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THE YEAR 1904-1905.

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Wm. Davey, Post 17, - - - - - Detroit.

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, JUNE 16, 1904. }

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 11, 1903, to June 16, 1904, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,  
D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.



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FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY.  
MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 15, 1904. }

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened at 10 o'clock a. m. in its Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment at the Auditorium, with Department Commander Van Raalte in the chair, in open session.

The Department Commander—As the hour has arrived for opening the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, you will come to order. We will open in an informal way in order to receive the Mayor of Battle Creek. I will appoint Past Commanders Dean and Kanitz a committee to escort the Mayor to the platform.

The committee retired, and then escorted the Hon. F. W. Clapp, Mayor of Battle Creek, to the stage, who was received in due form.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I have the pleasure of introducing

to you the Mayor of Battle Creek, the Hon. F. W. Clapp. Department of Michigan, salute.

Mayor Clapp—Commander; Gentlemen of the Grand Army of the Republic—Representing for the time being the active, hustling, and progressive city of Battle Creek, in the name of the city I thank you for the reception that the city through its representatives receives and has received by this body of men, worthy of the highest respect and consideration of all men in all the expanse of this broad land. The city of Battle Creek, with its estimated 30,000 population (and we are going to hold to that figure until the census shows us differently) puts out its many hands to shake you. It stops in the midst of its activity, and says to the old soldiers, "We are glad you are here." We would like to have you stay here as long as you feel you can. When you go away, all we ask is, that you have a friendly feeling in your old patriotic hearts for us—that heart that freely responded in the days of 40 years ago to the call of your country.

The city of Battle Creek is interested in you. With 4,000 children of school age, occupying 10 public buildings and governed by 100 teachers, those children are interested in you, and as long as the public schools of this city teach the history of the nation and the part you men took in its perpetuity and the exaltation of its honor, there never will come a time when the memory of you and your connection with it ever will cease from the minds of the American people. They are being taught the patriotism that your actions have warranted. They are being trained and disciplined under the flag of the Republic; and if the time comes they will respond to the call of their country as you men did in the dark days. This city of Battle Creek, with its hustling, bustling population, every man, woman and child in it, bids you welcome.

But, gentlemen, this city had a part with you. Out of the county of Calhoun went nearly 4,000 soldiers during the war of the rebellion; and also it furnished its quota a few years ago, when, in order to sustain the honor of the republic it became necessary to invade a foreign soil. But, gentlemen, we have the greatest respect for you. We cannot permit those days of 1861 to be forgotten—and there are many here today who were boys then that lived in Battle Creek. We welcomed them home again with heartfelt joy, to think that they had passed safely through the storm and smoke and roar of battle, and had come back,

waving the flag of the free. But on yonder hill-top sleep some of the citizens of Battle Creek who went out—Boyn-ton, Barnum, and the rest—and as long as they sleep there, the city of Battle Creek can never forget what it owes to the sons of the republic who fell for its honor, and made the perpetuity of the nation an established fact. And often we go there, and many of you go there, and drop flowers of sorrow above the silent arch, and thank the Divine Master of all that the result was as it was; and oftentimes, when winter's winds and snow and sleet sweep across the plain and hillside, we think of the old soldier asleep in a narrow cell, hemmed in by a frozen mould, and we think of the principles they fought for, which are living today and will live forever; and in the golden glow and summer hour, when the birds cast their shadows as they fly upon the ground above the silent form, and when the grass grows green over his grave, we think of the old soldier. So we feel today for the men of 40 years ago who fought the battles of the republic who are still with us. And while we remember those who are gone, we shake the hands of the living, and say "God bless you." You have our best wishes and our best feelings. We all remember the dark days of '61. We remember the election of that great commoner, whose name will never be forgotten—Abraham Lincoln, and it will not be out of the way to say, we remember that great political opponent of his, Stephen A. Douglass. And when that great man came he had forgotten all political differences and contests, and when the representatives of the Southern Confederacy came to him and wanted to know how much of the land of the Republic he would give them, he says, "No more than you can hold at the point of a pin." When he came to die, he was asked if he had no message to give to his sons, and he said, "Tell them to obey the laws, and support the constitution of the United States."

Often have I been on the lake front in Chicago, on the South Side, and watched the monument of Stephen A. Douglass, with its face looking over the wide expanse of waters, on the face of that monument cut in stone the remark he made that I have just quoted, came to my mind, and I have gone a few miles further north, at the south end of Lincoln Park, and seen the statue of the wonderful representative of everything that is American, Abraham Lincoln. In the same great city of the west, the two men who harmonized all differences, when the war cloud approached the Republic, are looking out upon the same great expanse. Peace to their ashes. Honor to their memory.

They are talking now, oftentimes you see in the papers, about the women who sent their husbands and their sons to the battle field in 1861, and they tell of a mother sending her boy, under age; she was poor, but she went and bought him an outfit with all she had. She was poor; she had no more. Then she said to him, "My son, I have done all I could. I give you up to my country." And that is all that any mother can do. Talk about the women of the present day. The women of this country are patriotic, and so ever will be. As long as the men are backed up with such patriotism as that, no nation of the earth has any business trampling on the citizenship of this country.

We all respect the memory of that great silent soldier and of the galaxy of great generals who assisted him, and the fighting soldiers without whom no general could have ever got a name recorded on the pages of American history. We respect them all, and we want to honor them all. It is a proud thing to think of for me, a citizen of Michigan, that at the head and representing the State of Michigan and in the senate of the United States stand two men who are members of your order; and we feel grateful, too, that we are represented in the halls of congress in our district by a gentleman who is also a member. I say God bless them all. We recognize the benefits to come from that war. We often think about it at our firesides, and we think what has been done, and the memory of what has been done will always remain with us.

I thank God that the Blue and the Grey are fraternizing again.

(At this point the noise of the trains moving in the freight yards adjacent to the Auditorium became so great that it was impossible to accurately hear the speaker, but the substance of his remarks was a statement of the part taken by both the north and south in patriotic rivalry during the Spanish war, an expression of thanks that the bitterness of the war of the Rebellion was passing away, and he closed with a quotation:)

"No more shall the war cry sever,  
Or the winding rivers be red;  
They banish our anger forever  
When they laurel the graves of our dead.  
Under the sod and the dew,  
Waiting the judgment day.  
Love and tears for the Blue,  
Tears and love for the Gray."

The Department Commander—Mayor of Battle Creek—  
I thank you for these words of welcome, representing the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the cordial welcome you have given them to your beautiful city, for its hospitality and its privileges. These men represent that great army in blue that in their youth went forth to put down one of the greatest rebellions that ever existed. They have shown their courage and loyalty on the field of battle, and have saved our country in its unity, and our flag in its honor and beauty. But one of the grandest distinctions that these comrades claim, is, that after four long years of war they were able to come back like loyal and brave men to their homes, and return to private life, and become the most noble citizens—not only noble citizens, but they took part in administering the government of their State and of the United States, showing that they were able both to defend and govern their country. You have turned over your city to these, my grand comrades; I can assure you that such men will never disappoint you, but if any should fall by the wayside, please remember the parable of the good Samaritan, and take care of them, and we will bless you. We hope the city of Battle Creek will have a pleasant thought for this occasion, for their kindness to the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Mayor was decorated with an Encampment badge as a souvenir, when he was escorted from the hall, and the Encampment opened in due form, with prayer by the Department Chaplain.

Heavenly Father, our Father, we gladly look up to Thee in the light of this pleasant welcome day, welcome association, welcome memories, welcome friendships, renewed again, that we are entering upon the enjoyment of another year. We thank Thee today that no officer of this Encampment has been called away from us during the past year. We thank Thee that our Commander and all of the executive officers have been spared to transact the business of this Encampment. And now, Father in Heaven, we most earnestly and heartily and devoutly invoke Thy blessing on this Encampment, on every comrade here, and especially upon the officers; and we pray that the day may be one of precious recollection to us in all respects. We thank Thee that we have so much to be glad for and that while so many of our comrades have been called away during the year, that so many have been most graciously and providentially spared. Oh, help us to realize the debt

of gratitude we owe to Thee. Let our hearts now go up in devotion and gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father for all His goodness to us. Preside over all these meetings and guide them in every respect. We pray that Thou wilt bless our country in all of its great national interests, and make it more and more a noble country in every element of virtue, and intelligence, and righteousness, that it may still stand a growing example, a splendid example, to all the nations of the earth. We pray today that the time may never come again when the blood of an American shall ever have to be shed for the wrong and sins of this nation. And we pray that as we may go again to our homes, we, who are representing a class that can never be replaced, who, when we are gone the like can never return, to help us to realize what an example we should be in our personality and our character and in our lives, in our influence, in our example, in every community where we go and where we live; and help us to bear ourselves everywhere, not only in the grand influence of our civil position but of our moral position, in every community, that we may be an example to our young men, that the very best of them will be glad to follow. And we pray that Thou wilt continue to guide us and bless us and be with us until we shall be called home to that rest and that reward and that grand encampment above, forever, where all Thy children are, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The roll of the Encampment was called and a quorum found to be present.

The Assistant Adjutant General—Department Commander, the Committee on Credentials begs to report that the roll of the Encampment is not quite completed, because all of the delegates have not yet reported at the committee's headquarters. We would ask for further time to complete our report, and when ready, the same to be accepted as the roll of the Encampment.

The report was accepted and adopted.



Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that we have examined the credentials as presented by the several Posts of the Department and find the following members present and entitled to sit in this Encampment:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF, A. A. G., Chairman.  
 H. A. CHAPIN, Post 31,  
 A. B. SIMPSON, Post 32,  
 A. B. COFFINBERRY, Post 5,  
 Committee.

The following is the

#### ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

##### PRESENT.

Department Commander—D. B. K. Van Raalte, - Holland.  
 Junior Vice Department Commander—E. S. Jamison, Marine City.  
 Medical Director—W. W. Root, - - - - - Mason.  
 Department Chaplain—Wm. Putnam, - - - - - Lansing.

##### OFFICIAL STAFF.

Assistant Adjutant General—Fayette Wyckoff, - - Lansing.  
 Assistant Quartermaster General—P. H. McBride, - Holland.  
 Department Inspector—Frank R. Chase, - - - - - Smyrna.  
 Judge Advocate—Bishop E. Andrews, - - - - - Three Rivers.  
 Chief of Staff—John R. Bennett, - - - - - Muskegon.  
 Senior Aide—A. W. Alvord, - - - - - Battle Creek.

##### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. Tomlinson, - Plainwell. S. M. Kent, - Grand Rapids.  
 D. H. Grow, - Allendale. Reubin Quick, - Lowell.  
 John Devlin, - - - - - Detroit.

##### PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

Russell A. Alger, - - - - - Detroit. Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids.  
 C. V. R. Pond, - - - - - Lansing. James H. Kidd, - Muskegon.  
 O. A. James, - - - - - Detroit. Washington Gardner, Albion.  
 A. T. Bliss, - - - - - Saginaw. Russel R. Pealer, Three Rivers.  
 Louis Kanitz, - - - - - Muskegon. Henry M. Duffield, - Detroit.  
 Henry S. Dean, - - - - - Ann Arbor. James Van Kleeck, - Bay City.

- Post No. 1, Soldier's Home. Commander, O. W. Hodges; Past Commander, W. W. Fowler; Past Commander, Rody Omara.
- " 2, Quincy. Commander, Wm. G. Whitney; Delegate, Wm. Wimer; Past Commander, E. G. Hoyt; Past Commander, L. D. Reynolds
- " 3, Whitehall. Delegate, E. M. Ruggles.
- " 4, Reading. Alternate, A. B. Daniels.
- " 5, Grand Rapids. Commander, J. W. McCrath; Delegate, John Barrett; Alternate, Asa W. Slayton; Past Commander, W. D. Frost; Past Commander, T. C. Putnam; Past Commander, J. A. S. Verdier; Past Commander, S. R. Wooster; Past Commander, Jas. R. Stevenson; Past Commander, J. O. Bellaire; Past Commander, S. M. Kent; Past Commander, J. B. Griswold; Past Commander, A. B. Coffinberry; Past Commander, W. B. Bostock.
- " 6, Hillsdale. Commander, J. M. Fink; Delegate, Wm. Burd.
- " 7, Muskegon. Past Commander, Louis Kanitz; Past Commander, Jas. R. Bennett; Past Commander, C. L. Brundage.
- " 8, Ishpeming. Delegate, Geo. G. Johnston.
- " 10, Dundee. Delegate, A. T. Hicoek; Past Commander, Geo. W. Hurd, James Knowles, David Spears.
- " 13, Harbor Springs. Past Commander, Stephen Manchester.
- " 14, Benton Harbor. Delegate, John M. Daigneau; Delegate, A. B. Howes; Past Commander, S. B. Kimball; Past Commander, John Clark; Past Commander, John Seel; Past Commander, W. F. Kimball.
- " 17, Detroit. Delegate, H. A. Backus; Delegate, D. G. Crotty; Delegate, H. F. Eberts; Delegate, C. A. Bartlett; Delegate, A. S. McWilliams; Alternate, R. McKinstry; Alternate, E. Muffat; Past Commander, Wm. Davey; Past Commander, James Reid; Past Commander, Wm. Hart; Past Commander, D. S. Kimball; Past Commander, H. B. Eggeman; Past Commander, R. Doran; Past Commander, C. K. Radcliffe; Past Commander, A. L. Sawyer.
- " 18, Traverse City. Delegate, Allen F. Little; Delegate, W. J. Hilliker.
- " 19, Bangor. Delegate, W. L. Zook; Delegate, Ed. Smith; Past Commander, C. C. Phillips; Past Commander, Bruse Merrimen; Past Commander, O. A. Reynolds.
- " 22, Buchanan. Past Commander, John W. Bristle.
- " 23, Bloomingdale. Post Commander, Frank Cooley; Past Commander, J. W. Edwards; Past Commander, Geo. Wilson.
- " 24, Fenton. Delegate, Edgar Durfee;
- " 25, Ogden Center. Delegate, I. W. Robertson.
- " 27, Decatur. Delegate, Alfred Turner; Past Commander, R. Colbetzor; Past Commander, John Knall; Past Commander, S. M. Rawson; Past Commander, H. H. Van Camp; Past Commander, G. W. Lusk; Past Commander, W. H. White; Past Commander, H. B. Myers.

- Post No. 28, Hemlock. Commander, Calvin Sylvester; Delegate, James D. Smith; Past Commander, Jedd Bennett.
- " 29, Grand Rapids. Commander, E. F. Covell; Delegate, Wm. Koch; Past Commander, J. C. Christenson.
- " 31, Paw Paw. Commander, John Reed; Delegate, O. A. Rice; Past Commander, H. A. Chapin.
- " 32, Battle Creek. Commander, R. J. Kelley; Delegate, C. H. Browning; Past Commander, S. S. French; Past Commander, S. M. Holton; Past Commander, A. B. Simpson; Past Commander, A. Griswold; Past Commander, Wm. Dowsett; Past Commander, G. M. Hodges; Past Commander, I. W. Taylor; Past Commander, J. J. Cornwell; Past Commander, A. W. Alvord; Past Commander, R. M. Bellinger.
- " 35, South Haven. Delegate, L. A. Olds; Past Commander, Herrick Hodges; Past Commander, L. K. Jillson.
- " 36, Berrien Center. Delegate, P. E. O'Brien.
- " 37, Stanton. Alternate, T. Low; Past Commander, H. V. Hallett.
- " 38, Saginaw. Commander, Henry Fiege; Past Commander, Wm. G. Gage; Past Commander, Wm. W. Morgan; Past Commander, John Schmidt.
- " 39, Berrien Springs. Commander, Rosco D. Dix; Past Commander, S. E. Headlock; Past Commander, Wm. H. Miller; Past Commander, Mandell Wells.
- " 40, Charlotte. Commander, Wm. Beekman; Delegate, D. F. Vickery; Delegate, Geo. Sattler; Past Commander, J. D. Butler; Past Commander, F. J. Snow; Past Commander, L. A. Snell.
- " 41, Chelsea. Delegate, W. Salisbury; Past Commander, T. E. Wood; Past Commander, E. L. Negus.
- " 42, Lansing. Commander, Geo. W. Stone; Delegate, L. S. Russell; Delegate, Chas. A. Wallace; Delegate, John Oatley; Delegate, John A. Wardell; Past Commander, Lewis A. Miller; Past Commander, Wm. C. Nesen; Past Commander, T. E. Potter; Past Commander, Wm. L. Reed; Past Commander, A. S. Shattuck; Past Commander, Fred Schneider; Past Commander, Seymour Foster; Past Commander, W. W. Cook; Past Commander, A. E. Cowles; Past Commander, E. R. Havens.
- " 43, Blissfield. Delegate, H. B. Hathaway.
- " 44, Sanford. Delegate, John Verity.
- " 45, Woodbury. Delegate, Horace Palmer; Delegate, Chas. E. Rogers.
- " 46, Ganges. Delegate, Chas. Corwin; Past Commander, Henry C. Dow.
- " 47, Dowagiac. Delegate, Dr. H. S. McMaster.
- " 48, Jackson. Commander, S. B. Davis; Delegate, Samuel Raven; Delegate, Wm. H. Porter; Delegate, Lewis Pelton; Delegate, L. S. Taylor; Past Commander, Geo. S. White; Past Commander, T. H. Williams; Past Commander, A. D. Welling; Past Commander, M. S. Redfield; Past Commander, Dan. J. Willson; Past Commander, Burt Hubbell; Past Commander, G. S. Trumble; Past Commander, J. D. Jewell; Past Commander, Albert Dunham; Past Commander, H. Dorr Blakeman; Past Commander, O. F. Kaywood.

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- " 53, Mason. Delegate, Hugh Blakely.
- " 56, Allegan. Delegate, Robt. Foster; Past Commander, S. F. Murphy; Past Commander, O. L. Holton; Past Commander, W. H. Perry; Past Commander, E. D. Nash; Past Commander, L. W. Bellinger; Past Commander, Wm. White; Past Commander, L. Y. Cady.
- " 57, Marcellus. Past Commander, J. B. Fortner.
- " 59, Gobleville. Commander, E. C. Wilcox.
- " 60, Leslie. Commander, J. S. Birlison; Delegate, W. D. Smith; Past Commander, H. Laberteaux; Past Commander, J. S. Willson.
- " 61, Milford. Commander, Wm. H. Smith.
- " 62, Cedar Springs. Delegate, W. H. Jones.
- " 63, East Tawas. Delegate, Hon. W. C. Stevens.
- " 64, Niles. Delegate, A. Winborn.
- " 67, Bay City. Past Commander, J. W. Snider; Past Commander, M. J. Borland.
- " 69, Midland. Delegate, Alfred See; Delegate, O. A. Purchase.
- " 72, Three Rivers. Commander, B. E. Andrews; Delegate, Geo. A. B. Cooke; Alternate, W. W. Van Horn; Past Commander, M. H. Bumphrey; Past Commander, Russell R. Peeler; Past Commander, A. A. Udell; Past Commander, S. M. Snyder;
- " 73, Sturgis. Past Commander, P. H. Van Vleck.
- " 74, Wayland. Past Commander, Frank E. Pickett.
- " 79, Kalamazoo. Delegate, W. D. Shook; Alternate, James McGinn; Past Commander, Geo. M. Buck; Past Commander, C. E. Foote; Past Commander Delevand Arnold; Past Commander, E. S. Bissell; Past Commander, Fred D. Root; Past Commander, Chas. Prange; Past Commander, Geo. F. Larned; Past Commander, Jas. E. White; Past Commander, P. H. Burke; Past Commander, Freeman Hall; Past Commander, F. P. Muhlenburg.
- " 80, Hopkins Station. Delegate, Wesley McBride; Past Commander, John Hoffmaster; Past Commander, John Bacon; Past Commander, Chas. Tiefenthal.
- " 82, Nashville. Commander, Wm. Boston; Past Commander, E. D. Williams; Past Commander, Geo. Wellman; Past Commander, R. C. Smith.
- " 83, Greenville. Past Commander, A. H. Bennett;
- " 85, Three Oaks. Commander, Fred F. Soverign; Delegate, Samuel Gable.
- " 87, Lowell. Delegate, Wilbur H. Moon.
- " 88, Union City. Commander, Ira Buell; Delegate, S. J. Osborn; Past Commander, M. S. Merrifield; Past Commander, C. M. Hall; Past Commander, W. A. Hankin; Past Commander, M. E. Blair; Past Commander, O. N. Dennison; Past Commander, D. E. Youngs.
- " 89, Flushing. Past Commander, J. F. Greenfield.
- " 91, St. Louis. Commander, H. W. Farmer; Alternate, George Wood.
- " 93, Webberville. Past Commander, A. A. Carr.

- Post No. 95, Flatrock. Past Commander, A. W. Wagar.
- " 97, Hersey. Past Commander, Wm. D. Lovell.
- " 98, Port Huron. Commander, Geo. W. Howe; Delegate, E. G. Spaulding; Past Commander, E. S. Petit.
- " 100, Lyons. Delegate, J. O. Probasco.
- " 103, Williamston. Commander, W. L. Robson.
- " 105, Tekonsha. Alternate, Chas. H. Miller.
- " 107, Dimondale. Delegate, Chas. Holcombe.
- " 109, Coldwater. Delegate, E. E. Lewis; Delegate, Geo M. White; Delegate, Philip Pitcher; Past Commander, Alford Milnes; Past Commander, Franklin Eaton; Past Commander, H. H. Benson; Past Commander, Geo. H. Turner.
- " 110, Hudson. Alternate, Jas. K. Perriman.
- " 111, Eaton Rapids. Delegate, Milo Thompson, Delegate, J. R. Morton; Past Commander, H. J. Milbourn; Past Commander, Geo. W. Norton; Past Commander, H. B. Olmsted; Past Commander, Eli Cook; Past Commander, J. W. Rolph; Past Commander, Ros West; Past Commander, W. D. Brainard.
- " 112, Mulliken. Past Commander, L. D. Fisher.
- " 114, Fowlerville. Delegate, Marvin Benjamin.
- " 117, Byron. Delegate, Joseph Schwikert; Past Commander, L. C. Kanouse; Past Commander, Amos Graves; Past Commander, Griffith LaDue; Past Commander, Wm. Close.
- " 120, Howell. Past Commander, John McGivny.
- " 121, Chesaning. Delegate, Samuel W. Hereld.
- " 125, Hastings. Commander, Wm. Ream; Delegate, Hiram Jones; Past Commander, Hiram Palmatier; Past Commander, H. H. Trask; Past Commander, Travers Phillips.
- " 126, Belding. Past Commander, F. R. Chase;
- " 128, Hawkins. Delegate, Ira Cook.
- " 130, Edmore. Commander, Hiram Sackett; Past Commander, Joseph Perrine.
- " 131, Colon. Delegate, Edward Kemerling.
- " 132, Portland. Past Commander, H. W. Holcombe; Past Commander, Wm. Miner; Past Commander, M. J. Whitney.
- " 137, Ann Arbor. Delegate, N. P. Jacobs; Past Commander, Henry S. Dean.
- " 141, Lakeview. Past Commander, J. J. Pond.
- " 144, Lapeer. Delegate, Clement Waldron.
- " 145, Flint. Delegate, Jas. Remington; Commander, Joseph Rush; Past Commander, Chas. Austin; Past Commander, Wm. Stone; Past Commander, Geo. Hilton.
- " 146, Waldron. Commander, W. B. Morse.
- " 147, Pontiac. Delegate, Thomas Wyckoff.
- " 153, Saranac. Commander, F. T. Haskins; Delegate, Henry Pinkney.
- " 155, Homer. Commander, C. D. Burt; Past Commander, L. M. Thayer.
- " 156, St. Johns. Delegate, H. M. Estes; Past Commander, Wm. N. Stocker.
- " 160, Corunna. Delegate, G. W. Matson.

- Post No. 162, Detroit. Past Commander, Carl Engel.
- " 163, Vermontville. Commander, C. F. Fuller; Delegate, Wm. Wright.
- " 164, Morley. Commander, C. E. Blossom.
- " 166, Marshall. Delegate, C. E. Hillis; Alternate, Perry Mayo; Past Commander, David Walkinshaw; Past Commander, Thos. N. Wright; Past Commander, John T. Cuzzins; Past Commander, Ephriam Marble; Past Commander, Henry H. Miller.
- " 168, Maple City. Alternate, James Anton.
- " 173, Carson City. Commander, Samuel J. Smith; Alternate, Andrew Keck, Past Commander, C. H. Morse;
- " 175, Escanaba. Past Commander, A. H. Rolph.
- " 176, Stanton. Past Commander, Thos. N. Stevens.
- " 180, Ypsilanti. Delegate, S. B. Mereness; Past Commander, E. A. Holbrook.
- " 181, Milford. Commander, Silas Bullard; Delegate, John F. Beaumont; Past Commander, A. V. Austin.
- " 183, Holly. Alternate, Chas. Woodworth.
- " 184, Detroit. Commander, Samuel Smith.
- " 185, Bronson. Delegate, Carlton W. Albertson.
- " 188, Hadley. Commander, Lucius Sanborn.
- " 193, Mendon. Delegate, Roderick D. Young.
- " 196, Lawton. Delegate, Chas. Perine; Past Commander, James H. Hall.
- " 202, Romeo. Delegate, John J. Casey; Past Commander, O. S. Perry.
- " 203, Stockbridge. Past Commander, A. G. Miller.
- " 205, Owosso. Delegate, E. H. Jacobs.
- " 210, Albion. Delegate, John Aitken; Delegate, Henry D. Smith; Past Commander, C. T. Smith; Past Commander, O. G. Hubbard; Past Commander, S. D. Wiley; Past Commander, H. T. Gilbert; Past Commander, W. E. Bizette; Past Commander, B. B. Bissell.
- " 211, Ionia. Delegate, Marvin Guernsey; Delegate, Justus Beadle; Past Commander, James H. Laden.
- " 213, Bellevue. Commander, Wm. Hawley; Delegate, Alfred Fruin; Past Commander, I. A. Birchard; Past Commander, Henry Dilno; Past Commander, G. F. Anson; Past Commander, F. F. Hughs; Past Commander, Wm. W. Lattie.
- " 215, Fulton. Commander, H. H. Kindig; Delegate, John Weaver; Past Commander, W. C. Case; Past Commander, O. M. Gates; Past Commander, Thos. Hope; Past Commander, J. N. Barker.
- " 216, Mt. Clemens. Delegate, James Wade.
- " 225, Trenton. Delegate, Sylvester Hall; Past Commander, J. C. Alvord.
- " 234, Hubbardston. Delegate, Chas. L. Stuck; Past Commander, E. C. Read; Past Commander, A. S. Harris.
- " 235, Boyne City. Commander, John H. Newville.
- " 237, Rockford. Delegate, A. Toms.
- " 238, Coopersville. Delegate, Hiram Ames.
- " 240, Grayling. Commander, Dell Smith; Delegate, Dan S. Waldron; Past Commander, A. S. Pond.
- " 241, Woodland. Past Commander, Harrison Long.

- Post No. 242, Athens. Delegate, Henry Koehler; Past Commander, B. F. Taylor; Past Commander, R. A. Carpenter.
- " 248, Wacousta. Delegate, J. E. Parks.
- " 250, Mt. Pleasant. Delegate, Wm. Watson; Past Commander, John A. Hurns.
- " 255, Mayville. Past Commander, A. L. Bryant.
- " 256, Partello. Commander, S. Thompson; Delegate, Jas. Bosworth; Past Commander, A. J. Phillips; Past Commander, M. H. Gifford.
- " 258, St. Ignace. Alternate, F. S. Walker.
- " 259, Litchfield. Past Commander, F. W. Barber; Past Commander, E. A. Shattuck.
- " 261, Wayne. Alternate, J. M. Orr; Past Commander, Jos. Smith.
- " 262, Holland. Alternate, D. H. Clark.
- " 263, Vanderbilt. Commander, John G. Berry.
- " 269, Plainwell. Commander, Chas. Adams; Alternate, Harrison L. Luce; Past Commander, O. Tomlinson; Past Commander, Henry S. Strattors; Past Commander, J. B. Swan; Past Commander, Arther Haslewood.
- " 270, Ecorse. Past Commander, Jeston R. Warner.
- " 275, Olivet. Commander, H. Remalie; Past Commander, Geo. W. Keyes.
- " 281, Petersburg. Commander, J. M. Elder; Alternate, F. Runhart.
- " 283, Sunfield. Delegate, W. C. Fay; Past Commander, Wm. Edmons; Past Commander, Clark Richard.
- " 284, Davison. Delegate, James Cooley; Past Commander, A. A. Elmore.
- " 286, Fife Lake. Delegate, Delos Hilton.
- " 287, Cheshire. Past Commander, R. G. Harmon.
- " 288, Lacota. Commander, H. P. Gillespie; Delegate, D. A. Beele; Past Commander, L. H. Dalrymple; Past Commander, E. Dalrymple.
- " 295, Galesburg. Commander, Geo. W. Brown; Delegate, R. B. Mason; Past Commander, D. D. Russell.
- " 302, Byron Center. Delegate, Joe Pettingall; Past Commander, L. L. Hickox; Past Commander, A. M. Green; Past Commander, J. B. Morse.
- " 303, Schoolcraft. Past Commander, Albert Wagar; Delegate, John Gilchrist; Past Commander, Jacob Bauer; Past Commander, M. S. Burson.
- " 307, Saginaw. Past Commander, James T. Hale.
- " 312, Scotts. Commander, C. T. S. Cook; Delegate, Samuel Miller; Past Commander, Abraham Powers; Past Commander, Daniel Gutchess.
- " 317, Mattawan. Past Commander, H. Freeman.
- " 318, Northville. Past Commander, S. J. Lawrence.
- " 320, Prairieville. Commander, Geo. Norwood; Delegate, John P. Hart;
- " 324, Crystal. Past Commander, W. J. Griswold.
- " 326, Potterville. Commander, N. O. Merritt; Alternate, John N. Ford; Past Commander, Geo. Carmoney.
- " 342, Twin Lake. Commander, James Gardner.
- " 346, Hamilton. Commander, J. C. Holmes.
- " 348, Scottville. Alternate, Chas. Caddington.

