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Department Commander

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HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
LANSING, JUNE 21, 1905. }

HON. FRED M. WARNER, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir—I have the honor, in compliance with law, to transmit to you such portions of the transactions of the Grand Army of the Republic taken place in this Department during my administration as its Commander from June 16, 1904 to June 21, 1905, as I deem of interest to that organization and the people of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully yours in F., C. and L.,
GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

ROLL OF THE ENCAMPMENT—PRESENT.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Department Commander, George H. Hopkins, - - - Detroit.
Sen. V. Dept. Commander, John J. Cornwell, - - Battle Creek.
Junior Vice Dep't Commander, Dan. J. Willson, - - Jackson.
Medical Director, Dr. W. W. Root, - - - Mason.
Department Chaplain, William Putnam, - - Lansing.

OFFICIAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, - - - Lansing.
Assistant Quartermaster General, Jacob Bristol, - - - Detroit.
*Judge Advocate, Allen B. Morse, - - - - - Ionia.
†Department Inspector, R. B. Robbins, - - - Adrian.
Chief Mustering Officer, A. H. Rolph, - - - Escanaba.
Chief of Staff, George W. Stone, - - - Lansing.
*Senior Aid-de-Camp, John Devlin, - - - - - Detroit.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

William Davey, - - - - - Detroit.
L. H. Ives, - - - - - Mason.
*John R. Bennett, - - - - - Muskegon.
William G. Gage, - - - - - Saginaw.
Alfred Milnes, - - - - - Coldwater.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

*Russell A. Alger,	- - - - -	Detroit, 1868
†William Humphrey,	- - - - -	Adrian, 1870
C. V. R. Pond,	- - - - -	Lansing, 1878-9
†A. T. McReynolds,	- - - - -	Grand Rapids, 1880
Byron R. Pierce,	- - - - -	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
Oscar A. Janes,	- - - - -	Detroit, 1883
*Rush J. Shank,	- - - - -	Lansing, 1884
†Charles D. Long,	- - - - -	Lansing, 1885
*John Northwood,	- - - - -	New Lathrop, 1886
†L. G. Rutherford,	- - - - -	Hart, 1887
Washington Gardner,	- - - - -	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown,	- - - - -	Big Rapids, 1889
*Henry M. Duffield,	- - - - -	Detroit, 1890
†Charles L. Eaton,	- - - - -	Paw Paw, 1891
*Henry S. Dean,	- - - - -	Ann Arbor, 1892
*James H. Kidd,	- - - - -	Ionia, 1893
Louis Kanitz,	- - - - -	Muskegon, 1894
S. B. Daboll,	- - - - -	St. Johns, 1895
William Shakespeare,	- - - - -	Kalamazoo, 1896
*Aaron T. Bliss,	- - - - -	Saginaw, 1897
†Alex. L. Patrick,	- - - - -	Detroit, 1898
Russel R. Pealer,	- - - - -	Three Rivers, 1899
*Ethel M. Allen,	- - - - -	Portland, 1900
*James Van Kleeck,	- - - - -	Bay City, 1901
Edward C. Anthony,	- - - - -	Negaunee, 1902
D. B. K. Van Raalte,	- - - - -	Holland, 1903

*Not present.

†Deceased.

POSTS.

No.	Name.	Commander.	Past Commanders.	Delegates.	Alternates.
1	Soldiers' Home.....	O. W. Hodges.....	Rodney O'Mara.....	Julien Rathman, Edwin	
3	White Hall.....		G. A. Whitbeck.....	M. Raymond, Henry	
5	Grand Rapids.....		Wm. D. Frost, Jas. R. Stephen- son, Jos. O'Bellaire, S. M. Kent, Jos. B. Griswold, A. B. Coffin- berry, Wm. B. Bostock, Chas. S. Smith, Robt. Finch.....	Schnabel..... Luther B. Wolcott.	Henry C. Nichols.
6	Hillsdale.....		Wm. M. Taylor.....	John W. Brakman, Alex	
7	Muskegon.....		Henry S. Bigelow, Louis Kanitz, Chas. Miller, Wm. Reynolds, John G. Allport.....	Eckerman, Augustus Flint.	
10	Dundee.....		David Spears, Geo. W. Hurd.	Charles E. Judd.	
13	Harbor Springs.....	Er D. Babcock.....	Wm. H. Lee, Fred F. Main, Geo. O. Richardson.....	Geo. W. Price..... A. C. Ransom.	Chas. Erwin.
14	Benton Harbor.....		John Seel.....		
15	Ludington.....		Chas. Olson.....		
16	Evart.....	S. E. Kerby.....	A. H. Smith E. J. Cox, J. H. Pow- ell, S. E. Skutt, D. Farington, W. J. Manley, E. C. Cannon.....		
17	Detroit.....	Daniel C. Crotty.....	Wm. Davey.....	Geo. B. Johnson.	E. E. Thayer
18	Traverse City.....	M. D. Morgan.....	C. H. Johnson, Lorin Roberts, Levi Soule, D. G. Shorter, Wm. H. Eckler, L. W. Lyon, M. W. Sackett.....	C. J. Pierce, R. McKen- stry.....	
19	Bangor.....		O. A. Reynolds.....	L. K. Cleveland, C. Irish.	
20	Hartford.....		Henry Spaulding, Wm. Bennett, H. L. Stratton, Daniel Pool.....	Henry Albright.	
24	Fenton.....			Adam F. Andrews.	
26	Hart.....			B. F. Archer.	
28	Hemlock.....			Wm. Yule.	

POSTS.—Continued.

No.	Name.	Commander.	Past Commanders.	Delegates.	Alternates
29	Grand Rapids.....	John Reed.....	Eber Rice.....	Wm. Koch.....	
31	Faw Paw.....		H. A. Chapin.....	O. A. Rice.....	
32	Battle Creek.....		I. W. Taylor, J. J. Cornwell.....	Stephen Cooper, Wm. R. Wickham.....	
35	South Haven.....		H. Hodges.....		Thos. Low.
36	Berrien Center.....		J. K. P. McCullough.....		
37	Stanton.....	Henry Fiege.....	Wm. G. Gage, Wm. W. Morgan, Fay Wyckoff, Jas. T. Hale.....	Franklin C. Crowell.....	
38	Saginaw.....		Wm. H. Miller.....	Seth Robb. ns.....	
39	Berrien Springs.....	W. M. Beekman.....	J. D. Butler.....	L. S. Russell, E. S. Humphrey, Wm. Clark.....	
40	Charlotte.....	Jas. Slocum.....	Geo. W. Stone, A. E. Cowles, W. C. Nesen, A. S. Shattuck, Geo. J. Foster.....		
42	Lansing.....		William Jibb.....	Myron C. Tice.....	D. B. Gardner.
45	Adrian.....	H. H. Goodrich.....	W. H. Dunn.....		
46	Ganges.....		A. D. Welling, Albert Dunham.....		
47	Dowagiac.....		W. A. Clark.....		
48	Jackson.....		T. M. Sarah.....		
52	Pentwater.....		E. Morgan, Henry Newton, Geo. Averill.....		
53	Mason.....			Edward Cox.....	
54	Manton.....			Levi Wilson, Wm. White.....	
56	Allegan.....			A. J. Rayner.....	
60	Leslie.....			Silas T. Church.....	
62	Cedar Springs.....		Miles Mulford.....	Wm. Harrington.....	
66	East Jordan.....	J. W. Rogers.....	J. H. Koches, L. C. Madison.....		
67	Bay City.....		Matt J. Borland.....		
72	Three Rivers.....		Russell R. Pealer.....		
79	Kalamazoo.....	Geo. Clark.....	C. E. Foote.....	W. C. Shook, Ell Strong.....	
82	Nashville.....		R. C. Smith.....	N. P. Barlow.....	
83	Greenville.....		E. F. Grabbil.....	Henry Wright.....	
84	Kalkaska.....		Wilber J. Wilson, Chas. H. DePuy, W. H. Bockes.....	Frederick L. Thaldorf.....	
85	Three Oaks.....		David S. Davis, J. O. Lyon.....	C. S. Mason.....	
86	Mancelona.....				

87	Lowell.....			J. H. Hilliker.
88	Union City.....		J. M. Greenfield, J. M. Caldwell.	S. A. Osborne.
89	Flushing.....		W. J. Ottaway.	M. E. Greenough.
91	St. Louis.....		J. R. Brown.	Geo. Wood.
95	Flat Rock.....		Wm. D. Lovell.	John Morris.
97	Hersey.....		Geo. W. Howe.	
98	Port Huron.....		Wm. H. Beasley, B. F. Smith.	
101	Ithaca.....		Alfred Milnes, Geo. A. Turner.	
108	Grand Ledge.....		Geo. W. Norton	L. E. Pierce.
109	Coldwater.....			
111	Eaton Rapids.....			
114	Fowlerville.....		Wm. Close, G. La Due.	C. H. Farnham.
115	White Pigeon.....		A. J. Stroud.	
117	Byron.....		John McGivney, Calvin Wilcox.	
119	Charlevoix.....		C. C. Forney, John S. Perry.	
120	Howell.....		W. R. Olds, Frank R. Chase.	
123	Frankfort.....		W. W. Corbet	
126	Belding.....		Joseph Perrine.	
128	Hawkins.....		J. Gillio	
130	Edmore.....		John Greig, L. Stephens.	
132	Portland.....		M. A. Kniffin.	
137	Ann Arbor.....		Carl Engel.	
141	Lake View.....		A. J. Phillips, S. W. Thompson,	
145	Flint.....		David Walkinshaw	
152	Alma.....		H. A. Hannaford, N. W. Herring-	
156	St. Johns.....		ton, John Dago, Wm. Bickle.	
162	Detroit.....		J. W. Dickerman.	
166	Marshall.....		E. N. Tracy.	
168	Maple City.....	A. S. Fritz	A. V. Austin.	John Van Arman.
170	Petoskey.....			M. C. Cate.
181	Millford.....			
182	Fremont.....	S. D. Lee		John Williams, M. D. Cole.
193	Mendon.....			R. D. Young.
198	Reed City.....		Ransom Russell, D. Donivan.	S. P. Vanderhoof.
202	Romeo.....		Ozn' S. Perry.	
203	Stockbridge.....		A. G. Miller.	
206	Bellaire.....		Silas York, Elijah Baker.	John Bush.

POSTS.—Concluded.

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211	Ionia.....			J. G. Conner, Marvin Guernsey.	
214	Millington.....		E. Howard.		
215	Fulton.....		U. C. Case.		
218	Luther.....		N. R. Menold.		
227	Eastport.....	Oscar W. Whitney.	Daniel Blakely, John H. McPherson, Jas. R. Child, Daniel Flanagan, C. Chamberlain.		
235	Boyne City.....	John Newville.	Wm. Mears.	Wm. Greenman.	W. B. Wilder.
240	Gravling.....		Dell Smith, Wm. Woodburn.	Joel Lee.	R. P. Forbes.
242	Athens.....		Orland J. Knapp, Jos. W. Clark.	Herman W. Perkins.	
252	Howard City.....		A. L. Bryant, J. W. James.		
255	Mayville.....		D. B. K. Van Kaalte.	P. H. McBride.	
262	Holland.....		John G. Berry, N. C. G. Ashley.	S. H. La Barge.	
263	Vanderbilt.....		E. T. Carrington.	Joseph Wixon.	
276	Ada.....			Marshall Peabody.	
278	West Bay City.....			John Byers.	
280	North Muskegon.....			D. A. Moore, J. H. Cole.	
283	Sunfield.....				
285	Iustin.....			Edwin Akin.	
286	Fife Lake.....			Chas. A. Green.	E. W. Loomis.
294	Big Rapids.....		B. F. Tracy, Wm. E. Clark.		
298	Pierport.....		A. B. Knapp, M. Brown.		
300	Marquette.....		Chas. W. Perry, Josiah HULLIARD.		
307	Sagnaw.....	Jos. W. Budd.	E. C. Anthony.		
316	Grant.....		E. B. Meicall.		
318	Northville.....	S. J. Lawrence.	W. H. Hall.		
329	Sumner.....		E. K. Starkwether.		
342	Twin Lake.....		Geo. H. Buzzell.		
348	Scottville.....				
350	Sand Lake.....		M. D. Richardson, Wm. Bartholomew.		
365	Lake City.....		L. P. Judson, I. P. Covey, R. J. Reed, Wm. A. Joy, J. C. Blarcom, Wm. H. Herbert.	J. W. Van Deman.	Jos. Wolfinger.
372	Benzonia.....				

380	New Haven.....	G. W. Dingman.....	J. E. Carl W. D. Stayman E. S. Jameson, Geo. H. Hopkins..	Alvin S. Clark, E. B. Fen- ton. J. H. Wood.
383	Martin.....			
384	Detroit.....			
386	Farwell.....		C. M. Pausler.	
388	Allendale.....	C. S. Knapp.....	W. J. C. Davis, J. S. Walling, E. Bowerman, N. L. Hanna, W. R. Ferguson John Pall, H. F. Hop- kins Wyckoff, J. M. Wood, D. D. Delano.	M. B. Lammon.
394	Wexford.....	John J. Carl.....	Alonzo Chubb, Byron L. Deen, Geo. W. Hall, D. A. Holmes.	Geo. R. Phillips.
395	Grand Rapids.....	R. H. Lee.....	Wm. H. Porter, John H. Thomas, E. F. Rodgers, Ishmael Com- stock.	Peter Van Houten.
396	Pomona.....		G. H. Sherman.	
398	Brant.....			
399	Northport.....			
408	Grand Rapids.....	E. P. Everetts.....		Nicholas Metzzen.
412	Burnip's Corners.....			Wm. Barrett.
419	Bay City.....			A. T. Garretson.
433	Detroit.....			Wm. A. Bates.
441	Mason.....		L. H. Ives, W. W. Root.	Thos. A. Ball.
442	Rose City.....		John H. Freeland, Isaac Grant, "Ren" Barker, Aretus Corwin, Nathaniel Clark, D. J. Zook...	
451	Reed City.....		H. F. Blakely, Josiah Easton, W. H. Easton, A. J. Drake.....	Geo. W. Wheeler.
454	Central Lake.....			D. C. Morrison.
461	Cadillac.....			

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The Encampment at Traverse City was practically opened on the evening prior to the official date, a reception having been tendered for that evening, by the good people of the city to Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, and Department Commander George H. Hopkins and his staff, together with the President and officers of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans, as well as the members and visitors of the Grand Army of the Republic. This reception was enthusiastically enjoyed by the members of the visiting bodies, as well as the citizens by whom it had been tendered, and proved to be but a foretaste of the good things which the large hearted people of Traverse City had planned for the enjoyment of their guests.

During the days which followed, there were excursions on the beautiful Traverse Bay, automobile rides about the city and along the beach, with carriage rides about the city and its environs, all of which evinced an unflagging determination on the part of the people of Traverse City to leave nothing undone which could in any way contribute to the pleasure or comfort of the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic, convened in their city for

their annual business gathering, as well as the noble women who had gathered in the interest of those who were soldiers during the period 1861-5, the Woman's Relief Corps. No city of our State has ever opened its doors and hearts for the entertainment and comfort of the members of an encampment with more generous welcome and loyal devotion to the men who in the misty days of war, spared not themselves, if they might but contribute to the perpetuity of the National union.

The Camp-fire held on the evening of Tuesday, June 20th, was an occasion of unusual interest. The address by Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, thrilled the hearts of the great audience with its eloquence, while his words of cheer for his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and love for the flag under and for which they fought, will linger in their memories while life may last, with a fragrance which time cannot dispel. In less than a month the charming voice of our commander-in-chief had been forever stilled to mortal ears, but his words on that memorable occasion will sing along the coming years in the halls of memory, and be reechoed to other minds and hearts, adown the years to come. Short addresses by the Department Commander and other comrades, and songs by the Glee club, held the great concourse enchained until a late hour.

A second Camp-fire was held on Wednesday evening, June 21st, at which Comrade Washington Gardner was the speaker of the evening. The enthusiasm was well nigh unbounded, and the exercises were of especial interest to the comrades of the Grand Army.

The local committee is deserving of high praise for the skill and tact displayed in the preparation of the programs for these two Camp-fires, and with the wonderful success which resulted from their efforts.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 20, 1905. }

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, convened in its 27th Annual Encampment, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the City Opera House with Department Commander George H. Hopkins in the chair, in open session.

Hon. A. V. Friedrich, Mayor of Traverse City, was escorted into the hall by a committee duly appointed for that purpose, and spoke as follows:

Department Commander; Officers and Delegates of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:— I come before you this morning to give official expression to the feelings of pleasure, gladness, and joy which is in the heart of every citizen of Traverse City on account of your presence within our gates. We were glad when your organization accepted our invitation to meet in our city, as we consider it a great honor to have the pleasure of extending to you our hospitality, and it is with the greatest pleasure that I now extend to you in behalf of the people of this city a most cordial and hearty welcome. We greet you with flags and music, which are but the outward expression of the gratitude and patriotism that fills our hearts. We want you to feel perfectly at home. We want you to feel that you have the freedom of our streets, our parks, and our public places. In other words, we want you to feel that the town is yours.

We think, Department Commander and gentlemen, we have a beautiful city; we are proud of it, and before you return to your homes, we want the pleasure of showing you some of its many beauties. We want you to enjoy our pure and invigorating air; we want you to enjoy our grand scenery; we want you to take a ride on our beautiful Grand Traverse Bay and enjoy its clear and sparkling waters; but I want to caution you, gentlemen, not to drink too much of it; there may be microbes in it. We want you to inspect the great state institution which lies on our

border—an institution built by the State, and which reflects the spirit of benevolence and charity of its citizens towards the unfortunate. We want you to inspect the buildings, business blocks, and manufacturing industries, which reflect the thrift and enterprise and progressiveness of our business men. We want you to see the pleasant homes of our laboring men, our fine schoolhouses, churches, and library, which are visible evidences that our people are interested in those things which go to build up character, manhood, and make good citizens. But most of all, we want you to feel that here are a people who have a warm spot in their hearts for the old soldier, the veteran survivor of those who saved the Union. But for your steadfast devotion in the greatest crisis of our history, all our annals would be meaningless, and this great experiment of popular freedom and free government would have been a dismal failure. Moreover, you left us a united nation, one in fact as well as in name. We are united in our devotion to the flag, which is the symbol of national greatness and unity.

Is it any wonder that the old soldiers love the flag under whose folds you fought, and for which your comrades shed so much blood? You love it for what it is and for what it represents: It embodies the history and purposes of the government itself. It records the achievements of its defenders on land and sea. It heralds the heroism and sacrifices of our Revolutionary fathers, who planted free government on this continent and dedicated it to liberty forever. It attests the sacrifices of our citizens in all the wars of the republic. It has been sanctified by the blood of your comrades. It records the achievements of Washington and Abraham Lincoln. It has been bathed in the tears of a sorrowing people. It has been enshrined in the hearts of liberty loving people not only in this land, but all over the world. Glorious old banner,

“Long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

I again extend to you a most hearty welcome; and when you return to your homes, we hope that this visit here will always bring back the memories and recollections of a pleasant time, and when you go home, may you go in peace. I thank you.

The Department Commander—Mr. Mayor: For your very kind words of welcome and greeting to this, a remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic,—a remnant, I say, but a remnant which is dear to the people of the State of Michigan, as we firmly believe, and which is proven by your words of welcome, we most heartily thank you. We accept them, Sir, in the spirit in which they are tendered, and desire to give expression to our feeling of obligation to you, Sir, and your people, for having invited us to make our pilgrimage here, this year. I believe, Sir, that I am entirely safe in saying that when we fold our tents and march away, you will say, as you say today, you are glad that we came. I thank you.

An Encampment badge was presented to the Mayor, who having retired, the Encampment was opened in due form.

Prayer by the Department Chaplain:

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven: With gratitude and reverence and devotion, we bow our hearts in acknowledgement of Thy greatness, Thy goodness, Thy supporting care and governing power. We give our heart's thanks indeed to Thee this day, that though many of us are far advanced in years, though our ranks are thinning, so many of us have been spared another year to meet and greet each other in this true comrade spirit of loyalty, of charity, and of fraternity. We thank Thee that our Commander and the officers of this Department have all been spared, but one, through the past year. And now we come to ask Thy care and blessing to be upon us while we are gathered at this time in all of the business of this association, and we pray that that unity, that that harmony, that that kindness of spirit, that that true loyalty to our cause which has ever characterized these comrades may especially manifest itself during this session. We thank Thee that Thou hast not only cared for us, but that Thou hast cared for our great nation; and we do thank Thee today that no great troubles, or trials, or conflicts have come upon us during the past year. We pray that Thy blessing may continue with us as a nation, with our chief magistrate, and with all who are in authority, that they may faithfully and in Thy wisdom rule over us. We thank Thee that the noise of battles is being stilled all over the world, and we pray that peace may reign, and that out of the conflicts that have already arisen may grow greater blessings to a great nation, of greater

liberty, greater intelligence, than they have ever known before; that wars and strifes may forever cease, and that liberty and blessing may prevail throughout all the nations of the earth. We pray that Thou wilt guide us while still we march on together. Give us that true spirit of fellowship with each other that will make us faithful in every position that we may occupy, and in all the duties that we are called upon to discharge; faithful to each other, faithful to our cause, faithful to our nation, faithful to our God; and so lead us that when we shall have accomplished all there is for us to do, we may pass into that rest and that reward which remains for thy people above. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The Department Commander—I now declare the 27th Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, opened in due form. The Adjutant will now call the roll of the Encampment.

