surgeon, or if there be none, fill them out themselves, and forward in addressed envelopes to the Medical Director of the Department, Comrade W. W. Root, Mason, Mich. These reports should be made out for the year ending December 31, 1901.

IV. National Orders No. 2 and National Circular No. 1 are sent with these orders.

V. The Thirty-Fifth National Encampment, held at Cleveland, because of the sadness of the hour, when our beloved Comrade and President was lying at the point of death, referred all the business of the Encampment, except the election of officers, to the National Council of Administration, and adjourned sine die.

The Council at its immediate session transacted such business as it believed it had power to transact, but referred all amendments to rules and regulations to the next National Encampment. This action carried with it the amendment offered by the Department of Michigan, referring to "Associate Membership."

VI. The Department Commander congratulates his Comrades upon the large attendance at the National Encampment from the Posts of Michigan, and desires to thank all of the members of his staff for their helpful work, both at Headquarters at the Weddell House, and during the hours of the grand parade. The new system of registering of visitors to Department Headquarters, during the Encampment, was most successful, and over 1,200 Comrades were thus recorded.

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

Clark Randel.....	Post 368, Reese.
Chas. P. Burdick.....	" 90, Saginaw, W. S.
Mead Worboys.....	" 53, Mason.
M. M. Anderson.....	" 419, Bay City.
John W. Snell.....	" 69, Midland.
S. P. Harvey.....	" 19, Bangor.
J. A. Crocker.....	" 37, Stanton.
Leander D. Van Kleeck.....	" 147, Pontiac.

VIII. The Department Inspector having nominated the following named Comrades to be Assistant Inspectors, they are hereby appointed, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Posts that have not named a Comrade as Assistant Inspector to the Department Inspector will do so at once, and such selection is hereby approved without any future naming in general orders. Post inspections must be made prior to December 31, 1901, and reports of same made to Comrade E. F. Guild, Department Inspector, Saginaw, Michigan.

	Post		Post
Wm. Rodgers.....	4	J. H. Lockwood.....	103
Zacheus Aldrich.....	5	G. D. Hamilton.....	114
B. F. Kribs.....	7	M. D. Comstock.....	117
Nathaniel Newell.....	10	L. H. Brown.....	118
G. W. Mattoon.....	11	W. H. Collins.....	119
M. J. Vincent.....	14	O. W. Damon.....	121
Robt. S. Covert.....	16	J. C. Wardell.....	125
H. F. Eberts.....	17	Robt. Anderson.....	127
Edward Smith.....	19	Chas. Clement.....	131
H. C. Barnes.....	21	H. Outwater.....	132
Geo. S. Wilson.....	23	John Shippey.....	133
A. C. Gongwer.....	26	W. K. Childs.....	137
Geo. W. Lusk.....	27	N. M. Richardson.....	143
August Morlock.....	30	E. C. Marsh.....	145
George H. Smith.....	35	H. H. Harris.....	156
Edson Pickle.....	37	M. A. Abbott.....	157
J. N. McCutcheon.....	38	J. W. Fullerton.....	158
S. E. Hadlock.....	39	O. F. Wilkinson.....	160
Lafayette Rowley.....	40	L. C. Griffeth.....	161
Henry Rouse.....	43	John T. Cuzzens.....	166
R. H. Baker.....	45	S. H. Millen.....	181
O. F. Kaywood.....	48	A. H. Northway.....	182
J. E. McIntyre.....	53	J. E. Price.....	186
Truman Dusett.....	55	Cornelius Losey.....	187
B. F. Groner.....	57	C. G. H. Hardwig.....	188
Allen Dryer.....	58	W. F. Paterson.....	193
H. S. Sheldin.....	59	C. A. Lepien.....	195
N. G. Stannard.....	65	Wm. Moore.....	197
Wm. Harrington.....	66	W. C. Watson.....	200
J. W. Snyder.....	67	F. W. Bechtold.....	206
Chas. A. Harper.....	69	M. H. Amplett.....	211
W. F. Perkins.....	70	G. F. Anson.....	213
V. P. Fales.....	74	E. Howard.....	214
Anthony Boet.....	75	Ernest Nichosen.....	218
H. R. Austin.....	76	H. W. Brown.....	234
A. J. Miller.....	78	A. L. Picket.....	237
Marcus Daniels.....	82	B. Shingler.....	247
O. W. Green.....	83	H. E. Duell.....	250
S. L. Kilbourn.....	88	G. M. Doty.....	252
O. C. Davis.....	90	A. S. Hill.....	261
W. H. Weed.....	91	Peter DeFeyter.....	262
Chester Barber.....	93	John Power.....	267
J. D. Kenny.....	98	D. E. White.....	269
E. B. Kille.....	101	E. J. Pruum.....	279