- Post No. 350, Sand Lake. Commander, Wellington Rasco.
- " 352, Manchester. Delegate, Daniel M. Burch.
- " 354, Palo. Commander, C. A. Richardson; Delegate, Benj. S. Everest.
- " 357, Gagetown. Commander, Wm. J. Brown.
- " 360, Palmyra. Alternate, Eli Sevis; Past Commander, W. J. Patterson.
- " 372, Benzonia. Delegate, Wm. Wilson.
- " 374, Parma. Delegate, Emory A. Miller; Past Commander, Merritt Peckham.
- " 382, Lake Odessa. Past Commander S. H. Mallery; Past Commander, Edwin Yarman; Past Commander, Thos. Leak; Past Commander, Wallace Lovewell.
- " 383, Martin. Commander, W. D. Stayman; Past Commander, Oliver Carruthers.
- " 384, Detroit. Commander, Thos. S. McGraw; Delegate, A. S. Clark; Delegate, Wm. Winslow; Alternate, Jacob Guthard; Alternate, Geo. C. Wetherbee; Past Commander, O. A. Janes; Past Commander, Henry M. Duffield; Past Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins; Past Commander, Wm. S. Green; Past Commander, Thos. A. Wadsworth; Past Commander, Chas. A. Hampton; Past Commander, Sidney B. Dixon; Past Commander, August Gochel; Past Commander, Marvin Preston; Past Commander, E. S. Jameson.
- " 388, Allendale. Past Commander, Chas. M. Pansler; Past Commander, Chas. S. Knapp.
- " 393, Detroit. Past Commander, John Kidder; Past Commander, Chas. Kaufman.
- " 395, Grand Rapids. Commander, Chas. H. Fox; Delegate, Roswell H. Lee; Alternate, Chas. H. Goodrich; Past Commander, Jas. M. Wood.
- " 408, Grand Rapids. Commander, Geo. B. Schwab; Delegate, Geo. L. Crosby; Past Commander, G. H. Sherman.
- " 430, Burt. Delegate, M. W. Webster; Past Commander, John Jackson.
- " 433, Detroit. Commander, John Devlin; Delegate, Jesse D. Burke; Past Commander, Jas. McC. Miller.
- " 438, New Lathrop. Delegate, John Delbridge.
- " 440, Morrice. Alternate, H. Stockin.
- " 441, Mason. Delegate, Frank Lester; Past Commander, W. W. Root, L. H. Ives.
- " 451, Reed City. Commander, John H. Freeland; Delegate, Thos. A. Ball; Past Commander, Isaac Grant; Past Commander, "Ren" Barker; Past Commander, Homer Spencer; Past Commander, Aretus Corwin.
- " 453, Kingston. Delegate, J. B. Hickie.
- " 455, Montrose. Delegate, John Barber; Past Commander, Wm H. Baker; Past Commander, David Cross.
- " 461, Selma. Delegate, Geo. W. Wheeler.

The Department Commander—With the permission of the Encampment, I would like to read a few communications before we enter on the business of the Encampment. A telegram from Past Department Commander Edward C. Anthony:



Negaunee, Mich., June 14, 1904.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander:

On account of continued illness am unable to be at the Encampment in person, but am with you in spirit.

EDWARD C. ANTHONY.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7—Comrade Pond has prepared a message to Past Department Commander Anthony, and I hope you will permit him to read it, and that it may be sent.

Comrade Pond—One word prior to reading the message. Comrade Anthony, for many months has been laying on a bed of illness, and today he is on his bed with two tubes in his system to take away the poison which eventually must take him from us, and result in his death. Only recently, the mayor of the city of Negaunee, Dr. Hudson, his beloved son-in-law, was taken away. This is the telegram:

Your comrades in annual department gathering, send their sincerest sympathy in your brave fight for life, and extend their condolence in your hour of mourning the loss of a son. Cheer up, dear old boy. We miss you much.

I move you that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to send this immediately, by wire.

Seconded, and unanimously carried.

The Department Commander—Here is another communication, from the W. R. C.:

Battle Creek, June 12, 1904.

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander G. A. R.

The Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Vina E. Redfield, extends to the Department Commander, G. A. R., and his staff and comrades of the Encampment, a cordial invitation to attend a reception given by the Department officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, at Post Tavern, Wednesday evening, from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

By Command of

VINA E. REDFIELD,  
Department President.

ANNA E. GRIFFITH,  
Department Secretary.

The invitation on motion, was accepted.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the Department Commander's report. The Senior Vice Department Commander not being present, I will ask the Junior Vice Department Commander to take the chair.

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair, and the Department Commander read his address, which was as follows:

### COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—We have assembled in the beautiful city of Battle Creek, called “The Queen City of the State,” to hold our twenty-sixth annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic. The unbounded hospitality of its people have already caused us to feel that it is good for us to be here. These Encampments renew the ties of Fraternity with which we were cemented together on the field of battle in defense of our country and flag. These annual gatherings, to those of us who have been attending them, have, as the years pass by, become more and more precious. They bring us thoughts of joy and sorrow; joy, because we are instrumental in saving our Union and making our Nation what it is today; sorrow, when we think of the many thousands of our comrades who gave their lives to accomplish this great work.

Comrades, we are here to transact business for the good of our order and not for any individual benefit. Let us be true to the spirit of our order in transacting the business of the Department.

The summary of membership, as shown by the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, is as follows, viz.:

Membership in good standing December 31, 1902.....	13,716
Membership in good standing December 31, 1903.....	13,168
	548
Showing a total loss in membership of.....	548
Number of Posts December 31, 1902.....	359
Number of Posts December 31, 1903.....	355
	4
Loss in number of Posts.....	4

If these figures indicate anything, it is that the membership is healthy, notwithstanding that time is setting against the veterans of the war. The hand of death has been busy in our ranks during the year 1903, for 414 comrades have died in the twelve months. These figures speak plainly and should be an incentive to us to be more earnest in our work of teaching the coming generation to zealously guard the interests of the Republic and perpetuate our Union.

## FINANCES.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General shows the cash balance on hand in June, 1903, was \$1,490.44, that the receipts from all sources during the year were \$3,021.04, and that the expenses for the same time were \$2,892.00, leaving a cash balance on hand June 14, 1904, of \$1,619.49, a gain for the year of \$129.05.

I have given most careful consideration to the finances of the Department. With a steady decrease in membership, there is a corresponding decrease in revenue. The lessening demand for supplies also shows a falling off in this direction. With these conditions confronting us, it stands us in hand to guard against demands upon our funds. In considering this matter, I am not controlled by a desire to limit the usefulness of any part or work of our Department. On looking over the different reports, I find that expenses for the Department have not been uniform. Believing that the best interest of the Department will be best served by a definite understanding, I would recommend, with the approval of the Department, that in attendance upon the National Encampments all legitimate expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General be paid. The Department also to pay for headquarters' room, a room for the Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General, all other expenses, including board and mounts, to be borne by each individual.

It being necessary for the Assistant Adjutant General to have one or two persons to assist at headquarters during National Encampments, I would recommend that such persons be paid a per diem of \$4.00 for actual time given. A band is one of the indispensable accompaniments at National Encampments, and as no specific sum can be named for this item, I believe the Department should be authorized to make the best possible arrangements having a due regard for the standing of the Department.

I have given careful consideration to the expenses of my Official Staff, and believe the work is being done thoroughly and as economically as possible. I believe, however, that without injury to the efficiency of the Department, the salary of the Assistant Quartermaster General should be reduced to \$50.00 per year and so recommend.

## ALGER FUND.

This fund remains intact and is deposited by Assistant Quartermaster General in the Holland City State Bank at Holland, Michigan where it is drawing interest at 4 per cent per annum, and can remain in this bank at the rate of 4 per cent, if so desired by the incoming administration.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

This day of hallowed memories, the day essentially our own, is secure. Its observance has been general throughout the Department. I have no discouraging thought as to its future observance. The line of blue is growing less, and soon the comrades who have paid homage to comrades will have joined the throng who have answered the last roll call. They will be missed from the ranks, but their very absence will strengthen the regard and esteem for the day.

The report of the Department Chaplain gives a full detail of the observance of Memorial Day for year 1903. The Chaplain is to be commended for his zeal in securing reports from all but six posts of the Department. I take pleasure in recommending his report to your careful attention.

It is a painful thought that Memorial Day in many cases is given to sports. This desecration of so sacred a day should receive our earnest condemnation, and every effort should be made to discourage it by creating a public sentiment against such desecration.

It is with sorrow I announce the death of Past Senior Vice Department Commander Joseph C. Bontecue, of Post No. 170, Petoskey, Michigan, who died at his home in Petoskey, March 25, 1904, after a long and painful sickness. Comrade Bontecue was a most energetic Grand Army man, loyal to his comrades, ever willing to do what he could for the good of the order.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

For the second time in its history, the National Encampment was held on the coast of the Pacific Ocean, in August last, in the city of San Francisco. The Headquarters of this Department at the Grand Hotel was thronged with comrades and visitors from early dawn until late at night.

A large number of these visitors were former residents of Michigan now living on the Pacific Coast. They called to extend a welcome to the comrades from their old home, and to look for friends they had not seen for years. The Department of Michigan was well represented in the parade, there being more comrades in line than at the former Encampment held in San Francisco. The Department Commander takes great pleasure in complimenting the comrades for their presence and soldierly appearance. Surely the advancing years have not quenched the martial spirit nor diminished the interest in the annual parade. The proverbial generosity of the good people of San Francisco, and in fact of the whole State, was never more manifest than to the members of the Grand Army at this Encampment. It was a practical exemplification of the injunction "Ask and ye shall receive."

The next National Encampment will be held in the city of Boston, on the week of August 15. I hope the comrades will make a special effort to attend, so that the Department of Michigan will be well represented. Headquarters of this Department will be established at the Brunswick Hotel, where quarters have been secured by request of the Department through the courtesy of Comrade Thomas S. McGraw, Commander of Post No. 384, Detroit, without expense to the Department.

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Two years ago, Comrade T. E. Potter of Post No 42, Lansing, was appointed, by the Commander in Chief, special aide in charge of patriotic instruction in the public schools for the Department of Michigan. He entered upon his work with heart and zeal. After consultation with Past Department Commander Anthony, five prizes were offered by the Department for best essay on "Memorial Day." The pupils generously responded by sending in fifty-eight essays. The Encampment at Muskegon had the pleasure of hearing the essay that was awarded first prize read by its author, Miss Bessie E. Smith of Saginaw. All the essays were of a meritorious character, and a great credit to the pupils of our public schools. The Department Commander with the approval of the Council of Administration paid for these awards out of the general fund. The Commander-in-Chief again appointed Comrade Potter to have charge of this special work for this year. Comrade Potter

made an appeal to the Department for aid in carrying on this work. There being no funds appropriated for this special work, your Commander not feeling justified in using the general fund for this purpose, after consultation with the executive committee, Council of Administration, with their approval decided to make an appeal to the Posts of the Department and patriotic citizens of the State for aid to raise a special fund for this work to be called "Special Fund for Prize Essays." The result of this appeal was that we received \$107.91. The cost of the prizes, printing, postage, etc. was \$86.60, leaving on hand in this special fund \$21.31. The results of this work will be given by Comrade Potter in his report.

This work has been conducted by the Department for the past two years with great success, the object being to encourage the public schools of the State to give their pupils the most effective instruction and training in intelligent and patriotic citizenship.

Therefore, I most heartily recommend that the Department approve and continue this work, by appropriating \$90.00 for this work annually.

To provide for this appropriation, I would recommend that the annual interest received from the Alger Fund be applied to this special fund and that the balance be paid from the General Fund. This fund to be under the control of the Department and treated the same as the General Fund.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME AND WOMANS' ANNEX.

The State of Michigan has honored itself and the defenders of the Union by erecting, and maintaining, at an expense of about \$160 a year for each member, the Soldiers' Home and Womans' Annex, at Grand Rapids. It is a fact not generally known to the comrades, that the general government pays to the State \$100 per year for each comrade in the Home, which money is paid into the State Treasury, so that only about one-third of the cost of maintaining a comrade in the Home is borne by the State, whereas the State bears the entire expense of the women in the Annex.

Ten years ago, it was thought that high water mark in membership had been reached, but on the contrary there has been a steady increase from year to year, and during the past winter the number was larger than ever before, so much so, that it over-taxed the sleeping capacity of both

the Home and the Womans' Annex. It is the opinion of your Commander that to maintain a sanitary condition, more sleeping room should be provided. This matter should receive the careful attention of the Department.

A more complete report of the condition and management will be given by the committee appointed to visit the Home.

#### WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The largest body of women engaged in philanthropic and patriotic work in the world today, is that grand auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps.

With unceasing energy they continue to labor for the welfare and comfort of the veterans of the Civil War. They are a tower of strength to our organization. They are engaged in filling the mind and heart of the coming generations with lessons of loyalty and patriotism which cannot fail of lasting results.

The Commander wishes to express his appreciation and thanks to the Department President of the W. R. C., Mrs. Vina E. Redfield and her staff, and to all the officers and members of the local Corps, for the support they have given the Department and local Posts. A number of Posts in the Department having no Relief Corps, I would advise them to do all in their power to encourage and assist the W. R. C. in organizing a corps for their posts.

#### LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

We appreciate the energy of the Ladies of the G. A. R. in their efforts to relieve the needs of destitute comrades and their families, and thank them for their kindness, sympathy and assistance.

#### SONS OF VETERANS.

It is a pleasure to the Department to know that the Michigan Division of the Sons of Veterans is holding its Annual Encampment in the city at this time. As Fathers, we are interested in this organization. Our hearts are filled with pride as we see these our boys taking upon themselves the duty of perpetuating the work that we will soon lay down. Their work is but just beginning. They have shown their wisdom and patriotism in the establishment at Mason, Iowa; of the "National Memorial University,"

This university has for its object the teaching of American history, together with the regular academic and college courses, including industrial art for boys and girls. This enterprise is worthy of commendation and should receive the support of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### LEGISLATION.

The coming year being a legislative year, doubtless measures of more or less interest to the comrades of the Grand Army will be before the Legislature.

I believe the time has come when the State should relieve the Department of certain expenses, by furnishing stationery and office supplies, and doing the printing of the Department in the same manner as other offices in the capitol are supplied. I would recommend that this subject be referred to the legislative committee of the incoming administration.

#### OFFICIAL VISITS.

During my term of office, I have visited several Posts. These visits have been of great pleasure to me in bringing me into closer relations with my comrades. In some of these visits, I have been accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General Comrade Wyckoff, and the Department Inspector Comrade Frank R. Chase, and I feel assured that their presence has been productive of much good. I recall with pleasure our visit to Dewey Post No. 60, at Leslie on the occasion of the dedication of their memorial hall, and which I had the honor to dedicate in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. This Post is to be congratulated in having for their home this beautiful memorial building. My visit to Detroit Post No. 384 for the purpose of installing the Post officers is recalled with pleasurable emotions, and their kindness and generous hospitality will always have a place in sweet memory.

I received a circular which was sent out by one of the Posts of the Department, endorsing a comrade for political office, and endorsed by other Posts. This being an open violation of the Rules and Regulations, I issued a circular letter to the Posts of the Department, calling their attention to this matter and asking them to refrain from all political action as Posts.



We regret that Congress, before adjournment, failed to pass the Service Pension Bill as presented by the National Department. This measure of justice to our comrades should not be allowed to die. The comrades and Posts are urged to renew their efforts with our members in Congress for the passage of this Service Pension Bill.

I am pleased to report that a good feeling of comradeship and harmony prevails throughout the Department. There has been but one Post Court Martial. The Court rendered a verdict of guilty. Your Commander, in review of the case and evidence, and after careful consideration and council, returned the findings of the Court Martial disapproved.

The Department desires to thank the Posts who have responded so generously to the call for aid from Post 78 of Dansville. To those who thus responded is the honor and credit of preserving the Post, which is now in a flourishing condition.

From the reports of the Assistant Adjutant General, it will be seen our membership is steadily decreasing, yet I cannot but feel that if an earnest effort were made by all the Posts of the Department that recruits are still to be had by earnest solicitation. The suspended list is something appalling. The Posts of this Department are carrying on the suspended list 2,744 comrades. I would urge Posts and Officers to energetically enter into the work of reducing this list by the reinstatement of these members.

I extend my warmest thanks to the Department officers, my Official Staff, and members of the Council of Administration, for their hearty cooperation, and the kindness extended to me. I especially thank my Assistant Adjutant General, Comrade Fayette Wyckoff, for his kindness and assistance rendered to me, and for his faithful and efficient services to the Department, performed with zeal, economy, and intelligence. His loyal heart goes out in love to his comrades and is ever ready to assist them.

Comrades, a year ago you conferred upon me a great honor which I highly appreciate. It has been my earnest desire to advance the interest of this Department and to make its "Fraternity" more firm. As we grow in years let us become more united in Fraternity and look up to Him with love and faith, who gave us this Grand Republic.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,

Dept. Commander.

June 15, 1904.

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The report was referred to the following committee: Comrades Louis Kanitz, Post 7; H. S. Dean, Post 137; C. C. Phillips, Post 19.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Department Commander—I will appoint the following committees:

Committee on Resolutions—Washington Gardner, Post 210; Michael Brown, Post 294; Thomas S. McGraw, Post 384.

To visit W. R. C.—O. A. Janes, Post 384; R. R. Pealer, Post 72; C. V. R. Pond, Post 2.

To Visit the Ladies of the G. A. R.—C. E. Foote, Post 79; George W. Stone, Post 42; Comrade McKinstry, Post 17.

To Visit the Sons of Veterans—A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5; G. R. Norton, Post 111; W. F. Kimball, Post 14.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and on motion of Comrade Willson, Post 60, was accepted and adopted without reference. The report is as follows:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Sir and Comrade—The report I have the honor to make to the Department in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic must of necessity be brief.

I was unable to attend the National Encampment at San Francisco and I fear owing to a press of business that may not be put over, that I cannot attend the State Encampment at Battle Creek. I deeply regret this and hope the Commander and Comrades will excuse and pardon this neglect of a duty which I had contemplated performing with so much pleasure. To be compelled to forego that pleasure of meeting the comrades on the occasion of their annual assembling, I assure them is a great disappointment indeed.

I have visited a few Posts during the year, and have found them generally in a prosperous condition and the comrades hopeful and deeply interested in keeping alive as long as possible their organizations. Of course old age with many, and ever increasing infirmities are grievous drawbacks, but the fires of patriotism and devotion to the well being of the order stimulate and encourage them to keep in line until the last roll call sounds. I delivered the

address on Memorial Day at Laketon cemetery, this county, under the direction of Amos E. Steel, Post No. 280, North Muskegon. There was a large attendance and the exercises were of a beautiful and impressive character. It was my privilege to attend a social held by N. H. Ferry, Post No. 3, Whitehall, in honor of a visit from the comrades of Phil Kearny, Post No. 7, Muskegon. The occasion was one long to be remembered by all present. After an hour or two spent in speaking, telling of army experiences and singing patriotic selections, the ladies of the local Relief Corps served a bountiful repast which all enjoyed to the full. The Relief Corps of Ferry Post numbers about seventy members and is a credit to the order.

The Senior Vice Commander notes with sorrow and alarm the great mortality among the comrades during the past year, and the enforced absence from Post meetings in consequence of the fast increasing feebleness among the veterans. Many, very many are merely halting on the confines of two worlds waiting, waiting for the final orders from the great Commander to march on into the silent camping grounds beyond. They will answer to but a few more roll calls on earth, and then will take their places in the ranks of the great majority.

It is high time indeed for Congress to pass a general service pension law if it intends ever to do this act of exact and even justice to the veterans of the greatest war ever waged for the cause of humanity. The order lately issued, No. 78 is a partial relief, but is not a full recognition of the invaluable services rendered by these men.

With thanks to the comrades for the high honor conferred, kind regards to the officers of the Department, one and all, and renewed regrets for my unavoidable absence from the Encampment, I am Sir, yours very truly in F. C. and L.,

S. A. ALDRICH,  
Senior Vice Commander.

Muskegon, June 1, 1904.

The report of the Junior Vice Department Commander was read, and referred to the following committee:

Comrades Keen, Post 384; A. L. Pond, Post 240; S. S. Babcock, Post 17. The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department Mich., G. A. R.

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Junior Vice Commander for the past year begs leave to submit the following report:

I attended the National Encampment held in San Francisco in August last and in the absence of the Chief of Staff had the honor to be appointed by Department Commander Van Raalte to act in that capacity in the parade held in that city and right here I wish to enter a protest on behalf of my comrades on the length of parades which have been inflicted on the Grand Army in late years through thoughtlessness of local committees but which could not have been carried out were it not for the acquiescence of the Commander-in-Chief. Though individually mounted, I still found the march a tedious and tiresome one and my heartfelt sympathies went out to my less fortunate comrades who with the proverbial grit of the old soldiers of the G. A. R. plodded over that weary five miles, a large part of the way over rough stone pavements.

I would recommend to this Encampment that a formal protest be sent to the National Encampment against making their parades so long as to be injurious to the boys who are no longer young, but still willing and who would rather many of them, drop in the ranks than fall out.

I had planned visits to several reunions and other gatherings of the comrades the past winter, but ill health compelled me to forego these trips which would have been a most pleasant duty, but I was obliged to remain quietly at home.

At the last Encampment, at Muskegon I reported as chairman of a Committee named at Pontiac the previous year, our entire success in appealing to the Legislature of our State for an appropriation to erect a monument at Andersonville to the Michigan soldiers who suffered and died there. The report of the Committee was accepted and Committee discharged.

Supplemental to that report I wish to state that I had the honor to be named by our comrade, Governor Bliss, a member of the Commission to carry out the wishes of the Legislature in erecting the monument and was elected president of that body. We were most fortunate in having submitted a most beautiful and classical design by Lloyd Bros. Co. of Toledo and their plans were accepted, the





E. S. JAMESON,  
Junior Vice Department Commander.

monument built, erected and on Memorial Day last was formally dedicated and turned over to the Executive of the State in the presence of his staff, the Commission, and prominent members of the Senate, Legislature and a large concourse of visitors. The unveiling being done by Mrs. A. T. Bliss, the wife of the Governor and a prominent representative of that grand body of women, the W. R. C. who have purchased the old prison pen and to whom the country owes an eternal debt of gratitude in preserving that historic spot.

In conclusion I am most proud and happy to inform this Encampment that its wishes have been carried out to the letter. A monument has been erected to our martyred comrades who suffered in that "hell-hole." A monument exceeding in ornate beauty, in imperishable granite any monument so far erected at Andersonville. One of which every one from Michigan can point with just pride and with no fear that anything more beautiful will be hereafter erected to eclipse its stately grandeur.

With sincere thanks to the Department Commander and my fellow officers of this Department for their universal courtesy and kindness to me at all times, I am most sincerely and fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

E. S. JAMESON.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General was read and referred to the following committee:

Comrades John R. Bennett, Post 7; John W. McCrath, post 5; D. J. Willson, Post 48.

#### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
BATTLE CREEK, MICH., JUNE 41, 1904. }

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of our Order, I have the honor to submit for the consideration of this Department a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General during your administration.

## MEMBERSHIP.

Reports sent to National Headquarters during your term of office as consolidated from the semi-annual reports sent in by the Posts of this Department, are as follows:

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing December 31, 1902.....	359	13,716
Term ending June 30, 1903.		
Gains:		
By muster.....	2	189
By transfer.....		114
By reinstatement.....		202
By reinstatement from delinquent reports..	2	64
	<u>4</u>	<u>569</u>
Total gain.....		569
Aggregate.....	363	14,285
Losses:		
By death.....		201
By honorable discharge.....		29
By transfer.....		81
By suspension.....		265
		<u>576</u>
Total loss.....		576
Number remaining in good standing end of first term.....	363	13,709
Term ending December 31, 1903.		
Gains:		
By muster in.....	1	125
By transfer.....		71
By reinstatement.....		122
	<u>1</u>	<u>318</u>
Total gain.....		318
Aggregate.....	364	14,027
Losses:		
By death.....		213
By honorable discharge.....		21
By transfer.....		88
By suspension.....		396
By delinquent reports.....	8	110
By surrender of charter.....	1	31
	<u>9</u>	<u>859</u>
Total loss.....		859
Number remaining in good standing.....	355	13,168

The total gain in membership from all sources during the year has been 887, while the total losses from all sources has been 1435; a net loss for the year of four Posts and 548



members. Deducting the loss by death, which was 414, we have a loss of 134 above the death rate.

I again call the attention of the Encampment to the suspended list as reported by the Posts of the Department. The number of suspended members on the rolls of the Posts is 2,744. This is over twenty per cent of our membership in good standing. What would be the result if these 2,744 comrades now on the suspended list could be reinstated and brought into active relationship with the members of the Posts.

During the year charters were issued to three Posts, viz.:

Post 405, Perrington, reorganized.

Post 460, Saugatuck.

Post 461, Selma.

Reinstated from delinquents:

Post 244, Almont.

Post 444, Cadillac.

The following Posts have been reported as delinquent December 31, 1903:

Post 70, Bad Axe.

Post 192, Laingsburg.

Post 244, Almont.

Post 299, Crystal Valley.

Post 305, Fenwick.

Post 306, Casnovia.

Post 315, New Buffalo.

Post 334, Fremont.

Surrendered charter:

Post 375, Saginaw.

There has been expended for relief by the Posts of the Department \$790.91. I fear the Posts are not reporting all the relief given. The Posts and Department should have credit for all the work they are doing in this direction.

#### DEPARTMENT FINANCES.

The cash receipts coming into my hands were as follows:

From per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,359 50
From per capita tax, second term.....	1,317 10
<b>Total per capita tax.....</b>	<b>\$2,676 60</b>
From charter fee.....	10 00
From Commander and Staff for horses.....	17 50
From sales of supplies.....	291 49
From other sources.....	35
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,995 94</b>

All of which have been accounted for to the Assistant Quartermaster General, P. H. McBride, as his receipts on file at Headquarters will show.

The receipts as compared with one year ago show a falling off as follows:

The decrease in receipts for per capita tax was \$100.20, Charters \$10.00, and for supplies \$58.61, a falling off of receipts below last year of \$168.81. Notwithstanding this decrease in revenue, we are able to show an increase in general fund on hand, \$129.05. This will be more fully set forth in the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

In the appeal for aid for Post 78 there has come into my hands as donations from 47 Posts \$67.33. \$66.33 has been turned over to the Post, leaving in my hands a balance of \$1.00 yet to be sent them.

An appeal was made to raise a special fund to assist in the work of civics and patriotic education in the public schools. In response to this appeal there came into my hands \$107.91, received from the following sources: Eleven Posts contributed \$19.50; six patriotic citizens added \$34.00 more. The R. A. Alger G. A. R. Staff Association, through Past Department Commander H. S. Dean, contributed \$54.41.

This fund has also been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General in vouchers and cash. The names of donors to this fund will appear in detail in the Encampment Journal.

The good accomplished by the use of this money among the pupils of our schools, in the award of prizes etc., for essays on patriotic subjects is beyond measure.

The value of Post supplies on hand as inventoried amounts to \$93.29.

The value of Department property as approved by the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration is \$138.50.

From the reports of the Posts of the Department as compiled for the term ending December 31, 1903, we find the following showing as to the amount of property, cash and other items belonging to the Posts of the Department.

Cash in Post relief funds.....	\$1,623 57
Cash in Post general funds.....	11,005 34
Value of real estate.....	45,186 51
Estimated value of other property.....	40,322 52
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Making a grand-total of.....	\$98,137 94



FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



## RELIEF.

I again call the attention of Post officers to the small amount of relief as shown on the reports and which for want of better showing must go in the reports to National Department, there to be compared with other Departments, much to our disadvantage.

## REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Encampment will choose one representative and one alternate at large, and eighteen representatives and eighteen alternates, upon a basis of one representative and one alternate for each 750 members or major fraction thereof, to represent this department at the thirty-eighth National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15-20, 1904.

## COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

There has 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.

## REVISED BLUE BOOK AND RULES AND REGULATIONS.

During the year the National Department, through its committee, has revised the Blue Book and the Rules and Regulations. There has been some delay in getting the editions from the printer, but all orders sent in have been filled. Posts that have not done so should supply themselves with copies of these latest editions. They are indispensable to a proper understanding of rules governing our order.

## JOURNAL.

I regret that the Journals of the thirty-sixth National Encampment did not arrive in time for distribution at Muskegon. They were received about a week after that Encampment closed. As but few copies were called for in response to notice in general orders No. 2, they are being distributed at this Encampment. As the supply is limited, only one copy will be given to each Post. The Journals of the thirty-seventh National Encampment are being distributed by the Credentials Committee.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

Owing to the early date of the National Encampment, the Adjutant General has asked that reports be in his hands by July 15. This gives your Assistant Adjutant General less than a month to receive, consolidate and make his report. I urge upon the Post officers the necessity of promptness in sending in the reports for the term ending June 30, 1904. Blanks were sent to all Post Adjutants May 23.

## CONCLUSION.

This is the account of my stewardship Commander for the year 1903. I leave it with you with a consciousness that I have tried to do my duty. If my efforts have been successful or not, it is for you and the Comrades to determine. Appreciating the high honor which you conferred upon me in appointing me to the position of Assistant Adjutant General, I hereby most sincerely tender my profound thanks for your confidence thus shown. Our relations have been most fraternal and my esteem for yourself has been increased to a manifold degree by your courteous forbearance with me on all occasions. I wish to thank the Assistant Quartermaster General for his kindness and earnest effort to serve the interests of the Department.

I sincerely thank the officers of your official staff, one and all, for the uniform courtesy and goodwill shown me during the past year in my dealings and associations with them.

Sincerely yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, MUSKEGON, JUNE 15, 1903. }

Meeting called to order by Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte.

## Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
 S. A. Aldrich, Senior Vice Department Commander.  
 Edward S. Jameson, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
 S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.  
 D. H. Grow, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Council of Administration.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.