The Assistant Adjutant General having called the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

The Department Commander—The next thing in order will be the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The Assistant Adjutant General—As Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, I wish to report that the committee are now in session and at work on the rolls, but we are unable at this time to complete the work. We ask further time and also move that when the Credentials Committee have finished and reported the complete rolls, that they be accepted as the completed rolls of this Encampment.

Seconded, and carried.

The Department Commander—The rules of the National Encampment will prevail as the rules of this Encampment, unless there be objection. I hear none. It is so ordered.

I will appoint Comrade Kanitz and Comrade Carrington as a committee of two to wait upon the Commander-in-Chief, and to say to him that we are in Encampment assembled, and will be very happy to receive him at any time that suits his convenience.

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

 COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

Comrades—It was a happy thought that prompted the good people of this attractive city to one year ago invite the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, to hold its twenty-seventh annual encampment in their midst. By so doing they gave to us the opportunity to visit and enjoy the generous hospitality of the patriotic people who dwell on the shores of this beautiful bay. As we catch the breezes of the great inland sea that bears the name of our beloved Commonwealth and become invigorated thereby, let us consecrate ourselves anew to the great objects of our association: Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, and to our duty as citizens. Let us show by our example that the country, which we as soldiers and sailors fought to preserve, is worthy of our best efforts as citizens; that our beloved country is a fitting home for all liberty loving and patriotic citizens who are willing to live, aye, if need be, die for it, but is no home for the vicious and depraved who would follow any other flag than the one under which we fought.

MEMBERSHIP.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows in detail the gains and losses in membership for the year. The following is a summary of his report:

Membership in good standing, December 31, 1903.....	13,168
Membership in good standing, December 31, 1904.....	12,282
	886
Loss for the year.....	886
Number of Posts December 31, 1903.....	355
Number of Posts December 31, 1904.....	346
	9
Loss in number of Posts.....	9

A loss of .066 per cent in membership, and .025 per cent of Posts.

A comparison of loss in membership for the past ten years may be of interest. It is as follows:

1894.....	.07	per cent
1895.....	.05	per cent
1896.....	.07	per cent
1897.....	.04	per cent
1898.....	.02	per cent
1899.....	.02	per cent
1900.....	.03	per cent
1901.....	.01	per cent
1902.....	.035	per cent
1903.....	.05	per cent

NEW POSTS.

For the first time in the history of this Department no new Posts have been added during the year. Two inquiries were made and blanks asked for, for forming new Posts. Blanks were sent, but nothing further was heard from them. It is evident we have reached the limit, or nearly so, of the number of Posts. Our effort now should be to hold the membership we have.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS.

The report of the Assistant Adjutant General shows that the Posts of this Department are carrying 2,500 members on the suspended list. Some of these have been on the suspended list for years. The motive of the Posts in keeping so large a number on the suspended list is not easily understood.

I recommend that after a reasonable time, say, one or two years after suspension, if not re-instated, the member be dropped. Keeping a comrade's name on the suspended list prevents his becoming a member of another Post, and he is of no benefit to the Post suspending him.

Comrades, we are marching with constantly diminishing ranks. This must be so. Few additions can come to our members. It is a somewhat regrettable fact, however, that there are a vast number of ex-soldiers who have never been members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I cannot but think the loss is theirs.

The Grand Army of the Republic still lives, but when it shall cease to live, it will long endure in the sweet memories of those who follow. It was a high privilege that we were

permitted to live in our day and generation; to be actors in the new birth of freedom. The four years of strife and conflict, all of which we saw and a part of which we were, was our priceless heritage. I speak not of the individual, but of the mighty whole. When the great conflict was ended and the flag triumphantly floating over a nation of free men, that mighty host cast aside the uniform it wore, and quietly, almost silently, melted away into citizenship of the great Republic it had preserved. But its mission was not ended. As soldiers they had done their work; as citizens they were to be tested; and not the least of the victories won by the Grand Army of the Republic was the triumph of the soldier-citizen. The citizen-soldier was the admiration of nations;—the soldier-citizen the triumph of the human race in its great battle for freedom and the rights of humanity.

FINANCE.

The per capita tax is the source from which we derive nearly all our income.

Received from per capita tax for year ending December 31, 1904.....	\$2,509 80
From sale of supplies.....	254 03
From other sources.....	10 91
Total.....	<u>\$2,774 74</u>

A full summary of receipts and disbursements will be found in the Assistant Quartermaster General's report.

Cash receipts during year ending June 14, 1904.....	3,021 05
Cash receipts year ending June 14, 1905.....	2,977 97
Cash balance on hand June 14, 1904.....	\$1,619 49
Received Interest.....	89 99
Receipts from all other sources during the year.....	2,887 98
Total.....	<u>\$4,597 46</u>
Expenses during the year.....	2,709 23
Leaving cash balance on hand June 19, 1905.....	<u>\$1,888 23</u>
Gain for the year.....	268 74

The executive officers have been careful in the expenditures, keeping the same at the lowest point consistent with the requirements of the Department.

The continued decrease in membership means a like decrease in revenue.

I find that there has not been uniformity in the past in the matter of paying the expenses of members of some of the committees—like the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration, the Committee to visit the Soldiers' Home and the Committee on Legislature, while attending meetings of such committees properly called. Has not the time come when this matter should be definitely determined by the Encampment? The necessary work of these committees must be done. The traveling expenses are not large but nevertheless are a growing burden on the Department because of our decreasing income. Are there not Comrades who will be more than willing to serve at their own expense on these committees for the good they can do to their Comrades and the Department?

I respectfully submit this matter for your determination with the recommendation that so far as you may be able you instruct the Council of Administration as to such expenditures.

Let our work in this direction be a labor of love.

ALGER FUND.

This fund remains intact and is deposited in the Detroit United Bank, drawing interest at four per cent.

By the action of the last Encampment the interest on this fund is used for the encouragement of patriotic education.

LEGISLATION.

In response to resolutions presented to the Department at the 26th Annual Encampment by Mrs. Isabella Gascon, of Fairbanks W. R. C., through Comrade S. J. Lawrence, and unanimously adopted, petitions were sent to all the Posts of the Department for signature, asking the Legislature to provide that, in case any soldiers' widow die destitute, the State shall give her an honorable burial. The Posts responded promptly. A bill for this purpose was introduced by Representative Merritt, passed unanimously in both houses and given immediate effect. Another measure presented by a committee from Post No. 42 was a bill "Authorizing townships, cities and villages to appropriate money to defray the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial Day." This also received favorable action in the Legislature. Both Acts were promptly signed by the Governor and are now laws of the State.

Copies of these laws were sent to the Posts of the Department with general orders No. 9 series. Laws are known as Act No. 91 and Act No. 259 of the Laws of 1905.

In compliance with the wishes of this Department as expressed by a resolution adopted at the last Encampment, I prepared a bill asking for an appropriation for designating by monuments the locations occupied by the Michigan regiments and batteries that participated in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, within the Vicksburg National Military Park. This bill, introduced in the Senate, passed both houses and approved by the Governor, makes an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose named.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

The bill of greatest interest to the comrades of the Department passed by the recent legislature was the one appropriating \$75,000 for a modern hospital building at the Soldiers' Home. Your Commander visited the Home and the Legislature several times while the measure was pending, in the interest of this very greatly needed building. It is feared even now that the new hospital will not be sufficient to meet the requirements. Certainly all the inmates of that home, both those in the dormitories and in the hospital are entitled to proper and sanitary quarters, but the demand for admittance has been so great that many have been placed in the basements, where no man, sick or well, should be quartered.

The committee appointed to visit the Home have presented a report worthy of your careful consideration.

INSPECTION.

The Posts of the Department have not responded with promptness, and many Posts not at all, to the call for inspection as ordered. It may be the time has come when the inspectors of Posts should be dispensed with. The Rules and Regulations as amended at the 36th National Encampment, Section 1, Article 5, Chapter 5, read: "The Commander-in-Chief or any Department Commander may require the inspection of any Department or Post in their respective jurisdictions whenever they may believe that the best interests of the Order require it." It being left optional with the Department Commander I ordered an

inspection of the Posts of the Department, as has been our usual custom.

An expression from and a discussion of this matter may be of benefit to the Department.

As the year is about to close we learn with sorrow of the death of Comrade R. B. Robbins, Department Inspector, who died at Adrian, June 15th. Comrade Robbins served the nation bravely as a soldier, and his State faithfully as a citizen. A true soldier; a faithful citizen; an honest man

MEMORIAL DAY.

The general observance of the day, both in this and all other Departments, is especially gratifying to our comrades. An interesting feature in the exercises of the day is the interest taken by the teachers in our Public Schools. So long as the teachers and pupils remember the day and join in a fitting observance, so long will it be kept near the hearts of the people. The fact that the youth of our beloved country on this day join with us in making it a memorial day is a full assurance that the day has become one sacred to the whole people.

I desire especially to commend to you the report of the Department Chaplain concerning Memorial Day observance.

STEPHENSON MEMORIAL FUND.

At the 38th National Encampment held in Boston in August, last, effort was made to raise the funds necessary to erect a monument to the memory of the founder of our grand order. At the request of the delegates your Commander pledged this Department for Two Hundred Dollars. In General Orders No. 4, Current Series, an appeal was made to the Posts to contribute to this fund and redeem the pledge. Responses coming in slowly, another appeal was made in General Orders No. 6; the result has been that 35 Posts have responded with contributions amounting to \$52.45. The Ladies of the G. A. R. have contributed \$13.50, making a total of \$65.95.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTION.

Much to my regret Comrade T. E. Potter, of Post No. 42, Lansing, owing to ill health, declined a reappointment by the Commander-in-Chief as special aide in charge of

patriotic instruction in the Public Schools. For two years Comrade Potter had devoted much time to the work; his heart was in it. I, however, persuaded Comrade Winfield S. Sly of the same Post to accept the position, who continued the work ably and well, and is deserving of the thanks of this Department for the time and care he has so willingly given to the cause. I beg to refer to his report for full information, and renew the recommendation of Past Department Commander Van Raalte that the work be continued.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

The National Encampment held in the city of Boston in August, last, was one of the best and most enjoyable held since our organization. No more patriotic people live than those of the old Bay State. In no city will a gathering of the old soldiers receive a warmer welcome than in Boston.

The Department of Michigan made a goodly showing in the parade, both in point of numbers and soldierly bearing. The Commanding officers of the Department and all comrades felt under many obligations to Detroit Post No. 384, who were escort for the Department Commander. Their fine appearance in the parade gave to the Department great honor, which was keenly appreciated. No other department was entitled to, or received, greater credit during the entire route of the parade.

The coming National Encampment will be held in the city of Denver the week of September 4th, next. I desire that as many as can will attend. Headquarters for the Department have been secured at The Albany by the courtesy of Comrade E. B. Fenton, of Detroit Post, without expense to the Department, where all visiting comrades will receive a hearty welcome.

APPEALS FOR AID.

Post No. 9, Hesperia, asked for permission to circulate an appeal for aid for Comrade H. E. Waterman, who lost his home by fire and was in feeble health. Satisfied that this was a meritorious case, permission was given the Post to ask aid from the Posts of the Department.

(Result of the appeal is not known, as no report has been received from the Post.)

To the officers and members of the Women's Relief Corps and to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, the

members of this Department are under many obligations. By their every word and deed they are constantly making the pathway of the old soldier less rugged than for their cheering words it would be. Unlike our organization, they are constantly receiving new recruits, and I bespeak for them many long years of usefulness to the coming generation. Their kindness will not soon be forgotten, and we are glad to have them with us in this our 27th Annual Gathering.

We are glad to know that the Sons of Veterans are in a flourishing and prosperous condition, and that they are joining with us in holding their encampment in this city at the same time.

In the establishment of the "Memorial University" at Mason City, Iowa, in September, 1901, they laid the foundation for an institution which is worthy of the patronage, aid and support of patriotic citizens. To each Department of the G. A. R., W. R. C., and the Ladies of the G. A. R., a scholarship has been assigned, for the benefit of the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of some soldier or sailor of the civil war.

During the year just coming to a close I have made a number of official visits and attended the gatherings of soldiers at various places; among the pleasantest of these were those in which the children and youth took an active and prominent part, as they do on Memorial Day and in celebrating "Flag Day." Among the interesting occasions was the unveiling of the monument erected by the State of Michigan in honor of the brave Kentuckians and others who lost their lives in the defense of this country in the Battle and Massacre of River Raisin on January 22nd and 23rd, 1813. This took place at Monroe, September 1st, 1904.

Greetings were extended by the representatives of the following patriotic Societies: Grand Army of the Republic, Loyal Legion, United Spanish War Veterans, Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Society of Colonial Dames, Society of the Daughters of 1812, the Maumee Valley Pioneer Historical Society, and the Michigan Pioneer Society. I think I am entirely within bounds when I say that nearly all of these societies owe their *esprit de corps* to the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic set the pace which these patriotic societies are quite willing to follow.

One year ago, comrades, you honored me much beyond

my deserts in electing me your Department Commander, and in turning over the gavel to my successor, I desire to express to you my most sincere and grateful thanks for the honor you conferred upon me. The Grand Army of the Republic is worthy of the best thought and best effort of every individual member. If we follow the teachings of our organization, we will make of ourselves better citizens.

I beg to extend my sincere thanks to all Department Officers, my official staff and the Council of Administration, for their kindness and zeal in behalf of the organization.

Assistant Adjutant General Fayette Wyckoff is entitled to the thanks of the Department for the services he has so faithfully and loyally given.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

The Chair—I will appoint the following committee on the Address of the Department Commander: Comrades D. B. K. Van Raalte, Post 262; O. A. Janes, Post 384; Louis Kanitz, Post 7.

The Department Commander resumed the chair.

The Commander-in-Chief was announced to be in waiting at the door, and being escorted into the hall, was received in due form.

Comrade Kanitz—Department Commander, we have performed our duties, and now present to you the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Wilmon W. Blackmar.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have great pleasure in presenting to you your Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Blackmar, of Boston.

The Commander-in-Chief—Commander; my old comrades of this magnificent Department of Michigan: I am not in any way a stranger here, because I was a soldier under that soldier par excellence of Michigan, George A. Custer. I have for him, and surely these comrades of this Department, a very earnest and sincere love and respect. I heard a man away out in the west, somewhere, say, in describing Gen. Custer, that he was a rash and fearless officer, and would dash anywhere, no matter what the consequences, and I asked him what his authority was for that statement. He said one of our great generals of the war under whom Custer served made that statement in Chicago. I said "I don't know who the gentleman was, of course, who made the statement, but I served under Custer, and it was not

true." He was not only a great soldier, but he was a good commander. He would dash in and sacrifice his men, and risk himself. He was careful when care was the right thing, but he won his victories by doing what soldiers were enlisted to do, fighting. A grand soldier, and one of the things, perhaps, that makes me love him best, was that rare discernment for merit which he possessed. He discovered a poor half-starved lieutenant with some claim to merit, and made him a captain upon the field of Five Forks, and I was in the lieutenant's coat. I love him because of that rare discernment.

I know you are busy, and I know enough of what it means to wield a gavel over a Department that is busy. I am not going to take your time this morning. There will be speaking here tonight. When you have got your girls with you, I will try to talk to you again, and perhaps more at length, if there is time. But I do want to say to you this, my comrades. Ever since that splendid delegation that you sent to Boston, who also have a rare discrimination, I have been hard at work in your service. I conceived it to be my duty to see as many of the dear old comrades of the Grand Army as I possibly could, meet them face to face, and take them hand in hand. I have tried to do that from the Atlantic to the Pacific. I have been to all the Department Encampments as far as possible, holding great camp fires; where it was impossible to meet them at their Encampments, going away out through the Southern States, out through Texas and New Mexico, into California, and back through Colorado, Utah, and Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, where on that trip I stopped at the great, splendid Encampment of Illinois, at Rockford, Ill. It seemed like a National Encampment. I tell you, my comrades, you need not be ashamed of the dear old boys, scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all over this country, who have the right to wear the little bronze button. They didn't steal that right, they didn't buy it: They earned it upon the battle fields of the Republic, and it is a precious and splendid privilege to be able to wear it. Rockefeller or Morgan, or any of the multi-millionaires, with all their money, cannot buy the little bronze button. They must have been where we have been.

Comrades, I wont detain you longer. I thank you for your attention, I thank you for your very cordial reception to this beautiful city in this grand old Department.

The Department Commander—Commander-in-Chief,

Every comrade present before he came onto the floor had a badge presented him, without which he could not get in. I now have the pleasure of pinning one upon you.

The Commander-in-Chief—Fellow delegates, be careful and vote for the right man to succeed this Department Commander. No matter who wants it, tender it to your best man. Away down in one of the Southern Departments—I wont name it now—the officer of the day called for the countersign. I happened to know it, and I gave it to him. The committee said “Why don’t you announce the Commander-in-Chief?” He said, “Well, now, I will go in and denounce the Commander-in-Chief.” Be sure that you elect your best men.

The Department Commander—I will appoint the following committees:

On Resolutions—Comrades Wm. Shakespeare, Post 79; E. T. Carrington, Post 276; Alfred Milnes, Post 109.

To Carry Greetings to the Woman’s Relief Corps—Comrades C. E. Foote, Post 79; P. H. McBride, Post 262; S. J. Lawrence, Post 318.

To Carry Greetings to the Ladies of the G. A. R.—Comrades Louis Kanitz, Post 7; E. S. Jameson, Post 384; Wm. Mears, Post 235.

To Carry Greetings to the Sons of Veterans—Comrades E. C. Cannon, Post 16; L. H. Ives, Post 441; W. M. Beekman, Post 40.

The report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read and referred to the following committee: Comrades S. Mallery, Post 382; L. S. Russell, Post 42; A. L. Bryant, Post 255. The report is as follows:

Traverse City, June 20, 1905.

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

Dear Sir and Comrade—The Senior Vice-Commander for the past year takes pleasure in submitting to you the following report. I attended the National Encampment at Boston, left Detroit with the headquarters train. I was suffering at the time with a severe lameness, in consequence of which I was excused from participating in the grand parade. Can say the encampment at Boston was one of the finest I ever attended; everything that could be done was done by the good and patriotic people to make our stay a continuous round of pleasure. Every comrade must have felt benefited by his visit there.

I have visited quite a number of Posts in the past year

and found them generally in good condition; in one or two cases a little careless in taking up the password. Found in every case the most prosperous Posts have live Ladies' Auxiliary. Through the courtesy of the Commander of Detroit Post I had the pleasure of attending the Christmas reception of the Post, and was entertained right royally by the members.

I inspected Colgrove Post at Marshall; found that Post in good condition, enjoying a home of their own. Can say for Farragut Post of Battle Creek that through the efforts of our common council and our kind citizens we have a hall nearly completed, in a central part of our city. I think all the sociability in way of entertainments and visiting Posts by comrades should be encouraged, as simply the routine of business gets very monotonous and generally brings out small attendance.

For the past year we have buried at least one comrade a month. As we realize how fast our comrades are being mustered out it behooves us to close up our ranks and add to our list every honorably discharged soldier in the state if possible, and lend our individual aid to our legislative committee, that we may secure a just service pension.

I am gratified with the interest taken in Memorial Day. The business places of our city were closed and the solemnity of the day was observed.

Our order is to be congratulated on the work it has done in the line of patriotic education. Most of the flowers for Memorial Day were donated by the school children.

I thank all the comrades for the great honor conferred upon me, and to all fellow-officers for the courtesy and kindness at all times shown to me.

I am,
Very sincerely yours in F. C. and L.,
JOHN J. CORNWELL,
Senior Vice Dept. Commander.

The Junior Vice Department Commander presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. M. Greenfield, Post 24; A. D. Willing, Post 48; W. K. Pratt, Post 145. The report is as follows:

Jackson, Michigan, June 20, 1905.

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

Comrade—I have the honor herewith to submit my re-

port as Junior Vice Dept. Commander for the past year.

Although I am unable to say that the duties of the office have been in any way laborious or arduous, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the fraternal greeting which has been accorded me by all the members of the Grand Army.

Of the Grand Army of the Republic it has been truthfully said,—“No child can be born into it—no certificate of nationality secure entrance. The millions of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase admission, no institution of learning can grant a diploma securing admission. The only patent of nobility to which our doors will swing open is the bit of parchment, worn and tattered it may be, certifying to honorable discharge from the army or navy of the United States during the war against rebellion.”

With such indisputable facts in mind I am unable to comprehend why so many of the survivors of our mighty struggle with the foes of our country's perpetuity, should still be without this great companionship, whose ties were welded in the fire of battle and cemented by comradeship. It is, I think, safe to say that in every village are scores, and in the city hundreds of the survivors of the camps and battles of '61 and '65, who have permitted their names to be dropped from their post roll-book or have never applied for admission to this most honorable order. Is there not some way,—cannot some means be devised to bring the comrades back to their allegiance and to an awakened interest in our order and the performance of its mission? It cannot be possible that they have forgotten or no longer care to search out the poor and needy survivors of the Old Guard of the Republic and assist and encourage them in their almost hopeless struggle with poverty and disease.