	Post		Post
T. D. Horton.....	280	Delos Alden.....	375
Emerson Deming.....	288	B. F. Briscoe.....	384
J. B. Morse or Moore....	302	L. G. Bearington.....	386
Thos. Stoltz.....	307	W. H. H. Pettitt.....	392
Wm. Malcom.....	321	Ignatius Luttenbacher....	398
J. F. Croop.....	326	Willard Sherman.....	404
J. Riley.....	327	E. H. Taylor.....	410
J. W. Parker.....	336	Geo. Fouble.....	412
J. A. Troutt.....	343	W. J. Woolman.....	417
H. W. Fourney.....	347	Geo. Stoddard.....	425
N. J. Kinne.....	348	Curtis Buck.....	429
R. M. Teeter.....	352	Geo. H. Gerow.....	450
Thos. Wilkinson.....	354	Rufus Sprotts.....	452
D. H. Warren.....	358	O. B. Potter.....	453
Thos. Gulliver.....	368	C. H. McFarlin.....	454
L. P. Judson.....	372	James Massey.....	455

IX. Installation of officers of Posts will take place at first regular Post meeting in January, 1902, according to Rules and Regulations. Such installation, however, cannot take place until the semi-annual report with per capita tax for term ending Dec. 31, 1901, has been sent to Department Headquarters, and the Post inspected. Post Quartermasters must file their bonds with the Post Commander, before they can be installed into office.

X. Is your Post property insured? If it is not, attend to the matter at once. The danger from fire increases as cold weather approaches.

By Command of

Official:	JAMES VAN KLEECK, Department Commander.
C. V. R. POND, Assistant Adjutant General.	

Addresses wanted—

Of George and Frank Handley, sons of Perry Handley, late Private Co. I, 32d Ohio Vol. Infantry (the sons are supposed to be in Michigan now), by James Van Kleeck, Bay City Mich.

Of Jacob Dubois, late of the 3rd Mich. Cavalry, by Mrs. Morris, 4.442 Mafett Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., Jan. 1, 1902.

General Orders No. 5.

I. With these orders the Department Commander extends to each Comrade of the Department his greeting of the season with sincerest wish that the New Year upon which they have entered, may indeed be a happy one, and fraught with richest blessings of health to themselves and their dear ones.

Our invincible foe, Death, has made many vacancies in the ranks of the Veterans of the Civil War, in the year just closed, and has made the call for closer comradeship the more imperative. As we "side step to the right" let us touch shoulders the

more surely than ever before. Let the winter season, now fairly upon us, give the opportunity for more frequent gatherings in social reunion and camp-fires.

II. National Orders No. 3, are sent with these Orders. The attention of Posts is especially called to paragraphs V, VI and VII of National Orders, with the earnest wish of the Department Commander, that even thus early in the year, Michigan may begin to respond to the request for donations to the fund, to be used for the remembering of our dead in National Cemeteries on next Memorial Day. Send all donations as requested in paragraph VII of National Orders No. 3.

III. The recent serious illness of our beloved Comrade, Past Department Commander Gen. Russell A. Alger, caused genuine anxiety and sympathy to fill the breast of every Comrade in the Department. The joy of the New Year season is the glad news from Comrade Alger's bedside that his recovery is considered quite certain.

IV. Attention is called to the organization of the McKinley National Memorial Association, the chief objects of which are the erection and maintenance of a suitable memorial to our deceased Comrade and President of the United States, William McKinley.

The Nation will honor his memory and it is eminently fitting that the Grand Army show its appreciation of the Comrade, who in his early manhood marched as a private soldier in the ranks, and by his soldierly conduct won his way in the army as he did in civil life.

History produces no parallel to the life of William McKinley. His course was from a private soldier to the head of the greatest of nations, and Chief Executive of a "Government of the People, for the People and by the People."