The Department Commander appointed the following Executive Committee of the Council of Administration:

O. Tomlinson, Post 269, Plainwell.  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5, Grand Rapids.  
 John Devlin, Post 433, Detroit.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Assistant Adjutant General be fixed at \$1,000, and the bonds of the Assistant Quartermaster General at \$3,000, the premium to be paid by the Department. Which motion prevailed.

In view of the early session the National Encampment it was moved and seconded that the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized, if found necessary in making the reports to the National Department for the first term ending June 30, 1903, that in order to save reporting a large list of delinquent Posts, they be authorized to advance the per capita tax on such Posts, as in their judgment may be best. Motion carried.

After an informal talk on the good of the order, the Council, on motion, adjourned to meet at the call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, FEBRUARY 17, 1904. }

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

**Present:**

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander in the chair.  
 P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Council of Administration.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee proceeded to audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant General.

Five-thirty p. m. took a recess until 7:30 p. m. to meet at the Hudson House.

Committee met at the Hudson House at the appointed time, Comrade Potter, special aide in charge of patriotic education, presented the needs of the work to the committee. After an informal discussion and in order to carry out the work as suggested by the chief aide, it was decided to make an appeal to the Posts of the Department for contributions to create a special fund to carry on this work, and that patriotic citizens be invited to aid in creating this fund.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to issue an appeal to the Posts of the Department. At 9:30 the committee took a recess until 8:30 a. m., February 18.

February 18, the committee met at 8:30 and proceeded with the work of auditing the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General.

This work being finished, Comrade Devlin moved and it was seconded by Comrade Kent. Having thoroughly examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General, we find the same to be correct.

Motion carried.

The matter of printing the Roster of the Department for 1904 being brought before the committee, the proposal of Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co. being the lowest viz., \$57.00 for 500 copies, the Assistant Adjutant General



was instructed to arrange with them for the printing of the Roster.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to engage a stenographer to take the minutes of the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment and write the same for the printer.

A motion was made and carried that the Assistant Quartermaster General be authorized to pay the expenses of the members of the committee and officers, in attending this meeting, as per vouchers rendered.

The frame containing the photographs of the Past Department Commanders being full, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure an additional frame for Photographs of Department Commanders.

Blank commissions for staff and aide-de-camps having been exhausted, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to procure from one to two hundred new blank commissions.

The action of the Department Commander in inviting the Commander-in-Chief to visit the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment was approved.

The date for holding the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment to be held at Battle Creek was fixed for June 14, 15, 16, 1904.

At 12:30 on motion the committee adjourned subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 14, 1904. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration met in room 234 of Post Tavern.

Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
 P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 O. Tomlinson, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.  
 S. M. Kent, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Executive Committee, Council of Administration.

The Executive Committee proceeded to audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General and found the same correct.

It was moved and carried that the railroad fare and hotel expenses of the Executive Committee in attending this call be paid.

Committee adjourned to meet with Council of Administration as the time had arrived for such meeting.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 ROOM 234, POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, 3 P. M. }

The Council of Administration met pursuant to call of the Department Commander.

Present:

D. B. K. Van Raalte, Department Commander.  
 Edward S. Jameson, Junior Vice Department Commander.  
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.  
 Rev. Wm. Putnam, Department Chaplain.  
 P. H. McBride, Assistant Quartermaster General.  
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.  
 Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector.  
 O. Tomlinson, Council of Administration.  
 John Devlin, Council of Administration.  
 S. M. Kent, Council of Administration.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Executive Committee reported that they had examined the accounts and reports of the Assistant Adjutant General and the Assistant Quartermaster General and find the same correct, as follows:

Cash balance on hand at commencement of this administration.....	\$1,490 44
Received from all sources.....	3,021 05
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,511 49</b>
That there has been expended.....	2,892 00
Leaving a balance on hand—In general fund.....	\$1,619 49
That in the Alger fund, there was received from former administrator.....	\$982 23
Interest on same.....	39 29
<b>Making total in fund.....</b>	<b>\$1,021 52</b>
Also a balance on hand of the special prize essay fund.....	\$21 31

The Assistant Adjutant General reported the amount of supplies on hand at headquarters in Lansing, Mich., inventoried \$93.29.

Report was accepted.

The Assistant Adjutant General reported the following Department property on hand at the following valuation:

One silk flag (new).....	\$35 00
One Union Jack.....	12 00
One Department banner.....	30 00
One typewriter (old).....	35 00
One letter scale.....	1 50
One Department seal.....	2 00
One numbering machine.....	10 00
One duplicator.....	4 00
One old bunting flag.....	
One letter press.....	1 00
One frame for Department Commander's photos.....	8 00
<b>Total valuation.....</b>	<b>\$138 50</b>

On motion the valuation of the Department property as presented by Assistant Adjutant General was adopted.

On motion the Council of Administration adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,

Approved: Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

The report of the Assistant Quartermaster General was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades J. O. Probasco, Post 100; G. T. Larned, Post 79; Charles Pausler, Post 388. The report was as follows:

To FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General,  
Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

Sir—In compliance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have the honor to herewith submit my report of all the business transactions, moneys received and distributed, in the office of the Assistant Quartermaster General of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. during the past year.

The total sum received in the general fund during the year from all sources was \$4,511.49, of which \$1,490.44 was turned over by Past Assistant Quartermaster General Blanchard, leaving the total sum received from all other sources during the year, \$3,021.05. The expenditures for all purposes during the year was \$2,892.00, leaving a balance in cash in the general fund of \$1,619.49.

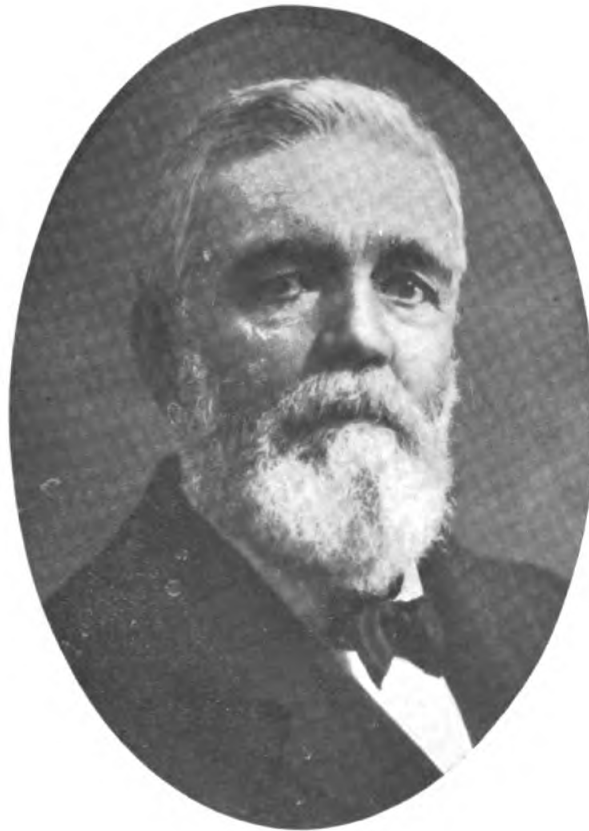
During the year there was a new fund created for prize essays, and there was received for such fund during the year, \$107.91, of which there has been expended \$86.60, leaving a balance in said fund of \$21.31.

There was received of the Alger fund from Past Assistant Quartermaster General Blanchard \$982.23, and since then interest has been paid on said fund amounting to \$39.29, leaving in said fund \$1,021.52.

Seven hundred dollars of the general fund was deposited June 24, 1903, with the Holland City State Bank of Holland, Michigan, which certificate bears interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, and if the certificate is allowed to remain in said bank until June 24, 1904, there will be \$28 interest on same, to be applied to the general fund.

The Alger fund is on deposit with said bank since October 16, 1903. If this fund is permitted to remain where it is until October 16, 1904, it will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,  
P. H. McBRIDE,  
Assistant Quartermaster General,  
Dept. Mich. G. A. R.



P. H. McBRIDE,  
Assistant Quartermaster General.



P. H. McBRIDE, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
<b>1903.</b>		
June 24	By cash from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen., C. D. Blanchard..	\$1,490 44
June 29	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	350 40
July 11	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	320 60
July 29	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	258 60
Dec. 24	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	69 05
<b>1904.</b>		
Jan. 7	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	339 10
Jan. 10	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	200 00
Jan. 21	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	300 80
Feb. 13	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	151 58
June 14	By cash from Asst. Adj. Gen., Fayette Wyckoff.....	50 82
	Transferred from special prize essay fund account of vouchers Nos. 39 and 40.....	25 10
	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$3,556 49</b>
<b>1903.</b>		
Vouchers received as cash from Asst. Adj. Gen.:		
July 11	Vouchers No. 1 to 5, inclusive.....	\$92 74
July 29	Vouchers No. 6 to 10, inclusive.....	180 55
Sept. 13	Vouchers No. 11 to 17, inclusive.....	193 61
Dec. 24	Vouchers No. 18 to 24, inclusive.....	104 29
<b>1904.</b>		
Jan. 7	Vouchers No. 25 and 26.....	69 47
Jan. 21	Vouchers No. 27 to 29, inclusive.....	63 39
Feb. 13	Vouchers No. 30 and 31.....	49 13
Mar. 4	Vouchers No. 32 to 34, inclusive.....	98 17
Mar. 9	Vouchers No. 35 to 40, inclusive.....	58 68
June 7	Vouchers No. 41 to 44, inclusive.....	44 97
	<b>Total vouchers.....</b>	<b>\$955 00</b>
<b>Total receipts.....</b>		<b>\$4,511 49</b>

DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
<b>1903.</b>			
July 11	1	Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, account 25th Department Encampment.....	\$21 75
July 11	2	Half month's salary A. A. G., June 15-30.....	45 83
July 11	3	Premium on indemnity bond A. A. G.....	5 00
July 11	4	H. Stalker, printing circular No. 1.....	1 50
July 11	5	Office expenses A. A. G.....	18 66
July 20	A	Per capita tax first term, National Department.	241 03
July 22	B	Jos. K. Davison, badges "San Francisco".....	44 00
July 29	6	Supplies from Q. M. Gen.....	51 48
July 29	7	James H. Emery, reporting proceedings 25th Encampment.....	50 00
July 29	8	Salary A. A. G., July 1 to 15.....	45 84
July 29	9	Office expenses A. A. G.....	18 23
July 29	10	Premium on indemnity bond, A. Q. M. G.....	15 00
Aug. 5	C	Expense 37th National Encampment, San Francisco.....	141 55

## DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
1903.			
Aug. 22	D	Hotel Grand, headquarters, San Francisco.....	\$137 00
Sept. 13	11	Salary A. A. G., July 15 to 31.....	45 83
Sept. 13	12	Supplies Q. M. Gen.....	2 25
Sept. 13	13	Office expenses A. A. G.....	11 76
Sept. 13	14	Salary A. A. G., Aug. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Sept. 13	15	Salary A. A. G., Aug. 15 to 31.....	45 83
Sept. 13	16	Jos. K. Davison for Past Department Commanders badge.....	35 00
Sept. 13	17	Office expenses A. A. G.....	7 10
Sept. 19	E	Salary A. A. G., Sept. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Sept. 30	F	Salary A. A. G., Sept. 16 to 30.....	45 83
Oct. 12	G	Salary A. A. G., Oct. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Oct. 31	H	Salary A. A. G., Oct. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Oct. 31	I	Supplies Q. M. G.....	20 55
Nov. 19	J	Salary A. A. G., Nov. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Dec. 2	K	Salary A. A. G., Nov. 16 to 30.....	45 83
Dec. 24	L	Printing and stationery, Robt. Smith Ptg. Co....	89 85
Dec. 24	M	Supplies Q. M. G.....	33 65
Dec. 24	18	Office expenses A. A. G.....	22 92
Dec. 24	19	H. H. Stalker, printing circular letter, Chaplain.	1 00
Dec. 24	20	Supplies from Crotty Bros.....	1 50
Dec. 24	21	Postage, Chaplain Putnam.....	2 25
Dec. 24	22	Office expenses A. A. G.....	27 78
Dec. 24	23	Salary A. A. G., Dec. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Dec. 24	24	Proof reading on Journal.....	3 00
1904.			
Jan. 7	25	Office expenses A. A. G.....	23 64
Jan. 7	26	Salary A. A. G., Dec. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Jan. 14	N	Supplies Q. M. G.....	10 26
Jan. 21	27	Engrossing memorial resolutions (Long).....	1 40
Jan. 21	28	Salary A. A. G., Jan. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Jan. 21	29	Office expenses A. A. G.....	16 15
Feb. 10	O	Salary A. Q. M. G., one-half year.....	50 00
Feb. 13	30	Salary A. A. G., Jan. 16 to 31.....	45 83
Feb. 13	31	Flowers sent to Past Commander Anthony.....	3 30
Feb. 18	P	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (Kent).....	15 65
Feb. 18	Q	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (Devlin).....	8 54
Feb. 18	R	Expense attending meeting Ex. Com. (McBride).....	10 00
Feb. 18	S	Expense meeting Ex. Com. (VanRaalte).....	9 15
Mar. 4	32	Salary A. A. G., Feb. 1 to 15.....	45 84
Mar. 4	33	Office expenses A. A. G.....	6 50
Mar. 4	34	Salary A. A. G., Feb. 16 to 29.....	45 83
Mar. 11	T	Supplies Q. M. G.....	12 50
Mar. 15	U	Salary A. A. G., March 1 to 15.....	45 84
Mar. 15	U½	Per capita tax to National Department, second term.....	230 44
Mar. 20	V	Supplies Q. M. G.....	17 40
Mar. 30	W	Supplies Q. M. G.....	7 75
April 3	X	Salary A. A. G., March 16 to 31.....	45 83
April 16	Y	Salary A. A. G., April 1 to 15.....	45 84
April 16	Z	Printing Roster 1904 (Canfield).....	60 00
April 30	&	Salary A. A. G., April 16 to 30.....	45 83
May 9	&½	Supplies Q. M. G.....	24 65
May 9	35	Office supplies, Crotty Bros.....	90
May 9	36	Supplies, returned from Post 262.....	1 10
May 9	37	Office expenses A. A. G.....	16 60
May 9	38	Office expenses A. A. G.....	14 98
May 9	39	H. H. Stalker printing circular and envelopes, Patriotic instruction.....	11 00
May 9	40	Expense postage, etc., Patriotic Instruction.....	14 10
May 17	A1	Salary A. A. G., May 1 to 15.....	45 84
May 30	B1	Salary A. A. G., May 16 to 31.....	45 83
June 4	C1	Printing and stationery, Robt. Smith Ptg. Co....	88 35
June 7	41	Office expenses A. A. G.....	19 10
June 7	42	Expense two trips to Battle Creek A. A. G.....	5 60



DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Vou. No.	Claim.	Amount.
1904.			
June 7	43	Office expenses A. A. G.....	\$15 65
June 7	44	Postage, etc., Department Inspector Chase.....	4 62
June 9	D1	Salary A. Q. M. G., six months.....	50 00
June 14	E1	Expense to 26th Dept. Encampment, A. A. G..	4 04
June 14	F1	Salary A. A. G., June 1 to 15.....	45 80
June 14	G1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Tomlinson)	2 75
June 14	H1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Devlin)	10 17
June 14	I1	Expense meeting Executive Committee, C. of A. (Kent)	9 50
June 14	J1	Expense Credentials Committee (Coffinberry)...	5 00
June 14	K1	Expense Credentials Committee (Chapin).....	7 40
Total disbursements.....			\$2,892 00

DISBURSEMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

Disbursements.	Amount.
Occidental Hotel, Muskegon, expense 25th Department Encampment	\$21 75
Expense 37th National Encampment, San Francisco.....	278 55
Expense Credentials Committee, Battle Creek.....	12 40
Paid stenographer for 25th Department Encampment.....	50 00
Jos. K. Davison, bronze badges, San Francisco.....	44 00
Guaranty Fidelity Co., premiums.....	20 00
Badge for Past Department Commander.....	35 00
Proof reading on Journal.....	3 00
Per capita tax to National Headquarters.....	471 47
Printing roster for 1904.....	60 00
Expense Executive Committee, Lansing.....	43 34
Expense Executive Committee, Battle Creek.....	22 42
Supplies from Quartermaster General and others.....	183 99
Expense Battle Creek and return twice A. A. G.....	5 60
Printing—General orders, envelopes and stationery.....	192 20
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	1,100 00
Assistant Q. M. General, salary.....	100 00
Office expenses, headquarters.....	45 35
Postage, headquarters.....	202 93
Total.....	\$2,892 00
Balance cash on hand.....	1,619 49
Total.....	\$4,511 49
ALGER FUND.	
June 24. Received from Assistant Q. M. General Blanchard.....	\$982 23
Oct. 24. Interest on same.....	39 29
Total.....	\$1,021 52

## SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1904.	Contributions received by Assistant Adjutant*General and turned over to Assistant Q. M. General:	
Mar. 1	From Col. T. E. Potter, Lansing.....	\$10 00
Mar. 24	From Post 101.....	1 00
Mar. 31	From Post 87.....	1 00
Mar. 31	From Post 133.....	75
April 1	From Post 384.....	5 00
April 7	From Assistant Q. M. General McBride.....	2 00
April 8	From Hon. Don M. Dickenson.....	10 00
April 8	From Post 1.....	1 00
April 15	From members of Post 408.....	2 75
April 18	From Post 262.....	1 00
April 23	From Post 2.....	1 00
April 27	From Post 42.....	3 00
May 7	From Hon. Fred M. Warner.....	5 00
May 9	From Post 377.....	1 00
May 13	From Major Geo. H. Hopkins.....	5 00
May 13	From H. S. Dean and others, members of R. A. Alger G. A. R. staff Association.....	54 41
May 14	From Judge J. B. Moore.....	2 00
May 17	From Post 18, Traverse City.....	2 00
	Total received.....	\$107 91
	Disbursements.	
May 14	Voucher No. 101, H. H. Stalker, printing circular and envelopes.....	\$4 00
May 21	Voucher No. 102, Jos. K. Davison, prize medals.....	57 50
	Transferred to general fund account of vouchers 39 and 40.....	25 10
	Total disbursements.....	\$86 60
	Balance cash on hand.....	21 30
		\$107 90

Comrade Schneider, Post 42, moved to take a recess until 2 p. m. Lost.

The report of the Medical Director was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades Brundage, Post 7; W. D. Brainard, Post 111; Isaac Grant, Post 451.

The report was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

OFFICE OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR,  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,  
MASON, JUNE 10, 1904.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report as Medical Director of the Department for the year ending December 31, 1903:

Number of deaths during the term.....	311
Number who presumably died from wounds received in the service.....	13
Number who presumably died from disease contracted in the service.....	83
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	215
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	47
The reasonable money value of such services.....	\$344 00
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.	91
The reasonable money value of such services.....	423 00
Money value of medicine and surgical appliances furnished for above by physician, or by Post, or relief corps, or by other organizations.....	175 00
Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....	\$942 00
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving a pension.....	16

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, Mich.

Number on duty and excused in quarters, men.....	675
Number in hospital, men.....	138
Total men present.....	813
Number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L., men.....	187
Total membership, men.....	1,000

Number on duty and excused, women.....	50	
Number in hospital, women.....	26	
Total number of women present.....	76	
Number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L., women.....	19	
Total membership of women.....		95
Total number present.....	889	
Total number A. W. L. and A. W. O. L.....	206	
Total membership.....		1,095
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1903, men.....	116	
Number of deaths for the year ending December 31, 1903, women.....	14	
Total number.....		130
Appropriations by the State legislature for the support of the Home, for the six months ending June 30, 1903.	\$62,000 00	
For the six months ending December 31, 1903.....	67,437 50	
Total appropriation.....	\$129,437 50	

The general government pays \$100 for the support of each disabled volunteer soldier that is an inmate of the Home. The average number of veterans present for the year ending December 31, 1903, was 739, so the amount would be \$73,900, which is paid directly to the State Treasury. This report shows a large advance in the death rate over previous years which is destined to increase as the years go by. This fact is very suggestive. Only a few more decades at the longest will there be any comrades to answer to roll call, but all will have received their final muster out papers and joined the army of the great beyond. Of the 368 Posts of this Department, I have only received reports from 201, therefore the statistics are not complete and reliable. I have done the best I could with the figures at my command. In submitting my annual report, I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the comrades of this Department for the honor conferred by electing me for the fourth time to the responsible position of Medical Director. On retiring from my official position, I shall always remember with pleasure the courtesies and kindnesses shown me, not by the commanders and members of their staff alone, but by the comrades generally, the men who helped to save the best and greatest government on earth.

Respectfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WILLIAM W. ROOT,  
Medical Director, Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

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

Lansing, Mich., June 13, 1904.

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith take pleasure in rendering to you my report as Chaplain of this Department for the year 1903.

Number of Posts in Department last year.....	361
Number of reports received from Posts.....	355
Number of Sunday Memorial services attended.....	342
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	340
Number of Veterans who preached sermons to Posts.....	28
Number of Sons of Veterans who preached to Posts.....	33
Number of Veterans reported present at these services....	9,664
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	349
Number of comrades participating in this observance....	13,294
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated....	1,146
Number of graves of Comrades decorated.....	22,539
Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,314
Number of public schools participating in Decoration Day	5,435
Number of pupils who participated.....	41,307
Number of other organizations that participated.....	434
Number of posts that had public addresses delivered.....	299
Number of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	71
Number of Sons of Veterans who delivered addresses.....	33
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	175

These items include all the subjects called for in these memorial reports; with an invitation to suggest any improvements in these services. In reply to which quite general indignation is expressed that the day so solemn and sacred to us, should be devoted by so many of our people, especially young men, in a most unpatriotic and irreverent manner, to trivial games and amusements. And pathetic appeals are made to have this desecration stopped if possible.

It is gratifying to know that this great "Festival of our dead" was properly observed by the Posts of this Department with very few exceptions, cordially assisted and participated in by our people generally, the public schools, and a large number of other civic and military organizations, to the gratification and encouragement of the Posts, who did not fail to appreciate it.

These annual services are precious to memory and history. They cost much labor, time and expense. And it is to be

regretted that after it is all faithfully and nobly done any Post, however small and weak, should fail to report to this Department their part, however small, in this gracious and grateful work.

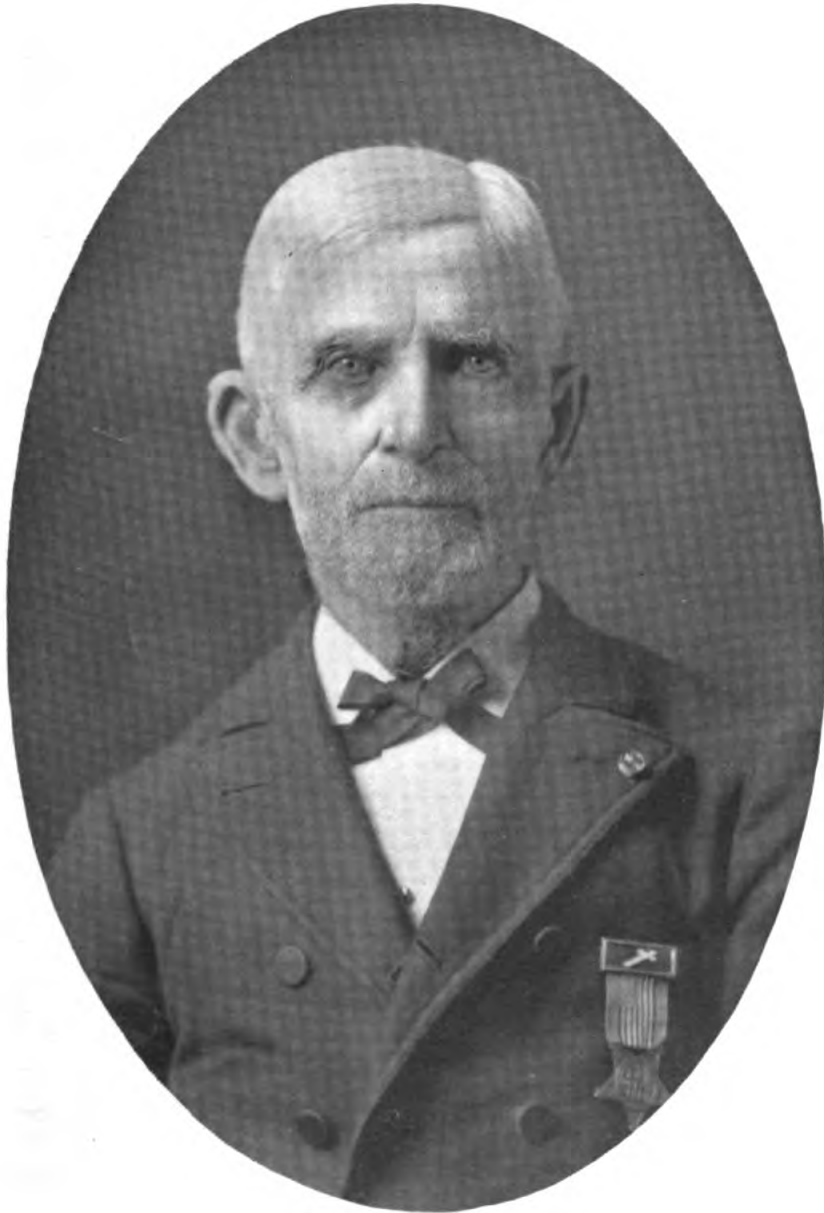
Could every comrade, participating in Memorial services, look upon them, while being performed, as if *done for himself*, as they soon will be for some of us, they would possess an emphasis, a sacred impressiveness and significance not to be forgotten; placing them in the front rank of memory, gratitude and honor, and exalting them to a record and report worthy of their object, and those for whom these services are rendered.

Could I gain the ear of every comrade whose privilege and duty it is to report in behalf of his Post, I would encourage him by every public and patriotic consideration not to fail to do promptly and faithfully his full duty, in making the best showing possible on his part, of the work of this great patriotic anniversary, so sacred to the hearts and homes of millions of our people.

From the warm, earnest words of our present Commander-in-Chief at Pontiac two years ago, I was led to regard our Memorial reports, especially as to the number of graves of comrades decorated with flags and flowers, as of much more than local or State importance, possessing an interest as broad as the Nation, as far reaching as the most extended ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, and as great as the sacrifice of life laid on our country's altar. With this estimate of the historical value of these Memorial reports and the statistics derived from them, I have made repeated and persistent efforts, almost throughout the past year, up into March last, to obtain every report possible. The result has been that on the basis of the number of Posts one year ago, I have obtained reports from all but 6. And on the basis of the number of Posts this year, I have obtained reports from every one.

Living where I could have ready access to Department headquarters, I have availed myself of facilities and aid kindly afforded me there by the Assistant Adjutant General, to reach so fair a degree of success in placing these Memorial statistics before you today, and submitting them for your consideration.

WILLIAM PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.



REV. WM. PUTNAM,  
Department Chaplain.





Comrade Foote, Post 79—Commander, as a mark of respect and courtesy to our Chaplain, I move you that we adopt that report without reference to a committee.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Alger—Every year I get a letter asking what shall be done with the Alger fund. It seems to me to be astray. I wish to say to the Encampment that is not right. It should never have been called after my name. It belongs to the Department to do whatever you wish. I wish to say this: if I had turned over what little I had originally to the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, to take care of it for me in my old days, it would have been a good thing.

The Department Commander—I would say in response to Gen. Alger that the fund is still in safe keeping, but I have made a recommendation relating to it, with regard to its use in patriotic instruction. I have recommended to this Department that they use the annual interest for that purpose.

Comrade Alger—Yes, sir. I have nothing to say to that.

Comrade Goeble, Post 384—Mr. Commander, our good old friend approves of everything that the Department does, and what our good old friend Alger says is right.

Comrade Alger—I am not old.

Comrade Goeble—I am talking for the other democrats here.

The report of the Judge Advocate General was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades R. R. Pealer, Post 72; R. D. Dix, Post 39; M. D. Merrifield, Post 88. The report was as follows:

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor to report that nothing of special importance to the Order at large has occurred in my Department during the past year.

A few questions concerning construction of Rules and Regulations and practice under same have been presented by officers of Posts in several parts of the State for opinion of Judge Advocate. The same are included in this report.

To an inquiry from Wagner Post 261, through your office, under date of November 2, ult., asking an opinion as to scope of the amendment to Rules and Regulations relative to reinstatement of dropped members the Judge

Advocate held that Article IX, Thirty-seventh National Encampment, amending Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 4, did not apply to case of reinstatement of comrade to same Post from which he had been dropped on payment of muster fee. The language of the amendment quoted being "A comrade may be reinstated in a Post other than that from which he was dropped upon application duly made, referred and reported upon, and on payment of the muster fee, etc.

Proceedings for reinstatement to same Post being governed by the preceding clause of same section.

A communication was received from Commander of C. Colgrove Post, Marshall, Mich., under date December 19, ult., to which I replied, 21st same month, inquiring concerning the rights of delinquent members to password before suspension and also as to proper procedure in case of a comrade who had been dropped and desired to again become a member of same Post. Upon the whole inquiry this office gave opinion that a comrade in good standing is entitled to password irrespective of arrearages and that he is presumed to be in good standing until action has been taken or initiated towards suspension. That a comrade who has been dropped is no longer in good standing and is not entitled to Post privileges, among which is the right to password.

Upon the second point suggested by this inquiry reference was made to Section IV, Article IV, Chapter V, Rules and Regulations, which reads as follows: "A comrade who has been dropped may be reinstated in the Post from which he has been dropped by making a written statement to that effect, and on receiving a majority vote of those present at any regular meeting upon payment of not to exceed one year's dues."

Under the foregoing it is clear that a member can only be taken back into same Post by election and payment of dues, etc. The last part of clause seems to indicate that the amount to be paid may be governed by Post action or by-laws.

Replying December 29, 1903, to a question of Comrade Koontz, of Coleman, Mich., as to whether an officer of Post could be elected by less than a majority vote, the Judge Advocate expressed the opinion that he could not.