I cannot believe that they have lost their love for the flag which they followed so faithfully and which, baptized in the fires of thousands of battles,—cleansed and hallowed by the tears of “more than a million of devoted mothers, wives, sisters and orphans, who mourned for their loved ones who never returned,”—without a star effaced,—every stripe untarnished,—free as the air in which it floats, they were among those who surrendered it to the keeping of future generations. Many were with it when it demanded and obtained unconditional surrender of its foes at Fort Donelson, and received a rich baptism of victory in the bright sunlight far above the clouds on the summit of Lookout Mountain. Others stood by it when, firmly

planted at Antietam between Lee's hungry army and the harvest fields and granaries of the north it defiantly said, "Thus far shall you come and no farther." It fluttered over others on our little monitors, when, close up to the walls of Sumpter, they delivered and received the most tremendous fire known in naval warfare, and off the coast of sunny France it shook its bright folds from the gaff of the gallant Kearsarge when her well served guns rid the seas of the curse of piracy. From the terraced heights of capitulated Vicksburg and Port Hudson it bade the Father of Waters "roll unvexed to the sea," and marked the line of battle which like a ribbon of blue was stretched along the crest of Cemetery Hill at Gettysburg, and finally at Appomattox, though the pages of history were destined to chronicle the dark records of Fort Pillow, Libby, Andersonville, Belle Isle and Columbia, still it waved its approval of Grant's merciful admonition to Lee's shattered army, "Thy transgressions though many are forgiven thee—and sin no more."

Having in mind these few extracts from the records of their glorious deeds I fail to comprehend why so many neglect to seek the companionship of those whose valor and loyalty were powerful factors in the consummation of their task. It is earnestly to be hoped that the coming year will see many of the names now missing from the roll of membership once more restored, and many strangers to our order seeking admission to it, the grandest fraternity the world has ever known.

Respectfully submitted in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

DAN. J. WILLSON,
Jr. Vice Dept. Commander.

The Assistant Quartermaster General presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades J. R. Case, Post 126; C. J. Pierce, Post 17; S. M. Kent, Post 5. The report was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Col. Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Department of Michigan, G. A. R.:

Dear Sir and Comrade—I have the honor to report the following amounts received and disbursed by the Asst. Quartermaster General, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., from June 30, 1904, to June 20, 1905.



JACOB BRISTOL,
Assistant Quartermaster General.

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GENERAL FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$1,619 49
Received from Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G.....	\$2,774 74
Interest on general fund.....	89 99
Transferred from Alger fund.....	91 93
Transferred from special prize essay fund.....	21 31
	2,977 97
Total amount received.....	\$4,597 46
Total amount disbursed.....	2,709 23
Balance on hand.....	\$1,888 23

ALGER FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$1,021 52
Interest.....	70 39
Total.....	\$1,091 91
Amount transferred to general fund.....	91 91
Balance on hand.....	\$1,000 00

SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.....	\$21 31
Amount transferred to general fund.....	21 31

\$1,533.49 of the General fund deposited with the Detroit United Bank, Detroit, Mich.

\$1,000.00 of the Alger fund deposited with the Detroit United Bank, Detroit, Mich.

The amounts of these two funds if left in bank, will draw interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum from July 1, 1905. An itemized statement of amounts received and disbursed is hereby attached.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours in F., C. and S.,

JACOB BRISTOL,

Asst. Quartermaster Gen., Dept. of Mich., G. A. R.

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JACOB BRISTOL, ASSISTANT Q. M. GENERAL, IN ACCOUNT WITH DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.

Date.	Receipts—General fund.	Amount.
1904.		
June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.	\$1,613 73
July 1	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	257 15
July 6	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	225 90
July 7	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	105 90
July 17	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	291 40
July 17	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4.....	38 55
July 21	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	237 90
Sept. 17	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	30 00
Sept. 17	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13.....	50 54
Oct. 14	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride.	5 76
Oct. 14	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride. Interest general fund.....	28 00
Dec. 24	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	158 21
Dec. 24	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17.....	61 42
1905.		
Jan. 3	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	196 02
Jan. 3	Cash received from The Detroit United Bank, Interest general fund.....	31 95
Jan. 11	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	377 20
Jan. 11	Voucher received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., No. 18.....	13 34
Jan. 18	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	299 93
Feb. 4	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	202 50
Mar. 9	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	50 00
Mar. 9	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.....	31 77
May 9	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., No. 24, 25, 26, 27, Q-1, R-1.....	59 67
June 14	Voucher received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., No. 28.....	25 00
June 15	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 26, 27.....	16 45
June 15	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	11 60
June 15	Amount transferred from Alger fund.....	91 93
June 15	Amount transferred from Special Prize Essay fund.....	21 31
June 19	Cash received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen....	29 74
June 19	Vouchers received from Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., Nos. 29, 30.....	4 55
June 19	Interest received from The Detroit United Bank.....	30 04
Total.....		\$4,597 46
Amount disbursed.....		2,709 23
Balance.....		\$1,888 23

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DISBURSEMENTS AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1904		
July 2	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from June 16 to 30, voucher A.....	\$45 83
July 6	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen. supplies, voucher B.....	41 75
July 7	Paid Gregory, Mayer & Thom Co., cash book A. Q. M. Gen., voucher C.....	53
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expenses, voucher 1.....	8 63
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expenses and postage, voucher 2.....	18 17
July 15	Paid W. G. Gage, expense visiting Soldiers' Home, voucher 3.....	6 00
July 15	Paid S H Ives, expense visiting Soldiers' Home, voucher 4.....	5 75
July 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from July 1 to 15, voucher D.....	45 83
July 19	Paid Fidelity & Deposit Co., bond, Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., voucher E.....	5 00
July 22	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax first term to June 30, 1904, voucher F.....	226 92
July 23	Paid Edson, Moore & Co., ribbon for badges, voucher G.....	17 10
July 28	Paid J. H. Emery, reporting and writing out proceedings 26th Annual Encampment, voucher H.....	50 00
Aug. 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from July 16 to 31, voucher I.....	45 83
Aug. 9	Paid J. K. Davison, badge Past Dept. Commander D. B. K. Van Raalte, voucher J.....	35 00
Aug. 10	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from August 1 to 15, voucher K.....	45 84
Aug. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from August 16 to 31, voucher L.....	45 83
Sept. 6	Paid J. K. Davison, badges National Encampment, Boston, voucher M.....	66 00
Sept. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from September 1 to 15, voucher N.....	45 84
Sept. 16	Paid T. S. McGraw, Comdr. Detroit Post, 384, use of band at Boston, voucher O.....	90 00
Sept. 16	Paid Hotel Brunswick, Boston, rooms for headquarters, voucher P.....	115 25
Sept. 17	Paid Minnie Wyckoff, cutting ribbons for badges, voucher 5.....	2 25
Sept. 17	Paid C. J. Strang, printing ribbons for badges, voucher 6.....	3 75
Sept. 17	Paid Michigan State Telephone Co., voucher 7.....	3 60
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expenses, voucher 8.....	4 20
Sept. 17	Paid S. D. Pierce, decorating headquarters room at Boston, voucher 10.....	20 00
Sept. 17	Paid Wm. Putnam, services at Boston, with headquarters, voucher 11.....	10 00
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., expense at Boston, voucher 12.....	6 84
Sept. 17	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense, voucher 13.....	19 90
Sept. 17	Paid The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., bond A. Q. M. Gen., voucher Q.....	12 00
Sept. 20	Paid Jacob Bristol, A. Q. M. Gen., postage, voucher R.....	1 00
Sept. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary September 16 to 30, voucher S.....	45 83
Oct. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from October 1 to 15, voucher T.....	45 84
Oct. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from October 16 to 31, voucher U.....	45 83
Nov. 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from November 1 to 15, voucher V.....	45 84
Nov. 21	Paid Robert Smith Printing Co., printing and stationery, voucher W.....	80 31

DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1904.		
Nov. 30	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from November 16 to 30, voucher X.....	\$45 83
Dec. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from December 1 to 15, voucher Z.....	45 84
Dec. 28	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher A-1..	38 75
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense, voucher 14.....	12 05
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense, voucher 15.....	14 11
Dec. 24	Paid Crouly Bros., letter copy book, voucher 16.....	2 50
Dec. 24	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage, voucher 17.....	32 76
Dec. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from December 15 to 31, voucher B-1.....	45 83
Dec. 31	Paid Jacob Bristol A. Q. M. Gen., salary from July 1 to December 31, voucher C-1.....	25 00
1905.		
Jan. 11	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage and office expense, voucher 18.....	13 34
Jan. 16	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from January 1 to 16, voucher D-1.....	45 84
Jan. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from January 16 to 31, voucher E-1.....	45 83
Feb. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from February 1 to 14, voucher F-1.....	45 84
Feb. 28	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from February 14 to 28, voucher G-1.....	45 83
Mar. 8	Paid Wm. Davey, hotel bill, Traverse City, voucher H-1..	2 00
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense and postage, voucher 19.....	12 70
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., office expense and postage, voucher 20.....	4 48
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., attending meeting C. of H., Detroit, voucher 21.....	5 09
Mar. 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., hotel bill, Traverse City, voucher 23.....	2 00
Mar. 9	Paid H. M. Clark, frame for photographs, voucher 22.....	7 50
Mar. 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from March 1 to 15, voucher I-1.....	45 84
Mar. 16	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., per capita tax, second term, to December 31, voucher J-1.....	214 93
Mar. 24	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher K-1..	40 68
Mar. 29	Robert Smith Printing Co., supplies and printing, voucher L-1.....	59 25
Mar. 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from March 16 to 31, voucher M-1.....	45 83
April 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from April 1 to 15, voucher N-1.....	45 83
May 1	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from April 16 to 30, voucher O-1.....	45 83
May 1	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing, voucher P-1.....	59 50
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., expense, voucher 24.....	4 94
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage and expense, voucher 25.....	21 55
May 9	Paid Crotty Bros., supplies, voucher 26.....	1 50
May 9	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., postage, voucher 27.....	14 68
May 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from May 1 to 16, voucher S-1.....	45 83
May 20	Paid Chas. Burrows, Q. M. Gen., supplies, voucher T-1..	3 00
May 31	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adj. Gen., salary from May 16 to 31, voucher U-1.....	45 83

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DISBURSEMENTS.—Concluded.

Date.	Disbursements.	Amount.
1905.		
June 7	Paid Jacob Bristol, Asst. Q. M. Gen., salary from January 1, 1905, to June 30, voucher W-1	\$25 00
June 12	Paid H. A. Clute, expenses, visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, voucher X-1	8 00
June 14	Paid Wynkoop Hallenbeck Crawford Co., printing voucher 28	25 00
June 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage, etc., voucher 27	12 45
June 15	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., salary from June 1 to 16, voucher Y-1	45 83
June 15	Paid W. R. Roberts, lettering mat for photograph, voucher 26	4 00
June 6	Paid J. R. Davison Sons., prize badges, special essay, voucher V-1	34 50
May 9	Paid M. E. Gardner, printing and postage, special prize essay, voucher R-1	7 00
May 12	Paid W. S. Sly, postage special prize essay, voucher Q-1	10 00
June 19	Paid Crouty Bros., record book, voucher 29	75
June 19	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., postage, voucher 30	3 80
June 19	Paid W. G. Gage, C. of A., railway fare, and hotel, Traverse City, voucher Y-1	8 02
June 19	Paid Henry Spalding, railway fare, Traverse City, voucher B-2	5 56
June 19	Paid Wm Davey, railway fare and hotel bill, voucher H-2	17 45
June 19	Paid Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. Gen., railway fare, Traverse City, voucher C-2	5 44
Total		\$2,709 23

ALGER FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1904.		
June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride	\$1,021 54
	Interest to July 1, 1905	70 39
Total		\$1,091 93
	Amount transferred to general fund	91 93
Balance		\$1,000 00

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SPECIAL PRIZE ESSAY FUND.

Date.	Receipts.	Amount.
1904 June 30	Cash received from Past Asst. Q. M. Gen. P. H. McBride	\$21 31
	Amount transferred to general fund.....	21 31

DISBURSEMENTS CONSOLIDATED.

Disbursements.	Amount.
Assistant Adjutant General, salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster, salary.....	50 00
Expense 38th National Encampment, Boston.....	152 09
Expense band, National Encampment, Boston.....	90 00
Badge for Past Department Commander.....	35 00
Expense visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, 1903-1914.....	11 75
Supplies from Quartermaster General and others.....	135 71
Bonds, Asst. Adj. Gen. and Asst. Quartermaster Gen.....	17 00
Per capita tax.....	441 85
Paid stenographer, 26th Department Encampment.....	50 00
Postage, headquarters.....	151 72
Office expenses, headquarters.....	88 48
Printing, general orders, envelopes, etc.....	215 66
Expense, visiting Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, 1905.....	8 00
Sundry expenses.....	8 00
Special prize essay, printing and postage.....	\$17 00
Special prize essay, badges.....	34 50
	\$51 50
Badges for National Encampment, Boston.....	66 00
Expense, 27th Encampment, Traverse City.....	36 47
Total.....	\$2,709 23

The Assistant Adjutant General presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrader E. C. Anthony, Post 300; Albert Dunham, Post 48; Henry Feige, Post 38. The report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 20, 1905. }

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander:

Comrade—In compliance with the Rules and Regulations governing my office I have the honor to submit a detailed report of the transactions of the office of the Assistant Adjutant General during your administration.

MEMBERSHIP.

Number in good standing December 31, 1903.....		Posts.	Members.
		355	13,168
Term ending June 30, 1904.....	Posts.	Members.	
Gained by muster.....		160	
Gained by transferred.....		124	
Gained by reinstatement.....		64	
Gained by reinstatement from delinquent reports.....	2	22	
Total gain.....	2	370	
Aggregate.....		357	13,538
	Posts.	Members.	
Loss by death.....		253	
Loss by honorable discharge.....		17	
Loss by transfer.....		82	
Loss by suspension.....		221	
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	2	20	
Total loss.....	2	593	
Number remaining in good standing end of first term..		355	12,945
Term ending December 31, 1904.....	Posts.	Members.	
Gained by muster.....		126	
Gained by transfer.....		72	
Gained by reinstatement.....		133	
Total gain.....		331	
Aggregate.....		355	13,276
	Posts.	Members.	
Loss by death.....		234	
Loss by honorable discharge.....		26	
Loss by transfer.....		80	
Loss by suspension.....		524	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	8	125	
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	1	5	
Total loss.....	9	904	
Number remaining in good standing, end of second term.....		346	12,282

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RECAPITULATION—GAINS AND LOSSES.

	Posts.	Members.
Number in good standing, December 31, 1903.....	355	13,168
	Posts.	Members.
Gained by muster.....	250	
Gained by transfer.....	136	
Gained by reinstatement.....	293	
Gained by delinquent reports.....	2	22
Total gain for year.....	2	701
Aggregate.....	357	13,869
	Posts.	Members.
Loss by death.....	487	
Loss by honorable discharge.....	43	
Loss by transfer.....	162	
Loss by suspension.....	745	
Loss by delinquent reports.....	8	125
Loss by surrender of Charter.....	3	25
Total loss for year.....	11	1,587
Number remaining in good standing December 31, 1904.....	346	12,282
Number remaining on suspended list.....		2,500

This report shows a net loss of 9 Posts and 886 members for the year.

During the year the following Posts have been reinstated; Post No. 264 with 12 members and Post No. 305 with 10 members.

Posts 212, 226, 457, with a total membership of 25 have surrendered their charters, and the following Posts have been reported as delinquent:

Post 124.....	8 members.
Post 186.....	18 members.
Post 195.....	19 members.
Post 267.....	19 members.
Post 362.....	14 members.
Post 381.....	16 members.
Post 396.....	15 members.
Post 429.....	16 members.

For the first time in the history of this Department no new Posts have been organized during the year; it seems that the time for organizing new Posts has passed, what this means to the Department I leave you to draw your own conclusions.

The high water mark for membership was reached in 1889, when a membership of 21,418 was reported.. A steady decline in membership has followed, as the following comparative table shows:



FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

Years.	Posts.	Membership.
1889.....	21,418
1894.....	384	19,020
1899.....	386	15,531
1905.....	346	12,282

Showing a loss of nearly 43 per cent since 1889.

From natural causes the losses will be greater in the future, that we are approaching the end cannot be denied; and for this reason we should put forth a more earnest effort to hold and keep the membership we have.

Since making the report for the term ending December 31, 1904, Posts Nos. 124, 195, and 396 have been reinstated, with a membership of 39.

There were 54 Posts making a gain of membership during the year and 170 Posts show losses. The Post making the greatest gain was Post No. 252 of Howard City.

The following Posts have surrendered their charters, No. 212 and No. 457.

Posts Nos. 192, 244, 257, 299, 306, 315, 334, and 339 have been delinquent for three terms and the Council of Administration have declared their charters forfeited.

Special effort has been made to regain the delinquent Posts but the response to appeals have not been as fruitful as hoped for.

There have been ten General Orders and two Circular Letters issued and distributed to Posts and Department officers, together with General Orders issued from National Headquarters.

FINANCES.

The cash coming into my hands for per capita tax and supplies is as follows:

Received for per capita tax, first term.....	\$1,281 60
Received for per capita tax, second term.....	1,228 20
Total for per capita tax.....	\$2,509 80
Received from sale of supplies.....	254 03
Received from other sources.....	10 91
Total.....	\$2,774 74

All of which has been turned over to the Assistant Quartermaster General Jacob Bristol, in cash and vouchers, for which I have his receipts. There is no disguising the

fact that receipts for per capita tax and supplies, like our membership is gradually decreasing. A comparison is made of receipts and disbursements for the same years, from which a comparison of membership was made.

Years.	Total receipts.	Disbursements.
1889.....	\$7,431 89	\$6,236 30
1894.....	6,331 05	5,958 12
1899.....	3,968 46	3,706 33
1905.....	2,774 74

An appeal for funds for the Stephenson Memorial Monument was not received with that enthusiasm which in earlier days characterized the actions of the Grand Army of the Republic, thirty-three Posts responding, which, with contributions from the Ladies of the G. A. R., \$55.95 was received; the same has been forwarded to Gen. Louis Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa., who is treasurer of the fund, and whose receipt I hold. For itemized statement of Posts, etc., from whom contributions were received see Exhibit "A."

I also present the following report of the financial condition of the Posts of this Department, as shown by the Post Quartermaster's reports ending December 31, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 30, 1904.....	\$11,605 82
Received from all sources during term.....	11,342 63
Total.....	<u>\$22,948 45</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Department for per capita tax this term on 12,282 members.....	\$1,228 20
Relief from Post funds.....	295 60
For all other disbursements.....	10,440 02
Transferred to relief fund.....	74 74
Total.....	<u>\$12,038 56</u>
Cash balance in hands of Post Quartermasters.....	<u>\$10,909 89</u>

REPORT OF RELIEF FUND.

Balance on hand June 30, 1904.....	\$1,562 77
Received from all sources during term.....	214 59
Total.....	<u>\$1,777 36</u>
Expended for relief during term.....	306 69
Balance in relief fund.....	<u><u>\$1,470 67</u></u>

VALUE OF POST PROPERTY.

Cash balance in Post funds.....	\$10,909 89
Cash balance in relief funds.....	1,470 67
Value of real estate belonging to Posts.....	44,557 95
Cash invested in furniture, flags, etc.....	39,306 92
Total value of Post property.....	\$96,245 43

This showing of the financial standing of the Posts of the Department speaks volumes in their behalf.

The reports show that the Posts of the Department are carrying 2,500 members on the suspended list. It has been the policy of this Department for years to advise, that where a comrade could pay his dues and would not that after carrying him for a reasonable length of time on the suspended list, and having been asked to pay up and thereby reinstate himself, continually neglects to do so, should be "dropped." A large number of the Posts of this Department are carrying suspended members from year to year without an apparent effort to relieve them by reinstating or by dropping them. Today there are Posts who have a larger number on their suspended list than is reported in good standing. We know that the poor comrades who cannot pay their dues and would if they could, are always treated generously by the Comrades and their dues remitted. Posts having large suspended lists are urged to assist in relieving the Department from the reputation of having a large suspended roll.

REPRESENTATION IN NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

This Department will be entitled to one Delegate at large and sixteen Delegates to the Thirty-ninth National Encampment, to be held at Denver, September 4-8. This representation is based on a membership of 12,282, as shown by last December reports.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

These are now coming in for the term ending June 30, 1905, as the Adjutant General has requested that the consolidated reports be forwarded by July 20th. I urge every Post officer present, immediately on his return home, to see that the reports are forwarded promptly; this is necessary to avoid reporting a large list of delinquent Posts, and time is necessary for consolidating the reports. A

large number of Posts in sending in their reports last December, committed the grave mistake of deducting members dropped from the number in good standing, the result being that a large amount of extra work in way of correspondence was necessary to correct the error.

SUPPLIES.

There is on hand supplies valued as \$80.30, as shown by the invoice accompanying this report in Exhibit "B."

DEPARTMENT PROPERTY.

The invoice of Department property shows amount on hand to be \$143.50, as shown in Exhibit "C."

CONCLUSION.

Many of the Posts are laboring under the disadvantage of lack of attendance at Post meetings, in many instances barely a quorum being present; and cases have been known where Posts whose members reside at a distance from the place of meeting, have not, during the severe cold of the winter been able to hold a meeting for three months or more. The advancing years and consequent infirmities prevents the comrades from attending Post meetings. The reports show that many Posts have adopted the plan of meeting in the day time, other Posts alternating between day and evening meetings, and these changes have proved very satisfactory.

There have been three meetings of the Council of Administration, the reports of which are herewith attached as a part of this report and will be published in full in the Journal.