He shared many campaigns and hardships with the sons of Michigan and it is hoped that this Department will not be slow in paying its tribute to the Comrade, who, in war and in peace, exemplified the highest type of American manhood and represented the best elements of civil government.

Let each Post in this Department contribute to the memorial fund as a Post, and each member make such personal contribution as his means will warrant.

All contributions will be turned over to Post Quartermasters and by them transmitted to Orrin Bump, Assistant Quartermaster General, at Bay City, Michigan.

V. This is the hour when your attention may be called to the following enquiries:

Have your Post officers forwarded to Department Headquarters a report of officers chosen for 1902? At the date of these orders 165 Posts have failed to send in such report. It will be impossible to print the new roster until the names of the Post Commander and his Adjutant, with their correct post-office address is received by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Have your Post officers send to Department Headquarters their report for the term ending Dec. 31, 1901, with the per capita tax of ten (10) cents for each member in good standing? Until such report is received by the Assistant Adjutant General the National

Countersign cannot be sent to the Posts. Comrades, you that are entitled to the countersign, should have it at time of installation of officers, if your officers of 1901 have done their duty.

VI. Post officers will bear in mind the language regarding Post inspections as found in Chap. II, Art. VII, Sec. 1 of Rules and Regulations which forbids the installation of officers, until the Post has been inspected. The installing officer should make the inspection, if he finds it has not previously been done, before proceeding with his work of installation. Inspection reports should be sent to Comrade E. F. Guild, Department Inspector, Saginaw, Mich.

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

Thomas N. Stevens.....	Post 176, Stanton.
John J. McKinney.....	" 375, Saginaw.
M. C. White.....	" 20, Hartford.
S. P. Jacob.....	" 431, Wayne.
R. G. Thomas.....	" 426, Iron Mountain.
B. F. McManus.....	" 365, Lake City.

VIII. Post Commanders and Adjutants who receive their mail at hands of rural mail carriers should at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their route number, and name of office from which the carrier starts.

IX. Is your Post property insured? If it is not, attend to the matter at once. The danger from fire increases as cold weather continues.

By Command of

Official:	JAMES VAN KLEECK,
C. V. R. POND,	Department Commander.
Assistant Adjutant General.	

Addresses wanted—

By Mrs. Rosanna Merrill, of Hazen, N. J., of anyone who knew a soldier by the name of Burkhart, who was in Mount Pleasant Hospital, Washington, D. C., during summer and fall of 1864.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., April 8, 1902.

General Orders No. 6.

I. The Twenty-Fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in the city of Pontiac, Mich., June 11 and 12, 1902.

The Encampment will be called to order at 10:30 a. m. on Wednesday, June 11, in the Opera House.

Headquarters of the Department will be established at Hotel Hodges, Tuesday afternoon, June 10th, in parlor "B."

The Executive Committee of the Council of Administration will meet in parlor "C," promptly at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, June 10, 1902.

The Council of Administration, or so many members as may

have arrived will meet the Department Commander in room No. 12 at 7:00 p. m., for the transaction of such business as may properly come before that body.

The Committee on Credentials will be in session on the office floor of Hotel Hodges from 4:30 to 6:00 p. m., and from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m., Tuesday, June 10th, and from 7:30 to 10:00 a. m., Wednesday, June 11th, after which hour they will be at the meeting place of the Encampment. All Comrades entitled to seats in the Encampment must secure the badge of the Encampment from the Committee on Credentials and be in possession of the National Countersign before presenting themselves at the outposts for admission.

II. The Commander-in-Chief has given quite positive assurance that he will meet the Comrades of this Department at Pontiac, on Wednesday, June 11, 1902, in their Annual Encampment and he will also address them and the public at the campfire to be held on the evening of that day. This notice alone should be an incentive to a large gathering of the Comrades at Pontiac.

III. The Michigan Passenger Association has authorized a "rate of one fare for the round trip" on account of the Encampment at Pontiac, "tickets to be sold (from all points in the Lower Peninsula) June 10th and 11th, limited to return to and including June 13, 1902." The lines in the Upper Peninsula concur in the rate of fare and will place tickets on sale June 9th and 10th, limited to return to and including June 14, 1902.