The matter being apparently determined by the express provisions of Section II, Article VII, Chapter II, Rules and Regulations, which declares that "In case of a ballot for

officers a majority of all votes cast, except where otherwise designated, shall be necessary for a choice."

The circumstances under which this question arose appears to have been substantially as follows: Two comrades were candidates for office of Post Commander, one Koontz and the other Handel. One vote was cast for Coolz. The Post Commander decided, and correctly no doubt, that the vote for Coolz could not be counted for Koontz. It is not idem sonans.

In the case as it stood one had ten votes, one had nine votes and another one vote, hence no one had a majority and there was no election.

The proceedings of one court martial were submitted by Department Commander to me for review, upon which, after examination, the Judge Advocate returned same to Commander VanRaalte April 27, 1904, with notes and opinion.

The foregoing covers all matter which have received attention from my office during the year now closing.

All of which is hereby respectfully submitted.

Dated June 13, 1904.

BISHOP E. ANDREWS,  
Judge Advocate Department of Mich. G. A. R.

The Department Commander—You are aware that this afternoon sometime, we are to have the pleasure of the presence of our Commander-in-Chief, and in order that he may be received with due honor, I will appoint the following committee to receive him at the depot and escort him to the Encampment: C. E. Foote, Kalamazoo; Michael Brown, Big Rapids. If Michael Brown should not be present, I will appoint Louis Kanitz; and F. B. Fenton, of Detroit; Dr. Alvord, of Battle Creek, and J. R. Kelley, of Battle Creek.

Comrade Foote—I understand there are other members of the staff present. I would like to have them report at the entrance to the building at 2:45.

Comrade Janes—In order to bring the election of officers before the Encampment, I move you that 3:30 this afternoon be made the special order for the election of officers.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Jameson—I move you that we take a recess until 2:30 this afternoon.

Seconded and carried, and the Encampment took a recess until the hour indicated.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.—FIRST DAY.

The Department Commander—I have a communication from the Ohio Encampment to this Encampment:

“The Department of Ohio assembled in Encampment extends to your Department Fraternal greetings.

A. C. YINGLING,  
Department Commander.”

Comrade Duffield—I offer the following resolution:

The Department of Michigan, in Encampment assembled, cordially returns the fraternal greeting of the Department of Ohio, and wishes them all the good things in life.

I move you its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—I have another communication. This is from one of the Past Department Commanders, M. Brown, of Big Rapids:

Business prevents me coming. I send you greeting.

M. BROWN.

The Department Commander—The next in order will be the report of the special aide on patriotic instruction, T. E. Potter.

Comrade Potter read his report, which was as follows:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan:

Dear Sir—By recommendation of your Department Commander, D. B. K. VanRaalte, I was again appointed to carry on the work of Special Aide in charge of patriotic education and military instruction in the public schools of Michigan for the year 1904.

Before accepting the appointment I asked you to relieve me, and recommend some G. A. R. man younger, and better fitted in many ways to do the work, as I was distrustful of my ability, at 72 years of age, to meet the requirements of the position. But your earnest assurance of personal assistance in this work for the children and the dear old flag, led me to accept.

Ever since the first gun was fired on Fort Sumpter patriotic education in the State of Michigan has been increasing. And, if now, through this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, the spirit and principles of true patriotism

can be fully instilled into the minds of the pupils of our schools for the next ten years, it will raise a more formidable barrier against treason and rebellion than the planting of thousands of cannons in strong fortified positions.

As the result of awarding prizes to pupils in our high schools for the best essays on Memorial Day, last year proved a decided success, I concluded, with consent and advise of the Department Commander and the Executive Committee, to adopt a similar plan this year, and about April 1, the two circulars were sent to the eighty-four county school commissioners, 466 superintendents of schools, and 361 G. A. R. Posts.

During the second week in April I sent to these same parties 5,000 circulars setting forth the importance of this work. These efforts resulted in receiving 165 essays, all of which were examined by the competent Board of Judges and Awards. In addition to the fifteen prizes, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction issued thirty Diplomas of honorable mention to that number of essayists, aside from winners of prizes, whose commendable productions entitled them to such recognition.

The Grand Army of the Republic, together with the Women's Relief Corps, and the ladies of the G. A. R., all stand together for the great work of teaching patriotism to the young. They may not be the pioneers in it, but they have persistently kept the subject alive during times of peace, agreeing on the fundamental principles that to make patriots we must begin with the children. So they aim to have the National Flag float over every schoolhouse daily, and formally saluted by the scholars before their morning lessons; and promote special exercises by the schools on patriotic lines on all National Holidays; and encourage the attendance of schools and school children on Memorial Day observances. They are also laboring for the adoption of a manual of patriotism in all our public schools. I refer you to the bill recently passed by congress and approved April 21, 1904, which authorizes the president to detail a retired officer of the Army or Navy for that purpose, when called upon by the educational authorities of any State or territory.

Col. Allen C. Bakewell, chief of staff in charge of patriotic education and military instruction in schools, has undertaken the grand task of seeing that the school children of the Nation receive a course of patriotic education along with the other branches of their education; and so far as possible

the rudiments of military instruction. For six years he has carried on this work from Alaska to Porto Rico, through the special aides appointed by his request in every State or territory of the union. In 1899, he was sent by his Post (Lafayette Post of New York City) to Porto Rico to address the schools of that island, and distribute flags to them.

In speaking of his reception there he says: "If there is one thing the islanders seem to be proud of, it is the fact that they are under the protection of the stars and stripes, and Old Glory is as much their flag as that of an American. The crowds present at the exercises in Ponce and San Juan numbered thousands. It was a virtual holiday for each of the towns, and the flags we took with us waved everywhere."

The object is to teach the lessons of patriotism for our country and flag, to those who have come here from under the jurisdiction of other flags, as far as possible, and especially their children, who will be more susceptible than the parents, to the lesson of the flag. This is the great object we have set out to accomplish, and if the Grand Army of the Republic leaves no other legacy behind when it passes away, its existence will not have been in vain.

Before passing this important work over into the hands of my successor, I wish to thank the Department for office room, and the ever kind and cordial assistance of our Assistant Adjutant General, who has been deeply interested in the work, and the Department Chaplain, who has done much to make the work of both years a success.

I would suggest to this Encampment that some plan be adopted to provide means to follow up this work, now well begun, either by a fund set apart by this Department, or by volunteer subscriptions by the delegates and ex-soldiers present, to the amount of at least \$200.00, to carry on the work the coming year.

I will give \$10.00 on that fund provided the \$200.00 is raised.

I would also recommend that the special aides hereafter appointed by this Department shall be known as a Department Officer, and his name as such printed on the Department stationery, for the added recognition and influence it would give him with the schools and school authorities of the State.

THEODORE E. POTTER,  
Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and  
Military Instruction, Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic.

Lansing, Mich., June 13, 1904.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades B. R. Pierce, Post 5; Wm. Putnam, Post 42; John Devlin, Post 33.

The report of the Department Inspector was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades James Van - Kleek, A. T. Bliss, Sam Lawrence. The report is as follows:

Smyrna, Mich., June 3, 1904.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.,  
Department of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan:

Dear Col. and Comrade—I have the honor to herewith submit the following summary of the inspection of the Posts of this Department for the year ending June 30, 1904:

Total number of Posts in Department.....	358
Total number of members in good standing.....	12,622
Total number of Posts inspected.....	301
Total number of Posts not inspected.....	57
Total number of Posts in which the officers are regularly in attendance.....	267
Total number of Posts in which the members are in regular attendance.....	238
Number of Posts in which the ritual is properly exemplified.....	279
Number of Posts in which officers are uniformed and equipped.....	94
Number of Posts in which the members are uniformed....	78
Number of Posts in which the records are complete and well kept.....	279
Number of Posts whose reports and per capita tax has been forwarded.....	298
Number of Posts having a separate relief fund.....	53
Aggregate of money in relief fund June 30, 1904.....	\$1,581 33
Aggregate expended by Posts for relief during the year..	955 79
Aggregate of funds in the hands of the Post Quartermaster	18,305 33
Aggregate value of other property owned by Posts....	61,460 51
Number of Posts with Aux. W. R. C. attached.....	202
Number of Posts with ladies of the G. A. R. attached....	- 15
Number of Posts with ladies of other organizations attached.....	3
Number of Posts with Sons of Veterans attached.....	11

The real valuable work of the Department Inspector is rapidly increasing and instead of being confined to simply compiling the statistical reports of Assistant Inspectors, merges very largely into correspondence with the Posts, with suggestions, advice and instructions as to what is best for the interests of the Posts, for their maintenance and perpetuity, considering the surroundings, and circumstances of each individual Post.

The Post Commander cannot be too careful in his recom-

mendation of a comrade, for the appointment of Assistant Inspector. In no case should a Post Inspector hold any elective or other appointive office in his Post. The "*Remarks*," on the inspection blanks, should be filled and added to for the full information of the Department Inspector. Of the 301 Posts inspected, 77 have less than 20 members. Some with 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 members only, and still these small Posts are maintaining their organizations and their prospects are as good as are reported by many larger Posts.

The work of the Woman's Relief Corps cannot be too highly appreciated and the future life of our Posts depend very largely upon the ladies auxiliaries. The first effort of a Post, at this date, should be to secure the organization of a Woman's Relief Corps. Not as much for the aid and relief of worthy comrades, but for their moral support and strength in the maintenance of our Post organizations and the tower of might, in their inculcation of patriotism, and love of our National honor among the growing generation, that "it can never forget what they did here."

Of the 23 Posts reporting prospects *poor*, only nine have Woman's Relief Corps attached, and of the 115 Posts reporting prospects *fair*, only 13 have W. R. C. auxiliaries. One of the seven membership Posts reports prospects *good*, and a W. R. C. of 46 members, and upon investigation the report is absolutely correct.

One Post of 40 members and an aggregate of \$1,437.00 Post property, reports prospects *bad*; one Post of 67 members and \$2,578.00 in Post property, report prospects only *fair*. Neither of these Posts have auxiliaries.

With the hearty cooperation of Assistant Inspectors, several Corps have been organized, and their Posts are wondering how they lived so long without their auxiliary. In fact, a Post without a Corps is in the same condition Adam was before Eve came, lonesome, and needing a help-meet.

The inspection of Posts is sometimes made by officers of the Post which often develop that the barrel is bright and buttons shining, while in fact, the breach is burnt and the lock rusty.

There are petty strifes and small dissensions that occasionally creep into the best Posts, the report of which comes alone to the Department Inspector, and often times a letter or two straightens the whole matter, as many of these petty differences only need that the shield be turned half way round so that both parties may see both sides.







FRANK R. CHASE,  
Department Inspector.

It has been the custom that the newly elected Department Commander order the inspection of Posts and direct "Post Commanders to recommend some good, earnest working comrade of his Post for appointment as Assistant Inspector," the same to be reported to the Department Inspector. Our Department Commander issued such order June 30, 1903. Up to October 4, 1903, when general order No. 5 was issued, 15 Posts only had made such recommendation. November 21, when general order No. 6 was issued, 124 other Posts only had recommended and further appointments from Department Headquarters were abandoned and Post Commanders were directed to appoint, and immediately proceed with the inspection, that should have begun with October 1. Your Inspector sent 129 notices to Posts asking for their reports, then later 65 other second requests and still 57 Posts were not inspected. Some Posts were inspected as late as March 21. Failure to receive the Post inspection reports has greatly curtailed the efficient work of the Department Inspector. At the very best your Department Inspector has only five months of the year in which to do all his work, and he ought to have thirteen, as no unfinished work comes to him from his predecessor.

I would, therefore, most respectfully recommend that the Post Commanders elect at the first meeting of the Post in December of each year, recommend to the Department Commander some good, earnest working comrade of his Post for appointment as Assistant Inspector, for the ensuing year. Then the new Department Inspector will know who his assistants are, and arrange that the Assistant Inspector of one Post shall inspect a neighbor Post, and assign them to such duty accordingly, as he may deem most advisable. He may also direct them to visit other Posts and so give courage and efficient help to weak Posts.

The great problem rapidly coming upon us is how best to maintain and arrange for or dispose of the ninety Posts in the Department having each a membership of less than twenty.

The physical disabilities consequent upon our years of service in the army, the gradual but sure muster out of Comrades as one by one we answer to the last roll call, are surely sounding taps in many of our Posts, so the Grand Army of the Republic is fast passing into history where its work, like the deeds of its members, remain only as records, but

its accomplishments will live on like the results of "what they did," a blessing and memory to coming generations.

I desire to tender my thanks to the Department Commander for the honor conferred upon me, also to yourself and brother staff officers for the many courtesies received from your hands, and I would not forget the many pleasant and I hope beneficial correspondence with the Assistant Inspectors of the Posts and thank them for their ready cooperation.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Most sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,  
FRANK R. CHASE,  
Department Inspector.

It being announced that a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps was in waiting, Comrades A. T. Bliss, R. A. Alger, R. R. Pealer, John Devlin and James VanKleek were appointed a committee to escort them into the hall.

Comrade Janes—Your committee appointed to send greetings to the Woman's Relief Corps have performed that duty, and similar greetings are now to be extended by the Relief Corps to the Grand Army.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The regular order of business was suspended and the committee from the W. R. C. was escorted to the stage.

Comrade Bliss—I have the honor and the pleasure of presenting to you Mrs. McConnell, acting as chairman of the delegation from the Woman's Relief Corps, which brings greetings to our Encampment.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to introduce to you Mrs. McConnell, acting president of the W. R. C., who will now address you.

Mrs. McConnell—I have the honor to present the report of the W. R. C. by our president:

Jackson, Mich., June 10, 1904.

D. B. K. VanRaalte, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

Greeting—It is a pleasure for me to conform to the rules of our Order, and submit to you and to the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., the following report of our financial standing at the close of my administration; also the amount of relief extended during the year by your auxiliary known as the Woman's Relief Corps of Michigan. Willing and

cheerful expenditures in the W. R. C. have at all times been contributed for the benefit of the soldier and his family.

Five Corps have been organized with a membership of 110, which gives us a membership in the State of 8,749, the largest number ever reported.

Number of Corps in Department.....	235
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$1,966 11
Estimated relief other than money.....	4,288 27
A total relief by Corps.....	6,254 38
Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	60 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,668
Cash on hand in the general fund.....	\$422 70
Cash on hand in the relief fund.....	127 57

Owing to the reduction in the per capita tax, our funds were reduced to the amount of \$340.58.

As you accept this report of our work, we desire to leave with you our thanks for all favors received from the G. A. R., and pledge ourselves to you, Commander and members of the Grand Army of the Republic, to continue to prove to you in the future our bonded interests in the great army of surviving veterans. Your only auxiliary, the W. R. C., is an unbroken chain of "Loyalty to the Soldiers" and the dear old flag that floats over our beloved country and makes us a United Republic.

Any favors in the future that we can grant you will be cheerfully at your command.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,  
VINA E. REDFIELD,  
Department President.

Comrade Bliss—Allow me to present to you Mrs. Bliss.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have the honor to present to you our Governor's wife, Mrs. Bliss. You all know her and her works among the Grand Army, which will continue.

Mrs. Bliss—I thank you. Really comrades, I hardly know why I have been selected to come with this committee, but I think for two reasons; one was because I was the wife of the Governor, whom you all know is Past Department Commander. Another is, I never will bore you with a long speech. I am very glad that I came, and I am glad to look you in the face, and pledge anew my allegiance to the Grand Army of the Republic. I hope I may be able, as long as it is in my power, to work for the benefit of Grand Army men. As chairman of the Department Relief Com-

mittee I have noted with pleasure the little work we have to do in comparison with former years. The relief work of the people at large and the legislature and the Pension Bureau all respond nobly to all just claims. The American people are loyal to the American soldier, and are determined that they shall never suffer during their declining years. This simplifies the work of the Relief Corps some; but we still intend to do all that we are able to do.

Comrade Bliss—I have the pleasure of introducing Miss Hopkins.

The Department Commander—I have here one of the ladies of the Relief Corps who has ever a mother heart for the Grand Army of the Republic. I know it has been hard work for her to keep still as long as she has; she is very anxious to speak.

Miss Hopkins—I have been in the habit of making speeches but to another kind of an audience. We in the past have all been in sympathy with the principles for which you were banded together in the years from '61 to '65. Our sympathies were with you then, are now, and will be as long as we are permitted to remain here.

The Department Commander—It pleases me to introduce to you Mrs. Halstead, one of the Past Department Presidents of the Relief Corps. You have no doubt heard from her in words, you have also seen the work that she has performed.

Mrs. Halstead—Comrades of the Grand Army, when the President asked me last night if I could be one of the committee to visit this Encampment I told her yes, if she would put me on the rear end, where I wouldn't have much to say, because you know I never make speeches; but I told her I would be glad to have the privilege of looking into your faces once more. I thank you.

Comrade Bliss—I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I want to present to our Department Commander his dear and beloved wife.

The Department Commander—Comrades of the Department of Michigan, I am proud to say that there is no other woman in Michigan with whom I am as well acquainted as this lady. I will further say to you that she is patriotic and loyal, and that she has the experience of those who suffered at home while we were in the field; that she can say that her oldest brother went as a sacrifice for this country. I introduce to you Mrs. VanRaalte.

Mrs. VanRaalte—The ladies sent me here. I don't know whether they thought that my husband was not safe with

all these ladies, and sent me to see that he was protected, but I find they are treating him well.

The Department Commander—Ladies, in behalf of my comrades I thank you for these kind greetings of the Woman's Relief Corps. You will bear to your Department the greetings of this Encampment, and tell them that we have not forgotten the loyal work of the W. R. C., and that we appreciate what they are doing for us, and that will ever be fresh in our memory. We never will forget what they were to us during the dark days of the Rebellion. We return greetings to you.

The ladies of the committee were decorated with the Encampment badge, and escorted from the hall, amid three cheers for the Relief Corps.

Department Commander—I understand there are in waiting the Sons of Veterans. I will appoint as a committee to escort them to the stage, Comrades Kent, Dunham and Bishop.

The committee retired and escorted to the stage the entire body of the convention of Sons of Veterans.

Comrade Kent—It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the Sons of Veterans of the State of Michigan.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Col. Turner, of Muskegon, Commander of the Sons of Veterans. I wish to say at the same time that all these noble young men standing here upon the stage are our sons, and I introduce them to you as such—Sons of Veterans.

Col. Turner—Mr. Commander, Comrades of the G. A. R., in behalf of the Sons of Veterans of Michigan, in Encampment assembled in your city, I appear before you this afternoon to extend to you our most heartfelt greetings. I want to say at this time that we are doing all we can to keep green the memory of those, both living and dead, who sacrificed so much that the life of the Nation might be preserved. We realize that sooner or later we must take your place; and yet it seems we, as a separate organization, were not close enough in our relations, and that the G. A. R. of Michigan has not given us enough to do as we might and as we wish. I think sometimes the G. A. R. of Michigan hasn't given us as much to do as they might because all of us wish to be as much as possible upon the firing line. I believe if you, as an order, would recognize us more in the way of giving us more to do, it would be of great benefit to our order. I do not believe that I ever fully realized what it really meant

to be a son of a veteran until September last, my father died and was buried by the local Post, to which he had belonged for years; and as I stood beside the grave and heard the clods of the valley fall upon his coffin, I never had before realized the glorious heritage that belonged to us as sons of veterans, and that in the honorable deeds performed he had suffered so much that the life of the nation might be preserved.

We have had the honor this afternoon to have elected as Commander of the Sons of Veterans of this State a man who resides in this city, a man who is not only a son of a veteran but who is also a veteran, and belongs to your noble order. I refer to Brother Kellogg, who sits here. I would like to introduce him to you, as we would like to have him make a few remarks. We will not take up very much of your time.

The Department Commander—It affords me pleasure to present to you another of the Sons of Veterans, Brother Kellogg.

Comrade Kellogg—Comrades, members of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan—I come before you unexpectedly this afternoon. I had no idea that such an honor would be conferred upon me. I am not only a veteran but a son of a veteran. I have just buried my father, and he was buried by the Post of this city, and when his remains were placed in the cold earth, I pledged myself anew, and renewed my fealty to the memory of the veterans throughout the United States. There are assembled here this afternoon a body of veterans, not only as a body to congratulate each other, but to shake hands with each other, and we come among you as the younger element. I am here as one of you, for I went forth at the age of sixteen. The Sons of Veterans this afternoon have pledged themselves anew to perpetuate the name of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we wish and hope that every comrade in this room will avail himself of our services. We want to be close to you, for these are your sons, who soon will be the ones that will assist in laying away to eternal rest the remains of the Grand Army of the Republic. I remember but a short time ago, when an old comrade was buried, and I had a chance to be at the grave of the colonel of my old regiment, the Eighth Michigan Cavalry. As we gathered, and his friends, and the Sons of Veterans and the Grand Army Post placed his remains in the ground, there was an incident there that touched my heart and that of every comrade that was



present, and brought tears to the eyes of every comrade. A little grandchild stood by the open grave, and he raised his hands and waved them and said: "Good-bye, grandpa, good-bye, forever." I thank you for this privilege.

The Department Commander—Mr. Commander and Sons of Veterans—Your greeting to the Encampment is a great pleasure to us, and I am pleased to hand back the greetings of this Encampment, and say that we fully understand and appreciate the work that will soon devolve upon you—the work that these grand men have lived for. It will be yours to perpetuate this nation, it will be yours to do the work for which they have made great sacrifices. Let their patriotism and their loyalty to country and flag ever be an incentive to you all to perpetuate this nation; to remember that the honor of this country is your honor, and the glory of the flag is your glory.

The Commander and Past Commander were each decorated with the Encampment badge, when the Sons of Veterans were escorted from the hall, and the regular order of business was resumed.

The Department Commander—Comrades, the hour for the special business, the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year has arrived, but I do wish that you would postpone it long enough to allow the committee on the Soldiers' Home to report. If there is no objection, it will be taken that it will be granted. Hearing no objection, we will have the report of the Committee on the Soldiers' Home.

The report of the committee was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades Kidd, Post 211; Backus, Post 17, and Fiege, Post 38. The report was as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Saginaw, Mich., June 1, 1904.

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

A meeting of the committee was called at the Morton House, Grand Rapids, Mich., for 1:30 o'clock p. m., May 19, 1904, at which time and place your committee met and proceeded to the Soldiers' Home.

We made a careful inspection of the Home, in every department, and the Woman's Annex, so far as it was

possible during the afternoon. We first visited the hospital and after making some examination sought out Comrade M. R. Mills, the physician in charge, who escorted us through the building, and we examined every portion of it and found everything in excellent condition. We conversed with several comrades with whom we had a personal acquaintance and all the information we could gather indicated that the comrades were receiving excellent care and were, as far as it was possible to be, contented and pleased with the manner in which the institution was managed.

We found that much improvement had been made and that there had been recently provided a fire escape by which those who were confined to their beds could be quickly removed from the building in case fire should break out. This work, we understand, was done under the supervision of Surgeon Mills, and is one highly to be commended. Prior to its inception it would have been quite difficult to remove from the buildings comrades so situated, but with this arrangement the building could be quickly emptied in case of necessity. We also found that a large amount of space that was formerly of little or no use had been utilized, under the supervision of Dr. Mills, and the rooms thus utilized made light, airy, well ventilated and comfortable. We were not there at meal time, but carefully inspected the kitchen and dining room and cooking arrangements and found everything scrupulously neat and in the best of condition.

We also visited the Womans' Annex, where we found the widow of our late Comrade L. G. Rutherford in charge. We were shown over the building and found that also in like excellent condition as the men's hospital. We found that the difficulty in reference to a separate hospital for the old ladies in the Annex, which was mentioned in the report of your committee who inspected the Home in 1900, had been remedied to a large extent, by providing facilities therefor on the third floor of the Annex. There are many persons in this building who are unable to go from one floor to the other to get their meals, and to avoid the necessity of sending meals to them, under the management of Mrs. Rutherford, a room at one end of the building has been utilized, for a small dining room. The work of kalsomining and varnishing the Annex and furniture was being done at the time we visited the Home, and the work was being done in a most thorough manner. We were informed that this is done every two years, and the good condition of the rooms

indicated that it was well done. We found that the ceilings in the main halls on the first and second floors of this building were very badly cracked, and in many places crumbling, requiring quite frequent repairs. We believe that in the interest of economy as well as for improving its appearance, steel ceilings should be placed in these halls.

We subsequently visited the main building and dormitory and found everything well kept and the institution conducted in a manner to be highly commended.

In conversation with Commandant Judd, Mrs. Rutherford and Dr. Mills, we learned that it was becoming necessary more and more every year to employ outside assistance in the conduct of the various departments of the Home, and that this was especially true in respect to the nurses in both the men's department and in the Woman's Annex. This is due to the growing age of the inmates, and of course increases the expense of the institution, since formerly the inmates were employed to do this work, for which they were allowed compensation, but the expense of hiring those outside of the Home is much greater.

We found that the duties of the nurses, employed in the institution, required them to be on duty a large portion of the time and that the only place where they could take their rest in the day time after their night's labors, was in small rooms assigned to them in the general quarters, where, of course, it is impossible for them to get the rest they should have, and besides, in the present crowded condition of the buildings the rooms are really necessary for the inmates. We believe that a separate building should be provided for these nurses, containing say twenty rooms, which would undoubtedly be sufficient, and could be provided at a reasonable expenditure of money. With this additional room, we believe, from the best information we could gather, that the present facilities of the Home would be sufficient for some years and probably would not require to be increased.

Comrade Foster made particular inquiry in reference to the method of keeping accounts of the inmates in regard to funds deposited by them with the authorities of the Home, and we found that the method of keeping these accounts was identical with the system which is adopted in reference to the deposits in savings banks. Each member depositing money is given a book in which is entered the amount deposited at any time, the amount withdrawn and the amount of balance, so that every inmate always knows just exactly how his account stands.

In conclusion we wish to say that every courtesy was extended to your committee by the officials of the Home, for a careful examination of every building and every department. And we wish to say further, that we deem their management excellent, and that Michigan has a Soldiers' Home of which her people may well be proud, and we believe that everything is being done therein, so far as possible, to furnish as comfortable a home for those who are there as it is possible to do.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F. C. and L.,  
 WM. G. GAGE,  
 SEYMOUR FOSTER,  
 L. H. IVES,  
 Committee.

The hour for the special order of business, the election of officers, having arrived, it was moved that the nomination speeches be limited to five minutes each and the seconding speeches to two minutes each, which was seconded and carried unanimously.

The order being the nomination and election of a Department Commander, Comrade Janes, Post 384, nominated Comrade George H. Hopkins, Post 384, and his nomination was seconded by Comrades Babcock, Post 17; Lawrence, Post 318; Stone, Post 42; Milnes, Post 109; Mallory, Post 382; Heckler, Post 18; VanKleek, Post 67; Alger, Post 384; Bishop, Post 72; Dix, Post 39, and there being no other nominations, on motion of Comrade Dix, the Assistant Adjutant General was unanimously directed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Hopkins, which, having been done, he was declared to have been duly elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Janes—I have the honor to announce that the Commander-in-Chief is in waiting.

The Commander-in-Chief was escorted to the stage, and received by the Department in due form.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you our Commander-in-Chief, General Black, who will now give us a few words of encouragement.

The Commander-in-Chief—My comrades, you are as tumultuous as a convention of republicans or democrats on the eve of a nomination. That such spirits characterize old men is entirely in your favor. I am glad indeed to have come amongst you even at this moment, interrupting your

business, from the satisfaction that it gives me to see men of so much life, and so many of them. I am not going to detain you more than a moment at this time, as I am to address you this evening at the camp fire, I am told, for a while. I come to give you a greeting, and to extend to you in behalf of the Grand Army of the United States, words of cheer and regard. Since I saw you two years ago in your State Encampment, and during the time which has elapsed of this year, it has been my fortune to have traveled far, and to stand in the presence of many State Encampments; and through the length and breadth of the land I have found men in whose memories there was no abatement of the fire and joy of the old time and for the old flag, but of these things, and things like that, I shall take pleasure in speaking at a later hour in this same day.

The Department Commander—We have one more treat in store. We have the pleasure of having with us our National Chief-of-Staff. I introduce to you Comrade McConnell.

Comrade McConnell—Comrades of Michigan, from which State I went to the war—I can best introduce what few words I have to say by telling a story which I heard Gen. Grant relate at a reception to our Commander-in-Chief last Monday evening in Chicago. He says Mrs. O'Toole was on her death bed, and she wanted to make a last, dying request, and says to her husband, "Patrick, you haven't got along very well with me muther, but I want you to promise before I die that you will ride in the carriage with her to my funeral." "Well," he says, "Nora, if you insist, I will do it, but will schpoil me day." That fits my case entirely. I came here with bright anticipations of pleasure, to meet my old comrades of Michigan, but you have spoiled my day by asking me to speak. I will see you personally later, and I will say no more.

The Department Commander—I will appoint Gen. Alger and Gov. Bliss to escort the incoming Commander to the stage.

Comrade Alger—This is the first time in my life I ever had to go after him; he always came to me.

Comrade Hopkins was escorted to the stage by the committee.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to present to you, your Commander, Comrade Hopkins, who was formerly commanded by the general who escorted him to the stage, and now he will command the general.

Comrade Hopkins—The English language has very many beautiful words, but it has no words that can typify my feelings here today. You have conferred upon me an honor and a favor which there are no words that I can recall sufficient to thank you for them. I can only say this, comrades, that you will have in the future as you have had in the past, my earnest endeavors for the success of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan. But do you know, comrades, that you have put upon yourselves a great obligation? You have each of you, by your vote here today, said that you will sustain the administration for the next year, to the best of your ability. None of you can gainsay it. Had Comrade Smith or Comrade Jones been in the field as competitors, and had I succeeded, then you might have said: "Had you elected my candidate, your administration for the coming year would have been a success." But you have chosen me as your Commander, and I shall ask, and I know I shall receive, the hearty support of every comrade here. I thank you most heartily.