In closing this report, permit me, Commander, to express to you a comrades' appreciation of your confidence and good will. Whatever measure of success has been attained it has been made possible by your kindly advice and assistance. I have in my humble way endeavored to do my duty. I hope that my work has been such as to merit your approval and that of my comrades.

The personal and official relations with the officers and comrades of the Department has been of the most pleasant character, and I desire to express to all my appreciation for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me.

To affiliate with and be known as a comrade of the Grand

Army of the Republic is an honor, not to be measured by words; and I assure you that the relations of the past year will ever be pleasantly remembered by me.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
 FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
 Asst. Adjt. Gen., G. A. R.

MEETINGS OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 POST TAVERN, BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 16, 1904. }

Agreeable to call of Department Commander George H. Hopkins, the Council of Administration met in room 234, Post Tavern, immediately after adjournment of the Department Encampment.

Meeting was called to order by the Department Commander.

Present:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.
 W. W. Root, Medical Director.
 Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
 Wm. Davey, Council of Administration.
 John R. Bennett, Council of Administration.
 L. H. Ives, Council of Administration.
 Wm. G. Gage, Council of Administration.
 Alfred Milnes, Council of Administration.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint the Asst. Q. M. General later and that it would be announced in General Orders.

It was moved and supported that the bonds of the Asst. Q. M. Gen. be fixed at \$4,000.00 and the bonds of the Asst. Adjt. General be fixed at \$1,000.00 and that the premiums on said bonds be paid by the Department, which motion was carried.

Moved and supported that the Asst. Adjutant General be permitted to expend for office expenses not to exceed \$50.00 per month, which motion prevailed.

The Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to furnish such of the Department offices as was necessary with printed stationery.

Wm. G. Gage presented bill of expense for visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$6.00; on motion bill was allowed and ordered paid.

L. H. Ives presented bill of expense for visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$5.75. On motion the bill was allowed and ordered paid.

Moved and supported that not to exceed \$100.00 be allowed toward the expenses of a band for the National Encampment at Boston. Motion prevailed.

Moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to procure 300 bronze medals for the Department for National Encampment at Boston; which motion carried.

The Department Commander announced the following members of C. of A. to be the members of the Executive Committee, C. of A., viz.: Wm. Davey, W. G. Gage, and Alfred Milnes.

After informal discussion on the good of the order, there being no farther business, the Council of Administration adjourned, subject to call of the Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

Approved:
G. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY 20, 1905. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander for meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at his office, there was present:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander.
Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
Wm. Davey, member Council of Administration.

There not being a quorum of the Executive Committee present, the auditing of the books and accounts of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. and Q. M. Gen. was postponed.

By direction of the Department Commander, business was proceeded with under a meeting of the Council of Administration, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

Asst. Q. M. General Bristol moved that the 27th annual Encampment be held at Traverse City on June 20 and 21.

The first meeting of the Encampment to be called at 10 a. m. standard time, June 20th, which motion prevailed.

It was also moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to proceed to Traverse City and arrange for the Encampment to be held June 20 and 21; which motion prevailed.

After an informal discussion as to the needs of the Encampment, it was moved that Comrade Wm. Davey, Chairman of the Executive Committee accompany the Asst. Adjt. General to Traverse City, which motion prevailed.

It was also moved that the Asst. Adjt. General be instructed to go to Denver and make arrangements for Department Headquarters during the Thirty-ninth National Encampment to be held September 4-8, next; which motion prevailed.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Approved: FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.
GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, }
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
TRAVERSE CITY, MICH. }

Agreeable to call, the Executive Committee met at Park Place Hotel, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

Present:

G. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.
Wm. Davey, member Executive Committee, C. of A.
Wm. G. Gage, member Executive Committee, C. of A.

The Committee proceeded to examine the books and accounts of Asst. Adjutant General and the Asst. Q. M. General, and reported that they find the same correct.

There being no further business, on motion, the Committee adjourned.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
TRAVERSE CITY, JUNE 19, 1905. }

Pursuant to call of the Department Commander, the Council of Administration met at Park Place Hotel, Department Commander Geo. H. Hopkins in the chair.

Present:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Department Commander.
J. J. Cornwall, Senior Vice Department Commander.
Dan J. Willison, Junior Vice Department Commander.
Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General.
Jacob Bristol, Assistant Quartermaster General.
Wm. Davey, Council of Administration.
W. G. Gage, Council of Administration.

Wm. Davey presented and moved that the bill of Comrade H. A. Clute, for expenses visiting Soldier's Home, amounting to \$8.00, be allowed and ordered paid. Motion carried.

Moved that the expenses of Wm. Davey in attending the meeting of the Executive Committee and Council of Administration, amounting to \$17.45, be paid. Carried.

Moved that the bill of the Asst. Adjt. Gen. for R. R. fare in attending this meeting be allowed. Carried.

The bill of Henry Spaulding, member of Credential Committee, for railroad fare amounting to \$5.56, was ordered paid.

There being no further business the Council of Administration adjourned.

Approved: FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General, G. A. R.
GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.



ALLEN P. MORSE,
Judge Advocate.

EXHIBIT "A."

Stephenson Memorial Fund.

Received from Post 2.....	\$1 00
Received from Post 7.....	2 00
Received from Post 17.....	5 00
Received from Post 20.....	1 00
Received from Post 23.....	1 00
Received from Post 33.....	1 00
Received from Post 34.....	1 00
Received from Post 38.....	2 00
Received from Post 39.....	1 00
Received from Post 45.....	1 00
Received from Post 78.....	1 00
Received from Post 79.....	1 80
Received from Post 84.....	1 00
Received from Post 86.....	1 00
Received from Post 90.....	1 00
Received from Post 107.....	1 00
Received from Post 109.....	3 00
Received from Post 114.....	1 00
Received from Post 119.....	1 00
Received from Post 126.....	1 00
Received from Post 136.....	50
Received from Post 137.....	1 00
Received from Post 138.....	1 00
Received from Post 156.....	1 00
Received from Post 183.....	1 00
Received from Post 208.....	1 00
Received from Post 238.....	1 00
Received from Post 264.....	65
Received from Post 298.....	50
Received from Post 307.....	1 00
Received from Post 405.....	1 00
Received from Post 410.....	1 00
Received from Post 419.....	2 00
Received from Post 461.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R.....	9 50
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 117, Grand Rapids.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 25, Muskegon.....	1 00
Received from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Circle No. 1, Detroit.....	2 00
Total.....	\$55 95

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EXHIBIT "B."

Inventory of Supplies, June 16, 1905.

Quantities.	Articles.	Cost.
3½	Sets (2) Rituals and three Officers Cards @ 50c.....	\$1 75
8	Set (3) Officers Cards @ 10c.....	80
18	Service Books @ 15c.....	2 70
127	Rules and Regulations @ 3c.....	3 81
80	Application @ 40c. per 100.....	32
33	Leaves of Absence @ 1½c.....	50
260	Transfers @ 2½c.....	5 85
149	Discharges @ 2½c.....	3 35
41	Ode Cards @ ½c.....	22
24	Badges @ 35c.....	8 40
81	Rank Bars @ 21c.....	17 01
290	Badge Ribbons @ 3c.....	8 70
74	Buttons @ 6c.....	4 44
5	Blue Books @ 75c.....	3 75
3	Adj. Orders on Q. M. @ 25c.....	75
6	Q. M. Receipts for Dues @ 25c.....	1 50
0	Minute Books.....	
93	Adjutant's Record and Roll of Officers @ 15c.....	13 95
2	Charters @ 25c.....	50
4	Post Descriptive Books @ 50c.....	2 00
Total.....		\$80 30

EXHIBIT "C."

Department Property on Hand.

One silk flag (nearly new).....	\$35 00
One Union Jack.....	10 00
One Department banner (silk).....	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 letter press.....	1 00
One copying pad bath.....	1 00
Two frames for Department Commander's photographs.....	14 00
Total.....	\$143 50

The Medical Director made the following report, which was referred to a committee consisting of Comrades J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; Curtis, Post 274; Austin, Post 181;

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR,
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, G. A. R.,
MASON, MICH., JUNE 13, 1905, }

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—I have the honor to submit the following report, as Medical Director of this Department, for the year ending December 31, 1904:

Number of reports received from Post surgeons, Commanders or Adjutants.....	208	
Number of deaths during year.....	436	
Number who presumably died of wounds received in the service.....	21	
Number who presumably died of disease contracted in the service.....	103	
Number who presumably died from other causes.....	312	
Number of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines treated free of charge.....	70	
The reasonable money value of such service.....	\$625	64
Number of patients treated free of charge who were members of the families of ex-soldiers, sailors or marines.....	34	
The reasonable money value of such service.....	266	00
Money value of medicines and surgical appliances furnished by physicians, posts or relief corps, or by other organizations or comrades.....	455	30
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Total money value of above mentioned service and supplies.....	\$1,346	94
Number of deserving sick or maimed not receiving pensions.....	11	
Number of ex-soldiers and sailors in alms houses.....	9	
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The following is the name and location of the State and National Soldiers' and Sailors' home for the care of ex-union soldiers and sailors of this Department, including their wives and widows:

Name—"Michigan Soldiers' Home."
Location—Grand Rapids, Michigan.

There is at present no State Institution providing homes for the orphans or children of the same.

Present in quarters—Men.....	722
Present in hospital—Men.....	188
Total men present.....	910
Number absent with leave and absent without leave—Men.....	182
Total membership—Men.....	1,092
Present in quarters—Women.....	55
Present in hospital—Women.....	24
Total women present.....	79
Number absent with leave and absent without leave—Women.....	20
Total membership—Women.....	99
Total number present.....	989
Total number absent with leave and absent without leave.....	202
Total membership.....	1,191
Number of membership over year 1903.....	96
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1904—Men.....	93
Number of deaths for year ending December 31, 1904—Women.....	10
Total deaths for year 1904.....	103
Average age of inmates, 68 years.	
Appropriations by the State Legislature for the support of the Home for the year ending December 31, 1904:	
Current expenses.....	\$134,875 00
Special appropriation.....	8,500 00
Total appropriation.....	\$143,375 00

The General Government pays \$100.00 per annum for the support of each soldier or sailor who is a member of a State Home. This is based on the average membership. The average membership present for the year 1904 was 794. So that of the amount appropriated as mentioned above, nearly \$80,000.00 was returned to the State by the United States, and was placed in the General Fund. This left the expense to the State of maintaining the Home less than \$64,000.00 for the year.

These statistics are incomplete as there were 138 Posts that failed to make any returns.

This report shows that there was contributed for the

relief of sick soldiers, sailors and their families the sum of \$1,346.94, the same being over \$400.00 more than the report for the previous year. It also shows that the number of deaths was 436, which was 125 more than for the previous year. These facts are very suggestive. Our numbers are rapidly decreasing, but our lines are fast extending in the country of the great beyond. Only a few more decades at the longest and there will be none of our numbers to respond to roll-call.

I wish hereby to tender my sincere thanks to the comrades of this Department for the honor conferred by electing me for the fifth time as Medical Director. I will always recall my associations with the Department with the most pleasant recollections.

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

The Department Chaplain presented and read his report, which was referred to the following committee: Comrades C. V. R. Pond, Post 2; G. W. Howe, Post 98; C. Wilcox, Post 120. The report was as follows:

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN'S REPORT FOR 1904.

Lansing, June, 1905.

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

Dear Sir and Comrade—I herewith tender you my report as Department Chaplain for the year 1904.

I received for that year Memorial Day reports from 338 Posts, from which I compiled the following statistics:

Number of Sunday memorial services attended by Posts.....	325
Number of sermons preached to Posts.....	324
Number of veterans who preached sermons to Posts.....	20
Number of sons of veterans who preached to Posts.....	32
Number of comrades who attended these Sunday services...	9,189
Number of Posts that observed Decoration Day.....	324
Number of comrades who participated in these services.....	11,299
Number of cemeteries in which graves were decorated.....	1,162
Number of graves of comrades decorated.....	23,366
Number of graves without proper headstones.....	2,359

Number of public schools participating.....	724
Number of pupils present at these services.....	39,185
Number of other organizations represented.....	318
Number of Posts that had public addresses delivered.....	291
Number of veterans who delivered addresses.....	63
Number of sons of veterans who delivered addresses.....	36
Number of Posts owning burial plots.....	185

It will be recalled that the weather Memorial Sunday and Decoration Day last year was very impropitious, not only cold and unpleasant, but very rainy in many parts of the State, thus interfering seriously with the public gatherings and exercises. On this account the Memorial reports are much more imperfect than usual, giving us a considerably less satisfactory summary of results. Yet it is with pleasure that I call attention to the fact that though several Posts held no public services that day *not one Post* that sent in a report, failed to decorate the graves of the Comrades within their jurisdiction.

One report says: "There are few of us left, but as long as there is one left, we will have a decoration."

This seems to express the spirit of loyalty on the part of the living towards each other, and the dead, that animates the hearts and lives of our Comrades—an *imperishable* loyalty.

Two Soldiers' Monuments were publicly dedicated last year on Decoration Day; one by Post 6, of Hillsdale, and the other by Post 408, of Grand Rapids.

In this connection, and with reference to future possible Soldiers' Monuments erected in cemeteries, we call attention to the fact that *every Post* can secure a burial plot in their cemetery without expense to themselves, by availing themselves of the Legislative provisions of Act No. 33, Laws of 1887, found published in our annual report on page 142, of 1904.

At present only 185 Posts, little over half, report having such burial plot. This matter is of sufficient interest to be at once attended to before more Posts become extinct, as there is scarcely a cemetery in our Northern States that does not contain the remains of some of our comrades, and many of them large numbers, with more soon to follow; so that the large majority will soon, if not already, be found there. The number of comrades now lying in our cemeteries exceed the number of living ones in the Posts of this Department by over 9,000 at the present time.

There is not a community, indeed scarcely a family, but

has a sad yet patriotic interest, directly or indirectly, in every one of these cemeteries. And it is more than probable that in many of them, our friends and descendants, with loyal and grateful citizens, will feel inspired to erect monuments to our memory after we are gone, where now there are none.

From the increasing number of reports that speak with emphasis, and deepening sorrow, of the open desecration of Memorial Day, we feel it our duty to refer to that subject once more, even if only to enter our protest. From all over the State there comes bitter complaint of this desecration by sports and games, perpetrated by those who do not care for the proprieties of the day, nor our feelings in regard to it.

True, Memorial Day is a State legal *holiday*. But not such for thoughtless and silly amusements; only for solemn and sacred purposes, in honor to the memory of our country's fallen martyrs, to whom our utmost respect is due, and should be so observed by all, both in spirit and form, as designed by law. And if this thoughtless, if not defiant trespass upon the day increases, it may become a serious question generally, as it is with some now, of the abandonment of the day as a general public parade and display, reducing it to the simple terms of Posts meeting and proceeding in a body, or by committees, to quietly and reverently decorate the graves of comrades, as was probably the original design.

Yet the people at large have such a deep interest in it, and it has now been so much, and so long, a public act, perhaps too much like a celebration instead of solemn memorial, that it would be difficult to confine its purpose to the limits of the Posts if attempted. It really belongs, after all, more to the public than the Post, because of the vast numbers interested in it, who are not, and cannot become members of a Post.

Another suggestion is to choose the Christian Sabbath for both Memorial and Decoration Day. But even then, in most places we would not be exempt, as, most unfortunately for the morals of our people, even that blessed and holy day is not immune from the insane ball-game disease, America's silliest and most brutal craze.

Therefore, if the nuisance cannot be abated, what shall we do? We must not, and cannot abandon this observance while there are enough comrades living to exemplify it. From one Memorial report I learn that one place at

least was free from this evil, through the influence, and outspoken soldierly courage, and combativeness for the right, of one of our comrades who is editor and publisher of a paper there, who with "Clarion" voice fearlessly rebuked the desecration and prevented it.

On reading this, we felt like crying aloud: O, for a few hundred "Ren" Barker's distributed over the State, publishing papers with similar success. May comrades thank him, and God bless him for it. Meantime let us to the best of our opportunity and ability, continue to carry on faithfully our work of *love* to our comrades, and of *loyalty* to our country, and our country's flag.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM PUTNAM,

Department Chaplain.

In the absence of the Judge Advocate his report was presented and read by the Assistant Adjutant General, and referred to the following committee: Comrades M. Brown, Post 294; Gage, Post 38; Cowles, Post 42. It was as follows:

Ionia, Michigan, June 17, 1905.

Com. Fayette Wyckoff, Asst. Adjt. General, Michigan Department, G. A. R., Lansing, Michigan:

Dear Comrade—I desire to make my report to you as Judge Advocate of the Michigan Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. During my term as Judge Advocate of this Department I have only two questions submitted to me. H. C. Palmer, Adjt., A. B. Watson Post 395 submitted a question in relation to a comrade being admitted by transfer card, whether the transfer card should be returned to him or whether it should be kept by the Post to which he was admitted by the transfer card. My opinion was that the transfer card should be received by the post as evidence of the fitness of the comrade to be received therein, and if upon investigation it is fully determined that he is fit and competent to be admitted to the post and he is admitted, the transfer card belongs to him and is his property.

The second question came from Gowen, Michigan. In this case a comrade was elected and installed in office as adjutant who was at the time an officer of the guard, but had not resigned this latter office, and without resigning his position as officer of the guard, he was installed as adjutant. At the time of this election and also at the instal-



A. H. ROLPH,
Chief Mustering Officer.

lation, the former adjutant had resigned and the only question was whether it was legal to install this comrade who had not resigned as officer of the guard, in the position of adjutant of the post, which office was then vacant. My opinion was that the proceedings were legal. That his promotion to the office of adjutant would of course vacate his position as officer of the guard.

Yours in F., C. and L.,
 ALLEN B. MORSE,
 Judge Advocate.

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades J. B. Rogers, Post 66; A. L. Bryant, Post 265; A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5. The report was as follows:

HEADQUARTERS DEPT. OF MICHIGAN, }
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, }
 TRAVERSE CITY, MICH., JUNE 20, 1905. }

To the Commander, Officers and Members of the 27th Annual Encampment:

Comrades—I have the honor to report that during my term of office, no new Posts have been organized, and under existing conditions have not deemed it advisable to urge the formation of additional Posts.

During the year I have visited the several Posts in the Upper Peninsula, also the Posts located at Ithaca, Alma and St. Louis in Gratiot county. In addition have met many comrades throughout the State, and my efforts have been more in the line of creating greater interest in them, and in trying to induce those who are not members of the Order, to affiliate with the Posts now in existence.

From the report of your Asst. Adj. Gen. it is evident the members of the G. A. R. are being mustered out very rapidly. I trust, however, that none of you will attribute this to the efforts of your mustering officer, for were it left to his discretion, I assure you, every soldier, sailor and marine would be blessed with good health and be permitted to remain on earth as long as he wished to.

Thanking you all for the many courtesies extended to me during my term of office I have the honor to remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,
 A. H. ROLPH,
 Chief Mustering Officer.

The report of the Committee appointed to Visit the Soldier's Home was presented and read, and referred to the following committee: Comrades Griswold, Post 5; Grabill, Post 83; Ren Barker, Post 451. The report was as follows:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan:

The committee appointed to visit the Soldier's Home, went to Grand Rapids for that purpose on Tuesday, April 25th, arriving at the Home at nine o'clock in the morning, and beg herewith to submit the following as the result of their visit:

Beginning with the Home building, we made a thorough inspection of it and take pleasure in reporting that its physical condition was all that could be desired, cleanliness and order prevailed everywhere and no unfavorable comment or criticism could be made in that regard. It is well equipped for fire protection, having on each floor two lines of hose of sufficient length to reach to the most remote points of the interior of the building, and in addition to this every room contained a metallic pail which is kept constantly filled with water ready for use in event of an incipient fire. Our only suggestion in this regard for further security would be that the number of night watchmen be increased so as to provide one for each floor. We were fortunate in being there at the time when preparations were being made for the noonday meal, which ordinarily is the most inopportune time to receive visitors in the culinary department, and we were pleased to note its scrupulous neatness and order. The most fastidious housekeeper might well envy such orderliness in her own kitchen. This much we have said and could add more in detail in commendation of the management were it necessary. Before leaving this building however, our duty compels us to record the unfavorable impressions made upon us by some existing conditions such as the insufficient accommodations for sleeping quarters. All available space is now occupied and more space is needed in order to provide for the present members. Even to resorting to placing cots in the corridors does not meet the needs of today. In our inspection of the basement, we found that a considerable amount of space is occupied by a machine shop and a blacksmith shop. While not desiring to enter at length upon the many arguments in favor of the removal of these shops to a building devoted especially to their uses and purposes it was apparent to us that

this space might to greater advantage be utilized for additional sleeping quarters for the members. Such an acquisition would provide space for from fifty to sixty additional cots. Your committee deplors the fact that necessity compels the use of the basement for sleeping quarters, particularly so on account of insufficient light and ventilation, there being several of the rooms which are lighted only by a window which opens under a wire veranda thereby prohibiting sunlight entering them; but there is no other way at present to accommodate its members but by its use.

The next building visited was the dormitory, where we found the same neat condition prevailed, though here again the building was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Following this we went to the Women's building, and as in the other buildings, found the same condition of scrupulous cleanliness. We regretted to note that, as we learned later, owing to the inadequate accommodations in the hospital building it has been found necessary to devote the entire upper floor of this building to the use of a hospital for women. This not only detracts from the availability of the building for living purposes for which it was intended, but it also necessitates the carrying on the hospital work under separate roofs at a great disadvantage. So large a portion of this building being used for hospital purposes, it has been, and is now, necessary to refuse the admission of about forty women who are the wives, widows and mothers of soldiers who are on the waiting list and who are entitled to the privileges of the Home.