IV. The following are the rates of charges at the respective hotels at Pontiac:

Hotel Hodges.....	\$2.00 per day
Columbia Hotel.....	1.50 per day
European Hotel.....	1.25 per day
Clinton Hotel.....	1.25 per day
Rose Hotel.....	1.25 per day
Northern Hotel.....	1.50 per day
Oakland House.....	1.00 per day
Private Houses.....	1.00 per day

All requests for quarters at hotels should be made to the hotels direct. Information as to location in private houses may be secured by addressing Comrade W. G. Denton, Adjutant of Post No. 147, Pontiac, Mich. It is advised that engagement of quarters be made at an early date.

V. All resolutions intended to be presented for action by the Encampment, either by Posts or individual Comrades, should be previously prepared in writing that the same may properly go before the designated Committee and be in suitable form for the files of the Department Headquarters.

VI. All requisitions upon Headquarters for supplies should be mailed so as to reach Lansing, Mich., on or before Saturday,

June 7, 1902, as no requisitions will be filed after that date until after the return of Headquarters from the Encampment on the 14th of June, 1902.

VII. Dick Richardson Post No. 147, Pontiac, Mich., will detail an Officer of the Day, Officer of the Guard and eight (8) guards, for duty during the Encampment. The Officer of the Day will report for instructions to the Assistant Adjutant General at Hotel Hodges, at 5:30 p. m.

VIII. Department and Staff Officers will have copies of their reports sent to the Assistant Adjutant General at Headquarters in Lansing, before June 1, 1902, that the Department Commander may have knowledge of their work before closing his report for the Encampment.

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

C. C. Colbrath.....	Post 384, Detroit.
William H. Fisher.....	" 17, Detroit.
Frederick Holzhaur.....	" 17, Detroit.
August Wilcox.....	" 141, Lakeview.

X. In closing these Orders, the Department Commander desires to express his earnest wish that there may be an unusually large assembly of the Comrades of the Department at the Annual Encampment at Pontiac. Not only will the veterans receive a most cordial welcome from their Comrades of the local Post and from the citizens, whose hospitality is well known, but they will have an opportunity once more (we hope not the last) of meeting their tent-mates of 1861-65, and enjoying that touch of the hand grasp which means so much to the men whose shoulder touch upon the field of battle made them more closely brothers than could aught else but kinship. The years pass more rapidly than we are prone to imagine. The sound of "taps" and "lights out" is becoming more and more and more frequent: let us try to answer "present" at "roll call" once more.

By Command of

Official:	JAMES VAN KLEECK,
C. V. R. POND,	Department Commander.
Assistant Adjutant General.	

Addresses and information wanted—
 Address of any member of Co. "C," 11th Mich. Infantry (new), that was discharged about Sept. 12, 1865, that knew Newton Stoddard and came home with him. By H. J. Milbourn, Adjt. Post 111, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Information of John T. Smith (dead or alive), who enlisted at Oswego, New York, in Co. "G," 110th N. Y. Infantry. By Thomas Davey, Stark, Wayne Co., Mich.

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Capitol, Lansing, Mich., April 28, 1902.

General Orders No. 7.

MEMORIAL DAY

National Orders No. 5 are mailed with these Orders. Let the beautiful and impressive words of our Commander-in-Chief be the key-note for action by all Posts in the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in arranging for the proper observance of Memorial Day, Friday May 30, 1902.

Let there be joint and earnest co-operation with the clergy for union services (where possible) in the churches on the Sabbath preceding.

The value of the services of the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and all patriotic organizations, together with the inspiring sight of the thousands of school children, who have been with us in former years, will be our incentive to have them participate with us this year. Post Commanders are instructed to arrange at once for such participation.

Let public announcement be made through the press or otherwise of all arrangements made for services in churches, schools and upon Memorial Day, and all citizens be invited to take part in such services. Let all games and sports of public character be postponed for the day so sacred to our comrades and let the flag of our country be half-masted wherever displayed upon that day.

Comrades, make it your duty to know, that ere the setting of the sun on next Memorial Day, every mound of earth, whether in city, town or country cemetery in our State that marks the final resting spot of one who as soldier or sailor served under the Stars and Stripes, has been remembered with floral tribute.

By Command of

Official:

C. V. R. POND,

Assistant Adjutant General.

JAMES VAN KLEECK,

Department Commander.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., April 30, 1902.

General Orders No. 8.