It being announced that a committee from the ladies of the G. A. R. was in waiting, Comrades Pond, Kidd, Bishop, and Bryant were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the stage, and the regular order of business was suspended in order to receive them. The ladies were then escorted to the stage, and received in due form.

Comrade Pond—I have the pleasure of introducing to you, representatives of the Ladies of the G. A. R., who bring greetings to this Encampment.

The Department Commander—It affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Proudfoot, chairman of the Ladies of the G. A. R. committee, who has been sent to bring you the greetings of that body. She undoubtedly has greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R., and will tell you of the close relations that exist between the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the G. A. R. They are indeed very loyal ladies. I present to you Mrs. Proudfoot, who will address you.

Mrs. Proudfoot—I will not take up very much of your time, as I am no speech-maker. I would like to take just a few moments and tell you a little of our order—the progress of our order, the Ladies of the G. A. R., during the last 10 years. We organized the department 10 years ago, the 28th day of June, with five circles and a membership of 80; now we have 27 circles in this State, and a membership of 977. We paid out during the year for relief \$350, assist-

ance \$655. Last year we furnished a room at the Soldiers' Home at an expense of \$100. Our Department worked in perfect harmony, and of course our comrades here know that our membership is composed of your wives, your widows, daughters and grand daughters. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Let me introduce to you Mrs. Griffin, one of the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Griffin—Commander, soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic—It is a favor and an honor for me to bring greetings from the Ladies of the G. A. R. to this noble body of men. We greet you in fraternity, in charity, and in loyalty; to every soldier and sailor present who wore the Union blue, and carried a musket or drew a saber, and drank from the same canteen, we say, God bless you, one and all.

The Department Commander—I have the pleasure to present to you Mrs. Eagan.

Mrs. Eagan—Comrades all, there is not a woman in this grand State that is prouder of it than I am. And what gives me more pride than anything else in this world, my father, my grandfather, and four of my uncles went to the front; three of them never came back. That we are your wives, your daughters, your sisters, your granddaughters, it seems to me is quite enough that we should be very closely linked together, one and all. We reverence and honor the comrades, not only one but every one, throughout this grand United States. We come here from the north, from the south, from the east and the west of this glorious State to welcome you. There is nothing that the Ladies of the Grand Army are more proud of than to know that they are of the blood and the bone of the old comrades. My father enlisted from Holland, where I believe our Commander was at that time, and went away and left my mother with two babies; I was one. I never thought that I could be here and see so many of these noble men. On behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to introduce to you Mrs. Jameson, the noble wife of the Junior Vice Commander, Comrade Jameson. I want to tell you one thing, you can just prepare yourselves for a talk, and then I want to tell you one more thing. I don't know what the result will be; she may come back at me. I had the courage to say to this noble woman that she had one more mission to perform before she died, and that was, that she should unite the Ladies of the G. A. R. to the W. R. C., because I firmly believe that in unity is strength.

They are all loyal, and they all work for the one grand cause.  
Mrs. Jameson.

Mrs. Jameson—Comrade VanRaalte, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—I wish I could tell you how proud I am to have the privilege of addressing you. For three years I was President of the Department that I represent, and I always felt as if I wanted to shed a tear when I sent my committees to you. They could talk to the old boys; I could not. While we do not work with the Woman's Relief Corps, we honor every deed of that noble body of women. Your Commander has said that we should unite. We would be willing but for one thing: the eligibility. The wife is nearer to the husband than a loyal woman, the daughter, the granddaughter, and the blood kin niece. Comrades, I want to set our order right before you. Every day we hear that we are an off-shoot from the Woman's Relief Corps. The first order in the early days to work for the Grand Army of the Republic—there was a number, but one of those, was the Ladies of the Loyal League of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York and the Eastern States. At a convention held in Denver in 1883 the delegates were instructed to admit the loyal ladies in that league. We split and the Woman's Relief Corps was organized then and there. For three years it worked under the old name of the Ladies' Loyal League. At a convention held in Chicago in 1886 our order united with some circles of the Ladies of the G. A. R., we taking their name, they our badges, rules and regulations. We admit to our order the old comrade. He is a nearer brother. Our Circles do the work of Memorial Day where there is no Post, and comrades, wherever you meet a Circle of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, there you will find the hand of friendship, charity, and loyalty extended to you. Commander VanRaalte, and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for the privilege of addressing you.

The Department Commander—Ladies of the G. A. R.—In behalf of the comrades of the Department, I thank you for this greeting, and I wish to have you return to your Department, and tell them that we appreciate them and the work that you are doing amongst the Grand Army of the Republic.

The ladies were decorated with the Encampment badge and escorted from the hall, when the regular order of business was resumed.



The Department Commander—The next in order is nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Kelley, Post 32, nominated Comrade John J. Cornwell, of that Post. The nomination was seconded by Comrade Ives, Post 441, and there being no further nominations, on motion, unanimously carried, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Cornwell, Senior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared to have been duly elected Senior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The Department Commander—The next in order is your Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Dean, Post 137, nominated Comrade S. M. Kent, of Custer Post No. 5; the nomination was seconded by Comrade Lawrence, Post 318.

Comrade Welling, Post 48, nominated Comrade Dan J. Willson, Post 48. This nomination was seconded by Comrades Willson, Post 60; Foote, Post 79; Root, Post 441, and Beckham, Post 374.

The nomination of Comrade Kent was further seconded by Comrades McCrath, Post 5; Pealer, Post 72; Kidd, Post 211.

Comrade Manley, Post 48, seconded the nomination of Comrade Willson.

The chair appointed as tellers Comrades Albert Dunham, Post 48; John W. McCrath, Post 5, and Davey, Post 17.

While the vote for Junior Vice Department Commander was being counted, Comrade Pealer presented and read the report of the committee on the report of the Judge Advocate, which was unanimously adopted.

The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

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

The undersigned committee, to whom you referred the report of the Judge Advocate, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and fully approve of the action of the Judge Advocate in relation to the questions submitted to him, as set forth in his report, and fully endorse and approve the rulings and decisions therein contained.

R. R. PEALER,  
R. D. DIX,  
M. A. MERRIFIELD.

Comrade Babcock, Post 17, read the report of the Legislative Committee, which was as follows:

Commander and comrades of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic—Your committee on legislation beg leave to submit the following report:

There having been held no session of the legislature during the past year, we have no legislation upon which to make a report, but your committee believes this to be a suitable time to consider what ought to be done in the future, so far, at least, as relates to matters within our own borders.

It is known to you all that a law was passed at the instance of the veterans of the Civil War, requiring that a United States flag shall be erected in connection with every school house in the State, during the daily sessions of schools, and at such other time as the school board may determine. This law is known as Act No. 56, of the Public Acts of 1895. It has come to the knowledge of your committee that quite one-third, or more, of the school districts of the State utterly ignore this law.

It cannot be doubted that the display of the flag over our educational institutions is a potent, although a silent factor in creating a sentiment of patriotism in the minds of our children. There is, however, a far more potent element which antagonizes this sentiment in some localities.

Some of our citizens would almost prefer to see the flag wiped from the face of the earth than tax themselves the almost infinitesimal part of a mill on the dollar, which is required to purchase a flag and erect a suitable staff upon which to raise the same. When the law was first passed, nearly every school district in the State complied with its provisions. But flags, halyards and staffs do not last forever, and when it became necessary to renew the same many of the thrifty tax-payers decided that it would be throwing money away to make any further expenditures in that direction. They seem to forget that it was not the intention of those of us who secured the enactment of the law that there should be any visible return from such an investment. We believed, and still believe, that a child cannot sit day after day in a room over which the flag is floating without becoming so imbued with such love of it that, in after years, should it be assailed by hostile hands, he will be among the first to spring to its rescue. We believed and still believe that, in after years, the sight of Old Glory would give to him an additional thrill of patriotism because it would recall to him the days of his childhood and

thus make his native land all the dearer to him. Yet it is true that petty penuriousness is depriving many of our youths today of this educational force.

Unfortunately this law, like almost every other which has been enacted in this State, which in any way has originated with the veterans of '61-'65, has no penalty attached to punish those who wilfully violate the same.

Your committee, therefore, advise that an amendment be secured to the law providing a penalty to be imposed upon every school district, that fails to carry out its provisions, and providing further, that the duty of enforcing its provisions be delegated to some suitable person. If this cannot be done then, in our judgment, it would be better to repeal the law since it follows that if the law is held in contempt, the Stars and Stripes, which the law was created to honor, will be held as unworthy of the legislation intended to do it honor.

There is another matter to which we think this Department of the Grand Army of the Republic should give its attention. Michigan has not yet erected any monument within her own borders in honor of the soldiers and sailors who fought in the war of the Rebellion. She has spent many thousands of dollars in the erection of monuments and tablets which serve the purpose of beautifying the parks of the States of the Union, which were in open rebellion, but not one dollar to erect even a simple tablet upon her own soil. Such monuments as she has elsewhere erected have had but two objects in view, i. e., to commemorate those who died while fighting for their country, and to teach lessons of patriotism to the oncoming generations. Both these objects have been to a great extent failures in all she has thus far done. A monument sacred to the memory of our dead ought to be erected where those to whom the dead are dear can have access to it.

Take as an illustration the monument which has just been erected at Andersonville in commemoration of those heroes who suffered and died in that inconceivable hell. Not one hundred Michigan people will see it in a century. Those who are directly related to these noble dead are, in most instances, utterly unable to visit it. The careless and indifferent of other localities will pass it by unheeding. Had, however, the money which was spent for the monument been added to the not inconsiderable sum squandered upon its erection and dedication at a point so remote from those who paid that money, we could have erected on the capitol

grounds at Lansing a monument which would have been more nearly worthy of those brave young boys. It would then have been placed where thousands of our own citizens would have seen it every year and where fathers and mothers could have taken their sons and daughters for the purpose of showing them that the commonwealth is not ungrateful to those who died for her sake.

We cannot avoid the conclusion that the time has come when the veterans of that great war for human rights and free government should insist that their children and their childrens' children shall be permitted to point to something erected by this great State in commemoration of the deeds done by their fathers to secure to this nation the God given boon of human liberty. We should see to it that the State does something quite as creditable as have municipalities and private individuals. We should, as a Department, of the Grand Army of the Republic, determine that no more money of our tax-payers shall be spent in the southern states until, as a State, Michigan has done something worthy of the men she sent out to do battle for her.

S. S. BABCOCK,  
C. E. FOOTE,  
Committee on Legislation.

I repudiate the sentiment expressed so far as relates to the inferred squandering of money relating to the Andersonville monument.

C. E. FOOTE.

June 17, 1904.

The Department Commander—The report will be referred to the following committee:

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—I move you as a substitute that this report be accepted and adopted without reference to any committee.

Comrade Bliss—I have no objection to this Department adopting that report, but I wish to say a word in regard to the monuments that Michigan has erected. Michigan has built many monuments, on the battle field of Chicamauga Park, Missionary Ridge, and on the other battle fields throughout the south—regimental monuments, and some few state monuments. Two years ago I appointed a committee to prepare plans to erect a monument at Lansing, and that committee did their work nobly, and got plans and presented them to the legislature. A bill was intro-

duced, but it was impossible to get it through. I think the time has come that Michigan should honor her soldiers by erecting a monument at the capitol. See what the Michigan boys suffered at Andersonville. Fifty thousand went into Andersonville and twelve thousand never came out. Out of that number seven hundred were from Michigan. Other states have erected monuments at Andersonville in commemoration of their dead. Why should not Michigan be in line. It dedicated a small amount—\$6,000. I was in that prison, and know what a hell it was. So do many other men who are in this hall today know what it was. We did appropriate a small amount, and I had the pleasure, when the bill came to me to sign it, and you can imagine with what pleasure. I signed it because I felt that Michigan should be represented by that monument. When it was dedicated on Memorial Day, many of our comrades went who were compelled to pay their own way, because of the smallness of the appropriation by the State for that purpose. Five thousand people were present there on Memorial Day, and the government sent troops there as an escort. I hope that Michigan will be found in the line of having a monument at some future day on our capitol grounds in memory of the soldiers of Michigan, and I will heartily endorse it, but I think this resolution should take the regular course and go to a committee.

Comrade Pealer—I wish to direct attention to the first recommendation of the report, in reference to the flag law—that some penalty be provided for the non-enforcement of that law. Upon this branch I would be opposed to legislation which would provide a penalty for a violation of it, but I would recommend the adoption of substantially the same law which exists in the state of New York, to-wit: that no school district should receive any part of the two mill tax until they filed proof of the carrying out of the provisions of the flag law. It is a simple provision, and you would have no prosecutions.

Comrade Babcock—Our good governor is mistaken. We are glad as a committee that the Andersonville boys were recognized. This contains our views as to future legislation, not legislation that is passed, and we are trying to get the State to do something for the soldier boys at Lansing. If we cannot get it, we had better quit.

Comrade Blakeman, Post 48—The part of the report that came to my ears seemed to find fault with the monument at Andersonville.

Comrade Babcock—Not a word.

Comrade Blakeman—Then I have nothing to say. I did understand that fault was found with erecting this monument. I don't believe there is a man in existence who followed our flag that suffered any more than those who suffered at Andersonville. I speak from personal experience. I was at the dedication, and I am pleased with the place of erection of the monument, because it can be seen—seen going in and coming out of the grounds.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—I wish to say that I think the governor entirely misapprehends the trend of that report. This is not a reflection upon what was done for that Andersonville monument. It commends that, and we all do, and there is not an objection to it. My object in making this motion was to facilitate business. The report as you have heard it is a very able one, and touches upon points that we are all deeply interested in, and I don't think that any committee could act upon it, in view of all we have got to do yet. For that reason I made the motion that it be accepted and adopted, without reference to the usual committee.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7—I know that Comrade Babcock wouldn't do anything here that was not submitted properly to your judgment; neither do I suppose that Col. Schneider would make a motion to rush a thing through that ought to be considered; but I do say I do not understand that report. There are two subjects in that report. I think we all understand that proposition as explained by Comrade Pealer. The other I do not understand. Let us refer that report, and before you people get through fighting we can get a report. I hope you will withdraw your motion, and let us refer it to a committee, and bring it in in good shape.

Comrade Schneider—It was to facilitate business that I made the motion. There are a good many here who don't seem to understand it, and I am willing to withdraw it and let it be referred to a committee.

Comrade Babcock—With the consent of the committee I will withdraw the report.

The Department Commander—It is now in the hands of the Department, and you can't do that. I don't think there is one-third of the comrades in this Encampment that have understood this report. It is an important report and they would like to understand it. You have been careful in all your work, and let us not adopt this report without understanding it fully. We all agree that Com-

rade Babcock here has the interests of the comrades at heart, and it does no harm to refer this to a committee. Let them report, and then you will know what you are doing, and you will not be ashamed afterwards of what you have done.

Comrade Milnes, Post 109—It strikes me that this matter should be referred for several reasons. In the first place there are a great many comrades in this room who did not hear the report. It was impossible for people in the back part of the hall here to hear anything that was in that report. Some of them, like myself, are getting a little bit deaf. So far as I can learn from what I did hear, it is a very important matter, and I move you that it be referred to the committee on resolutions.

The Department Commander—There is a motion already that it be referred in the regular order to a committee appointed by the chair.

The motion to refer prevailed, and the chair appointed as that committee Comrades Pond, Post 2; Bishop, Post 72; and Milnes, Post 109.

The result of the ballot for Junior Vice Department Commander was announced as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 303.

Necessary to a choice 152.

Comrade Kent received 142.

Comrade Willson received 161.

On motion the election of Comrade Dan. J. Willson was made unanimous and he was declared to have been duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander for the ensuing year.

The committee on the report of the Special Aide for Military and Patriotic Instruction made its report, which was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Aide in charge of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education in the public schools, report as follows:

We approve the objects embraced in the report and recommend a fund be provided for the work of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education in our public schools. We also recommend that the special aide appointed by the National Commander be recognized as a Department officer in as

much as his work is Department work, and his name printed on Department stationery.

B. R. PIERCE,  
Wm. PUTNAM,  
JOHN DEVLIN,  
Committee.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—The next in order is the election of a Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Comrade Willson, Post 60, nominated Comrade W. W. Root, Post 441, the present incumbent of the office, and there being no further nominations made, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Root, and he was declared to have been duly elected Medical Director for the ensuing year.

The next order of business being the election of a Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, Comrade Schneider, Post 42, nominated for re-election Comrade William Putnam, of Post 42, and there being no further nominations, on motion of Comrade Schneider, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Putnam, and he was declared to have been duly elected Department Chaplain for the ensuing year.

The report of the executive committee of the Council of Administration was presented, read and adopted.

The report was as follows:

Lansing, Mich., June 14, 1904.

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, respectfully report that we have carefully examined the books of the Assistant Adjutant General and of the of the Assistant Quartermaster General and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursements of their said offices during the year and find the same to be correct in all respects.

There was on hand in the general fund at the commencement of this administration the sum of fourteen hundred and ninety dollars and forty-four cents..... \$1,490 44  
Received from all sources during term..... 3,021 05

Total..... \$4,511 49

There has been disbursed as follows:



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Assistant Adjutant General's salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	100 00
Expenses to California Encampment.....	278 55
Paid per capita tax to National Department..	471 47
All other expenses including printing, postage, office supplies and badges and all incidentals:	941 98
<b>Total expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$2,992 00</b>
<b>Leaving a balance on hand.....</b>	<b>\$1,619 49</b>

ALGER FUND.

Received from former administration.....	\$982 23
Received interest on same.....	39 29
<b>Total in fund.....</b>	<b>\$1,021 52</b>

We find a balance on hand in the Patriotic In-  
struction fund of..... \$21 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. TOMLINSON,  
JOHN DEVLIN,  
S. M. KENT,

Executive Committee Council of Administration.

Report received and adopted.

On motion Encampment adjourned to tomorrow morning  
at 9 o'clock.

## SECOND DAY.

The Encampment opened in due form at 9 o'clock a. m., with the Department Commander in the chair.

Comrade Hilliker, Post 18, on behalf of the local Post and numerous business organizations of that city, invited the Department to hold its next annual encampment at Traverse City, and made a motion to that effect. Seconded by Comrades Dean, Post 137; Smith, Post 60; Devlin, Post 433, and Mallery, Post 382.

The motion was carried, and Traverse City selected as the place for holding the annual Encampment in 1905.

The Junior Vice Department Commander took the chair and Comrade Phillips, from the committee on the Department Commander's Address, read its report, which was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment, G. A. R.,  
Department of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was assigned the report of the Department Commander submit the following:

We approve the recommendations of the Department Commander as to limitation of expenses at National Encampments, and would move that all legitimate expenses of the Assistant Adjutant General be allowed. The Department also to pay for headquarter's room, a room for the Department Commander and the Assistant Quartermaster General. All other expenses, including board and mounts, to be borne by each individual. We also recommend the employment of not to exceed two clerks at a per diem of \$4 for the time actually employed at headquarters; also that the Department Commander be allowed to employ a band.

We endorse and approve the recommendation that the Assistant Quartermaster General's salary be fixed at \$50 per annum.

We heartily concur in the sentiments expressed in regard to the reverent observance of Memorial Day.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Commander we recommend that the accumulations of the Alger fund, in excess of \$1,000 be used for the encouragement of patriotic

education, and a further sum of not to exceed \$50 be appropriated for that purpose from the general fund.

We concur in the Department Commander's recommendation relative to the furnishing of stationery supplies by the State, and move that the matter be placed in the hands of the legislative committee yet to be appointed.

We have given careful consideration to that part of the report relative to the Soldiers' Home and Woman's Annex. We consider this the most important matter brought to our attention and we earnestly urge the legislative committee to draft a bill and use their best endeavors to secure its early passage, that shall meet the necessities of the situation.

We commend the economical and business-like methods of the administration for the past year and we move that a Past Department Commander's badge be purchased, at an expense not to exceed \$35, and presented to Comrade D. B. K. VanRaalte, together with the thanks of the comrades of the Department to himself and staff for their efficient and self-sacrificing services in our behalf.

LOUIS KANITZ,  
HENRY S. DEAN,  
C. C. PHILLIPS,

Committee on Report of Department Commander.

Comrade Phillips—I move the adoption of the report.  
Seconded.

Comrade Preston, Post 100—While I heartily favor every item of this report, you remember when the Commander made his report, the item in regard to the restoration to membership of those who are on the suspended list, over 2,000, if I remember right, I didn't hear upon what terms he would recommend the restoration of the members. I would like to have some instructions upon that point. If this goes on all our membership will be on the suspended list. We have in our Post restored them if they would pay the per capita tax. What are we going to do?

Comrade Pond, Post 2—I call attention to the fact that this Department cannot change the Rules and Regulations. It is in the Blue Book. Your delegates to the National Encampment can attend to it.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

Comrade Pausler, Post 388, presented the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General, which was read, and unanimously adopted.

The report was as follows:

June 15, 1904.

To the Department Commander and Comrades of the  
Twenty-sixth Department Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the  
Assistant Quartermaster General, beg leave to report that  
they find the same correct.

J. O. PROBASCO,  
CHAS. M. PAUSLER,  
Committee.

The committee on the report of the committee on Legis-  
lation submitted the following report:

June 16, 1904.

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

Your special committee to whom was referred the report  
of the committee on Legislation, beg leave to report that they  
have carefully examined the same and would recommend  
that Secs. 4 and 5 of said report be stricken out and the  
following be inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. 4. Your committee therefore advise that an amend-  
ment be secured to the law providing that no primary school  
monies be paid to any school district until proper evidence  
has been furnished to the proper officer that said district  
has complied with all the provisions of Act No. 56, Public  
Acts of 1895. Providing further that the duty of enforcing  
its provisions be delegated to some suitable person.

We would further recommend that all of Secs. 6, 7 and 8  
be stricken out and the following be inserted as Sec. 5 of  
said report:

Whereas, the last legislature failed to make the necessary  
appropriation to carry out the recommendation of the State  
Monument Commission, we therefore recommend that the  
next legislature be earnestly requested to make an appropria-  
tion sufficient for the erection of a State Soldiers' Monument  
to commemorate the names and fame and deeds of all the  
soldiers who went out from Michigan in defence of the  
Union, and that said monument should be erected in a  
prominent and suitable place on the capitol grounds in the  
city of Lansing.

That while we are grateful to the legislature and the  
patriotic and good people of the State of Michigan for their  
liberality in erecting beautiful shafts of glistening marble

on southern battle fields, in southern prison, where so many of Michigan's brave sons gave up their lives in defense of our common country, yet we do not feel that full justice will have been done until a suitable monument shall have been placed in our own fair State commemorating the brave and heroic deeds of every Michigan soldier, both living and dead.

C. V. R. POND,  
A. MILNES,  
Committee.

Comrade Schneider, Post 42—There is one provision there that I think we could not enforce—a recommendation there that no money be drawn until evidence is furnished that its provision has been carried out. If I remember right, the provision granting these moneys for school purposes is a constitutional provision, and I don't think we can alter that. For that reason it seems to me that amendment ought to be changed so as to meet the constitutional objection.

The Department Commander—That is a question that I think the Department should not answer. The courts will take care of that after it is adopted. It will stand as a law until it is decided that it is not a law.

Comrade Mears—I don't remember whether it is a constitutional provision or not, but it is left to the legislature to say how it shall be distributed, and by law they make the distribution. Now what is asked in this report is, that they shall require from the district evidence that the law is complied with before they get their share of the money. If that is passed, the districts will obey the law, and furnish the proper evidence to the proper officer, and there will be no trouble whatever. As the Commander has said, if there should be any question raised on the part of any district their remedy will be in the courts of the State.

Comrade Schneider—What I am aiming at is, that this Department should not stultify itself by recommending a law that will be declared unconstitutional. I may be mistaken about this, or that the legislature is competent to pass a law restricting the distribution till certain evidence that a certain law has been complied with. I am in doubt about that.

Comrade Mears—There are laws declaring in what manner school moneys shall be distributed and I see no reason why this act, if passed, should be questioned in any way.

Comrade Lawrence—As I understand the law, if the treasurer does not secure a certificate from the county

superintendent, the money is withheld until it is furnished. I don't see why that will not be a good law.

Comrade Mears—That will apply to primary school money.

The report of the committee was adopted.

The report of the committee on the Inspector's report was presented, read and adopted. The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

To the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, in annual Encampment assembled:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of Comrade Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector of the Department of Michigan, respectfully report that your committee has carefully inspected such report and fully considered the recommendations therein contained, and find that the Department Inspector has performed his duty with unusual care. That his report is full and intelligent and affords much valuable information.

We further report that the recommendations of the Department Inspector meets with the approval of your committee, and we recommend that the report and recommendations be adopted.

JAMES VANKLEECK,  
A. T. BLISS,  
SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE,  
Committee.

The committee on the report of the committee on the Soldiers' Home was presented, read and adopted. The report was as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the committee to visit the Soldiers' Home would respectfully report that your committee most heartily commend the thorough and painstaking manner in which the committee on Soldiers' Home made their inspection of that institution. We also endorse the recommendation for enlarged facilities for the accommodation of the nurses, viz.: That a separate building containing not less than twenty rooms be erected.

J. H. KIDD,  
H. A. BACKUS,  
HENRY FEIGE,  
Committee.

On motion the report was adopted.

Comrade Hopkins--At the last session of the legislature they passed a law authorizing the governor to appoint a commission of three men to visit Vicksburg and, in the language of the law, "to ascertain and exactly determine the position of each Michigan organization in the siege of Vicksburg, and also to recommend to the governor of the State such subsequent legislation as will in the opinion of the commission permanently and suitably mark the positions thus ascertained, and worthily commemorate the valor and services of Michigan soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg." This commission have performed that duty, and I suppose will go before the legislature at its coming session and ask that a suitable appropriation be made to mark the position of Michigan regiments in the military park at Vicksburg. As a member of that commission I am requested by the other members of the commission to ask this Encampment if they are in favor of it, so we can go before the legislature and say the soldiers of the State would like to see those positions properly marked. I therefore offer this resolution:

Whereas, The legislature of the State of Michigan at the session of 1903 authorized the governor of the State to appoint a commission of three persons to visit Vicksburg, Miss., and exactly determine the positions of each Michigan organization who participated in the siege of Vicksburg.

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., urgently request the legislature of this State at the coming session of 1905 to make such appropriation for a monument as recommended by the commission, at Vicksburg as will permanently and suitably mark the positions thus ascertained and worthily commemorate the valor and services of Michigan soldiers in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg.

I move its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318—I have got a statement to make and a motion—something that is new, something that has come from the Woman's Relief Corps, something that we all love. Fairbanks Post ladies have taken this in hand under circumstances that were brought very forcibly to their minds. An old lady died in Detroit, who was the widow of a soldier who had seen hard service, and had two wounds in his body. She had \$8 a month, and she received some relief, which kept her body and soul together. She had no money to bury her, and after her death she lay until the Woman's Relief Corps took charge of the matter. Gen.

Alger, and all the congressmen from our part of the State, through the women's influence, have signed a petition which I have in my hand—the Woman's Relief Corps has gotten up a petition for every Post in this State, and will ask the legislature next winter to pass a law that if any soldier's widow dies destitute the State of Michigan will give her an honorable burial, and not permit her to be buried as a pauper. My motion is this, to save the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps of Fairbanks Post the expense of nearly \$5, that the Assistant Adjutant General inclose with his next report one of these petitions to every Post.

Seconded, and carried unanimously.

Comrade Cowles, Post 42—I offer the following:

Whereas, The dormitories of the National Soldiers' Homes are large rooms, filled with rows of cots, giving the old soldier occupants no privacy whatever,

Resolved, That the congressmen from Michigan be, and they are hereby requested to use their endeavors to have an act passed by congress providing for the rearrangement of the dormitories of the National Soldiers' Homes after the style of the sleeping apartments at the Michigan Insane Asylum at Kalamazoo, giving to each man a small room, large enough to contain a cot bed, a trunk, a stand and a chair, with a window and with a door opening into a large hall.

Resolved, That the Assistant Adjutant General of this Department is directed to mail a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions to each of the Michigan congressmen, together with his certificate of their adoption by this Encampment.

I move its adoption.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The committee on resolutions presented the following report:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 16, 1904.

To the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment, Michigan  
G. A. R.:

Your committee on resolutions beg leave to report the following:

Resolved, That this Encampment appreciates the hospitality extended by the beautiful and enterprising city of Battle Creek and for the same we tender our grateful thanks.

Resolved, That the thanks are due and are hereby ex-



tended to the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and to the Ladies of the G. A. R. for their noble and sustained efforts put forth in behalf of our needy and destitute comrades and for their widows and orphans.

Resolved, This Department appreciates the faithful and efficient services rendered by the Department officers and the staff of the Commander during the term now nearing its close, that we particularly commend the wise economy practiced and the prudent husbanding of our financial resources.

Resolved, That this Department reaffirms its former declarations on the subject of a suitable monument to be erected to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the State at the capitol of the commonwealth.

Resolved, That we commend to the legislature, soon to convene, the Soldiers' Home and the Woman's Annex and respectfully urge for them a generous appropriation.

Resolved, That we appeal to all our citizens and especially to our colleges and public schools to sacredly observe Memorial Day by abstaining from everything calculated to detract from the solemnity of its observance and the wisdom of its teachings.

WASHINGTON GARDNER,  
THOS. S. McGRAW,  
Committee.

Comrade Pond—I ask that the committee insert that the thanks of this Department be extended to the Officer of the Day and the Officer of the Guard for their assistance here.

The committee accepted the amendment, and as thus amended, the report was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Fenton—I offer the following resolutions:

Whereas, At the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at San Francisco, last August, it was unanimously resolved to ask congress to pass a general service pension bill, and,

Whereas, Such bill was introduced during the session of congress just closed and referred to the proper committee where it now is. Therefore be it,

Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., now in session, that we call upon our senators and representatives to use every means in their power to bring about the early passage of said bill at the next session of congress.

This resolution was suggested by the Commander-in-Chief last evening just as he was leaving. I move the adoption of the resolution.