Next we visited the hospital. Here, more than in any of the buildings we found the congested state more apparent, and were impressed with the urgent necessity of some action looking to the alleviation of the over-crowded condition. The hospital is taxed to its utmost, there being at the present time, one hundred and seventy-two patients, and the conditions are so congested it has become necessary to find accommodations for fifty of this number in the basement of the building. It seems hardly necessary to advance the statement that with the increasing years of the members of the Home, the demand for hospital treatment will steadily grow and that some action looking to an adequate accommodation to meet the demand should be immediately arranged for. This action should take the form of an appropriation sufficient to make possible the erection of a new and thoroughly equipped hospital building with ample capacity to properly provide for the present

and future needs. The possession of such a building would permit the management to convert the present hospital building into a dormitory and the relief thus afforded to the other buildings would be immediately felt and manifested in the increased efficiency of the entire Home. Especially so by the transferring of those now occupying the basement of the various buildings to it.

Continuing, we inspected the stable and found everything in good condition, being well lighted and ventilated and giving evidence of same attention and good order as found everywhere throughout the Home. In the basement, however, we found it had been partitioned off and one part used for a carpenter shop and another part for a paint shop. It seemed to your committee that it was unwise to have such inflammable material in a building of this character and would recommend that a building be erected of sufficient size to provide accommodation of the machine shop, blacksmith shop, paint shop and carpenter shop, therefore reducing the risk of fire from both the Home building and the stable.

Our inspection of the grounds convinced us that they received their due share of thought and care, and though the season was not far advanced, we were able to form a gratifying impression of what their appearance would be later in the season.

In conclusion we wish to express our hearty appreciation of the courtesy extended to us by the Commandant, Col. Turner and his estimable wife, also his staff who offered us every facility for a free and thorough inspection.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. BALDWIN,
JNO. W. McCRATH,
HENRY A. CLUTE,

Committee.

Grand Rapids, April 26, 1905.

The Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Instruction and Military Education was absent, and his report was read by the Chaplain, and referred to the following committee: Comrades S. B. Daboll, Post 156; L. Roberts Post 18; E. E. Lewis, Post 109. The report follows:

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

Dear Sir and Comrade—During the month of February last, the proposal came to me from you and Theodore E. Potter, Special Aide, G. A. R., Department of Michigan, for Patriotic Education and Military instruction in Public Schools, to relieve him of the duties of the honorable office, by accepting a nomination and appointment to the same.

While at first it seemed impossible to add more to the many duties claiming my time and strength, I recalled the emotions of my boyhood at the sight of the flag, and resolved, as one of the youngest survivors of the civil war—having entered the ranks in 1864, just after passing my fifteenth birthday—that I would try and keep in touch with the youth of our State, and help keep alive and growing, the spirit of loyal devotion in their minds and hearts for the banner we comrades saved untarnished for them.

The first difficulty encountered in undertaking to do the duties called for by this appointment, was to find out some new and advanced ground of action. We found that Comrade Potter's efficiency had placed Michigan Department well to the front in point of work done and plans and recommendations suggested for Patriotic Education.

First, to reach the largest number without cost to the Department, I procured, at personal expense, from the Rocky Beach Orphanage Association a full page in the Orphan's Voice, a paper published quarterly by the Association, and issued ten thousand copies, mailing them to most of the newspaper editors, county school commissioners, principals of schools, W. R. C., G. A. R., Special Aides in many other states, and to State and National Department officers. Two special items marked the matter published.

1. Twenty dollars were personally pledged as special aide for the best regimental flag story or full history written by a comrade who carried or followed it. The results thus far have been disappointing. So few comrades have clear recollections of events directly connected with their regimental colors. It is a pathetic proof of failing faculties. With us will pass away the knowledge of incidents that made regimental flags sacred to us. Could that knowledge have been preserved, for our sons and daughters, they would prize more highly and keep more sacredly the old flags, and the public archives would have been enriched. The proposition is still in force for the coming year. Is it not worth your special effort even yet?

2. The teachers and pupils were requested to aid in forming the Scholars' Patriotic League.

Motto: "Obedience and kindness in the home and school; personal integrity, humanity, loyalty to our country's flag everywhere."

Application for enrollment: "I desire to be enrolled as a member of the Scholars' Patriotic League. I endorse and will endeavor to practice the principles of its Motto."

The object of this organization is to promote unity of sentiment and action, in laying the foundations of good citizenship in early life. "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined."

The fourth and last special effort, was to keep alive and extend the prize essay contest on patriotic themes, begun by my predecessor.

On the excellent advice and aid of the Assistant Adjutant General, three classifications of school grades were made.

First—Seventh and eighth grades.

Second—Ninth and tenth grades.

Third—Eleventh and twelfth grades.

To the first was given "Ulyses S. Grant," as a theme.

To the second, "Thomas Jefferson and his influence on the American people."

To the third, "What, in your opinion, was the *decisive event* in favor of the Union cause during the civil war; your reasons therefor."

Several hundred essays were written, in many cases school principals and teachers selecting the best to send to the Department. One hundred and seventy were received from the three classifications.

To each classification were awarded three prize medals, 1st, gold; 2nd, silver; 3rd, bronze.

The Department of Public Instruction gave diplomas of honorable mention to the next twenty-six most meritorious essays.

The thanks of the Michigan Department, G. A. R., are due to the teachers and county school commissioners and the newspaper editors who assisted in awakening an interest among the pupils in the contest, and to W. H. French, A. H. Smith, Zella M. Harvey, of the Department of Public Instruction, for services as committee of examination of manuscripts, and award of prizes and diplomas, appointed by the Assistant Adjutant General.

As Special Aide, I desire to express my thanks to Com-

rade Theodore E. Potter and Department Chaplain Wm. Putnam for counsel and assistance in my work.

We do well to inculcate patriotism in our children, lest, like those who squander the hard-earned fortunes inherited from their fathers, they let slip from them the glory, prestige and power of the flag and country we secured for them by so much expenditure of blood and suffering.

WINFIELD S. SLY,

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

Lansing, Mich., June 16, 1905.

Comrade Van Raalte—I would like the privilege of making a motion in which all the comrades are interested; I move you that the hour of half-past nine tomorrow morning be made the special order for the election of Department officers for the ensuing year. Seconded, and carried unanimously.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander—The Encampment will come to order. Owing to the parade it is long past the hour to which we adjourned, the next thing in order is the reception and reference of communications. Has any comrade any communication to present?

The report of the Chief Mustering Officer was referred to a committee, none of whom are present. The Chief Mustering Officer makes no recommendation, but simply files his report. Therefore, unless there is some objection, the report will be received and placed on file. The chair hears no objection. It is so ordered.

We will now hear the report of the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Davey read the report, which was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

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 Assistant Quartermaster General and also the vouchers showing the receipts and disbursement 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.....	\$1,619 49
Received from all sources during the year.....	2,977 97
Total.....	<u>\$4,597 46</u>
There has been disbursed as follows:	
Assistant Adjutant General's salary.....	\$1,100 00
Assistant Quartermaster General's salary.....	50 00
Expenses to Boston Encampment.....	152 09
Per capita tax to National Department.....	445 85
All other expenses, including printing, postage, office supplies and badges and all incidentals.....	961 29
Total.....	<u>\$2,709 23</u>
Total expenditures.....	\$2,709 23
Leaving a balance on hand.....	<u>1,888 23</u>

ALGER FUND.

Received from former administration.....	\$1,021 54
Received interest on same.....	70 39
Total in fund.....	\$1,091 93
Transferred to general fund.....	91 93
Balance.....	\$1,000 00
Received from special prize essay fund.....	21 31
Transferred to general fund.....	21 31

Wm. DAVEY,
A. MILNES,
Wm. G. GAGE,
Executive Committee, C. of A.

The Department Commander—This report will be received, and placed on file.

Comrade Pond, Post 2, presented the report of the Committee on Department Chaplain's report, which was as follows:



WINFIELD SCOTT SLY,
Patriotic Instructor, Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

Department Commander—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Department Chaplain, submit the following report:

A careful consideration of the words of the Chaplain as expressed in his report, only the more strongly emphasizes a convincing belief, that the work of the aged and beloved Comrade in his compilation of the various Post reports upon Memorial Day observance has been of a most laborious and painstaking character.

As the report was listened to so attentively by the Encampment, it would be an unnecessary repetition of the language embodied in the same to particularize any one of the various items of his best advice and suggestions.

Your committee therefore recommend a most complete approval of the Chaplain's report, and that the members of this Encampment carry back to their several Posts with interest of intense character, their verbal report of the wise and patriotic truths announced by our Chaplain.

Resolved, That to Comrade Putnam, this Encampment express their sincere appreciation of his devotion to the duties of his office and assure him that his work shall prove to the profit of our order, in our efforts to make more and more sacred our Memorial Day, and its hallowed associations.

C. V. R. POND, Post 2.
G. W. HOWE, Post 98,
C. WILCOX, Post 120,
Committee.

Comrade Pond—I move the adoption of the report by a rising vote.

Motion seconded, and the report of the Department Chaplain was adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

Comrade Brown, Post 294, presented and read the report of the Committee on the Report of the Judge Advocate, which on motion duly seconded, was unanimously adopted. The report was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 25, 1905.

Department Commander and Comrades—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Judge Advocate, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the same and find it correct in every particular, and respect-

fully recommend that it be placed upon the record as containing the law of this Department upon the questions decided.

Respectfully submitted,
M. BROWN,
WM. G. GAGE,
Committee.

The report of the committee on the Report of the Senior Vice Department Commander was read, and unanimously adopted. The report is as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Senior Department Commander would report as follows:

We have carefully examined the report in its every detail and find it an admirable document in all respects, worthy of the honorable position from which it emanates.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,
S. H. MALLOY,
L. S. RUSSELL,
A. F. RUPORT,
Committee.

Comrade Shakespeare, Post 79—I want to offer a resolution which I desire to be considered by the Encampment:

WHEREAS, It is generally known that our beloved Comrade, James Tanner, is a candidate for election to the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the Encampment to be held at Denver in September, next; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, in Encampment now assembled, that this Department gives its hearty support to his candidacy, and requests its representatives to use all honorable means for his election.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

Comrade Janes—I do not suppose it is necessary for any remarks. I want to say that I heartily endorse this resolution. You all know who Comrade James Tanner is. He has been a hard worker in Grand Army matters from its earliest organization. He has got a heart for the soldier; he is a man of ability, and a man to do credit to the office as Commander-in-Chief. I am advised, as others are advised, that no doubt on the morrow, when the Department

of New York convenes, he will be unanimously endorsed, all other candidates having withdrawn. I think it is fitting that along with other Encampments, Michigan endorse James Tanner.

Comrade Foote, Post 79—It has been my happy privilege for the last 40 years to know Jim Tanner as almost a brother. I lived in the same little village in Schoharie county, New York, in 1866, when he took up his abode in that village and began the study of the law. I have been in close touch with him from that time to the present. It is not necessary for me to tell a comrade who Corporal Tanner is. He is a man who lost both his legs at the Second Battle of Bull Run. There has not been a moment from that time to the present but what he has been in agony. He not only suffered from the amputation of his legs at that time, but he has had three successive amputations. He has been twice Commander of the Department of New York. Within 18 months after the first election he made a pledge to the Department of New York that during his administration he would have a soldiers' home in the State of New York so far under way that it would be a success. He was jeered at in the campaign, because former Commanders had made the same promise, and failed. Within 30 days he organized his forces and soldiers' home meetings were held and arranged for throughout the State of New York. Comrade Tanner spent nearly one year in traveling over the State of New York with other enthusiastic comrades, appealing to the soldiers to contribute to that home. They did so. When his first administration ended he had a roof on the soldiers' home. The state legislature of New York had failed to pass a resolution saying they would support the home. That winter the state legislature did pass such a resolution. Jim Tanner was enthusiastically re-elected the second time. Before he completed his second administration the soldiers' home at Bath was dedicated. You all know that there is no man in the United States who has stood more firmly by the comrades than Jim Tanner; that his strength and his money has been devoted to the interests of the comrades. I was a citizen of the State of New York when he was Commissioner of Pensions, During the few months of his administration many of you know what he did for you. He told me, within two weeks after his appointment, there were 176 certificates for pension issued by his predecessor giving a pension of \$2 a month from the date of their discharge to the date of the allowance of the claim. With this statement pressing on

his mind, he was told by President Harrison, "Mr. Tanner, when you weigh the interests of the soldiers in their wretchedness, do not use an apothecary's scale to weigh." "With that statement ringing in my ears, Charley Foote, shall I sign one of those certificates?" He said, "I would not. So help me God, I never will sign a pension certificate giving a comrade \$2 a month. The claim shall either be rejected or he receive what he deserves." That is Comrade Jim Tanner. I desire to see a unanimous vote in support of this resolution.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—I want to say just a word which brings us as a Department, it seems to me, close to Corporal Tanner. I have known him for many, many years. I remember well a brutal attack that was made upon him when there were but three delegates to the National Encampment from this Department—an attack made upon him by a man which came from the gallery, calling him a coffee cooler, and stating that he lost his limbs while standing at a sutler's tent buying liquor. The man whose signature is on that charter today, Gen. John C. Robinson, told me,—He said, "I never will forget the day Corporal Tanner lost his legs, because I saw him when the shell struck him here, and splintered everything. He was put upon a stretcher which was almost too short for him—a youngster, a mere boy, his legs hanging over and by strings. He shouted 'Boys, don't ever surrender; give them hell! give them hell!'" We want him for Commander-in-Chief.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comrade Dunham, Post 48, presented and read the report of the committee on the report of the Assistant Adjutant General, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted. The report of the committee was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Department Commander—Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General would respectfully report that they have examined the report very carefully and find that it is made with great care. This Department is to be congratulated on the prompt and thorough manner in which the business of the Adjutant General's office has been conducted. We heartily concur in his recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
 E. C. ANTHONY,
 ALBERT DUNHAM,
 HENRY FEIGE, Committee.

Comrade Griswold, Post 5—The committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee to Inspect the Soldiers' Home, beg leave to report. I have not written out a report, but will report orally. You will remember that in the report of the committee there are certain complaints made, that there was not sufficient sleeping room, and in regard to the hospital. The committee desire to say to you, as the most of you know, that our legislature that has just adjourned appropriated \$75,000 to build a new hospital. Of course that money will not be available until next year; it will not be spread upon the rolls and collected. And they also regulate the use of the post fund. I suppose you know what the post fund is—a fund that is under the control of the Board of Managers, but under the old law could only be used for certain purposes. The legislature regulates the use of that fund, which now amounts to about \$9,000, for the equipment of the hospital that is to be built; also giving the board authority to use it for other purposes. They will use it for the erection of machine shops, which will be begun immediately, and will be built this fall, which will relieve the condition which was criticized, and will take the blacksmith and other shops out of the basement, and thereby relieve that basement this fall, so that it can be used for dormitories and relieve the congested condition. Your committee finds the report very carefully prepared, and we endorse it everywhere.

Comrade Grabill—I was a member of the Board of Managers for a number of years, and I want to state here that the legislature of the State of Michigan acts well now towards the Home. I was a member of the Board of Managers when Gen. Pierce was superintendent, and when Gov. Luce was Governor. We didn't ask a great deal from the legislature, and we bowed down to them and favored them by calling for small sums. We did what we could with small sums of money. We didn't get it always; but now, on visiting the Home, which I do occasionally, I am pleased to see the improvements that are going on, to see how the State has been making appropriations for the good of the comrades, for their welfare, for their health, for their comfort; and I have been greatly gratified by this appropriation. The appropriation is not all the managers desire, but it is a substantial step in advance, and in other years we may have built the improvements desired yet. There are a great many sick there. The hospital is not large enough for them, and they want to use that building for a

dormitory, and to make a large hospital with all necessary conveniences. They are improving the women's home there, and the building is coming along nicely. Everything is getting along well.

Comrade Van Raalte—As one of the Board of Managers here—if I had seen Comrade Milnes coming, I wouldn't have said a word, but I wish to say this, that the Home has been over-crowded. We have in the neighborhood of 1,100 comrades; that building is built for 650. They had to be housed somewhere, and the result has been they have been put in the basement, and we have fixed up every hole that we possibly could. We have moved out some of the shops that were in the basement. The condition that the comrades were in was deplorable. The Board of Managers considered this matter, and gave it careful consideration. We concluded we could not get relief without a large appropriation—\$100,000 at least. We made a forcible appeal we could not get along with less than \$100,000. We were determined to have relief. It was a shameful condition the boys were in, but it was better than to keep them outside, so we had to take care of them. Finally the committees came up from the legislature, and with them we made a special effort, and then the Loyal Legion came over there, and they were very much disgusted. They said they didn't know the condition was such. Don't let it be understood that the boys were suffering. I think, generally speaking, the boys live better than out of the Home, so far as food and clothing, and things of that sort are concerned. All they are asked is to behave, and I know you will all approve of that, because the Home without discipline is no Home at all. The Board of Managers have faithfully worked in this matter, and they have had two or three visits from different legislative committees. You know it was an economical legislature. They wanted to save money, and not bring the State under great expense. We agreed with them in that, but we believed above all, first, that we should take care of our comrades, and give them fair and good treatment until death comes. When they were up there last they seemed to be very economical. They talked first of \$10,000; some of them thought they would give us that. Then they said \$25,000. I said: "Well, now, gentlemen; if you want to talk that way, don't squander the State's money—don't give us any relief." They said, "You ought to be satisfied with \$25,000." At length they said, "We will give you \$50,000."

We said, "We don't want \$50,000; we want \$100,000, and we know the people of the State of Michigan will support you. Forty years ago you would have been willing to give anything to them; I don't believe the people of Michigan have forgotten what the boys have done for them." The final sentiment was \$75,000. We thought that better than nothing, and we could give some of the comrades relief. With this \$75,000 we will not be able to construct a strictly fireproof hospital, but we will be able to take care of 300 patients. It will be better than any of the buildings on the ground at present, but it will not be strictly fireproof. In doing that, we will be able, as Comrade Grabill said, to give relief to the women's building. The women's building has been crowded to its utmost extent. We have to use it as a hospital, and at the same time, support the main hospital, a separate establishment, because of the different manner of cooking. You must well understand, hospital patients need different cooking for convalescents and the well, and convalescents need different cooking from the well, and to put the convalescents among the well is not right, because they cannot receive the comforts they should have. The object was to erect a hospital both for the sick and the convalescents, so they could be properly cared for. You have the women's and the men's hospital then under the one management, and it will be more economical to the State. We think the comrades have reason to rejoice that the State of Michigan has made an appropriation for this, and I assure you for the Board of Managers that we will do the best we can to take care of the boys.

Comrade Pond—I want to say to the comrades that whereas, the original appropriation looks large for the general purposes of that Soldiers' Home, but that it does not average much to the individual, for the United States government pays back into the Michigan treasury every single year \$100 for every man who is in your Soldiers' Home.

Comrade Van Raalte—I took it for granted that most every comrade knew that, but it is a fact that two-thirds of the people of the State of Michigan don't know today how that institution is supported. They have an idea that the State supports it, whereas, in fact, the State only gives one-third of the support of each and every inmate. As Comrade Pond has said, the government furnishes \$100 for every man, and the result is, you see the institution is run by a certain per capita, and we make an assessment of so

much per capita. To a certain extent, on that is based the appropriation, but the result has been, every year, that the State treasury draws more for subsistence—for instance; at present they have got \$7,000 or \$8,000 in the treasury drawn from the government on account of having more persons in the Home than we report. So understand, if a comrade costs \$100, the State of Michigan gives \$50 to support that comrade.

Comrade Grabill—You will understand, the taxes give some \$100 to the Soldiers' Home. The supposition is that is put on the tax roll. It is, in one sense, but that amount is not paid by the State, because when the appropriation from the United States comes back, that is put in the general fund. The State is credited with that. So when we come down to that assessment, there is so much not put on the tax rolls of the State at all.

On motion, duly seconded, the report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on the Report of the Medical Director presented and read its report, which on motion was adopted. The report of the committee was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 20, 1905.

Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Comrade—Your committee to whom was referred the Medical Director's report, having examined the same, would recommend its adoption.

DR. J. R. STEPHENSON,
DR. A. CURTISS,
A. V. AUSTIN,

Committee.

Comrade Cannon—Your committee appointed to visit the Sons of Veterans report that they have performed that duty, and find them a very lively corpse.

Report received.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General made the following report, which, on motion, was unanimously adopted:

Geo. H. Hopkins, Commander, Department of Michigan,
G. A. R.:

Your committee who was appointed to examine the report of the Assistant Quartermaster General would respect-

fully report that we have carefully examined his report and find it very concise and correct.

Very respectfully submitted,
C. J. PEIRCE,
S. M. KENT,
Committee.

Comrade Welling, Post 48, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

George H. Hopkins, Department Commander:

Comrade—Your committee have carefully examined the report of the Junior Vice Department Commander, and respectfully beg leave to report that we heartily concur in the sentiments therein expressed, and recommend its adoption.

JAMES M. GRENFIELD, Post 89,
A. D. WELLING, Post 48,
Committee.