I. Blanks for the reports of Chaplains of Posts as to the observance of Memorial Day are being mailed to Post Adjutants. These blanks should be filled out and mailed in the enclosed addressed envelopes to these Headquarters on the day following May 30th, while the events of the day are fresh in mind. Should there be no Post Chaplain the Adjutant will make out and forward the report.

II. Blanks for the reports of Post Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending June 30, 1902, will be forwarded to Post Adjutants on the 15th day of May, together with an addressed envelope for the return of the same to these Headquarters.

Post Commanders will see that the Adjutant and Quartermaster have their reports made out upon these blanks at the last meeting of the Post in June next, and that they are forwarded with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing, within three days after the last meeting in June, to Department Headquarters. The red ink figures showing the membership and funds, as per the last report of the Post, must not be altered.

Send per capita tax by draft, postal or express order, payable to the order of the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Personal checks must not be sent unless the cost of collection (ten cents) is added to same.

III. It is not too late for Posts that have not responded, and feel that they can do so, to the request of the Commander-in-Chief in General Orders No. 3, to send contributions to aid Departments in the South in placing flags and flowers on our Comrades' graves in the National Cemeteries. Remittances should be sent to Silas H. Tower, Adjutant General, G. A. R., Minneapolis, Minn., before May 15 1902.

IV. The Department Commander renews the expression made in General Orders No. 6, that there might be a large attendance at the Department Encampment to be held at Pontiac, June 11th and 12th, next. Let as many as possibly can be at the Encampment to greet and hear our Commander-in-Chief, who has said he will be with us upon that occasion.

V. General Orders No. 4 and 5 from National Headquarters, and Orders No. 7 from these Headquarters, are sent with these Orders. Where it can be done without expense to the Comrades, let Memorial Orders be published in the local press.

VI. No further Orders will issue from Department Headquarters before the Encampment at Pontiac, unless good reason for such issue should arise. Post officers will remember the notice given in General Orders No. 6, that no requisitions for supplies will be filled after June 7th, until the return of Headquarters from the Department Encampment, June 14, 1902.

By Command of

Official:

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

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
Department Commander.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., June 17, 1901.

Special Orders No. 1.

The terrible accident occurring at Flint in the forenoon of Friday, June 14, 1901, whereby in an instant, a beloved Comrade and his daughter, with two well-known and most lovely members of the Woman's Relief Corps, were crushed to death by a railroad train, striking the carriage in which they were pleasure riding, has cast a gloom over the membership of our organization and auxiliary. Comrade George W. Buckingham, as Lieutenant and Captain in the Twenty-third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, won honor for his bravery in the War of the Rebellion. He was wounded in action at Campbell's Station, Tenn., November 16, 1863, and was honorably discharged from service September 29, 1864. A charter member of Governor Crapo Post, No. 145, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., he was at all times an active worker in our Order filling the position of Commander of his Post, and of a Staff officer, both Departmental and National. Known to thousands of his Comrades as one with genial disposition, sympathetic nature and kindly heart, none that met him at the Annual Encampment at Flint, where continuously he looked after the welfare and comfort of all, will ever forget his delightful Comradeship, nor be able to suppress the sorrowing tear. Comrade Buckingham and his daughter were buried in the same grave, on Sunday, June 16. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Humphrey and Mrs. Harriet S. Applegate, the two sisters who were companions in death with Comrade Buckingham, were prominent and active workers in the Woman's Relief Corps, and were beloved by their sister workers in the truest sense. We shall hold in most pleasant memory the words of Mrs. Humphrey (widow of our Past Department Commander, Gen. Wm. Humphrey), as she brought cheer and greeting to our Comrades in the Encampment from the annual gathering of the W. R. C., then in convention at Flint. Always together before, they now rest beneath the same grassy mound in the cemetery at Adrian.—A sad and sorrowful ending to a most happy reunion of Comrades and their friends.

Official:

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

By Command of

JAMES VAN KLEECK,
Department Commander.

Capitol, Lansing, Mich., Sept. 14, 1901.

Special Orders No. 4.

The death of our Comrade and friend, the President of the United States, William McKinley, at 2:15 o'clock this morning, has plunged our country into deepest shadows of grief and sorrow, and brought expressions of sincerest sympathy from all parts of the civilized world.