Seconded, and unanimously adopted.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the election of a Council of Administration consisting of five members.

Comrade Turner, Post 109, nominated Comrade Alfred Milnes, Post 109; Comrade Foote, Post 79, nominated Comrade Freeman Hall, Post 79; Comrade Greenfield, Post 89, nominated Comrade L. H. Ives, Post 441; Comrade Hillis, Post 166, nominated Comrade Henry Clute, Post 166; Comrade Devlin, Post 433, nominated Comrade William Davey, Post 17; Comrade Pearce, Post 5, nominated Comrade W. G. Gage, Post 38; Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade John R. Bennett, Post 7; a comrade nominated Comrade J. O. Probasco, Post 100.

Each of the candidates were supported by a number of comrades.

Comrades Pausler, Phillips and Clare were appointed tellers.

Moved and supported that the five comrades receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected as members of the Council of Administration. Adopted.

A ballot was taken, and pending the ascertainment of its result the regular order of business was continued.

Comrade Harmon, Post 40—I move you that it be the sense of this Encampment that the committee on transportation procure the tickets to the next Encampment limited at 20 days from sale, and give us a chance to see the northern country.

Comrade Janes—I move that the committee on transportation be requested to procure a limit of 30 days for our tickets for the next Encampment.

Seconded, and carried.

Comrade Preston, Post 100—In our former conventions we have always passed a resolution in favor of the prisoners of war bill before congress. I wish to make this motion, that we pass a resolution requesting our legislature to memorialize congress to pass that bill for the benefit of the prisoners of war.

Comrade Davey, Post 17—I am glad that resolution has been brought forward here for this Encampment to endorse the bill for the ex-prisoners of war. I find in going through among my comrades that the greatest opposition has been from the comrades of the Grand Army. I think every





W. W. ROOT,  
Medical Director.

comrade ought to work for this bill, and do what he can to secure the passage of this bill by congress.

Comrade Foote—What is the purport of the bill?

Comrade Preston—For the legislature of Michigan to request congress to pass the bill. It is a bill to give them \$2 a day for the time they were in prison; that is the main thing—all who were in there 90 days. No one can ever find language to describe the agony and misery endured by these prisoners; and while they were doing that, they were offered their freedom again if they would sign a roll never to take up arms against the Confederacy. The comrades said, "No, I will allow myself to be carried out the keyhole before I will refuse to take up arms for my country."

Comrade Smith, Post 61—I don't believe in putting a money value on patriotism.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—I was never a prisoner of war. I believe that during my three years' of service that I never knew what the troubles and sufferings of war were. When I meet a comrade that was in those prison pens, I feel like doffing my hat to him, and saying to him, "Sir, I do not know what the sufferings of war were." I have been familiar with this bill that has been pending before congress for the last 10 or 15 years. It provides for a per diem of \$2 a day during imprisonment of every comrade who was in prison over 30 days. My heart has gone out in sympathy for these comrades, and for the passage of that bill. Why in the name of God our representatives in congress haven't put their shoulders to the wheel and passed that bill has been beyond my comprehension. I say it is little for us to do today, to pass a resolution as suggested, urging our representatives in Washington to use every means in their power to bring that bill to the front and pass it without delay.

Comrade Roberts, Post 17—I got up to second this motion. I am in the pension business in Detroit. I see those cases right along, not only in Detroit, but all over the State. As the comrade has just stated, I was never a prisoner. I left my right leg on a battle field in 1862, and I haven't done any foot racing since then, but I say those men who were in Andersonville are worse off than I. I have had talks often with congressmen, and they say that the Grand Army opposes this bill. Let us give them to understand this time that we are as a unit, and that we want that bill passed.

The motion prevailed.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the

Junior Vice Department Commander, presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, June 16, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades of the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander respectfully report that we have given the same our careful consideration and recommend that the report be adopted and that the recommendation relative to length of march at National Encampments be referred to the next Department Commander with instructions to correspond with the National Commander relative to limiting the distance of the march at the next National Encampment.

J. S. KEEN,  
S. S. BABCOCK,  
A. POND,  
Committee.

Committee on report of the Assistant Adjutant General presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, June 15, 1904.

Department Commander:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General would respectfully report the following:

This Encampment is to be congratulated on the prompt and thorough manner in which the business of this session has been conducted. This in a measure has been made possible by the efficiency of our Assistant Adjutant General.

His report shows careful preparation and an earnest desire to perform the arduous duties of his office to the best of his ability.

We heartily concur in his request that Post officers be urged to forward their reports to headquarters promptly in order that the work of the Assistant Adjutant General may be facilitated and his report to National headquarters prepared with care and forwarded in proper season.

Respectfully submitted,  
JNO. R. BENNETT,  
JNO. W. McCRATH,  
D. J. WILLSON,  
Committee.

Report of committee on report of the Medical Director presented their report as follows:

Battle Creek, Mich., June 15, 1904.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Medical Director have carefully examined the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,  
 C. L. BRUNDAGE,  
 Chairman,  
 ISAAC GRANT,  
 W. D. BRANARD,  
 Committee.

The next order of business being the election of delegates and alternates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment, the Department Commander announced that the nomination of delegate at large was first in order.

Comrade Willson, of Post 48, nominated S. M. Kent, Post 5, for delegate at large. There being no further nominations, Comrade Devlin moved, and it was seconded, that the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for S. M. Kent for delegate at large. Unanimously carried, and the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote for S. M. Kent for delegate at large, and he was declared elected.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to call the roll of districts for nominations for delegates and alternates. The following were nominated by districts:

Dist.	DELEGATES.	ALTERNATES.
1.	Chas. A. Bartlett, Post 17.	John Devlin, Post 433.
2.	Theo. E. Wood, Post 41.	H. Palmer, Post 45.
3.	C. W. Albertson, Post 185.	B. F. Rolf, Post 109.
4.	B. D. Pritchard, Post 56.	Henry Miller, Post 39.
5.	W. D. Frost, Post 5.	S. H. Mallery, Post 382.
6.	W. C. Nesen, Post 42.	Chas. E. Dunston, Post 114.
7.	E. G. Spaulding, Post 98.	G. W. Howe, Post 98.
8.	Wm. N. Stocker, Post 156.	Wm. Morgan, Post 38.
9.	G. W. Wheeler, Post 461.	D. M. Ruggles, Post 3.
10.	J. W. Snyder, Post 67.	M. J. Borland, Post 67.
11.	"Ren" Barker, Post 451.	Wm. Mears, Post 235.
12.	Geo. G. Johnson, Post 8.	A. O. Kruger, Post 300.

On motion the Adjutant General was instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the twelve delegates and

alternates as read by districts and they were declared elected.

There being six more delegates to elect the following comrades were nominated:

J. W. Greenfield, Post 89.	A. L. Bryant, Post 255.
D. C. Spears, Post 10.	E. H. Green, Post 119.
Chas. W. Lung, Post 100.	John D. Berry, Post 263.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to cast the ballot for the comrades named and they were declared elected as delegates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment.

The nomination for six alternates was then made as follows:

M. D. Brainard, Post 111.	C. H. Browning, Post 32.
D. G. Crotty, Post 17.	Wm. H. Godfrey, Post 131.
Joshua Noah, Post 37.	O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.

There being no further nominations, on motion, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for the comrades named, and they were declared elected as alternates to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment.

Comrade Forney, Post 91—In regard to Memorial Day. In our city we have a little trouble with reference to Memorial Day services and decorations. The citizens practically took it out of our hands, with another order, the U. V. U. Being Commander of the Post, I was appointed chairman of the committee, and prepared for it. I felt perfectly easy, and everything was working smoothly. When the program came out the Grand Army was left out in the dark, to take the rear. So I wrote to our Adjutant General to know what to do. He advised us to fall into ranks and march, just as the program was gotten up. Post 91 fell in and marched in the rear. We staid in the rear in the cemetery. The U. V. U. did the work and decorated one-half and left one-half without flowers. I then sent a committee to decorate the rest of the graves. The Grand Army never leaves its work half done. I am here to thank the Assistant Adjutant General for the kind advice he gave us.

Comrade Howe, Post 98—I feel deeply interested in what the comrade has reported in regard to Memorial Day. I am glad to know that he did what the others hadn't done—completed the work. I also feel thankful that others saw fit to do one-half of the work, for the time will come when they



will have to do all the work. In Port Huron, where I live, Post 98 was more than gratified to see the way the citizens and the other organizations did the work at the cemetery, and helped us with our programs. As the Catholic priest said to me, "We are with you." Services were performed in the Catholic cemetery and our citizens helped us with the flowers. I am glad to know it. I would like to see a similar wave sweep over the whole State.

Comrade Forney—The comrade don't understand my meaning. Has the U. V. U. order a right to take the Grand Army's place on that day? That is the question I want answered.

Comrade Kaywood, Post 48—I would like to say that in Jackson we have a few young men, sons of veterans, that don't belong to the organization, boys from 12 to 16 years of age, say "Here, old soldiers, we would like to go with you and help to spread the flowers." I have a son who has been with us for four years now, and he says it is the happiest day in his life to go with his father or his comrades to scatter the flowers. And I think, comrades, that one of the grandest works we can do is to ask our boys and our girls to go with us to strew the flowers on Memorial Day. They enjoy it, and they are proud to do it.

Comrade Janes, Post 384—I am very glad that a little discussion has arisen upon this question of the observance of Memorial Day. I find as I go about the State upon such occasions that in some localities that we old boys seem to think that Memorial Day is only for ourselves, and no one else. Memorial Day was originally established by the Grand Army of the Republic to be observed by the loyal people of this country in commemoration of those who fell or died for their country, and we have been looked to to take the initiative of the observance of that day; but I have felt the time was coming when the people of every community all over the country, should be educated that it was not the day simply for the old soldiers, but for the American people to observe in future generations, and that the American people would go in a few years to worship at the shrine of those who freely gave their lives that this country might live. So I insisted in my own town, and the citizens of that town, the common council of that city, some ten years ago, were invited to participate in that parade. The post of honor was given the Grand Army in the rear, and when they came to the cemetery there was open ranks to let the old boys go in. The citizens took hold, the children took

hold, and the burden is on them, because when we go away they are to take up the pleasant duty. Educate them, so that in a few years the graves will not be neglected, but will be decorated by a loving people in honor of the old flag.

Comrade Wright, Post 166—The city of Marshall for years has given the Grand Army \$50 a year as an acknowledgement, for use on Memorial Day. We simply have the money and decorate the graves. I would like to see every other city do the same thing.

Comrade McWilliams, Post 17—My remarks may not be interesting but I think they will be useful. I have had a great deal of experience in Memorial Day business, being the head of our Post committee on decorations. The way we do it in Detroit is this: Detroit has some 1,250 or 1,400 graves. We have nine cemeteries. The Grand Army of the Republic, the U. V. Us., the Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans, divide the work. We call committees. We notify each organization in Detroit, and send a committee out at a certain time. They will have a general committee, then this general committee will select from each organization certain ones to become what they call a decorating committee, and these decorating committees, one will take one part of the city and another another, and in that way everything works harmoniously. The Department Chaplain will notice from the reports of the different Posts, at least he will from mine, in answer to the question, how many graves did your Post decorate, 1,250 or 1,400. It means they did this with delegates from the various organizations.

Comrade Lawrence, Post 318—I am glad this question has come up. We have an outpost, 318, Northville. We go to the public schools with our committee and we say to the teachers, "Last Memorial Day we put flowers upon 64 graves. Sixty-four girls from that public school head our procession with the flowers to place upon these graves. They open ranks, as Comrade Janes has said, we pass through, the citizens go through, and the graves are decorated. We are teaching what we believe to be patriotism with our organization.

Comrade Dean, Post 137—I want to say a few words on this subject. I live in a town where there is located the grandest educational institution in the State of Michigan, the University of Michigan. The rules of that institution are that those buildings shall not be used for any other purpose except educational purposes, and the Board of

Regents voted that when the Grand Army of the Republic wanted the use of those buildings for any purpose, it was educational, and they should have the use of those halls, lighted at the expense of the State. The common council makes an appropriation for the purpose of decorating the graves, and the mayor issues a proclamation inviting all to participate. There is not a denomination in our city that does not send an invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic, and sometimes from every church in the city—Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, German Lutheran Unitarian, Methodist. There is a strife to have us come the Sunday before. The military turn out, the boards of directors of the different cemeteries have ordered their sextons by the 30th of May to have every soldier's grave cleaned and the flag placed on it. We all turn out, and I thank God it is without a dollar of expense to us. We are getting so we can say God bless them, for we know that they will place flowers on our graves when we are gone. We are educating them to take care of the nation.

Comrade Fenton—I tell you what one Post did. It had the arrangements made and everything ready for Memorial Day. The city council put in a wheelbarrow race, a hop, skip and jump, and notwithstanding a request from the Post they would not refrain from that. The Commander says, "We will make a detail to decorate our graves, and we will not participate in the city's demonstration." The officer in command said, "I wish that every comrade and his family would remain outside of the streets during Memorial Day." I think the conduct of the comrades has very much to do with the maintenance of Decoration Day.

The result of the ballot for Council of Administration was announced as follows: Comrade Davey, 142 votes; Comrade Bennett, 115; Comrade Ives, 90; Comrade Gage, 89; Comrade Milnes, 84; Comrade Hall, 72; Comrade Probasco, 57; Comrade Clute, 50; Comrade Miller, 4. Comrades Bennett, Davey, Ives, Gage and Milnes having received the highest number of votes, were declared each to have been elected as members of the Council of Administration.

The officers elect were duly installed by Past Department Commander C. V. R. Pond.

The Department Commander announced the appointment of Comrade Fayette Wyckoff as Assistant Adjutant General and Comrade Jacob Bristol as Assistant Quartermaster General. Comrade Wyckoff was duly installed.

Department Commander Hopkins—Comrades, I shall not

detain you by a long speech. I simply want to repeat what I said yesterday, that my heart is full to overflowing with thanks and gratitude for the kind expressions of the comrades of this Department. I want and shall expect your earnest and hearty support. I may fail, although I don't see how I can with the illustrious example of my illustrious predecessors before me, not only the retiring Commander but those who have preceded him. I will do my best to keep up the record of the Department of Michigan. I thank you.

Comrade Wyckoff—I wish to say a word. I recognize that the position to which I have been appointed is one of responsibility. I want to thank the Department Commander for the honor bestowed upon me, and I also want to thank the comrades for their kind greetings. I appreciate and thank you for it. I will do the best I know to merit your confidence in the future as I have in the past.

Comrade VanRaalte—I feel that I wish to thank you all for the kindness you have shown me, and I have only one request, and that is this, that we close, Department Commander, by singing America, and with the benediction by the Department Chaplain.

The Encampment closed with the singing of America, and the Invocation of the Divine Blessing by the Department Chaplain.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

#### ORDERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 16, 1903. }

General Orders No. 1.

I. Agreeable to the will of the comrades of this Department as expressed at the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment held at Muskegon, June 10 and 11, and having been duly installed Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, I assume the duties of the office. I realize the responsibility which it imposes, and earnestly desire to see our noble order take its place as first in the effort to increased usefulness to our country and comrades. To this end I invoke the assistance of every Post and comrade in the Department.

Comrades let our watchword be, an increase in membership, and to this end let us unite our every effort.

II. The following staff appointments are announced:





JOHN R. BENNETT,  
Chief of Staff

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38, Lansing.  
 Assistant Quartermaster General, P. H. McBride, Post 262, Holland.  
 They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. All official communications should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R., Lansing, Mich. All personal letters intended for the Commander should be addressed to Holland, Mich.

Additional appointments on the staff of the Commander will be announced in future orders.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JUNE 16, 1903.

General Orders No. 2.

I. At the Twenty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Muskegon, Mich., June 10 and 11, the following named comrades were duly elected and are here announced for the information of the Department:

Department Commander, D. B. K. VanRaalte, Post 262 . . . Holland  
 Senior Vice Dept. Commander, S. A. Aldrich, Post 7 . . . Muskegon  
 Junior Vice Dept. Commander, E. S. Jameson, Post 384 . . . Marine City  
 Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441 . . . Mason  
 Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42 . . . Lansing

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269 . . . Plainwell  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5 . . . Grand Rapids  
 D. H. Grow, Post 388 . . . Allendale  
 Reubin Quick, Post 87 . . . Lowell  
 John Devlin, Post 433 . . . Detroit

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. C. O. A.

O. Tomlinson, Post 269 . . . Plainwell  
 S. M. Kent, Post 5 . . . Grand Rapids  
 John Devlin, Post 433 . . . Detroit

REPRESENTATIVES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Ellery C. Cannon (at large), Post 16 . . . Ewart  
 William F. Atkinson, Post 17 . . . Detroit  
 R. B. Davis, Post 10 . . . Dundee  
 Geo. F. Larned, Post 79 . . . Kalamazoo  
 Geo. A. B. Cook, Post 72 . . . Three Rivers  
 Chas. S. Wilson, Post 395 . . . Grand Rapids  
 E. T. Winter, Post 24 . . . Fenton  
 E. Sanderson, Post 202 . . . Romeo  
 W. H. Presser, Post 38 . . . Saginaw  
 Chas. Miller, Post 7 . . . Muskegon  
 John G. Berry, Post 263 . . . Vanderbilt

Andrew Curtis, Post 294.....	Big Rapids
Geo. G. Johnson, Post 8.....	Ishpeming
Marvin Preston, Post 384.....	Detroit
P. H. McBride, Post 262.....	Holland
J. R. Stephenson, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
T. E. Potter, Post 42.....	Lansing
W. D. Brainard, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
J. M. Greenfield, Post 89.....	Flushing

## ALTERNATES.

Geo. H. Hopkins (at large), Post 384.....	Detroit
H. B. White, Post 17.....	Detroit
O. F. Kaywood, Post 48.....	Jackson
T. J. Snow, Post 40.....	Charlotte
John Seel, Post 14.....	Benton Harbor
Chas. S. Smith, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
L. C. Kanouse, Post 117.....	Byron
O. S. Perry, Post 202.....	Romeo
Jas. T. Hale, Post 307.....	Saginaw
Wm. H. Hall, Post 316.....	Grant
John W. Snell, Post 69.....	Midland
Loren Madison, Post 66.....	East Jordan
C. E. Moore Post 300.....	Marquette
A. L. Bryant, Post 255.....	Mayville
E. B. Fenton, Post 384.....	Detroit
T. N. Stevens, Post 176.....	Stanton
Geo. W. Norton, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
Rodney James, Post 404.....	Plymouth
Philimon Bush, Post 59.....	Gobleville

The following additional staff appointments are announced:

Judge Advocate, Bishop E. Andrews, Post 72.....	Three Rivers
Department Inspector, Frank R. Chase, Post 126.....	Belding
Chief Mustering Officer, Andrew J. Ward, Post 145.....	Flint
Chief of Staff, John R. Bennett, Post 7.....	Muskegon
Senior Aide, A. W. Alvord, Post 32.....	Battle Creek

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Additional aides will be announced in future orders.

## COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

W. G. Gage, Post 38.....	Saginaw
Seymour Foster, Post 42.....	Lansing
L. H. Ives, Post 441.....	Mason

## COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384.....	Detroit
J. R. Stephenson, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
Albert Dunham, Post 48.....	Lansing



## COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

S. S. Babcock, Post 17.....Detroit  
 C. E. Foote, Post 79.....Kalamazoo  
 Michael Brown, Post 295.....Big Rapids

II. Post Commanders are requested to forward to these headquarters, without delay, the name of a comrade active in the order, for appointment as Aide-de-camp.

## SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

III. The National Encampment meeting at so early a date, makes it imperative that semi-annual reports for term ending June 30 be forwarded at once. This is an earnest appeal and Post officers are requested to see that reports and per capita tax are sent in without further delay.

Reports from these headquarters must go forward July 10. We must have not less than ten days to compile our report after we have received reports from the Posts. All are earnestly appealed to, to see that the Department of Michigan is kept in the van-guard. Blanks for this report are in the hands of the Adjutants, having been sent the last of May.

## NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

IV. Arrangements are being made for headquarters' train for this Department, and as soon as completed will be announced by General Orders and through the press. Comrades and friends intending to visit the National Encampment at San Francisco to be held the week of August 17, are invited to join this Department in making up an exclusive Michigan train.

V. The journals of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment were received too late for distribution at the Department Encampment. The supply is limited and will not permit a copy for each Post. They will be sent only on request, enclosing 13 cents for postage.

VI. Comrades, at the beginning of my work as Commander, I desire to impress upon each the responsibilities that are ours and the duties we owe to our comrades and country, we have responsibilities that cannot be relegated to others, we are members of an organization that calls for the exercise of a noble and manly spirit seeking to do that which will be for the good of all. Our duties are numerous but let our first duty be to our comrades. There are so many outside of our ranks, let us see to it that they become comrades indeed. This is of greatest importance. Let us fill up the depleted ranks. Much can be done but it must be at personal sacrifice. Our membership can be increased. The Commander will do his part, "will you do yours?"

By command of  
 D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

Official:  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 LANSING, MICH., JUNE 30, 1903. }

General Orders No. 3.

1. General Orders No. 8 and 9 from National Department accompany this order. Post Commanders are requested to have these orders read at two successive meetings so that information contained therein may be thoroughly understood.

2. The official route for the Department of Michigan to attend the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to be held at San Francisco, August 17-22, as selected by the committee will be via the Chicago, Northwestern, Union Pacific, Denver, Rio Grande & Southern Pacific R. R. A special order giving full details of the route is being prepared and will be issued at once. Michigan headquarters' train will start from the Chicago & Northwestern depot, corner North Wells Ave. and Kinzie St., Chicago, Monday evening, August 10, 10:30 p. m. This will give parties from all parts of the State ample time to reach Chicago and take this train, which will be an exclusive Michigan train and will be made up of Pullman Palace and Tourist sleepers. This train is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco Sunday morning, August 16th. "Get thoroughly informed before starting and save trouble and disappointment."

3. On account of National Encampment these Department headquarters will close Saturday, August 10, and will be opened in parlor No. 6, in Grand Hotel, San Francisco, California, and remain there until the close of the Encampment. Headquarters will be opened again in Lansing about September 1. Posts needing supplies should order before August 5.

4. The Department Commander desires to call attention to general orders Nos. 8 and 9 from National headquarters. No. 8 gives details relative to the Encampment at San Francisco that should be well heeded by those contemplating going. No. 9 is an earnest appeal for help for our suffering comrades in the flooded districts of Kansas. The Department Commander hopes that this appeal may receive a hearty response from every Post of the Department. Do not delay, the necessities require prompt action. In sending your contributions follow the instructions given in National general orders.

INSPECTION.

5. In conformity to rules and regulations as amended the inspection of all Posts in the Department is ordered. Inspection to be had at the option of the Post Commander between October 1 and December 31, 1903. Post Commanders will recommend some good earnest working comrade for appointment as assistant inspector. Names may be sent to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Belding, Mich., and to whom all reports will be made.

6. The following appointments as aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

A. B. Coffenberry, Post 5.....	Grand Rapids
William R. Jones, Post 7.....	Muskegon
H. E. Waterman, Post 9.....	Hesperia
John E. L. Miller, Post 21.....	St. Joseph
J. E. Culver, Post 23.....	Bloomington
Fred T. Dennison, Post 32.....	Battle Creek
Josiah Decker, Post 37.....	Stanton
Thos. M. Smith, Post 37.....	Stanton
Eli Cook, Post 111.....	Eaton Rapids
E. H. Jacobs, Post 205.....	Owosso
Benjamin VanRaalte, Post 262.....	Holland
John Kramer, Post 262.....	Holland
Alvah Nichols, Post 398.....	Brant
Wm. H. Scott, Post 432.....	Marine City
Isreal Youngs, Post 419.....	Bay City
George W. Haveland, Post 425.....	Freeland

Their respective duties will be to actively advance the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic, by visiting Posts in their vicinity and assist in building up the membership.

7. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are requested to provide themselves with the rank badge if they have not already done so.

By command of

Official: **FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**  
Assistant Adjutant General.

**D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,**  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MICH., JULY 20, 1903. }

General Orders No. 4.

1. Agreeable to previous orders, the Thirty-seventh National Encampment will be held at San Francisco, California, the week of August 17. Special attention is called to Sec. XI, of National General Orders No. 8, of all who expect to attend the Encampment.

2. Headquarters Department of Michigan will be closed at Lansing August 8, and reopened August 17, in room 6, Grand Hotel, San Francisco, and remain during the Encampment. All comrades are earnestly invited to call and register as soon as you arrive in the city. Comrades are also invited to make these headquarters a general rendezvous during the Encampment.

The Department Commander again extends a cordial invitation to all comrades and friends who are going to San Francisco to go on the Michigan G. A. R. special headquarters' train, which will start from the Chicago & Northwestern depot, corner Wells and Kinzie St., Chicago, on Monday, August 10, at 10:30 p. m. This train will be under the special charge of W. H. Guerin, General Agent of the C. & N. W. R. R., 17 Campus Martius, Detroit, Mich., to whom applications for berths in tourist and palace sleeping cars should be made. Secure your berths early and avoid confusion. Orders for berths to be accompanied with the cash.

Special orders containing detailed information have already been sent to each Post. Others may be had on application. A careful reading will enable those interested to act intelligently.

There will be a choice of eight routes returning. Return route must be specified when you purchase your ticket at your home office. Information will also be furnished by the Assistant Adjutant General on all matters relating to the excursion.

#### IMPORTANT.

3. Delegates to the Thirty-seventh National Encampment are requested to at once notify the Assistant Adjutant General if they will be able to attend or not, so that alternates may be notified to fill vacancies, if any.

4. Past Department Commanders and delegates will meet at the headquarters, Grand Hotel, room 6, on Tuesday evening, August 18, at 8 o'clock, to receive the delegate badges, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them relative to the Encampment.

5. The Department Commander, Assistant Quartermaster General and others of the Department officers will take train on the P. M. R. R., leaving Grand Rapids at 12 o'clock, Monday, August 10, for Chicago. As many of the comrades as can make it convenient are invited to join him on this train.

6. The rendezvous for comrades and friends arriving in Chicago on Monday, August 10, to take the special Michigan train, will be at the Briggs House, corner 5th Ave. and Randolph St., near the Chicago & Northwestern depot, where they will be met by the Assistant Adjutant General. Sleepers will be ready for occupancy at 9:00 p. m.

7. Aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander will report immediately on arrival at San Francisco to the Chief of Staff at Department headquarters, Grand Hotel, for such duty as the Department Commander may desire of them.

The following additional appointments on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Charles P. Coffin, Post 5	Grand Rapids
Louis Kanitz, Post 7	Muskegon
Albert C. Ward, Post 8	Escanaba
S. B. Kimball, Post 14	Benton Harbor
Charles C. Phillips, Post 19	Bangor
John L. Sample, Post 48	Jackson
A. W. Snyder, Post 72	Three Rivers
Eli Strong, Post 79	Kalamazoo
W. J. Ottaway, Post 89	Flushing
Bradford Kille, Post 101	Ithaca
William Stone, Post 145	Flint
Charles B. Streeter, Post 218	Luther
John Gilchrist, Post 303	Schoolcraft
John C. Holmes, Post 346	Hamilton
E. B. Fenton, Post 384	Detroit
Geo. C. Wetherbee, Post 384	Detroit
N. H. Walbridge, Post 395	Grand Rapids

By command of  
 D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 Department Commander.

Official:  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

The following letter just received from the chairman of the committee of management will explain itself:

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, GRAND HOTEL, July 15, 1903.

DEAR COMRADES: .

It is very important to impress on every comrade who will attend the National Encampment in this city next month to provide for a cold and chilly temperature which may prevail here in August. While the climate is mild and the temperature even the entire year, we have chilly and foggy nights, at times, which are especially severe on persons coming from a warmer climate. Every visitor to this city, whether in winter or summer, should bring heavy underwear and warm outer garments. Upon nearing the city, travelers should be well protected against a possible cold wind and damp fog, else they are likely to take cold. Even in the absence of wind and fog, the temperature is lower here at night than in most places our visitors come from and they should provide for the change.

Please have this information disseminated throughout the Department, so that our comrades may be free from harrassing colds during their stay in California.

GEO. STONE,  
Chairman of Committee of Management.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., OCT. 4, 1903. }

General Orders No. 5.

1. The close of the Thirty-seventh National Encampment recently held in the city of the "Golden Gate" marks one more chapter in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was one of much interest to the members of our order. Your Commander avails himself of this the first opportunity, to thank the representatives to the Encampment for their attendance upon and interest manifested in the sessions of the Encampment. Their unanimity of action on nearly all questions of great importance had its resulting influence.

Michigan was well represented in the parade, far above expectation, the Department having more comrades in line than at the former National Encampment held in San Francisco, and the Department Commander takes great pleasure in complimenting the comrades of the Department for their presence and soldierly appearance. Surely the advancing years have not quenched the martial spirit nor diminished the interest in the annual parade.

The special thanks of the Department are due to Comrade Edward S. Jameson, Jr., Vice Commander and Acting Chief of Staff, for his efficient services in forming the parade and to Comrades Fenton, Stoner, and others for so kindly and efficiently assisting the officers at Department headquarters.

2. The presence of the President, officers and delegates of the Department of Michigan, W. R. C., on the special train going and at headquarters was a constant source of happiness and helped to make what might have been a tiresome journey one of pleasure and long to be remembered by all the participants.

3. Headquarters at the Grand Hotel was thronged with comrades and visitors from early dawn until late at night. The largest number of visitors were former residents of Michigan now living on the Pacific coast. They called to extend a welcome to the comrades from their old home and to look for friends whom they had not met for years.

4. Now that the summer vacations are over and the season of activity has again arrived, it is expected that the various Posts will enter upon an earnest campaign of recruiting and looking after delinquents, with proper committees and zeal on the part of Post officers, the losses in the membership of the Department may be turned into gains. Are not the principles and objects of our noble order worthy of our best thoughts and efforts?