Comrade Daboll, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General:

Sir—Your committee appointed on report of W. S. Sly, Special Aide in Charge of Patriotic Education and Military Instruction, beg leave to submit the following report:

We heartily approve the recommendations made in the report and commend the untiring efforts of Comrade Sly in the very important and trying duties of his position. We believe this work should be continued and that its importance cannot be overestimated.

We especially call attention to the suggestion of having prepared and preserved histories of the flags carried by the various regiments. While the history of the regiment is the history of the flag to a certain extent, many regiments have never had a record or history compiled and there are many incidents personal to the flags that might be of great interest to the coming generations. It is certainly a very valuable part of the "Patriotic Education of the young to

learn personal incidents and brave deeds of the veterans as connected with 'old glory.'"

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

S. B. DABOLL,

L. ROBERTS,

E. E. LEWIS,

Committee.

Comrade Milnes, Post 109—I desire to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Department of Michigan has learned with deep regret of the death of Col. Richard B. Robbins, Department Inspector, at his home in Adrian, Mich., June 15, 1905.

Col. Robbins served in the 4th Michigan Cavalry and was badly wounded at Kingston, Ga., in 1864, and suffered from that wound during the rest of his useful life.

He was frequently elected to public office by his fellow citizens and performed every duty with honor and satisfaction to his constituents and with credit to himself.

He was a man of honor and strict integrity with whom all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance delighted to associate.

AND WHEREAS, by the death of Col. Robbins this Department has lost one of its loved and cherished members, a gallant and brave soldier, who in the hour of his country's peril performed his full duty, as he did, indeed, every other duty of life. Therefore,

Resolved, that the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., hereby expresses its deep regret at the death of Col. Robbins. He has fought the good fight. His career on earth is ended. He has taken his departure for the Grand Encampment above, where we fondly hope and believe he will be fully rewarded and honored for his many good deeds on earth.

Farewell, Comrade. Farewell, Brother. If we follow your good example, we, too, will soon join you in the Home of the Great Commander.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Journal of Proceedings and a copy be furnished the family of Col. Robbins.

Comrade Jibb, Post 45—Commander, I have the honor to be a member of Woodbury, Post No. 45, Department of Michigan, of which Col. Robbins was a member. I reside in Adrian, where Col. Robbins has had his home for many

years, and have been well and intimately associated with the colonel. He was a soldier in every respect. No one loved an old soldier more than Col. Robbins. No one, as far as he was able did more for the old soldier than the colonel. We all loved him. As long as he was able, he was a regular attendant upon our meetings. As has been said in the resolutions, he was several times elected to office by the people. Just before his death, he said to his wife, "Leave out the flowers, never mind the flowers; wrap me in the old flag." And it was done at his funeral last Sunday, which I attended. He belonged to other organizations aside from the Grand Army, but he said his choice was the service and ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic at his funeral, and nothing more. It was done as requested. Thus has passed away a comrade who was an honor to us in Adrian as well as to the Department, one of the most respected and beloved of comrades.

The Department Commander—Comrades, your Department Commander had the honor of Col. Robbins' acquaintance for many years, and because I knew that Comrade Robbins had the qualities which have been referred to today, I felt that the Department would be honored by his appointment as Department Inspector. This Department will now pass upon these resolutions, and I will ask the comrades to stand just a moment in tribute to the memory of Col. Robbins.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote, the Department standing in silence.

Comrade Judson, Post 372—There has been expressed in my hearing a request that we have a register of those who are present, by their regiments, as a matter of information for the comrades, who may thus find their comrades; and I think in the future we ought to have it. I know it will take some time and some trouble, we ought to have it. I move that in the future we request there may be a register kept of all those who are at the State Encampment. Our numbers are diminishing, and we are growing old. It is difficult to keep track of all of our comrades. It is a matter of great pleasure to us to look over such a register and thus find comrades of our own regiment.

Comrade Morgan, Post 18—I would say for the benefit of the comrades that we have a place for registering here in the city, and it is open day and night. It is here on Front street, in a vacant store. The sign is out. You can all easily find it. If you have not registered, we earnestly

invite you to go in there and do so, at any time after this meeting is out.

Comrade Whitbeck, Post 7—I was very glad this was opened up. A few weeks ago I received a letter from a comrade 77 years old, Benjamine Frasier, who wished to have assistance in the way of getting a pension. I wrote him that I would be at Traverse City, and asked him if he would be there. I received a letter that he would be here. I was this forenoon where the comrade speaks of, and asked if there had been any such a comrade registered. I was told, "We have the names of those who have been here and asked for quarters." I was there myself, and was taken to a place to stay, on as beautiful a street as there is in this beautiful city; but I haven't heard from Comrade Frasier, and I would like to ask if he is in the city. I would awfully like to see him; I have not seen him since the Encampment met.

A Comrade—I am personally acquainted with Comrade Frasier—know him. He is not here, I am sure. With regard to this register the comrade spoke of, I will say that I registered there yesterday, but my company and regiment is not down. There is nothing there to show what company or regiment a man belongs to. I was asked to go to headquarters, and I did so. The number of the regiment, company and state were not taken down. Other comrades are in the same shape. While we are talking about this, I wish to say one word more.

Comrade Judson, Post 277—Seven years ago we had an Encampment of the Northwestern District, and at that time we had a little experience in the matter of a register. We kept a set of books by which every comrade who was present would step up and register his name, state, regiment, and company. A comrade would come in and want the Second Michigan. He would turn to Michigan, find the regiment, and register. The same with all the other states. That can be done in a moment, and by that means you can find those who are at the Encampment. The motion that I made was that we request the Department in the future to have such a register, and thereby make somebody responsible for making it.

Comrade Garretson, Post 433—The Department of Ohio has made it a practice for years of keeping a register, a book properly ruled and alphabetically arranged. When we meet every comrade puts his name down. That record is preserved, and we know exactly who is there. Every

man gives his name, company, and regiment. I think it can be done as well in Michigan as in Ohio, and the book kept for future reference.

The Department Commander—The comrade will put his motion in writing, so that we may have a record of it.

Comrade Jameson, Post 384—I wish to say to the Encampment that the report of the Andersonville Monument Commission has been printed. In that there is a list of every Michigan man who lies buried in Andersonville. Every man who was a prisoner of war in Andersonville is entitled to a copy of that, and all he has to do to get it is to send to the Secretary of State or the Adjutant General, and a copy will be forwarded to him. I thought I would bring it up, and let the boys tell the other comrades with regard to it, and tell the relatives of those who died or were missing during the war, and possibly they might find their names in this book.

Comrade Davey—Your committee appointed to visit the Ladies of the G. A. R. have performed their very pleasant duty, and I want to say that we were very nicely and patriotically received. We had a very delightful meeting with the ladies. I want to say that they felt very much pleased to have a visit from the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Department Commander—This is the resolution offered by Comrade Judson: “Moved that the Assistant Adjutant General be directed to cause to be kept by the Department at future meetings a register of all the attendants, kept in alphabetical order, showing regiment, company and state of each comrade.”

Comrade Van Blarcum, Post 17—I would offer an amendment, that the Department buy a register to be kept in that form, and that it be at every Encampment.

Comrade Pond, Post 2—As I understand the resolution, it covers every person who comes to the Encampment, the place where the meeting is held, whether he be a delegate or not. This will necessarily entail a great deal of work on the officers of this Department, and I think that the expense thereof should have been provided for. If you are going to pass the resolution, also incorporate in it that the expense be paid for that purpose by the Department. The Assistant Adjutant General cannot give his attention to it and attend to the duties of his office. The proper expense of the work should be provided for. It is going to cost you something.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

Comrade Pond—I move you that the Department Commander be empowered to make the necessary expense to carry out the will of the resolution.

Seconded, and carried.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps. The committee was received and escorted to the platform.

The Department Commander—Comrades, I have great pleasure in presenting to you a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps, who come here to extend their greetings to the old boys. I will first introduce:

Mrs. Vina E. Redfield—Who then read the annual report as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT, W. R. C., TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, G. A. R. OF MICHIGAN.

Geo. H. Hopkins, Dept. Commander of Michigan:

Greetings—In accordance with the long established custom of our order, it affords me great pleasure to furnish you at this time, through the courtesy of the committee, whom I have appointed, a complete statement of the present existing conditions and the result of the work accomplished, during the year now closing, by the army of earnest and loyal members of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Although only two new Corps have been organized, yet the stability of our order is of such an established fact that there has been a steady increase of members, and today we can report as large a membership as ever before.

Number of Corps in Department.....	231
Cash expended for relief by Corps.....	\$1,654 95
Estimated relief other than money.....	4,833 32
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Total relief by Corps.....	\$6,488 27
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Cash expended from Department relief fund.....	\$105 00
Number of soldiers and families assisted.....	1,828
Cash on hand general fund.....	576 90
Cash on hand relief fund.....	48 37
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It is impossible to give a complete account of the many little and thoughtful gifts to the poor and needy, of the deeds of charity in the homes of the sick and suffering, of the beautiful flowers that have lessened the gloom of many a sick room, and the thoughtful acts of kindness that have

been performed. These are only recorded by the Great Commander on high.

Extending to the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic the sincere thanks and gratitude of the organization which I represent, I would say in closing, that at any time and under any circumstances when it is in my power to assist you, you may rest assured that a call for help from any one of the forty thousand soldiers of Michigan, will not be heard in vain.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,
FLORENCE S. BABBITT,
Department President Woman's Relief Corps.

The Department Commander—Comrades, it gives me great pleasure to present to you Mrs. Minot, of New Hampshire National President of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Mrs. Minot—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, who wear the little bronze button in the Department of Michigan, it gives me great pleasure to bring to you today the greetings of 150,000 loyal women, who are bound together to assist your organization in caring for the veteran and his dependent ones, who were organized as a national organization 27 years ago. During this time over two and a half millions have been spent in relief, in the name of fraternity, charity, and loyalty. We work in every way we can to assist in caring for the veteran and his dependent ones, in teaching the children to be loyal to the flag, in observing memorial day. As we have done in the past, we promise to do all we can in the future to aid in every way possible your noble organization. Realizing that your time is short this afternoon, I will no longer trespass on your time. I thank you.

The Department Commander—We will have a word from Mrs. Jones, the National Patriotic Instructor.

Mrs. Jones—Commander and veterans of the Department of Michigan—I come from New York State, the Empire State, and I find the women of Michigan love the veterans just as well as we do in New York, for they believe that the soldier who fought for the defense of his country is better than any other man, and the noblest of all. And so today I feel it not only a privilege to greet you, but a great honor.

The Department Commander—I wish to present to you a lady whom I have known better, I think, than any other lady in the State of Michigan—my sister.

Miss Hopkins—Mr. Commander, I did not come to make a speech. I am happy to be present at this time. I will not take your time or tax your patience.

The Department Commander—I know you would like to hear a word from the lady who commands the man who used to command the boys—Mrs. Pond.

Mrs. Pond—I have just a word to say after this introduction, and that is, that I am very glad of this opportunity to come before you in your Encampment. I want to say that I thank our President for the honor she conferred upon me in detailing me to come before you.

The Department Commander—Mrs. McConnelly.

Mrs. McConnelly—I am very glad to be able to look into your faces today, but I am not going to take your valuable time.

Each of the ladies was presented with a Department Badge.

The Department Commander—When you came to this door you were not admitted until you were properly vouched for, and you were vouched for by a couple of old fellows whom I sent down to meet you. The next time you come, if you wear this badge, you will not need any introduction, for they will let you in.

The ladies of the committee then took their departure, and a committee from the Sons of Veterans was announced to be present at the door, asking admission. A committee was appointed to escort them into the hall and to the stage, where they were duly received.

The Department Commander—I have the honor to present to you the Commander and the youngest member of the Sons of Veterans. He is what I call a repeater.

Comrade Kellogg—Comrades of the Grand Army—As stated, I have a right to address you, being a member of Farragut Post of the city of Battle Creek and also a member of the Sons of Veterans. It gives me great pleasure to be with you this afternoon, and to address you in the interest of the Sons of Veterans. When I speak of the cause of the Sons of Veterans, I mean this: The Sons of Veterans, their delegates and their officers, have resolved to return to their homes with a determination to carry forward the work that you want them to do; that they shall forever perpetuate and guard the principles that you have been instrumental in bringing before the American people. We propose that Memorial Day, so far as the Sons of Veterans are concerned, shall be a day observed as it should be,

void of any games or any amusements, but make it to the rising generation something that means more than we think of at present. It is almost impossible to drive out all of the amusements that creep in on that day, yet they can be discouraged, and in time wiped out. We propose to carry forward and assist in every way possible to make your remaining days the most pleasant and beautiful days of your existence. We have started a monument that many Grand Army men know but very little about—a monument that is not built of stone or iron, yet it is built of stone and brick. In place of giving the money to build a national monument, we give the money from the Sons of Veterans to a national university, where the rising generation shall be taught patriotism and all the grand principles that go to make an American citizen. This memorial university does not belong to one state, nor does it belong to individuals, but it belongs to you, to the Woman's Relief Corps, and to all the kindred organizations that may spring up from this Grand Army of the Republic, located at Mason City, Iowa, in the center of the United States. We have with us this afternoon Mr. Tucker, the President of that university, who will explain to you the wonderful work that is going on in the name of the Sons of Veterans. He may ask your co-operation, and we know that you will give it, because it has been given from one end of the nation to the other. We are glad to be with you, and we are going to meet at all reunions wherever you hold your reunions; the Sons of Veterans are going to hold theirs at the same time with you from this on. Any work that you have to do that the Sons of Veterans can do, all you have to do is to command, and they will obey your orders.

I now have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Tucker, the President of the Memorial University, who will speak to you upon the beautiful work that we have made it possible to bring forth.

Mr. Tucker—Commander; Members of the great Department of Michigan—I realize the fact that you have had many delegations already this afternoon. I am going to try to confine my remarks to telling you something about this monument which has been erected in Iowa. The Sons of Veterans by their action at their National Encampment at Syracuse, arranged to have the monument erected which is being developed at Mason City, Iowa. We have there beautiful grounds and a beautiful building, and this property amounts in value to \$120,000. I want to tell you

what we are doing in this educational work. I have been with the institution for two years. It had been open for one year before I came to it. I came from the University of Minnesota. We have organized the work so that we give them the first two years of college work. We are going to put on the other two years very soon. We are now planning an industrial course and a business course, and an agricultural course. The reason for this industrial work is this; it was my privilege to have had charge of the Agricultural University of Minnesota for several years, where I had under my direction from the farms between 400 and 500 boys and girls. We found the way to treat them was this, to have them come in from the district school for a three-years' course of six months, so arranged that they could go home on the farms during the other six months of each year. We are laboring to get them sufficiently along during the winter that they can go home in the spring and work. We have endeavored to make successful farmers of them, so that they will have a love for the farm with an increased knowledge of what goes to make up the successful farmer. We are endeavoring to make of them by that kind of work in this institution good citizens, with a thorough knowledge of the duties of American citizenship and an intelligent knowledge of American history and the principles of free government. It is not a local institution; it belongs to the nation. We have regents from 12 states, we have an advisory board from different states, one member from each national district, and I hope that this Department may appoint a member. I want to say this, that from the John A. Rawlins Post in Minnesota they appointed a committee, and one of the members of that committee was Judge Torrens, one of the Past Commanders. We have a growing list of friends throughout the nation, and more are becoming interested. We want more to become interested in this memorial university—a memorial that will not pass from your memory, but which will live as long as the nation, and assist in its perpetuity—one that is going to teach patriotism and assist in maintaining the integrity of our land. We have seven scholarships, one to be awarded by your Department, one to be awarded by the Department of the W. R. C., and other scholarships to be awarded in a similar manner. We have an industrial school established, an agricultural school, and in addition to these things we are endeavoring to train our pupils for the high duties of American citizenship.

We are going to have them know something about national history and national life—especially about the great struggle in which you participated. And there are a great many publications, regimental histories, personal experiences, etc., and if you have any of these books, or know of any friends who have them to donate to our library, we would be glad to receive them. We want you to know that we are building a monument to the patriotic men and women of the civil war, that the children of the land may have a correct knowledge and an honest historical view of the institutions of the country. We want your support, your influence and your aid in this great work. I thank you.

I would say that we have with us Mr. Cowden, who is a regent from the Sons of Veterans of Michigan.

Mr. Cowden—I don't know what our President could have against me to bring me up here to make an address. That is entirely out of my line, to make any extended remarks, but I would like to say that the real birth of our National Memorial University happened to be in our own State of Michigan, at the National Encampment at Detroit, where the first committee, which afterwards became five members of the original board of regents, was appointed. This was appointed at the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans in Detroit, in 1900. I should like very much indeed to see our own Michigan fall into line with the other Departments, and take a deep interest in this work. It is one that you can all be proud of, and I am sure, if carried on on the lines upon which it has been started out, will be something that all can look back upon with pride. When the principles for which you fought and the truth of American history is established as it should be, we can all take more pride in our National Memorial University at Mason City, Iowa.

The delegation from the Sons of Veterans then retired, and the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Foote—I have a resolution right in line with that to which we have just listened which I offer at the request of Comrade Kellogg, Commander of the Sons of Veterans who has just left the hall. I ask to have it referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The resolution was referred to the committee without being read.

Comrade Foote—I have to report that your committee appointed to extend greetings to the encampment of the

W. R. C. have performed their duty, and ask to be discharged.

The report was received.

The Encampment took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Department Commander—At the hour at which we took a recess, we were on the order of the report of committees. It will now be in order to hear from any committees who desire to report.

Comrade Pealer—In order to facilitate business, I move that the roll of the districts be called, and we receive the district recommendations for delegates and alternates to the National Encampment.

Seconded and carried.

The following list of delegates and alternates were reported, and on motion, the rules were suspended and the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to, and did, cast the ballot of the Encampment for said comrades, whereupon each of them was declared to have been elected a delegate or alternate delegate to the National Encampment, as follows:

DELEGATES.

1st District, Alvin S. Clark.....	Post 384
2d District, D. C. Spears.....	Post 10
3d District, Wm. Dawsett.....	Post 32
4th District, Geo. W. Price.....	Post 14
5th District, P. H. McBride.....	Post 262
6th District, L. H. Ives.....	Post 441
7th District, Geo. W. Howe.....	Post 98
8th District, A. L. Bryant.....	Post 252
9th District, H. C. Ransom.....	Post 15
10th District, John G. Berry.....	Post 263
11th District, W. W. Dean.....	Post 18
12th District, Geo. G. Johnson.....	Post 8

ALTERNATES.

1st District, A. T. Garretson.....	Post 433
2d District, Albert Dunham.....	Post 48
3d District, David C. Oaks.....	Post 79

4th District, Henry Spaulding.....	Post 20
5th District, S. H. Mallery.....	Post 382
6th District, Calvin Wilcox.....	Post 120
7th District, Edgar G. Spaulding.....	Post 98
8th District, Jos. W. Budd.....	Post 307
9th District, G. A. Whitbeck.....	Post 3
10th District, E. C. Carrington.....	Post 441
11th District, John Greig.....	Post 152
12th District, A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175

On motion of Comrade Pealer, the Encampment took up the selection of a place for the next Encampment. There being no applications for the honor, the selection of a place for the meeting of the Encampment in 1906, was left to the Council of Administration.

The Encampment, on motion, proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Comrade Kent, Post 5—I move you that three tellers be appointed.

Seconded and carried.

It was moved, seconded, and carried, that nominating speeches be limited to three minutes, and seconding speeches to two minutes.

The order of business being the election of a Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Pealer nominated Comrade William Mears, of Boyne Falls, and his nomination was seconded by 11 comrades from different parts of the State.

Comrade Finch, Post 5, nominated Comrade Joseph B. Griswold, Post 5; supported and seconded by six comrades from as many different posts.

Comrade Bellair, Post 5, nominated Comrade George W. Stone, Post 42; seconded by 13 comrades from as many different posts.

Comrade Kanitz, Post 7, nominated Comrade Stephen A. Mallery, Post 382; seconded by two comrades.

Comrade Washington Gardner, Post 210, nominated Comrade Elery C. Cannon, Post 16; seconded by 28 comrades from as many different posts.

The nominations for Department Commander were then closed.

Comrade Mallery, after thanking the comrades for the honor conferred in mentioning his name, withdrew his name as a candidate for Department Commander.

Comrades Cowles, Rogers and Fenton were appointed tellers and ballot taken.

Pending the counting of the ballot for Department Com-

mander, the Department Encampment proceeded with a call for nominations for Senior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Lyle, Post 18, nominated Comrade M. D. Morgan, Post 18, and there being no further nominations, on motion the Assistant Adjutant General was directed to, and did, cast the ballot of the Encampment for Comrade Morgan for Senior Vice Department Commander, and he was declared to have been elected to that position.

Comrade Pealer moved that the Encampment do receive nominations for Junior Vice Department Commander.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Spear, Post 10, nominated Comrade S. M. Kent, Post 5; seconded by two comrades. Further nominations were suspended, pending the announcement of the result of the ballot for Department Commander.

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

Whole number of votes.....	326
Necessary for a choice.....	163
Joseph B. Griswold.....	24
William Mears.....	33
Geo. W. Stone.....	56
E. C. Cannon.....	213

Comrade Griswold moved that the election of Comrade Cannon be made unanimous, which motion was seconded and carried, whereupon Comrade Cannon was declared to have been elected Department Commander for the ensuing year.