Stricken down by the shots of an assassin's weapon on the sixth of the present month, while extending the hand of glad recognition to his fellow citizens gathered at Buffalo, our dearly beloved Comrade commenced a struggle for the continuance of life that for heroic Christian effort has never been excelled. His millions of loving friends watched with almost abated breath from hour to hour for announcement of the condition of their President, and each day were led farther from that terrible fear of a great National bereavement to the almost confident belief that recovery was assured.

The thousands of our Comrades who on Wednesday formed the marching column in the streets of Cleveland while in attendance at the Thirty-fifth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, missed the friendly smile of Comrade McKinley as they passed the reviewing stand, but as their thoughts went to his bedside in Buffalo their hearts were glowing with the faith that he would be with them in the future.

Suddenly, with a shock equaled only by that felt when first the news had reached them that their President's life had been attacked, came the announcement of that change which foretold the worst. The gladness of the hours of arrival in Cleveland during the first days of the week, were in a moment changed into that of terrible grief in the early hours of the morning of today, and with bowed heads and bodies trembling with the emotion of sincere sorrow the veterans of '61-'65 departed for their homes. Their Comrade, their beloved friend had clasped the hand of his God and entered the home of eternal rest.

As a soldier fighting for the maintenance of his country's integrity, as a statesman engaged in legislating for his country's good, and as the Chief Executive guiding the affairs of that country, the record of William McKinley places his name with those of Washington and Lincoln in the history of our National life.

The Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, realizing the intense love of the veterans for their murdered Comrade desires that so far as possible there may be unity of action in all Memorial services, and therefore requests all Post Commanders to at once arrange with the citizens of their respective towns for a union memorial service suitable to the occasion, to be held on the day that shall be named for the burial of our illustrious dead.

Post Charters and Post colors will be suitably draped for the period of sixty (60) days from date of these orders.

By Command of

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C. V. R. POND,

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Department Commander.

STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the Legislature down to and including the session of 1899.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

[Act No. 152, Session Laws 1885, p. 172; amended 1889, Act 103, p. 108; 1891, Act 44, p. 44.]

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be established in this State an institution under the name and style of the "Michigan Soldiers' Home," and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated from the general fund for preparing grounds, and for the erection of suitable buildings and fixtures thereon, and equipping the same; and the further sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of maintaining such Soldiers' Home for the years eighteen hundred and eighty-five and eighteen hundred and eighty-six: Provided, That the board may use ten thousand dollars of the above, or so much as may be needed, to support or maintain such persons as are entitled to support under this act up to the time the home is ready for occupancy, in such manner and such place as the board may deem best: Provided, however, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers hereinafter created to draw upon the sum hereby appropriated an amount exceeding one hundred and ten thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and the sum of forty thousand dollars in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-six.

Sec. 2. The general supervision of said Soldiers' Home shall be vested in a board of managers to consist of six members, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the members of which board shall hold their office for the respective terms of two, four and six years from the first day of

March, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified, said respective terms of office to be designated in their several appointments, and thereafter there shall be two members of said board appointed every two years, whose term of office shall continue for six years, or until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Governor shall be a member of said board ex officio, and shall be chairman thereof.

Sec. 3. The said board is hereby empowered to select and establish with all convenient dispatch a site for the Soldiers' Home, and for that purpose they are authorized to receive proposals for the donation of lands for the location of such home in behalf of the State and for the benefit of such institution: Provided, That good an [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 any 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 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 admit-

tance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cottages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the purpose of erecting and furnishing said dormitory or cottage buildings, and the further sum of five thousand dollars is also appropriated for the maintenance thereof for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four: Provided, That it shall not be lawful for the board of managers to draw a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, and five thousand dollars in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] Commandant 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 who 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. 33, Session Laws 1887, p 31.]

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 man-

ner 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 of 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 place 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 there-

upon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts in this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation. And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be con-

venient 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 regulations 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 approve, conditioned for the prompt return of said arms as aforesaid.

Ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 5, 1885.

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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 available for such future sums thereon.

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 GOVERNOR 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 Treas-

urer 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 directed to provide suitable books and to recompile and copy from papers now on file in his office, or from such other official papers as he may obtain, the military or naval history of each and every soldier or sailor, who 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 commis-

sion 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 thousand 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 employment, 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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