5. The attention of the comrades of this Department is earnestly called to the resolutions submitted by the committee on pensions, and unanimously adopted by the Thirty-seventh National Encampment and published in "Circular Letter No. 1" from National headquarters. Here is subject matter for our earnest consideration. Nothing can be accomplished without work; let the Posts of this Department do their part by agitating the matter. And use all honest effort to convince the people of "the justice and wisdom of these resolutions." Let us by our words and acts, individually and collectively, help to bring about the action expressed in the resolution.

6. The following additional appointments as Aide-de-camps on the staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

S. M. Trowbridge, Post 35.  
Eugene Muffitt, Post 17.  
C. E. Rogers, Post 45.

Isaac Wheeler, Post 89.  
Moses C. Cate, Post 168.  
Charles W. Dipple, Post 5.

7. The time for the annual inspection of Posts is near at hand. The inspection will be held in conformity to rules and regulations, and in obedience to General Order No. 3, paragraph 5, current series.

Blanks for report of Post Inspectors will be sent with these orders to the Adjutants of Posts, who will see that they are placed in the hands of the Post Inspectors.

Post Commanders who have not sent in the name of a comrade for Assistant Inspector, will do so at once. Sending name and postoffice address to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Smyrna, Mich.

The Department Inspector announces the following named comrades to be Assistant Inspectors. They are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Henry S. Kelley, Post 14.  
D. Y. Cook, Post 34.  
J. S. Hicks, Post 35.  
A. H. Towne, Post 68.  
John Hoffmaster, Post 80.  
Cyrus Phelps, Post 89.  
John Zarbaugh, Post 101.  
J. D. Morse, Post 126.

Chester McIntyre, Post 168.  
Alba S. Harris, Post 234.  
Zenoa B. Woodv, Post 288.  
Washington Miller, Post 294.  
E. B. Metcalf, Post 307.  
G. E. Parker, Post 453.  
B. VanRaalte, Post 262.

8. The attention of the Department has been called to the fact that a man by the name of Wilson, claiming to represent a firm in Washington, D. C., is collecting money from comrades. He claims that congress has passed a law giving to all soldiers who have not taken up their homestead claim one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre. The soldier is asked to advance two dollars on the fee to prosecute his claim, the balance of fee to be paid when the money is secured from the government. As there is no such law, the comrades are warned against paying any money to strangers on such representations.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

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## In Memoriam.

It is with sorrow the Department Commander announces the death of

COLONEL CHAS. V. DELAND,

Died at Jackson, Michigan, Sept. 19, 1903.

Comrade Deland was an earnest and faithful comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. He served as Assistant Inspector General on the staff of Past Commander-in-Chief, Thomas J. Stewart. As a soldier, he served with distinction during the entire war. First enlisting as captain in the 9th Michigan Infantry, Oct. 12, 1861. Taken prisoner at Murfreesboro, Tenn., July 12, 1862. Exchanged Dec., 1862. Colonel First Sharpshooters Jan. 1, 1863. Wounded at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864. Wounded in action before Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864. Wounded and taken prisoner at Poplar Springs Church, Va., Sept. 30, 1864. Exchanged Feb., 1865. Honorably discharged Feb. 4, 1865. Brevet Brig. Gen. U. S. Vol's March 14, 1865. He carried with him to his grave the marks of an honorable service rendered to his country. In private and public life he was a conscientious and public spirited citizen, a true friend. His ideals were high. The death of such a man is a public loss.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., NOV. 21, 1903.

General Orders No. 6.

I. At the first meeting of the Post in December occurs the annual election of the various officers of the Post, also delegates and alternates to the Twenty-sixth Annual Department Encampment to be held in Battle Creek. (Date to be announced later.)

The basis of representation is one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof based on number of members in good standing June 30, 1903. Every Post, however small, is entitled to one delegate and one alternate.

All Post Commanders in good standing are members of the Encampment and should not be elected as delegate or alternate.

II. Immediately after the election Post Commanders will see that the names and address of the Post officers and delegates, with alternates, are forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General on the blanks now being sent. It is from these blanks that the Department roll for the Encampment is made and great care should be taken to have names and address plainly written and correctly spelled, any omission or errors in names causes much confusion and unnecessary labor.

III. Blanks for the semi-annual reports of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the term ending Dec. 31, 1903, are sent herewith. These reports must be filled out at the last meeting in December and with the per capita tax of ten cents for each member in good standing forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R.

IV. Make all drafts or postoffice money orders payable to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R. Do not send private checks.

V. Post Commanders will see that semi-annual reports are forwarded before Jan. 10, 1904; delays in sending in reports causes delay and extra labor to the Department. Let us make a reputation for promptness by promptness on your part.

Posts that fail to make their report or to remit their per capita tax will be reported as delinquents and be deprived of representation in the Department Encampment.

VI. The first meeting in January is one of unusual interest and importance. At this meeting occurs the installation of officers, unless otherwise ordered at a special meeting called for that purpose. That this meeting may be made of interest the Department Commander would recommend the holding of public installation jointly with the Woman's Relief Corps. If a public installation is held the opening and closing part of the services must be omitted. No effort should be spared to make this meeting of exceptional interest. Invite all veterans and their families to attend.

VII. The installing officer should be selected by the Post Commander elect and, where possible, should be a Department officer or Past Post Commander. Special detail will be made by the Assistant Adjutant General upon the application of the Post Commander it being understood that any expense incurred by such detail will be paid by the Post requesting the special detail.

No installation can legally be held until the semi-annual reports and per capita tax have been forwarded. Installing officers will ascertain

if the rules and regulations in this respect have been complied with before proceeding with the installation.

VIII. Post Quartermasters will file their bonds before they are installed.

IX. Post surgeons will see that their reports are promptly made and forwarded to Dr. W. W. Root, Medical Director, G. A. R., Mason, Mich.

X. In making up the semi-annual reports attention is called to the figures in red ink, they are taken from the reports of June 30, 1903, and must not be changed. All gains should be added to the number in good standing and from this aggregate deduct all losses. Some Posts have fallen into the error of deducting dropped members from the aggregate. This cannot be done as all dropped members have been deducted when suspended, and do not duplicate names in gains or losses that were reported in previous reports.

#### INSPECTION.

XI. Posts that have not appointed Assistant Inspectors are requested to do so at once and the Assistant Inspector when so appointed will proceed at once with the inspection of the Post without further orders or instructions from headquarters.

Inspectors' reports should be forwarded to Frank R. Chase, Department Inspector, Smyrna, Mich. Inspection blanks have already been sent to the Post Adjutant.

The following comrades have been recommended and are hereby appointed as Assistant Inspectors and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

	Post.		Post.
A. J. Warner.....	2	W. R. Hamilton.....	55
F. C. Hiscut.....	3	G. W. Cady.....	56
H. H. Weaver.....	4	J. D. Jackson.....	62
W. B. Bostock.....	5	E. P. Fales.....	74
Wm. Taylor.....	6	A. J. Miller.....	78
Homard C. Bond.....	7	S. B. Preston.....	82
Z. M. Day.....	8	C. S. Mason.....	86
Clark Reynolds.....	9	Theodore Miller.....	87
William Bell.....	10	Martin F. Buell.....	88
J. E. Smith.....	15	Jas. H. Wellington.....	90
E. C. Cannon.....	16	B. F. Gooch.....	97
John A. Lane.....	17	J. H. Kenney.....	98
J. W. Hillaker.....	18	E. N. Thayer.....	100
John Lane.....	21	M. Coade.....	103
E. F. Winter.....	24	Henry Firth.....	109
James H. Slayton.....	26	J. J. Holmes.....	111
S. M. Rawson.....	27	John Triphagen.....	112
John Wheeler.....	29	L. C. Kanouse.....	117
Geo. A. Brown.....	30	E. D. Sargent.....	120
William Dowsett.....	32	C. W. Damon.....	121
William C. Nesen.....	42	W. H. Garrison.....	125
James K. Crane.....	43	W. M. Young.....	129
William H. Porter.....	48	W. R. Norwood.....	132
H. C. Freeland.....	53	John Pitwood.....	133
A. A. Clawson.....	54	J. C. Stephens.....	134

	Post.		Post.
Wm. Kirby.....	135	Geo. Galusha.....	275
H. P. Danforth.....	137	J. H. Martin.....	276
N. M. Brackenreed.....	139	Geo. R. Kinsman.....	280
George Swartz.....	140	Geo. C. Sayre.....	281
Wm. P. Grover.....	144	Marshall Peabody.....	283
S. J. Cloonan.....	147	D. S. Irwin.....	302
Wilber Thompson.....	149	O. Parsons.....	314
M. A. Abbott.....	151	Edward Haws.....	315
H. D. Pugh.....	160	Samuel L. Lawrence.....	318
Chester McIntyre.....	168	J. M. Henderson.....	326
Thomas Keys.....	170	L. N. Duvoo.....	327
Wm. Grove.....	171	Geo. H. Godfrey.....	350
Asa Morse.....	176	R. M. Seaton.....	352
F. A. Bacon.....	182	D. H. Warren.....	358
Edward Eskels.....	194	David A. Curtis.....	364
E. Burlington.....	196	W. S. Little.....	375
Geo. H. Post.....	200	Martin Cox.....	382
Asher Miller.....	203	Charles Kaufman.....	393
W. R. Smith.....	205	Chas. M. Ravnor.....	395
F. W. Beshtold.....	206	Walden DeClarence.....	398
Wm. H. Beach.....	208	Geo. C. Peterhens.....	404
H. D. Smith.....	210	A. C. Gillett.....	405
E. Crittenden.....	212	Enos Page.....	408
J. H. Birchard.....	213	E. H. Saylor.....	410
N. R. Menold.....	218	Samuel Fuller.....	417
Edward Bosley.....	221	A. J. Cooke.....	419
E. L. Cooper.....	228	Samuel Bossett.....	426
John L. King.....	233	J. F. Lyon.....	429
Alba S. Harris.....	234	Wm. N. Siggins.....	433
R. H. Halsted.....	239	Alphonzo Munger.....	436
James H. Sawdy.....	241	L. F. Billman.....	442
J. H. Harris.....	250	Geo. H. Gerow.....	450
Geo. W. Doty.....	252	Isaac Grant.....	451
Byron E. Cubley.....	258	D. W. Sage.....	454
Zuriah Munroe.....	261	James Massey.....	455
Peter W. Reeves.....	270	John Hobert.....	457
Lucius Taylor.....	274	R. C. Norris.....	461

General Orders No. 4, from National Department accompany these orders. The good things the Commander-in-Chief has to say to his Aides-de-Camp will in a measure apply to Aides-de-Camp on Department Commander's staff and is commended to their special attention.

XIII. The Department Commander hopes that there will be renewed activity all along the line during the winter months. Posts that have no W. R. C. Auxiliary are urged to organize one; you will receive inspiration and help by doing so. Try it.

XIV. Posts desiring the proceedings of the Thirty-sixth National Encampment, held at Washington, can have a copy by sending 12 cents to pay postage.

By command of  
D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

Official:  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

Posts of the Department contemplating the erection of Memorial G. A. R. Halls will be interested in the following:

To each Post in the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., that will build a Memorial Hall, outside walls of stone to cost as much or more as the Dewey Post Hall, of Leslie, which was dedicated Nov. 18, 1903, and cost \$3,468.73. To all such halls that are built and dedicated before Jan. 1, 1905, I will present \$10 each.

T. E. POTTER,  
Lansing, Mich.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., FEB. 23, 1904. }

General Orders No. 7.

1. General Orders No. 5, from National Department, accompany these orders. As they contain information relative to the Thirty-eighth National Encampment to be held at Boston on the week of Aug. 15, 1904, Post Commanders will see that they are read at two successive Post meetings.

2. The Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan will be held at Battle Creek, June 14, 15 and 16, 1904. The announcement is made thus early, hoping that all members of the Department Encampment will make note of the date and make preparations to be present. Headquarters will be established at Post's Tavern.

The agitation of new pension legislation and other matters of interest to the veteran will make this a notable Encampment. Full details as to meeting of Council of Administration and Credential Committee, with railroad and hotel rates will be made later.

3. Several Posts have not as yet sent in their reports and per capita tax for the second term ending Dec. 31, 1903. It will be necessary for such Posts to send their reports and per capita tax at once. It is hoped that not one Post will be delinquent.

4. The Posts that have neglected to send in the list of officers for 1904 will do so without delay, it is important that the name of the Post Commander and Adjutant, with their postoffice address appear in the Department Roster. This is nearly ready for the printers. We dislike to publish the Roster without your officers' names.

5. Credentials.—Every Post that has not already done so must send without delay to the Assistant Adjutant General the names of their delegates and alternates to the Twenty-sixth Department Encampment, together with names of all Past Post Commanders. We must have these returns so that the credential rolls of the Encampment may be completed.

6. The attention of Posts is called to paragraph VI in General Orders No. 5, National Department, relative to Post Rosters. Posts having Rosters will transmit the same to E. F. Ware, Commissioner of Pensions, as requested.

7. Rules and Regulations.—The committee appointed at the Thirty-seventh National Encampment to revise the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, have completed their work and the revised edition with all amendments is now ready for distribution. Every Post is requested to secure three or more copies, as

they deem best. Destroy all other editions. Price of the new edition is six cents per copy.

8. It is suggested that Posts commence at an early date to plan for the observance of Memorial Day.

Official: By command of  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF, D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Assistant Adjutant General. Department Commander.

**Wanted.**—The address of John Griffith (or Griffin), Lieut. and Capt. First Mich. Inf., and Robert F. Selfridge, Lieut. 22d Mich. Inf., or of any comrade who knew Hiram Hunt, late of Co. F, First Mich. Inf., by James E. Pettit, Binghamton, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., APRIL 23, 1904. }

General Orders No. 8.

Monday, the 30th day of May, will be observed as Memorial Day. Thirty-six years ago Gen. John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in General Orders No. 11, inaugurated Memorial Day. The day so interwoven with memories of the past that we look forward to its coming with hearts saddened by the memories of heroes who sleep their last long sleep.

The death roll of forty years has added thousands upon thousands to the nearly half million graves left behind us in the four years of desperate strife. Nearly all of our gallant leaders have passed away to join the silent ranks above. "No tear can disturb their profound slumber; no perfume of flowers make their rest more sweet."

Wherever Memorial Day is observed let it be an inspiration to a higher ideal of American valor, a more sacred reverence for those who offered their lives and marched forth under the starry emblem "The Flag of the Free" to do battle for their country.

Each year our lines are shortening here, while they lengthen on the eternal camping grounds. We have more graves to decorate and fewer comrades to discharge this sacred duty. Under these conditions let us invite all the people to unite with us in this service, especially the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and the children of the public schools. There is no better way to teach lessons of patriotism and prepare those who are to come after us to take our places in the high and responsible duties of American citizenship.

Posts are requested to attend divine services on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day. This is a beautiful custom and Posts should make arrangements to attend such service at least once on Sunday, May 29. Where possible let the comrades appear in uniform with badges and colors, inviting the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Veterans and kindred patriotic organizations to join in this impressive service, preliminary to the greater service of Memorial Day.

Past Department Commander Dean has well said: "Comrades, Memorial Day is our day; make it impossible by your devotion to the memory of the soldier dead, for any persons to turn the hours of the day into a season for sport, pleasure or financial gain."

The Post Chaplains, will, without delay, report to the Department Chaplain, on blanks that will be sent to Post Adjutants, the number of graves decorated and all matters of interest connected with the observance of the day.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 2, 1904. }

**General Orders No. 9.**

1. As heretofore announced the Twenty-sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Battle Creek, June 14, 15 and 16.

2. Headquarters of the Department will be established at Post Tavern, and will be open at 9 a. m. on Tuesday the 14th, where all comrades and their friends will be welcome.

Headquarters at Lansing will be closed Saturday, June 11, at 4 p. m., and reopened again as soon after the Encampment as possible.

3. The Executive Committee Council of Administration will meet at headquarters' room at 10 a. m., on the 14th.

The Council of Administration will meet at 3 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

4. The Committee on Credentials will consist of Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, and the following named comrades:

H. A. Chapin, Post 31, Paw Paw; A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5, Grand Rapids, and Albert B. Simpson, Post 32, Battle Creek. They will report to the Assistant Adjutant General at Post Tavern at 2 p. m., June 14, and will remain in session until the convening of the Encampment, to issue the Encampment badges to all who are entitled to seats in the Encampment. Delegates and all entitled to these badges are urged to call upon the committee and present their credentials immediately after their arrival in the city.

Delegates must apply in person for their badges. No badges will be issued to alternates unless the delegate is absent. No proxies will be recognized.

Post Adjutants are requested to see that their delegates and representatives from their respective Posts are furnished with proper credentials.

5. The Department Commander hopes that there may be a large attendance. Let every Post of the Department be represented.

The Encampment is centrally located in one of Michigan's most thriving cities. The loyal citizens will extend to you a hearty greeting. Let the members of the Grand Army of the Republic show their appreciation by the largest attendance for many years.

6. Commander-in-Chief Gen. John C. Black, accompanied by Adjutant General Chas. A. Partridge and Chief-of-Staff C. H. McConnell will be present and speak at the camp fire to be held at the Opera House on the evening of June 14.

All of the Past Department Commanders are expected to be present and participate in the proceedings of the Encampment.

7. The Encampment will convene at 10 a. m., Wednesday, June 15.

8. The Michigan Passenger Association have granted a rate of one fare plus 25 cents, for the round trip from all points in Michigan. Sale of tickets going, June 13, 14 and 15; limited to return to and including June 18, 1904.

9. The committee on accommodations have furnished the following list of hotels and rates:

Post Tavern, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day; Williams House, \$2.00 per

day; Halladay Inn, \$2.00 per day; The Sanitarium, \$2.00 per day; The Phelps Sanatorium, \$2.00 to \$5.00 per day; Hotel Bismark, \$1.25; Little William's Restaurant, 12 South Jefferson St., \$1.00 per day. Private houses \$1.00 per day.

Applications for rooms at the hotels should be addressed direct to the hotels. For accommodations at private houses, address F. J. Kellogg, chairman of the entertainment committee.

10. Comrade J. J. Cornwall, of Post 32, is detailed to act as officer of the day, and Comrade Albert Griswold, of Post 32, is detailed to act as officer of the guard during the Encampment. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The Commander of Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek, will detail as many comrades as may be necessary to act as guards during the Encampment.

The officer of the day will report to the Assistant Adjutant General for instructions at 7:30 p. m., June 14.

#### ANDERSONVILLE PRISON.

11. The occasion of the unveiling of the Michigan monument, erected to the memory of the soldiers of Michigan, who died in Andersonville prison, will take place May 30.

Governor Bliss and staff, with the members of Andersonville Prison Monument Commission, and others who wish to accompany them, will leave Detroit by special train from Michigan Central R. R. depot at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 28, going by way of Toledo, Cincinnati, Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta to Andersonville. Going, this train will stop at Nashville on May 29, from 6 a. m. to 1:30 p. m., will be in Andersonville the entire day May 30. Returning will stop at Atlanta, May 31, from 3 a. m. to 2 p. m. Arrive at Chattanooga 6:30 p. m., May 31. Leave Chattanooga 5:30 p. m., June 1, arriving in Detroit on the afternoon of June 2.

Round tickets from some of the principle cities as follows:

Grand Rapids, \$27.80; Port Huron, \$27.58; Lansing, \$27.06; Detroit, \$26.15; Saginaw, \$28.30; Muskegon, \$28.84; Jackson, \$26.39.

Corresponding low rates from all points in Michigan. These rates are good only on the special train.

Gen. Geo. W. Stone, Lansing, Mich., has charge of the sale of sleeping car berths. Those desiring should secure them at once. The price of berth for the round trip is \$12.50, section, \$25.00. Write him for full particulars.

This special train makes the round trip solid. No changing of cars.

Your local railroad agent will gladly supply you with all particulars regarding the trip.

#### SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

12. Blanks for Adjutant and Q. M. semi-annual report for the term ending June 30, 1904, will be sent to Post Adjutants before the first of June. Special attention is called to these reports. Owing to the early meeting of the National Encampment, August 15, Adjutant General Chas. A. Partridge has issued a call for the reports to be in his hands by July 15. This means that each Post must send their reports to these headquarters by July 5, as we must have at least ten days to



compile and get them ready to send forward. Post Commanders are requested to see that these reports are forwarded without delay immediately after the last meeting in June.

The Journal for the Thirty-sixth National Encampment held at Washington, D. C. was not received until after the close of the Department Encampment at Muskegon. As but few of the Posts have made application for the Journal, it, with the Journal of the Thirty-seventh National Encampment, will be distributed to the Posts through their Commander or representatives in attendance upon the Encampment at Battle Creek.

Tuesday, the 14th day of June, is "Flag Day." It is hoped that every comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic will show his respect for the flag and the day by displaying the flag over their homes and at their places of business, and request your neighbors to do the same. Invite the teachers of the public schools to arrange a special service of exercises commemorative of the birthday of our glorious flag.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

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**Joseph C. Bontecou.**

It becomes the sad duty of the Department Commander to announce the death of Past Senior Vice Department Commander Joseph C. Bontecou, of Col. Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey, Mich., who died at his home in Petoskey, March 25, 1904, after a long and painful sickness.

Comrade Bontecou was born in Rhode Island in 1838, enlisted April 24, 1861, as private in Co. G, 2d Ky. Infantry, and was discharged from the service as captain in the 10th Ohio Battery, July 17, 1865, having served his country faithfully for four years and more. Eight months of this time being spent amidst the hardships and privations of a confederate prison. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic in 1883 as charter member of Col. Lombard Post No. 170, was Commander of his Post in 1890 and Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Michigan in 1899.

Comrade Bontecou was an earnest, upright and respected citizen, a faithful and true comrade. We tender our condolence to his bereaved family, and as a mark of respect for our departed comrade, the colors of the Department will be draped in mourning for thirty days.

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., MAY 23, 1904.)

## General Orders No. 10.

1. Blanks for Adjutants and Quartermaster's reports for the term ending June 30, 1904, and Post Chaplain's reports of Memorial Day for 1904 are enclosed herewith.

2. The very early date of the National Encampment, makes it necessary that these reports be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant General by July 5, not later.

3. The attention of Post Commanders is especially called to the following letters received from Adjutant General Charles A. Partridge. If these requests are to be promptly met, the Posts of this Department must act promptly. Comrades will you do your part to maintain the credit of this department in forwarding reports as requested?

Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill., April 16, 1904.

"Assistant Adjutant General,  
 Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Dear Comrade—I am taking this early occasion to write to each Assistant Adjutant General with reference to the reports due from the several departments in July next.

As you are aware the National Encampment is to be held at Boston during the week which opens with August 15. This date is rather early, and will call for very prompt action in order that the reports may be consolidated and published in advance of the Encampment, I would therefore, suggest that the necessary blanks be sent out during the last days of May, with the request to each Post Commander or Adjutant that he complete, sign and mail the report at the close of the last meeting in June.

Every Department report ought to be on file at these headquarters as early as July 15. I ask that you give this matter careful study, and that you act so promptly and so effectively that I may not be obliged to wait, or resort to the expense of telegraphing.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Very sincerely yours,  
 CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE,  
 Adjutant General.

Memorial Hall, Chicago, Ill., May 4, 1904.

"Dear Comrade—The Chaplain-in-Chief requests me to urge upon all Department Chaplains the necessity of obtaining and sending to him as soon after Memorial Day as practicable, their reports for the year. I would suggest that you take immediate steps to place in the hands of each Post Chaplain, the customary blanks together with a request that he make his report to the Department Chaplain June 1. The Department Chaplain should be impressed with the necessity of completing his report and sending it to the Chaplain-in-Chief by June 30.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
 Very sincerely yours,  
 CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE,  
 Adjutant General."

4. By the above letters you will see that the Assistant Adjutant General and Department Chaplain are called upon for prompt action. Post officers can do much to facilitate this work. And upon your promptness will depend the standing of this Department. There will be no time for writing urgent appeals to those who fail to send in their reports. Some Posts meet but once a month, and that early in the month, these can be forwarded at once and will be out of the way for those to come later.

It is hoped that all will understand and act in accordance with instructions.

5. The Commander-in-Chief has changed the date of his visit to our Encampment, and to accommodate him, the date of the Camp-fire has been changed to the evening of the 15th of June.

6. Your Department Commander again calls attention to the approaching "Flag Day," June 14, and appeals to each member of the Grand Army of the Republic to show his loyalty and love for the flag under which he marched to victory, by displaying the same on your homes and places of business.

You are again reminded that the patriotic citizens of Battle Creek are making every effort for your entertainment on June 14, 15 and 16, let us show our appreciation by a large attendance.

By command of

Official: D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 26, 1903.

TO CALIFORNIA, AUGUST, 1903.

Special Order No. 1.

Official route for headquarters' train, as selected by the committee on transportation and approved by the Department Commander, will be via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, and Southern Pacific Railways.

Train will leave the Chicago & Northwestern Depot, corner Wells and Kinzie Sts., Chicago, Monday, August 10, 10:30 p. m.

#### TICKETS.

The fare for the round trip from Chicago and return is \$50.00. From points in Michigan, add one cent per mile in each direction from starting point to Chicago. Tickets will be sold to San Francisco or Los Angeles, good for return, limited to October 15.

#### IMPORTANT.

When purchasing ticket you must designate your choice of route for return. Parties desiring to visit Los Angeles or Southern California and return via Ogden or Portland routes must be sure that Los Angeles be made destination of ticket.

Before starting on return journey it will be necessary to present tickets to the joint agent at San Francisco or Los Angeles, who will validate them for the return trip. It will not be necessary to deposit tickets, but they must be presented for validation before October 10. Fee for validating tickets will be 50 cents.

#### STOP-OVERS.

This train, going, will run through solid to San Francisco, stopping four hours in Denver, with stop at Colorado Springs from 12:30 p. m. until the next morning, then giving a daylight ride through Pueblo and the Royal Gorge, and from Salida northwest through a succession of mountain scenery, including the Sangre de Cristo and Collegiate ranges, Leadville, Tennessee Pass, the Mount of the Holy Cross, and the Cañon of the Grand River.

A day will also be spent at Salt Lake City, the picturesque Mormon capital, during which a short trip can easily be made to Fort Douglas, the military post near the city, and to Saltair, the famous bathing and summer resort.

The Special will arrive in San Francisco at 6:00 a. m. Sunday, Aug. 16.

On the return trip stop overs will be allowed on the lines at points west of Denver, Colo., San Antonio, Texas, or St. Paul, Minn., but on these lines tickets must be deposited with agents at stop-over points immediately upon arrival.

#### SLEEPING CAR RATES.

Cost of double berth in first-class Pullman or tourist sleeper:

Chicago to San Francisco, without stop-over, in standard Pullman is \$14.00.

Chicago to San Francisco, without stop-over, in tourist sleeper is \$6.00.

On account of the stops made en route and the privilege of occupancy at Denver, Colorado Springs, and Salt Lake, the cost of double berth in palace sleeping car on the "Michigan special" is \$17.00, and on the tourist sleeper, \$7.50. Section (upper and lower berths) equal to the cost of two berths.

There will be a limited number of drawing rooms in the palace sleepers, each room containing two lower berths and one upper berth, with private toilet, cost of which on this train will be \$65.00.

#### OPTION OF RETURN ROUTES.

Without additional charge except as noted.

Route A—With or without side trip to Los Angeles and return, thence from San Francisco via Shasta route to Portland, Oregon; Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., Oregon Short line and Union Pacific through Pocatello and Cheyenne to Omaha, and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Omaha to Chicago. From Pocatello a five and a half day trip through the Yellowstone Park can be made at an additional cost of \$49.50, including hotels, meals and stage transportation while in the Park.

Route B—With or without side trip to Los Angeles and return, thence from San Francisco via Shasta route to Portland, thence to Seattle,

thence via Northern Pacific, through Washington, Idaho, Montana and North Dakota, to St. Paul, thence to Chicago over the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. This route will give an opportunity to make a five and one-half day trip through the Yellowstone Park. The expense of the side trip will be \$49.50 from Livingston, which will include hotels, meals and stage transportation while in the Park. Cost same as route A.

Route C—Same as route A to Portland and Seattle, thence via Victoria and over the Soo-Pacific route to St. Paul, thence to Chicago via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Route D—Same as A and B to Portland and Seattle, thence over the Great Northern Railway to St. Paul, thence to Chicago via the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

By all routes returning via Portland the fare is \$11.00 more than returning via Ogden or the Southern routes.

Route E—From San Francisco to Los Angeles via either the Coast Line or San Joaquin Valley, thence via the Santa Fe System through Arizona, New Mexico and Kansas City to Chicago. On this route the Grand Cañon of Arizona is reached from Williams, Ariz.; cost of side trip to Grand Cañon and return, \$6.50.

Route F—Choice of routes to Los Angeles as in route E, thence Southern Pacific to El Paso, and over the Rock Island System through New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas City to Chicago.

Route G—Choice of routes to Los Angeles as in E and F, thence Southern Pacific via El Paso, across Louisiana to New Orleans and Chicago.

Route H—With or without side trips from San Francisco to Los Angeles and return, thence Southern Pacific to Ogden, Union Pacific to Omaha, Chicago & Northwestern to Chicago, or from Ogden via Denver to Kansas City, and any line to Chicago.

#### NOTES.

Baggage should be plainly marked with the name of owner and should be checked through from the starting point to San Francisco on Michigan G. A. R. special. It is desired that as little baggage as possible be carried. Arrangements will be made by which passengers can have access to it en route at all times if desired. Passengers will be furnished with tags which will assure their baggage being checked and going through on the Michigan headquarters' special.

#### PULLMAN SLEEPING CAR RESERVATIONS.

Space will be assigned in the order in which applications are received, for either the palace cars or tourist sleeper. In making application, be sure and state whether you desire space in the palace or tourist car.

As the capacity of the Michigan G. A. R. special train will necessarily be limited, and as heavy demands for accommodations are expected, reservations should be made as promptly as possible, the full name and address of each applicant being given. The money for space desired must accompany the application in order to secure reservation. Either New York draft, express order or postoffice order. Applications for sleeping car reservation must be made to W. H. Guerin, general agent passenger department C. & N. W. Ry., 17 Campus Martius, Detroit, Mich.