There being but one nomination for Junior Vice Department Commander, on motion of Comrade Spear, the Assistant Adjutant General was instructed to, and did, cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Kent for said position, and he was declared to have been duly elected Junior Vice Department Commander.

Comrade Boardman, Post 67—I move you that the Department Commander appoint a committee of three to escort the Commander-elect to the stage.

Seconded and carried, and the Department Commander appointed as such committee Comrades Carrington, Spear and Ives.

The next business in order being the election of a Medical Director, Comrade Foote nominated Comrade W. W. Root, the present incumbent, and there being no further nomina-

tions, on motion duly carried, the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for Comrade Root for Medical Director, and he was declared to have been duly elected.

The committee appointed for that purpose escorted Commander-elect Cannon to the platform, with the other comrades who were aspirants for the position of Department Commander.

The Department Commander—I take great pleasure, personally and for the Encampment, in presenting to you your choice for Department Commander for the ensuing year, Comrade Elery C. Cannon.

Comrade Cannon—I hope in the future to get better acquainted with all of you, and I hope that you will get better acquainted with me. You will find out before you get through with me this year that I am no speech-maker, but I will try to get around and see you, and shake your hands for this high honor you have conferred on me. You will remember that Comrade Wyckoff yesterday said he wrote to a post and reinstated 40 or 50 comrades; we will ask Comrade Wyckoff to write a letter to all the posts, and see if we can get them all reinstated. I thank you for this high honor. I will not take up any more of your time today.

The Department Commander—Comrades—I present Comrade Griswold.

Comrade Griswold—Commander and Comrades—It is a pretty severe thing for a man who has been defeated to appear before the men who defeated him, especially if he is an old soldier. But, comrades, I want to thank you for the vote you gave me. I have no desire to be Department Commander. When I came here yesterday I found that my name had been mentioned, and so I permitted it to go before you. I wanted to see if the men who had been talking about me as Department Commander would vote for me, and they did. I thank them for it. I learned some things after I came here that rather startled me. I heard some things regarding some of the candidates for Department Commander. At once I set myself to ascertain the truth, by going to the candidates themselves. I found that every one of them were false. Every man whose name had been mentioned was an honorable man, had been a good soldier, had been a Grand Army man for years; and so I said I shall be content, whoever is chosen. Now, comrades, you don't want to hear me talk, although I like

to talk when looking at an old soldier. But I just want to say this: I am perfectly satisfied, nay, I am rejoiced, at your choice. I shall do everything possible to hold up the hands of our Department Commander. I don't want any office; I want to be a private in the ranks, and to do everything possible for the good of the Grand Army of the Republic, to every member of which I am a brother by kinship or comradeship and trial.

The Department Commander—Comrade William Mears.

Comrade Mears—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—It would be hardly expected of me to make a speech, neither would it be possible should I try, but I feel very grateful for this greeting. I feel very grateful for your votes, and with being honored with your support for the high office of Commander of the Department of Michigan. Words will not express my gratitude. The comradeship of the Grand Army of the Republic is worth everything to me. I did not expect to be successful; I will be candid on that. I asked my comrades to let me withdraw, but they said, "No; you are in the fight, and a soldier is to obey orders." I accepted the situation. But I here pledge to the Commander and comrades as loyal support to the Commander-elect as any man in the Department of Michigan. I shall do everything in my power to make his administration a success, and hope the next year will be the brightest year in all our history. I will admit that all through the war I was cowardly, even a small revolver would scare me; but when I come to get a Cannon pointed at me, I couldn't expect anything else but defeat. I thank you for the courtesies you have shown me, I thank you for the support you extended to me. I take some pride in having invited you up here. I hope you enjoy it. Our people in the north woods have enjoyed your visit, and I hope the time will not be far distant when you will again visit this beautiful northern region. I thank you.

Comrade Pond nominated for re-election to the office of Department Chaplain Comrade William Putnam, of Charles T. Foster Post. There being no further nominations, the Assistant Adjutant General, by direction of the Encampment, cast the ballot of the Encampment for William Putnam for this position, and he was declared to have been duly elected as Department Chaplain.

Comrade Putnam—I want to especially thank you for this honor conferred upon me again, and to accept it from you as an especial birthday present, as today I am 82 years

of age. It begins to look as though I should have to live and die a chaplain. I have been chaplain of Charles T. Foster Post, this is the 13th year, and will be four by you. I thank you very much.

The Department Commander—We will now elect five members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Van Raalte nominated Comrade L. Roberts, Post 18, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment the Assistant Adjutant General cast the vote of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected a member of the Council of Administration.

Comrades E. B. Fenton, Post 384; Ren Barker, Post 451; A. V. Austin, Post 181, and Henry Spaulding, Post 20 were each nominated as members of the Council of Administration, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant General cast one ballot for each as named, and they were each declared to have been duly elected as members of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Carrington came to the platform with Comrade Geo. W. Stone, who could not be found when the other candidates appeared.

The Department Commander—Comrade Stone,—whom I now introduce to this Encampment with great pleasure.

Comrade Stone—My absence was caused by being called from the room. I came finally into the room and discovered that you were about to adjourn, and went to the hotel, not having any idea of any further detail in the Grand Army today. I want to say I thank the comrades of the Grand Army for their treatment in giving me the second place in the race. I have had the first defeat I ever had in my life. I feel perfectly happy, and I want to pledge my word that I will go home and work as I have always, to uphold and to sustain this administration. You will find me as I always have been, a good Grand Army man.

The Department Commander—There were 17 delegates and their alternates to be elected; you have elected 12, one from each congressional district, leaving one delegate and alternate at large and four other delegates and alternates. What is your pleasure?

Comrade D. G. Crotty, Post 17, was nominated for delegate at large, and there being no further nominations, by direction of the Encampment, the Assistant Adjutant Gen-

eral cast the ballot of the Encampment for him, and he was declared to have been duly elected delegate at large.

Comrades C. E. Foote, Post 79; James T. Hale, Post 38; E. T. Carrington, Post 278; and H. A. Chapin, Post 31, were nominated for the four remaining delegates, and on motion, duly seconded and carried unanimously, the Assistant Adjutant General cast a vote for each of these comrades, and each of them was declared to have been duly elected a delegate to the National Encampment at its next session. The officer of the day announced a committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. in waiting.

The regular order of business was suspended to receive the delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. Comrades Cannon and Griswold were appointed a committee to escort the ladies to the platform, and having performed that duty, the ladies were received in due form.

The Department Commander—I have great pleasure in presenting to the Encampment this committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. We will have the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Randall.

Mrs. Randall—Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—The honor of being *one* to greet you, in behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R., has fallen to my lot, and as I stand before you, there comes surging through my mind, thoughts of those historical times, in which *you*, individually and collectively, had so prominent and heroic a part, a *lump* rises in my breast, as I recognize my own inability to do *justice* to the occasion;

And *yet*, I have an *intense* desire, to so express myself, that you may *realize*, the sincere regard and reverence, which is in my *heart*, and in the heart of *every* lady of our organization, for the heroes who preserved the Union.

Every lady in *our* order had *some* dear one, a husband, father, brother, or other blood kin, who fought, bled, and perhaps, died for our country, or, happily, may be with you tonight.

The object of our organization, as you all may know, is to keep ever green, the loving memory of those comrades, who have answered to the last bugle call; and, *above all*, to do what lies within our power to brighten the declining years, of those who are spared to be with us; for;

“One rosebud to the living. a smile, a kind word said,
Is worth a *ton* of roses at the funeral of the dead.”

Once each year we gather around the camp fire, and,

with reminiscence and good cheer, devote a few days to social intercourse and exchange of greetings. It is *good* that we should thus foregather, and listen to tales of those troublous times, through which this nation passed, from '61 to '65, that we may appreciate the blessings of the peaceful and prosperous times we now enjoy. Thanks to you.

The greater the soldier, the more he appreciates the blessings of peace, as is evidenced by the *strenuous* efforts now being made, by our soldier president, to bring peace to the two countries which have been engaged in one of the most cruel and bloody wars.

Behold, how *good* it is to dwell together in unity; note the brightening luster of the eye, the added glow to the cheek, when the battle-scarred veteran, grasps the hand of some comrade, who, perhaps, shared his perils and his tobacco.

Comrades, all, in behalf of the Ladies of the G. A. R. of Michigan, I greet you, and may your remaining years be crowned with the glory due, and be sheltered by the loving care of all the nation, which owes you a debt that can be paid in no other way.

I trust that I may have the pleasure, and the honor, of meeting you all, around the camp fire, another year, and yet another, and *many* more.

The Department Commander—I have the honor of presenting Mrs. Jameson, who is well known, at least to one comrade.

Mrs. Jameson—Last year I was a substitute; this year I am a real soldier. Last year I told you how our order was organized, and this year I want to tell you just two things, and to answer questions which are frequently asked. First of all I want the old soldiers to know that we take old soldiers in our order as honorary members. They take no part in the initiation of candidates; they have a right to speak on all subjects, but not to vote. I remember one old soldier in this hall who was obligated—his name is Root. A beautiful custom which our order has, when an old soldier dies, we take a flag, 16 inches wide by 24 inches long, and fashion it into a Grand Army badge. One of the sisters says "He offered his life, if need be, that this flag might wave forever. We, the Ladies of the G. A. R.—mother, sister, daughter, wife, granddaughter of this comrade, now lovingly and reverently place it upon his breast." Your order—all the old soldiers—frequently say to us, "What does your order give for relief?" I will give

you the items taken from the National Proceedings of last year. Given for relief, \$23,044.91; given to soldiers' homes, \$323.76; to soldiers' widows, \$2,517.41; to soldiers' orphans homes, \$167.95. In addition to this our order maintains a home in Pennsylvania, at Sixty-fifth and Vine St., Philadelphia, for the aged veteran and his wife, which was founded by Julia P. Shade, a Past National President, in 1894, which cared for 30 comrades and their wives. In 1901 the place being found to be too small, they decided to build another home on the same location. The corner stone was laid on the 10th of October, 1903; the completed building dedicated and formally opened April 30, 1904. While there are a number of Homes, state and national, for the old soldier, they admit only the husband, and make no provision whatever for the good old wife, and she must either go to the annex, if she has no friend to care for her, or to the poor-house. We also have a Home at Hopkins Station, Pa., for the widow, daughters, and sisters of the veteran. These homes are entirely cared for by our order. In this connection I wish to quote in part from Commander-in-Chief Gen. Black's speech made at our convention last August in Boston. Gen. Black, in part, said:

"The Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are separate organizations, with distinct functions. There is necessity for the two organizations—there is room for both. Sister Bailey heeded the Macedonian cry for assistance in passing the Service Pension bill, and help in advancing a sacred legislation. I tender to her and to you the heartfelt thanks of the G. A. R., and hope, as time passes, that every American woman and girl may become eligible by birth to your great order. After the lapse of 100 years the Daughters of the American Revolution created their society. After 100 years more all American women who are descendants of the veterans of the civil war will wish to become eligible to the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, if the same spirit predominates in future years as your National President and your ladies now exhibit."

Now, Commander, I thank you for your courteous attention.

The committee having retired, the regular order of business was resumed.

Comrade Carl Engle, Post 162, was elected alternate at large to the National Encampment to meet at Denver,

by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General, on motion duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Comrades E. Howard, Post 204; William Davey, Post 17; J. R. Stephenson, Post 5; and C. C. Phillips, Post 19, were each elected alternates to the National Encampment to be held at Denver, by the vote of the Assistant Adjutant General, on motion duly seconded and unanimously carried.

The Junior Vice Department Commander, Dan J. Willison, took the chair.

Comrade Van Raalte presented and read the report of the Committee on the Address of the Department Commander, which was as follows:

Traverse City, Mich., June 21, 1905.

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

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Department Commander, reports as follows: That in reference to the large number of members carried on the rolls as suspended, your committee recommends that the incoming Commander be and he is hereby directed to call the attention of Posts in General Orders to requirements of Art. 4, Secs. 3 and 4, of the Rules and Regulations governing same.

Second, Believing that a great many comrades of the Department would gladly serve on the Committee on Soldiers' Home, the Legislative Committee, the Executive Committee of the council of Administration, without compensation or expense to the Department, and in view of the diminishing numbers in membership, thereby decreasing the receipts from year to year; we recommend that the suggestions of the Department Commander be approved and that expenses of such committees be borne by each individual member and not by the Department.

Third, In view of the fact that this Department, through its Commander and Delegates at the last National Encampment held in Boston, Mass., pledged the sum of \$200 towards the Stephenson Monumental Fund, and that the sum of \$65.95 has been raised from the Posts and other sources in the Department, and believing that the Department of Michigan wishes to contribute its proportionate share with the other Departments towards this noble and worthy purpose, we would recommend that the balance of the \$200.00 so pledged, amounting to \$134.05,

be paid out of the general fund of the Department, and that an order be drawn on A. Q. M. G. for the same.

Your committee takes great pleasure in commending the economical, business-like, and efficient administration of the affairs of the Department during the past year by your Commander, and in accordance with established custom, we recommend that a Past Department Commander's badge be purchased at a cost not exceeding thirty-five (\$35.00) dollars, and be presented to Commander Geo. H. Hopkins, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by this Department.

D. B. K. VAN RAALTE,
O. A. JANES,
LOUIS KANITZ,
Committee.

Comrade Van Raalte—I move the adoption of the report.

Comrade Gage—I ask for a division, thus giving opportunity for each of these recommendations to be voted on separately.

It was so ordered.

Comrade Van Raalte—The first one is a question as to suspension. We call attention to the Rules and Regulations. This question is entirely governed by them.

The recommendation was adopted without debate.

Comrade Van Raalte—The second is, that a great many comrades of the Department would gladly serve on the committees, Soldiers' Home, Legislative Committee, and the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration without compensation or expenses, and in view of diminishing numbers in membership, and thereby decreasing receipts from year to year, we recommend that the suggestion of the Department Commander be approved, and that the expenses of such committees be borne by each individual member, and not by the Department.

Comrade Gage—It seems to me there are two views to be taken of this matter. Now, there are many, as suggested by the Commander of the Department, who are able and willing to pay such expenses, but there are also, perhaps, more worthy comrades who are entirely capable of performing these duties, and would be pleased to be honored in that way, who do not feel able to bear all such expenses; and I think that every comrade of the Department of Michigan should be eligible to those positions. I know and you know that there are many who are entirely fit for

those positions who are not able to bear the expense. I know that on the Council of Administration at this time there are at least two men who, if it were necessary for them to bear all these expenses themselves, would not have been able to perform the duties they did perform, and they performed those duties most admirably. Those two men did this largely for the successful work of the Council of Administration. I am not strenuous at all on this point. I simply desire to present the other side of the question. Let me suggest also, that as for the Soldiers' Home Committee, they need never visit the Soldiers' Home except upon the express request of the Commander. If he deems it important enough to have them make that visit, then I should consider it important enough for the Department of Michigan to pay the expense of their visit. And I apprehend that is true also of the Legislative Committee. I should consider the same rule should apply to them. Therefore, in order to get this before the Department, I move that the resolution be divided, and that it read in part as follows:

That hereafter the expenses of the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home and the Committee on Legislation be paid, whenever the Department Commander requests them to attend to any particular duty.

Comrade Pond—I support the motion for the purpose of getting it before the house.

The question was stated.

Comrade Pond—It seems to me that it is a point well taken, for this reason; your Commander-elect will name the Committee on Legislation, will name the Committee to Visit the Soldiers' Home, and you have named by vote who shall be your Council of Administration, and you elected them before their expenses were cut off. I do not believe it would be proper at this time to have this resolution cover the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration. I understand they are called to headquarters, where they are called to examine the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant General and Assistant Quartermaster General, which may take two or three days. As Comrade Gage has well said, in your election of comrades you take up good men whom you are not sure can afford these expenses, and that should be taken into consideration.

Comrade Van Raalte—There is to a certain extent something in what has been said by Comrade Gage and Comrade Pond. But let us look at this in a fair light. The

Committee on the Soldiers' Home, when they accepted that office, it is an honorary office; how many have filled that office and never have asked for expenses? And there are some who are exceedingly anxious to get on this committee because they know their expenses are paid. The Legislative Committee, if I was nominated, I should consider it my duty to go there if there was anything to do. It is like any other committee when called upon, they are expected to go there and see what they can do. If they go, they do it voluntarily, unless they are ordered. The Council of Administration, let me say something about that. You say they manage your affairs. I know they do, and it is a good thing they manage them. But I do not know of a single year when there has not been a great scramble to get on this committee, and the man works the hardest to get on it, sometimes, whether he is fitted or not for it. I know there are many comrades just as worthy who would like to get there, and would be perfectly willing to pay their own expenses. Now we are having meetings two or three days, sometimes. I know by former experience that the Executive Committee of the Council of Administration can do all its work at the Annual Encampment—can check up all vouchers and settle with the Quartermaster General in at least two hours. You have made a great many changes. You have taken away all expenses of members who attend the National Encampment. You saved several hundred dollars last year by doing that. This is no time to retrograde. I hope that this motion will not prevail, but that you will adopt the report of the committee. I do not believe that you will ever regret it, or that the Department will suffer for it. I do not believe that there is a man here in this house but what would like to fill the position of representative of this Department to the National Encampment, and be glad to do it free of expense.

Comrade Pond—My only thought was with reference to the action after the election. I take no exceptions to the remarks of Comrade Van Raalte. We Past Department Commanders made just as much of a hustle to get into our respective offices as did the Council of Administration.

Comrade Kanitz—This seems to be, according to Comrade Pond, whether we are dealing fairly with the comrades who have been elected. I take it, it is a question whether we are able to pay. I want to say that every man should have fair value for his services, but I want you to under-

stand that the money of our Department is diminishing. Posts are struggling, with all the assistance of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army. There are comrades who are paying the per capita tax of their Posts to keep them in. I know what I am talking about. When you go to work and take these hard earned pennies to pay something that somebody else is willing to do free, the question arises, is that right? I don't want to say these comrades should not be paid, but the question is, whether we are able to do so. We have got to curtail; we have got to retrench on every line in our Department. You have done it from Pond down to today. Every Department Commander has recommended and striven to live within his means. I hope, comrades, that you will adopt this report of your committee. This matter has been given careful attention. I would be the last man in the world to say that a comrade should not be remunerated for his services. I have been a working man all my life. But we haven't got it, boys. Be fair and honest to the comrades back at home, who are striving hard to be in touch with you, and don't squander their hard earned pennies to pay somebody when somebody else wants to do it gratis.

Comrade Gage, with the consent of his second, withdrew his motion to amend, and the recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Comrade Pond, the balance of the report was then adopted.

The Encampment took a recess until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Department Commander—We will now listen to the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Department Commander and Comrades:

Your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Department is due and is most freely given to the people of Traverse City for their kind and most hospitable reception. From the time we set foot within their bor-

ders they have not permitted one moment to pass without evidencing their good will and pleasure at having this Department in their midst; and we will carry away with us memories of unbounded pleasure received at their hands.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to Post 18 for the kindly way in which they have looked after the interests of this Encampment during its session, and to the Officer of the day, the Officer of the guard, and the guards for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties.

Resolved, That we extend to our retiring Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins, a hearty greeting for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties during the year and the business-like manner and economy in conducting the affairs of the Department, during the past year. That to our Commander elect, Comrade Cannon, we extend greeting, with the faithful promise that we will obey all his orders as becomes good soldiers.

Now, Comrades, believing this Encampment should not close without a fitting endorsement of the manly position taken by President Theodore Roosevelt in favor of good government, now, be it

Resolved, By the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, in Annual Encampment assembled. That we extend to Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, our hearty greetings, and do pledge to him our united and earnest support for the promotion of good government and the enforcement of the laws.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Department Commander to the President.

WM. SHAKESPEARE,
E. T. CARRINGTON,
Committee.

The report and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Encampment, the installation of the officers-elect was proceeded with, Col. C. V. R. Pond, Senior Past Department Commander acting as installing officer:

Department Commander—Elery C. Cannon.

Senior Vice Department Commander—M. D. Morgan.

Junior Vice Department Commander—S. M. Kent.

Medical Director—W. W. Root.

Department Chaplain—Wm. Putnam.

Were duly installed into their respective offices.

The Department Commander appointed Fayette Wyckoff his Assistant Adjutant General, who was duly installed.

The Department Commander announced that he would appoint his Assistant Quartermaster General later.

Past Department Commander Hopkins—I cannot leave the position which was so kindly given to me a year ago without again expressing to you my most heartfelt and sincere thanks for the honor you did me then. How well or how faithfully I have performed those duties, it is for you to say. I know that my heart has been in the work.

I only regret that I did not have sufficient time to do more for you than I have been able to do. But now, comrades, while in the last year you, to a certain extent, have been subject to my orders, I will now, as I step into your ranks, submit to my orders. Commander Cannon, allow me to place upon your breast the badge of your office.

The Department Commander—Is there anything more to be brought before this Encampment? If there is nothing further, I would invite the Council of Administration to meet me at Room 62 in the annex, immediately after adjournment.

The Department Chaplain pronounced the benediction the Twenty-seventh Encampment, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, came to a close.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

ORDERS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR.

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

General Orders No. 1.

I. Having been chosen Department Commander for the coming year, by the unanimous vote of the 26th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Battle Creek, June 14th-16th, and having been duly installed, I hereby assume command. Deeply grateful for the confidence shown and mindful of the responsibilities, I confidently ask the active co-operation of all Comrades in acting and teaching lessons of patriotism and love of country.