In order to obtain all those benefits arising from the use of a special train operated on schedules so arranged as to give the best opportunity for sight-seeing en route, and permit the entire party to stop over together at given points of notable interest, the Michigan special G. A. R. train from Chicago to San Francisco via the Chicago, Union Pacific and Northwestern line has been arranged for the Thirty-seventh Annual Encampment G. A. R. at San Francisco, August 17 to 22, 1908, upon the schedule shown below. This special train will leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m., Monday, August 10, and will be under the personal direction of W. H. Guerin, general agent passenger department, of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway. This train will consist of Pull man, standard and tourist sleeping cars, and meals will be served at first-class dining stations en route at an average cost of 50 cents each.

**MICHIGAN G. A. R. SPECIAL LEAVES CHICAGO MONDAY,  
AUGUST 10.**

Lv. Chicago (C. & N. W. Ry.)....	10:30 p. m., Monday,	August 10
Ar. Boone (breakfast).....	7:30 a. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Lv. Boone.....	8:00 a. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Omaha (dinner).....	2:00 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Lv. Omaha (U. P. R. R.).....	3:30 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Columbus (supper).....	6:40 p. m., Tuesday,	August 11
Ar. Denver.....	6:00 a. m., Wednesday,	August 12

Four hours in Denver--tour of the city and the suburbs in "seeing Denver" trolley cars.

Lv. Denver (D. & R. G. Ry.).....	10:00 a. m., Wednesday,	August 12
Ar. Colorado Springs.....	12:30 p. m., Wednesday,	August 12

Remainder of the day at Colorado Springs, Cheyenne Cañon, Manitou, Garden of the Gods and Pike's Peak.

Lv. Colorado Springs.....	6:30 a. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Pueblo (breakfast).....	7:30 a. m., Thursday,	August 13

Through the Royal Gorge and Cañon of the Grand River by daylight.

Ar. Salida (dinner).....	12:00 noon, Thursday,	August 13
Lv. Salida.....	1:00 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Glenwood Springs (supper)....	6:30 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Lv. Glenwood Springs.....	8:30 p. m., Thursday,	August 13
Ar. Salt Lake City.....	8:30 a. m., Friday,	August 14

Spend the entire day at Salt Lake City.

Lv. Salt Lake City.....	8:00 p. m., Friday,	August 14
Lv. Ogden (S. P. Co.).....	9:00 p. m., Friday,	August 14
Ar. Elko (breakfast).....	7:00 a. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. Humboldt (dinner).....	1:00 p. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. Truckee (supper).....	7:30 p. m., Saturday,	August 15
Ar. San Francisco.....	6:00 a. m., Sunday,	August 16

In order that Michigan and the Department may be well represented on this overland trip, it is our earnest request that all the comrades, the ladies of the W. R. C., the Sons of Veterans, kindred organizations, join with us at Chicago on this headquarters' train. The sale of tickets is not in any sense limited to members of the G. A. R. and affiliated orders. A cordial invitation to join the party is extended to any who wish to visit California under these most favorable conditions. The Assistant Adjutant General will be at the Briggs House, corner of Fifth Ave. and Randolph St. (near the Chicago & Northwestern station), on Monday, August 10, to meet parties arriving in the city during the day or evening. Train will be ready for occupancy at 9:00 p. m.

By command of

Official: D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Department Commander.  
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,  
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,  
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., DEC. 30, 1903.

Circular Letter No. 1.

Dear Sir and Comrade—A letter from the Commander-in-Chief to this Department, calls attention to the fact that “many of the Posts of the various Departments are passing resolutions favoring some other service pension bill than that authorized by the resolution of the Grand Army of the Republic at its Thirty-seventh National Encampment held at San Francisco, August, 1903.”

Comrades, you will at once recognize the fact that to divide on the question is to invite defeat. The National Department, through its pension committee will use every endeavor to secure the passage of a bill in accordance with the resolutions as passed at San Francisco.

For the Posts of this or any Department to pass resolutions favoring other pension enactments is unwise to say the least and “so surely as the Grand Army of the Republic divides in its actions, so surely will the bill authorized by the National Encampment, and which is to be presented by our pension committee to congress for consideration upon its reassembling in January be defeated.”

It is hoped, yea earnestly requested, that the Posts of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, present a solid front, and without one dissenting vote, work for the passage of this service pension bill. “If a great constituency, such as the Grand Army of the Republic, is united in its earnest request for legislation that request will be heeded.”

We must recognize the fact that this proposed legislation calling for the disbursement of a large sum of money will call for close scrutiny of the bill, and the request most critically considered.

“The Commander-in-Chief earnestly urges that you use every means in your power for the adoption of resolutions favoring the service pension act called for by the Thirty-seventh National Encampment. Earnestly decry efforts in other directions, and for other measures of relief.”

The Department Commander most heartily seconds the appeal for united action and urges every Post to take action immediately. Many Posts have already passed resolutions endorsing the action of the



National Encampment. If they were not in line with the resolutions of the National Encampment, reconsider them.

Resolutions embodying the idea urged in the Commander-in-Chief's letter are sent for your consideration. After action by the Post on these or other resolutions, the Post Commander will send two certified copies to the Assistant Adjutant General G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and one certified copy to the member of congress of the district in which your Post is located or to one of the U. S. senators of the State as the Post may decide.

Every Post Commander is expected to use all diligence in the performance of this very important duty.

The national pension committee will meet in Washington about the 12th of January and will remain in session as long as it feels it can accomplish good.

All will see the necessity of prompt action on this matter—let the influence of the great Department of Michigan be felt by acting as a unit in behalf of the many needy comrades and their families.

By order of

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, FEBRUARY 23, 1904. }

Circular Letter No. 2.

Comrades—The Department Commander desires to extend greetings to all the comrades of the Department, and to urge upon them renewed activity through the year upon which we have just entered.

To the newly installed Post Commanders the Commander extends his best wishes for your success in every department of your work. This calls for personal sacrifices on your part. In the discharge of your duties strive to merit the approval of every member of your Post.

It is to be hoped that every officer of the Post will discharge his duties with a spirit of loyalty to the advancement of the G. A. R. Let every comrade feel that he has a part in the work of our noble order, realizing that personal responsibility that comes from a loyal heart and devotion to duty, that will help you to put forth every effort to make this the best year of your existence as a Post, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

#### RECRUITING.

Comrades, are there no veterans of the great civil war living within the jurisdiction of your Post who are not members of the Grand Army? Look about you. You will find many. It is only by work that results are accomplished. Let it not be said that the days of our usefulness are over. Extend the warm hand of comradeship and fraternal greeting to the comrade who has become lukewarm.

Work for the restoration of the delinquent and suspended members. Seek to infuse a new spirit of love and companionship. Let the fire of youth be rekindled in our hearts. Let us seek to do, not shrinking from any duty.

## PENSIONS.

Every comrade is interested in the pension legislation, now before congress. This should appeal to all veterans for undivided support. Over sixty general pension bills have been introduced during the present session of congress.

Many have merit but it is evident that all cannot pass. The committee appointed by the National Department of the Grand Army of the Republic have introduced one of these bills. That committee is now in Washington supervising and urging the passage of the bill prepared in accordance with the suggestions of the National Encampment held at San Francisco. Many Posts have already endorsed this bill by resolutions. Let us supplement the resolutions by petitions to be circulated and signed, not only by veterans but by all "loyal" men in the country. Where it is not convenient to circulate petitions, let personal letters be written to your members of Congress, and senators urging the passage of this bill.

## PATRIOTISM.

To teach the never dying love of country and its flag is one of the great duties of the Grand Army of the Republic. The memory is still green with the trials and hardships, the triumphs and glories of the army of which you were all members. Let us teach that this spirit is just as noble, and the flag as dear today as when in the enthusiasm of our youth we marched under its starry folds. Our country is receiving daily large numbers of foreigners from every land, of every tongue. To teach them lessons of patriotism is our solemn duty, but the youth of our land in the public schools is our special heritage. Let us brand upon their young minds while they are most susceptible, lessons of patriotism and a love of country and the flag that shall never die.

Fraternally yours,

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }  
LANSING, MARCH 8, 1904. }

## Circular Letter No. 3.

For the first time since its organization, the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., last year, 1903, offered prizes to the students of the high schools of the State for the best essays on "Memorial Day." The result was in every particular a most gratifying success.

Believing that the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will do its duty towards the public schools of our State, and to enable the Department to better carry out the good and great work of stimulating the teaching of patriotism in the schools. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration held at Department headquarters, February 17, 1904, Capt. Theodore E. Potter, special aide to the Commander-in-Chief in charge of military

education and Patriotic Instruction, met with the Department Commander and committee to consider future plans for this work. And, in order to relieve the Department of any financial burden in its execution, and to provide means to carry on this work of patriotism so successfully begun, the following resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted:

Whereas, The Department of Michigan, desiring to stimulate and encourage the schools of the State to give effective instruction and training in patriotic citizenship, and to interest the pupils in a subject whose influence cannot be estimated; it was therefore

Resolved, That the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, raise a special fund for the purpose of carrying on the work, and awarding prizes to the pupils of our schools for the best essays on patriotic subjects to be designated, and that an appeal be made to the Posts and to patriotic citizens for contributions to this special fund.

It is therefore hoped that every Post will respond liberally and promptly to this appeal, the object of which is a noble and far-reaching one. Let every member of the Grand Army feel that he has a worthy part in this important work.

Contributions to be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan, who will turn the fund over to the Assistant Quartermaster General, to be paid out on proper vouchers. Circulars giving full particulars as to prizes and subject to be written upon will be issued to the schools at once. We express the hope that this important work, so befitting us, will receive your hearty sympathy and support.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,  
Department Commander.

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

## STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting veterans passed by the legislature down to and including the session of 1903.

## 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 respect-

ive 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 to 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 of 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 re-



strained, and the said Commandant or such other officer as may be temporarily in command may place in restraint any disobedient or otherwise disorderly person until such person can be brought before the proper judicial tribunal, or until the necessity for such restraint shall have passed away: Provided, No person shall be so restrained more than forty-eight hours.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of such Commandant to make a detailed written report of every case in which said restraint shall have been resorted to, to the board of managers of the home at the next meeting of the board after such action shall have been taken.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved April 24, 1895.

#### WOMAN'S ANNEX.

[Act No. 212, Session Laws 1893, p. 423.]

AN ACT establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late Civil War, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That there shall be erected, at some suitable spot upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home to be designated by the board of managers of said Soldiers' Home, a dormitory building, cottage, or cottages, not to cost, when finished, a sum to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, for the care of soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the late civil war and were honorably discharged, their wives and mothers: Provided, That such wives must have been married to soldiers, sailors and marines during the war or previous to January first, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Sec. 2. In case the husband is living and does not wish to be separated from his wife by entering the Soldiers' Home, then he shall also be eligible to admittance to the above mentioned dormitory, cottage or cottages, together with his wife and minor children under fourteen years of age, if any.

Sec. 3. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of the general fund, to be used for the

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

Sec. 4. The government of this home shall be vested in the board of managers of the Soldiers' Home, as provided for under act one hundred and fifty-two, section two, session laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five. The [Commandant] 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 honorable 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 township, 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 con-

tracts hereinbefore specified, and oversee on the part of such township, village, city or county, the work of constructing such building, and who shall audit and sign all vouchers on account of the same.

Sec. 3. It is further provided that the township, village, city or county so uniting in the erection of any such building may raise the funds necessary for the same in the same manner and to the same extent as is now provided by law for the building of municipal buildings.

Sec. 4. Such buildings shall be and remain the property of the said municipal corporation after the dissolution of such Grand Army Post, but it shall be forever dedicated as a memorial building to the memory of the Union soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, and all relics, documents, books, papers and library belonging to such defunct Post, or which may be deposited afterwards for such purpose, shall be cared for therein by proper supervision, by the public authorities, in a proper room or rooms kept for that purpose, and which shall at all reasonable times be kept open and free to the public: Provided, That in case any surviving organization of the descendants of such soldiers become and remain an incorporated body, as such incorporated organization, may, at its option, and said town, village, city or county is hereby authorized and required, if so desired, to permit the said incorporated organization to maintain, so far as possible, the same relations to the said municipal corporations in said buildings, in substantially the same manner and to the same extent, during the life of said corporation or that of any corporation formed as its successor, having the same ends in view as the Posts or Department of the Grand Army of the Republic might or could do: And provided further, That the amount of money contributed by said Post or Department to the construction of said building, in case the same, upon the dissolution of such Post or Department, shall be and remain so long as may be necessary a perpetual fund devoted to the maintenance of such building as a memorial building.

Approved June 7, 1889.

## ENROLLMENT OF CERTAIN MICHIGAN SOLDIERS.

[Act No. 203, Session Laws 1885.]

AN ACT to provide that certain Michigan men who served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, shall be enrolled in this State, with the same rights and benefits of volunteers who served in Michigan regiments.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That all persons that during the late war of the Rebellion have served in Batteries B and G, First Regiment New York Light Artillery, and who, at the time of their enlistment, were citizens of and had lost their legal residence in this State, and who were duly mustered into and honorably discharged from the United States service, and who were never credited to this or to any other State, shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, filed with the Adjutant General, be considered as having enlisted from this State and shall have their names enrolled upon the books and records of that office, and be credited to the several localities and districts of this State, for the period they actually served, as the proofs in each case shall warrant.

Sec. 2. Upon such enrollment such persons shall be recognized by this State as Michigan soldiers, and shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits now or hereafter extended to volunteers who were enrolled and rendered similar service during said late war in regiments organized in this State.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1885.

## PAYMENTS OF STATE BOUNTIES.

[Act No. 157, Session Laws 1885, p. 212.]

AN ACT to provide for the adjudication and payment of certain claims for State bounties due to Michigan soldiers and supposed to have been paid by the State upon forged or fraudulent vouchers.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the Board of State Auditors be and is hereby authorized and instructed to examine into and determine the rights of certain claimants to State bounties, which bounties, it is alleged, have been paid by the State upon

forged or fraudulent vouchers, and to adjudicate and determine upon all questions of fraud in relation to such bounties.

Sec. 2. For the purposes herein provided, said board is hereby directed to hold its sessions at the capitol at Lansing, at such times, and as often as shall be necessary to transact and complete the business of adjudicating such claims. Said board is further authorized and directed to establish such methods of adjudication, and prescribe such mode of proof as shall seem to them most conducive to the object intended to be accomplished by this act, and as shall be the least expensive to such claimants. They shall have further power in all cases where it may seem to them to be necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to call for papers and enforce the production thereof. They may also prescribe and provide suitable blanks, and do any and all things necessary and lawful for the prompt and faithful execution of the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. For the purpose of this act, it shall not be deemed necessary in establishing a claim, for the soldier, or his widow or children, having a claim under the provisions of act number twenty-seven of the session laws of 1865, approved February 4, 1865, and being compiler's section 937 of the compiled laws of 1871, to comply with the technical requirements contained in the last three subdivisions of section one of said act, nor shall it be necessary to make any technical proof of a similar nature to that contained in the aforementioned provisos of said act number twenty-seven, but it shall be made to appear in all cases that the soldier enlisted and was mustered into the service of some regiment or other military organization of this State, and was credited to this State or to some military subdistrict therein: Provided, That no payment shall be made upon any assignment of such claim, nor to any person except to such identical soldier, or in case of his death, then to his widow or children, or their legal representatives: Provided, further, That the statute of limitations shall not be a bar to any claim by such soldier, or his widow, children or legal representatives.

Sec. 4. If it shall appear upon such examination that "the bounty due" said soldier, so enlisted and mustered, has been paid to any other person, upon forged or fraudulent vouchers, and that his bounty is still justly due him, the said board shall audit the claim, and issue a certifi-



cate showing the fact and directing the amount found to be due to be paid to such soldier or his heirs, and upon such certificatè 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 treasurer 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 acknowledgements 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 found, which shall be recorded by such clerk in a book to be kept in his office for that purpose, and thereupon such Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, the officers thereof, their associates and successors shall be a body politic and corporate by the name expressed in such articles of association, and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be persons in law with the same powers, duties and liabilities, as the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, have under section three of this act: Provided, That a certified copy of the record of such articles of association, under the seal of the circuit court of the county where such record is recorded, shall be received as prima facie evidence in all the courts of this State of the existence and due organization of such corporation.

Sec. 7. Any corporation formed in pursuance of this act may erect and own such suitable memorial edifice, building, or hall as to such corporation may seem proper for its purpose, and it may, if so desired, create for that purpose a capital stock of not more than one hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of not more than ten dollars each, which said shares may be subscribed for and held by any person, but in case such persons, or any persons holding shares who are not members of said Post, or of the Department Encampment of said Department, or agents of the same, they shall have no voice in the control of said building during the life of said corporation. And provided further, In case any such corporation so desires, it may, for the purpose of building any such memorial buildings, unite in the erection thereof with any township, village, city or county, to be used jointly for the purposes of the Grand Army, and the public purposes of any such

public corporation, in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by the parties thereto respectively: Provided, That in case of the joint erection of any such memorial building, that when any such Post or Department becomes defunct as a corporation the said building shall belong in perpetuity to the public corporation and its successors, subject to the provisions of law. And any such corporation organized under this act may take, purchase, hold and own suitable lots or parcels of ground as may be convenient for the purposes of a cemetery, and make all lawful rules and regulations for the disposition of lots therein and the burial of the dead: Provided, That this act shall not be construed to [affect] effect any municipal 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 of 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 insigna, 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.

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[Act No. 44, Session Laws 1901.]

Sec. 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.



## 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 Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to add two new sections thereto to stand as sections five and six of said act.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That sections one, two, three and four of act number one hundred and ninety-three of the public acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, being "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines," as amended by act number two of the public acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State to levy, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and annually thereafter, a tax not exceeding one-tenth of one mill on each dollar, to be levied and collected as provided by law, upon the taxable property of each township and city for their respective counties, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief of honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines. Such sums when collected shall be paid to the county treasurer of each of the counties of this State, to be paid out by him upon the orders of the commission hereinafter provided, duly signed by the chairman and secretary thereof: Provided, however, That in case any part of such fund shall not be necessary for the purpose for which it was raised the same shall remain in the treasury of such county as the soldiers' relief fund, and shall be considered in raising future sums therefor.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the judge of the court of probate in each county, in the year eighteen hundred and

ninety-six, to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines, to be known as the soldiers' relief commission of the county, with the powers and duties in this act provided. One of such persons shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and at the expiration of the term for which each of such persons is appointed, his successor shall be appointed for the term of three years thereafter. The persons so appointed, shall organize by the selection of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, and in the event of the death, resignation, change of residence or other disability creating a vacancy, the judge of probate shall fill such vacancy by an appointment for the unexpired term. They shall each file the constitutional oath of office with the court and receive the proper certificate of their appointment. They shall be entitled to reasonable compensation for their services, to be fixed and paid by the boards of supervisors of their respective counties.

Sec. 3. The supervisors of each township and ward in each of the counties of this State, and where there are no ward supervisors, then the aldermen of the several wards of any incorporated city in this State, shall on or before the first day in May of each year make and place in the hands of the soldiers' relief commission, a list of all the persons entitled to relief under the provisions of this act, and the soldiers' relief commission, on the second Monday of May in each year, shall proceed to determine the amount necessary for aid and relief to be granted such persons under this act, which shall be then and there fixed and recorded in the books to be kept by the secretary of said soldiers' relief commission. The commission may determine not only the sum to be paid, but the manner of paying the same, and may discontinue payment of such relief in their discretion, and there shall be no appeal from their decisions.

Sec. 4. Whenever any emergency shall arise in case of sickness, accident or death, which in the opinion of any supervisor or alderman needs relief, such supervisor or alderman, where inconvenient to consult any of the commission, shall have power to draw an order on the county treasurer for a sum not to exceed ten dollars, and shall certify his action and the circumstances of the case to such soldiers' relief commission, which shall ratify the same, and such commission may grant such further relief at any time as they may deem necessary: Provided, however, That no

claim for relief shall be allowed which shall create a deficiency in the fund.

Sec. 2. That two new sections shall be added to said act to stand as sections five and six of said act, to read as follows:

Sec. 5. Said soldiers' relief commission shall make to the board of supervisors, at its October session in each year, a full report of its doings, the amount of relief fund on hand, the amount expended during the year preceding and the amount estimated for the year ensuing, and such further information and suggestions as they may consider necessary in the discharge of their duties under this act.

Sec. 6. In cases where moneys have heretofore been raised by any city or township under the provisions of the act hereby amended, the balance of moneys unexpended on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, may, by a vote of the common council or township board, be transferred to and made a part of the general fund of such city or township, as the case may be, and thereafter no such tax shall be levied except as provided in this act.

Approved June 1, 1895.

#### FLAGS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

[Act No. 56, Session Laws 1895, p. 153.]

**AN ACT** to provide for the purchase and display of United States flags in connection with the public school buildings within this State.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, That the board of education or the board of school trustees in the several cities, townships, villages and school districts of this State shall purchase a United States flag of a size not less than four feet two inches by eight feet; and made of good flag bunting "A", flag staff, and the necessary appliances therefor, and shall display said flag upon or near the public school building during school hours, and at such other times as to the said board may seem proper; and that the necessary funds to defray the expenses to be incurred herein shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as moneys for public school purposes are assessed and collected by law.

Approved April 14, 1895.

## STATUE OF 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 Treasurer out of any money not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the Auditor General for vouchers of the commission, or any member thereof, sworn to before some officer competent to take such acknowledgement, 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 SOLDIERS' 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 battlefields 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 cooperate with the national commission in ascertaining, fixing and marking the positions occupied by each regiment, battery and independent organization from this State engaged in such battles and during such engagements, and to further this purpose the commissioners are authorized and empowered to avail themselves of the knowledge and assistance of representatives of such regiments, batteries and other organizations as were engaged in such actions and battles, who shall also serve without pay, except for necessary and actual expenses while engaged in their work.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of meeting and defraying the traveling and other necessary expenses of this commission a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid upon the warrant of the Auditor General, upon the requisition of said commission: Provided, Said commission shall furnish to the Auditor General a detailed statement of their expenses for traveling, clerk hire, assisting in locating, placing and securing the marks and tablets necessary for performing and completing their duties as such commissioners, and for payment of expenses of representatives of the regiments 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 battlefields 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 [commissioner] 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 council. Such removal, suspension or transfer shall be made only upon a written order of the mayor or of the common council.

Sec. 3. Any violations 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.

#### PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECORDS OF MICHIGAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

[Session Laws 1903.]

AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of a record of Michigan soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, and to make an appropriation for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, therefor, and to provide a tax to meet the same.

Section 1. The People of the State of Michigan enact, The Adjutant General shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, prepare for publication an alphabetical regimental history of all soldiers and sailors who enlisted from and were credited to this State during the war of the Rebellion. Such history shall contain the name, residence, date of enlistment, date of muster in, rank, promotion, wounds received, capture and imprisonment by the enemy, date of discharge, muster out or death, and such information as can be obtained from the records of this State, the war, navy and other departments of this Federal government, or other authentic sources, as will correct or complete the records, making as far as practicable a complete and concise military history of each soldier or sailor so serving; prefacing each volume of such records appropriately, with a concise general history of the organization therein named. He shall direct the preparation and compilation of such records for publication in forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, or forty-six volumes, assigning as far as practicable one volume to each of the following organizations and groups of organizations, viz.: One volume to each regimental infantry organization and reorganization, numbered from first to thirtieth regiment; one volume each

to first regiment of Michigan Engineers and Mechanics, first regiment Michigan Sharpshooters, and first regiment Michigan colored troops; one volume to the fourteen Michigan Batteries of Light Artillery; one volume to Gen. George A. Custer's Cavalry Brigade, consisting of the first, fifth, sixth and seventh regiments of Michigan cavalry; one volume to each of the second, third, fourth, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh Michigan cavalry regiments; and one volume to contain all other miscellaneous organizations and detachments enlisted in this State and serving in Michigan or other State organizations; and one volume to contain a general alphabetical index of all names mentioned in the different volumes constituting the entire edition, showing in what organization or volume each name in the index may be found, for the convenient reference of the public in library sets, which index volume is herewith limited to two hundred copies. For this purpose the Adjutant General is authorized to employ such extra clerical assistance and procure such blanks and stationery as may be necessary in the preparation, compilation, comparing and proof reading, necessary to secure historical and typographical accuracy.

Sec. 2. The distribution of said volumes, when published shall be made under the supervision of the Adjutant General, in the same general manner now adopted for the distribution of "Michigan in the War" under section three, act two hundred forty-eight, public acts of eighteen hundred eighty-seven. One regimental volume to the applicant of the organization in which he served as follows: Any person who served in any Michigan regiment, battery, company or detachment during the Civil War, and has been honorably discharged, or any person who served in any regiment, battery or company from any other State, or in the regular army, or in the navy, properly accredited to the State of Michigan, and has been honorably discharged, or if such person be dead, then his widow if living, or if she be dead, then his father if living, if he be dead, then the mother of any such person, or if she be dead, then to his eldest child, if any there be; and any such person who is still in the service, shall be entitled to receive one copy of said work, on application and identification to the Adjutant General, and if the application for such copy be not made in person by depositing with the Adjutant General necessary postage to cover the expense of sending such book. Also complete sets to adjutants general of other states, and to State and United States public libraries upon application, and to such

other libraries in this State as the Governor may approve, and may be purchased by any other persons who may apply at cost of publication.

Sec. 3. So soon as the work of preparation and compilation of the historical records herein provided for shall have progressed sufficiently near completion to enable printers and binders to make accurate estimates of the cost of publication, the Adjutant General shall serve a written notification of that fact on the Board of State Auditors; upon such notification, at the earliest practicable moment, the Board of State Auditors is hereby directed to solicit sealed bids for the publication, printing and binding of forty-five thousand volumes of "A Record of Michigan Soldiers and Sailors in the war of the Rebellion, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five," and give public notice of the time and place for receiving such bids and the requirements of the contract in accordance with this act by publishing the same in such paper or papers, and for such a period as will in the judgment of the board bring the subject to the attention of the several prominent publishing houses in this State: Provided, That the cost of such work complete shall not exceed fourteen thousand dollars for the printing, binding and delivery of the entire edition herein provided for; and the standard of excellence in quality of material, style of binding, typography and style of printing shall be equal to that used by the State of Massachusetts in its recent publication of "Massachusetts' Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," copies of which are now on file in the Adjutant General's office of this State: Provided, further, That the apportionment of the copies of the different regimental volumes of the edition of forty-five thousand volumes herein provided for, shall be in the same relative proportion as the total enrollment of the organizations represented in any single volume, bears to the total enrollment of the entire edition as provided for in this act; for which purpose the Adjutant General shall direct the preparation of, and furnish the Board of State Auditors with a comprehensive table of data, showing the total enrollment of the organization, and the total number of printed pages intended for each volume, and the apportionment of the total number of copies to each of such volumes, for the guidance of bidders for the contract of publishing such work.

Sec. 4. Each bidder shall deposit with the State Treasurer before making his proposal, the sum of five hundred dollars,

to be forfeited to the State in case he shall fail to make the contract in accordance with this act, if the Board of State Auditors shall declare him to be the successful bidder, and shall take a receipt from said treasurer and deposit the same with his proposal. The successful bidder shall make a contract according to the terms of his proposal and the provisions of this act, which shall be made and considered part thereof. Within thirty days after notice that the same is accepted, he shall also file with the State Treasurer a bond in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful performance of such contract within the stipulated time in all particulars, with at least two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Secretary of State. Such bond shall be the joint and several obligation of the persons executing it. If the successful bidder shall fail to complete his contract or shall forfeit the same for any cause, the said board shall relet the contract as soon thereafter as practicable in the manner provided by this section, and said contractor shall also pay to the State all expenses thereof, and said board may also complete any part of said first or subsequent contract not fulfilled at the reletting of the same at the expense of said contractor.

Sec. 5. There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred four, to carry out the provisions of this act, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, by purposes and amounts as follows: For advertising, necessary stationery, blanks, abstracts of necessary information from the departments of the Federal government and other sources of authentic information that may be found necessary during the progress of this work to supplement, correct or complete the record of soldiers and sailors in the Adjutant General's department, three hundred dollars; for clerical services in the Adjutant General's department necessary for transcribing, compiling the individual records, and the preparation and delivery of copy of same to the publishers, six thousand three hundred dollars; for proof reading and revising printed proofs of said work, four hundred dollars; for publishing, binding and delivering the completed volumes of the entire edition to the Adjutant General, fourteen thousand dollars; for suitable paper for the printing of this work, which shall be furnished by the Board of State Auditors for this purpose, one thousand three hundred fifty dollars: Provided, That the Auditor General may audit vouchers for clerical services in the preparation of the copy for this work from time to

time upon the certificate of the Adjutant General, to an amount not exceeding one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars, but no further vouchers for the preparation of the copy for this work shall be audited by the Auditor General until a tabulated statement, prepared and sworn to by the Adjutant General, is filed with the Auditor General, showing that one-fourth of the copy for this work is fully prepared and ready for the publishers, and when an additional one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers are audited by the Auditor General, a similar statement under oath from the Adjutant General shall be required before the Auditor General can audit vouchers amounting to more than three thousand one hundred fifty dollars. • A similar statement for the third one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars and the fourth one thousand five hundred seventy-five dollars of vouchers shall be required before the Auditor General is permitted to audit the same, the intention being to insure the preparation of the copy for the entire number of regiments when the appropriation is exhausted. A similar check is required of the Auditor General upon the expenditure of the appropriation of four hundred dollars for proof reading: Provided, therefore, That the Auditor General shall not audit vouchers in payment of the publishing in excess of the fourteen thousand dollars appropriated therefor, nor for advertising, stationery, abstracts, information, etc., in excess of the three hundred dollars appropriated therefor, nor for paper in excess of the one thousand three hundred fifty dollars appropriated therefor.

Sec. 6. The Auditor General shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred three, the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred fifty dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

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