II. The following appointments are announced:
Assistant Adjutant General, Fayette Wyckoff, Post 38.
Assistant Quartermaster General, Jacob Bristol, Post 384.
They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Other appointments will be announced in future Orders. Appointments as aides on the staff of the Department Commander will be made upon the recommendation of Post Commanders.

III. All Official Communications should be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan.

All personal communications intended for the Commander should be addressed to him at Detroit, Michigan.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, MICH., JUNE 22, 1904. }

General Orders No. 2.

I. At the 26th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held at Battle Creek, June 14th-16th, the following officers were elected and duly installed:

Department Commander, Geo. H. Hopkins, Post 384.....Detroit
Senior Vice Dept. Commander, John J. Corwnell, Post 32...Battle Creek
Junior Vice Dept. Commander, Dan. J. Willson, Post 48.....Jackson
Medical Director, W. W. Root, Post 441.....Mason
Department Chaplain, Wm. Putnam, Post 42.....Lansing

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wm. Davey, Post 17.....	Detroit.
John R. Bennett, Post 7.....	Muskegon
L. H. Ives, Post 441.....	Mason
Wm. G. Gage, Post 38.....	Saginaw
Alfred Milnes, Post 109.....	Coldwater

II. The following named Comrades were elected Delegates and Alternates to represent the Department at the 38th National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15-20th:

DELEGATES.

S. M. Kent (at large).....	Post 5
Chas. A. Bartlett.....	Post 17
Theodore E. Wood.....	Post 41
C. W. Alberton.....	Post 185
B. D. Pritchard.....	Post 56
W. D. Frost.....	Post 5
W. C. Nesen.....	Post 42
E. G. Spaulding.....	Post 98
Wm. N. Stocker.....	Post 157
G. W. Wheeler.....	Post 461
John W. Snyder.....	Post 67
"Ren" Barker.....	Post 451
Geo. G. Johnson.....	Post 8
J. M. 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

ALTERNATES.

Develand Arnold (at large).....	Post 79
John Devlin.....	Post 433
H. Palmer.....	Post 45
B. F. Rolf.....	Post 109
Henry Miller.....	Post 39
S. H. Mallery.....	Post 382
Chas. E. Dunston.....	Post 114
G. W. Howe.....	Post 98
Wm. Morgan.....	Post 38
D. M. Ruggles.....	Post 3
M. J. Borland.....	Post 67
Wm. Mears.....	Post 235
A. O. Kruger.....	Post 300
W. D. Brainerd.....	Post 111
D. G. Crotty.....	Post 17
Joshua Noah.....	Post 37
C. H. Browning.....	Post 32
Wm. H. Godfrey.....	Post 131
O. F. Kaywood.....	Post 48

III. The following Staff Appointments are hereby announced:

Judge Advocate, Allen B. Morse.....	Post 211
Department Inspector, R. B. Robbins.....	Post 54
Chief Mustering Officer, A. H. Rolph.....	Post 175
Chief of Staff, Geo. W. Stone.....	Post 42
Senior Aide-de-Camp, John Devlin.....	Post 433

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. The following Standing Committees are hereby announced:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Wm. Davey.....	Post 17
Alfred Milnes.....	Post 109
W. G. Gage.....	Post 38

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION.

S. J. Lawrence.....	Post 318
Chas. E. Foot.....	Post 79
J. O. Probasco.....	Post 100

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

Henry S. Dean.....	Post 137
R. J. Kelley.....	Post 32
Albert E. Cowles.....	Post 42

COMMITTEE TO VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME.

Henry P. Baldwin.....	Post 17
J. W. McCrath.....	Post 5
H. A. Clute.....	Post 166

V. Requisitions for supplies must be addressed to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich., and all money orders or drafts made payable to his order. Remittance must accompany all requisitions.

VI. Appointments of Aides will be made upon recommendation of Post Commanders. It is expected that only those who have the time and can render assistance to the Department Commander, in advancing the interests of the Department will be recommended; each Aide is expected to promptly report to these headquarters; accepting or declining the appointment, and furnish his postoffice address. Commissions will only be issued to those reporting their acceptance.

VII. Attention is called to the approaching National Encampment to be held at Boston, Mass., August 15th-20th. It is earnestly desired that the Department of Michigan be largely represented there and that as many Posts will attend as possible. The organization of the comrades by districts, counties and cities is advised, the desire being to bring out the largest representation possible.

Posts should at once commence preparation and perfect plans for the attendance of as many of the comrades as are able to go. Comrades who are so favorably situated that they can, should help others to enjoy these privileges.

Headquarters for the Department of Michigan will be established

at Hotel Brunswick. Further notice with full detail as to headquarters, train, route, etc., will be given in future orders.

VIII. The Department Commander hopes that the comrades will put forth renewed effort to increase the membership by recruiting new members, and in the restoring of those who have been suspended or dropped. Every worthy veteran of the Civil War should be a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The noble purpose of our order must appeal to the heart of every comrade. Let every effort be made to gather all worthy comrades of forty years ago within the circle of fraternal regard.

IX. Post officers are again reminded of the urgent necessity of forwarding the semi-annual report and per capita tax for the term ending June 30th *at once*. They will see that their reports are not delayed thus helping the Department in its effort to be prompt and comply with orders from National Headquarters. The burden of tabulating and consolidating these reports must be done before July 10th, and forwarded to National Headquarters.

The Department Chaplain reports that quite a number of post chaplains have not sent on their reports of Memorial services. It is important that they do so without further delay.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 7, 1904. }

General Orders No. 3.

1. As the time approaches for holding the 38th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the city of Boston, a city of historic memories, Bunker Hill Monument, the Old South Church, Fanueil Hall, and many other historic places, and within a short distance of Plymouth Rock and the battlefields of Concord and Lexington, the Department Commander wishes to urge upon the Comrades of the Department the presence of all who can make it possible to attend. The rates of fare have been fixed at a very low figure, and free quarters in Boston for those desiring them.

2. Michigan Headquarters in Boston will be established at the Hotel Brunswick, Room 18, Monday morning, August 15, where all will receive a hearty welcome. All veterans are urged to call and register immediately after arrival in the city.

Headquarters at Lansing will temporarily close on Thursday, August 11th, and reopen again about August 23.

3. The Annual Parade has been arranged to take place on Tuesday, August 16. This is one day earlier in the week than usual and will necessitate the early arrival of Comrades in the city.

Chief of Staff Geo. W. Stone will have charge of forming the Department in the parade. Commanders of Posts or Battalions taking part in the parade will report to the Chief of Staff at Michigan Headquarters, Monday, August 15, from 5 to 9 p. m., or on the morning of the 16th at 8:30 a. m. Not later.

The National Department will, through circular and the papers of the city, give particulars as to rendezvous and route of the parade.

It is hoped that as many Posts of this Department as possibly can will be present and take part in the parade, bringing their Post colors with them.

4. The Special Department of Michigan Headquarters train will start from Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13, from the Union Depot, corner Third and Fort streets. Full particulars as to route, rates of fare, sleeping cars, etc., will be found in *Special Orders* No. 1, sent with these General Orders.

5. Posts and Comrades desiring to secure free quarters, or rooms in private or boarding houses, should make early application to Comrade Silas A. Burton, Old South Building, Boston, Mass., following instructions given in National General Orders No. 10, paragraph X.

6. The Special Headquarters train, leaving Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13, will carry the Department Commander and Staff, the President and officers of the W. R. C. and other kindred organizations, and as many of the Past Department Commanders as can attend.

7. Delegates elected to the 38th National Encampment will please notify the Assistant Adjutant General *at once* whether they will be in attendance at Boston. This is important, as alternates must be notified in time to fill vacancies should there be any.

A meeting of Delegates, Past Department Commanders, and all officers entitled to seats in the Encampment from this Department, will be held at Headquarters, Room 18, Hotel Brunswick, on Tuesday, August 16, at 8:00 p. m., to receive delegates' badges, choose a member for National Council of Administration, and member of Committee on Resolutions, and for such other business as may properly come before them.

INSPECTION.

8. In compliance with Rules and Regulations a general inspection of the Posts of this Department is hereby ordered. This inspection to be held between October 1 and December 31, 1904. It is desired that where practicable, Posts will arrange for inspection by others than members of their own Post. It is believed that an inspection of a Post by a Comrade from some other Post will add interest to the Inspection. Inspection blanks will be sent to Adjutants of Posts early in September.

The following appointments as Aides-de-Camp on the Staff of the Department Commander are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

John M. Caldwell.....	Post 89
Ralph L. Hoge.....	Post 234
Abner S. Fritz.....	Post 168
Jonathan D. Butler.....	Post 40

Comrades appointed as Aides-de-Camp will notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance, as Commissions will be issued only to those who signify their acceptance.

The Department Commander will not hesitate to call upon the Aides

to visit Posts in their vicinity and in every way help to increase an interest throughout the Department.

By command of

Official: FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Asst. Adjt. General. GEO. H. HOPKINS, Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., SEPTEMBER 14, 1904. }

General Orders No. 4.

The 38th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Boston, August 15th to 20th, 1904, was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The attendance was large and the great parade a success, both in point of numbers and the enthusiasm with which the marching veterans were received by the thousands of patriotic citizens who crowded the avenues and streets.

The Commander congratulates the Department of Michigan for the large representation in that parade, and especially Detroit Post No. 384, escort for the Commander, which did so much to maintain the high standing of this Department.

The citizens of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts by their generous hospitality made all visitors, and especially the old soldier, feel that the welcome came from hearts full of patriotic loyalty.

The sessions of the Encampment were most interesting and business-like. In every particular the 38th National Encampment was one long to be remembered.

The attention of Comrades is especially called to the following extract from the address of Commander-in-Chief Black relative to membership. The Commander urges the Posts of this Department to put into practical use the suggestions so earnestly given.

"The most strenuous efforts have been made during this year to stay the decrease in our membership; but natural causes render such decrease inevitable. It is left for us to cling the more closely together in the bonds of the order.

"Recognizing the inevitable, the Rules and Regulations (see Chapter 2, Art. 2, Sec. 11) have authorized the division of Post members into resident and non-resident members; have given the Department power to authorize the Posts to fix territorial limits within which resident members may be found, and beyond which non-resident members will be found. The initiation of this movement is with the Departments and each Department may act for itself in so authorizing its Posts to divide their members.

"Outposts may be allowed by a Post of such Departments, whenever there is a sufficient number of applicants; two, three, or a dozen, and they can organize under the third paragraph of Section 11, and in this way can keep in touch with the Posts and with each other; may live in full membership with this grand fraternity so long as they are spared, and when the time comes, in the providence of God, for passing away, be then as now, part of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Moreover such sub-organizations are a measure of economy, both to the order and to the individual. Above all it keeps us in touch with one another.

"Where charters, owing to limited members, have to be surrendered, it should be the aim of every comrade to at once deposit his transfer card with the nearest Post.

"I urge upon Department Commanders and Post Commanders and comrades generally, to discuss Sec. 11 of Art. 2, Chapter 2, of our Rules and Regulations, and urge its use to the end that many not now aware of easy conditions of membership may be added to the rolls."

The Department Commander urges upon the Posts, the necessity of putting into practical use the suggestions of the Commander-in-Chief, and recommends that some meeting of each Post be designated for the discussion of the provisions of Sec. 11, Art. 2, chapter 2 of Rules and Regulations, believing that good will come out of such discussion.

But few Posts have sent in names for recommendation as Assistant Inspectors. You will do so at once. Blanks for Inspector's report will be sent to Post Adjutant and by him delivered to the Post Inspectors. These blanks will be sent about October 1st.

The following appointments as aides-de-camp on the staff of the Department Commander are hereby announced:

- James Ingalls, Post 370.....West Branch
- Rudolph Papst, Post 118.....Lexington
- H. E. Swift, Post 23.....Bloomingtondale
- A. B. Coffinberry, Post 5.....Grand Rapids
- J. R. Chase, Post 126.....Belding
- Elijah St. John, Post 90.....Saginaw, W. S.
- Charles Wilber, Post 9.....Hesperia
- Eugene Muffat, Post 17.....Detroit
- H. R. Strong, Post 17.....Detroit
- Geo. M. Doty, Post 252.....Howard City
- Mark L. Vining, Post 180.....Ypsilanti
- Michael Roller, Post 37.....Stanton

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The following appointments as Assistant Inspectors are hereby announced:

- Geo. W. Averill, Post 54.....Manton
- Lewis W. Brown, Post 118.....Jeddo
- Stephen Martin, Post 23.....Bloomingtondale
- Chas. Harris, Post 178.....Sheridan
- Lucius L. Church, Post 252.....Howard City

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Requisitions for supplies should be sent to the Assistant Adjutant General, G. A. R., Lansing, Mich. Requisition must be accompanied by the cash.

Blank requisitions will be furnished to Posts on application by the Assistant Adjutant General.

Funds are being raised for a monument to the originator and first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, General B. F. Stephenson. A sufficient amount was pledged at the Boston encampment to insure its speedy erection. The Department Commander pledged from the Department of Michigan, \$200.00 and requests such contributions from the various Posts as they may be

willing to give. Remittances for this purpose should be sent to Fayette Wyckoff, A. A. G., Lansing, Mich., at once.

By command of

Official: **FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., OCTOBER 3, 1904. }

General Orders No. 5.

1. General Orders No. 2, Current Series, National Headquarters, are transmitted herewith. This Order announces the elective and appointive National officers for 1904, and should be kept convenient for future reference.

2. Accompanying this order are the blanks for the reports of the Assistant Inspectors. Adjutants will see that these blanks are placed in the hands of the Assistant Inspectors when appointed. Inspections must take place between October 1 and December 31.

3. Post Commanders should use every effort to secure a full attendance of the comrades. The benefit to be secured can only be had by making it of importance. Where convenient let Posts interchange inspectors, and where the distance is not great and the expense too heavy, let the Posts as a body exchange visits on this occasion. Fraternal visits will prove of great benefit to all. The inspection will then be looked forward to with pleasure by all. The Department has no fund from which to pay the expenses of special inspectors. Posts desiring the detail of a special inspector at their own expense, will notify these Headquarters, designating what comrade they desire detailed to inspect their Post, and their wishes will be complied with.

4. Assistant Inspectors will make their reports to R. B. Robbins, Department Inspector, Adrian, Mich. Address envelopes for making returns are enclosed herewith.

5. The following named comrades by request are hereby appointed as Assistant Inspectors:

Francis Histcut.....	Post 3
Henry Mattoon.....	Post 108
P. H. Penfield.....	Post 68
Perry Crane.....	Post 398
R. Calberton.....	Post 27
J. J. Holmes.....	Post 111
William Downing.....	Post 316
William Van Geesen.....	Post 259
A. B. Frost.....	Post 209
Bently Cook.....	Post 288
Marden Sabin.....	Post 135

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

6. The following named comrades are hereby appointed as Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander:

G. A. Whitbeck, Post 3.....	Whitehall
Milo Sharp, Post 316.....	Grant
Daniel Thompson, Post 398.....	Brant

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

7. Col. F. J. Kellog of Battle Creek, Commander of Michigan Division, Sons of Veterans, is making a strong effort to increase the membership of this worthy order by establishing new Camps and recruiting of those already established. Let every Post and Comrade supplement this effort with their earnest and hearty support.

8. Comrades, as the lengthening evenings approach, bringing more leisure hours, let us rekindle the camp fires and gathering around, tell the experiences of camp and field, sing the old songs and renew the fraternal spirit of long ago.

By command of
 Official: FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Asst. Adjt. General. GEO. H. HOPKINS, Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
 CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., NOVEMBER 19, 1904. }

General Orders No. 6.

POST ELECTION.

1. The annual election of Post officers for the year 1905 and representatives and alternates to the next annual Department Encampment must be held at the first regular meeting in December, 1904.

Each Post is entitled to one representative for each 50 members and major fraction thereof.

Blanks for list of officers elected, with addressed return envelope will be sent to Post Adjutants who will immediately after the election fill out the same and mail to these headquarters.

Credential blanks in duplicate will also be sent. One copy to be mailed to headquarters at once. One copy to be retained and presented by the delegate to committee on credentials at encampment.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

2. The semi-annual reports of the Post Adjutants and Quartermasters for the term ending December 31, 1904, *must be made at the last regular meeting in December.* The per capita tax of 10 cents for each member in good standing must accompany the reports. The red figures giving the number in good standing at last report *must not be changed.* Names of members gained or lost must be given in the column marked for that purpose.

Blanks in duplicate, with addressed envelope for return will be sent to Post Adjutants before December 1st.

STEPHENSON MONUMENT.

3. The National Encampment at Boston took up the matter of the B. F. Stephenson Memorial Monument. The committee asked for \$10,000.00. Your Commander, on the advice of many of those present, pledged the Department of Michigan for two hundred dollars. The response to request for contribution to this fund in General Orders No. 4 has met with feeble response.

The Department Commander again asks the Posts to seriously consider this, and would advise that this be taken up at once. Only a

small amount from each Post is necessary. Some have sent in their donations, but the very large majority have not done so. Let the Posts take hold of this matter promptly during this month and the next so that Michigan's pledge may be paid by January 1st. No Post can afford to be left out in this work. The Commander-in-Chief in his annual address at the Boston Encampment, in speaking of the proposed memorial, said: "As to this work, the Grand Army has pledged itself, we cannot afford to fail in the effort to honor the founder of our great order, through whose far-seeing efforts so much has been accomplished." Comrades! Let your mites be cheerfully and freely given.

W. R. C. PETITION.

4. There is being mailed to each Post a petition prepared by the chairman of the pension committee of Fairbanks Relief Corps No. 17, Detroit, Mich., favoring the passage of a law to provide for the burial of the widows of deceased veterans.

Post Commanders are requested to circulate, secure signatures and send the same to Gov. A. T. Bliss not later than December 15th.

JOURNAL.

5. The Journal of the thirty-eighth National Encampment, held at Boston, is now ready for distribution. Posts desiring a copy can secure the same by sending postage, 13 cents, to the Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing.

MEMBERS IN ARREARS.

6. There appears to be some misunderstanding relative to the standing of suspended and dropped members. In this connection special attention is called to Sec. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Article 4, Chapter 5, revised rules and regulations, edition 1904.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

7. The following list of comrades having been recommended for assistant inspectors they are hereby appointed and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Francis Histcott.....	Post	3
William Taylor.....	Post	6
Charles Tanner.....	Post	13
John Seel.....	Post	14
Wm. F. Atkinson.....	Post	17
D. R. Thomas.....	Post	19
J. J. Drake.....	Post	21
Wm. R. Collier.....	Post	26
R. Colbitzer.....	Post	27
Benj. F. Heckert.....	Post	31
John Kelley.....	Post	34
Robert Dederich.....	Post	38
W. H. Miller.....	Post	39
E. H. Havens.....	Post	42
Edwin Young.....	Post	43
D. B. Morgan.....	Post	45
S. C. Parker.....	Post	53

G. W. Averill.....	Post 54
B. F. Groner.....	Post 57
P. H. Penfield.....	Post 68
Varsal P. Fales.....	Post 74
D. H. Grow.....	Post 75
A. J. Miller.....	Post 78
Delevan Arnold.....	Post 79
Wm. Gleason.....	Post 83
Robt. B. Boylan.....	Post 87
M. A. Mesrifield.....	Post 88
A. A. Carr.....	Post 93
James K. P. Furgison.....	Post 100
Henry Maltoon.....	Post 108
R. A. Beach.....	Post 110
J. J. Holmes.....	Post 111
Marden Sabin.....	Post 135
Willard Stearns.....	Post 140
A. D. Luce.....	Post 145
David S. Howard.....	Post 147
Thos. J. Blair.....	Post 158
J. J. Cornwall.....	Post 166
Joshua B. Kribbs.....	Post 176
F. H. Bacon.....	Post 182
E. H. Jacobs.....	Post 205
F. W. Bechtold.....	Post 206
J. B. Frost.....	Post 209
Oscar Bartlett.....	Post 233
Arba Harris.....	Post 234
Wm. Van Geesen.....	Post 259
H. S. Evans.....	Post 274
Bently Cook.....	Post 288
W. Miller.....	Post 294
John Morean.....	Post 307
William Downing.....	Post 316
B. G. Webster.....	Post 318
Geo. Mack.....	Post 326
Geo. H. Godfrey.....	Post 350
James Kelly.....	Post 352
Jas. E. Horton.....	Post 370
A. O'Brien.....	Post 377
Chas. Kaufman.....	Post 393
D. L. Kline.....	Post 395
Perry Crane.....	Post 398
A. C. Gillett.....	Post 405
Samuel Atwood.....	Post 410
L. G. Wilcox.....	Post 419
C. A. Peasley.....	Post 445
A. J. Teall.....	Post 452
Benjamin Franklin.....	Post 453

Upon the receipt of this order, the Commander of Posts where no inspector has been appointed, will detail a comrade to act as assistant inspector, who will at once arrange the details for inspection so that the work may be properly performed and report forwarded within the time specified, viz., December 31st.

SOLDIER'S RECORDS.

8. The Adjutant General of the State of Michigan is now distributing "*The Records of Michigan Soldiers in the Civil War.*" These are published, each regiment in a volume by itself. Every comrade who served in a Michigan regiment is entitled to a copy of his regiment free, by paying postage, 10 cents. Write to the Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., for blank applications.

By Command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of all comrades who enlisted from Michigan in the Regular U. S. Army during the Civil War. Information is wanted to complete records. Send address to Adjutant General, Lansing, Michigan.

The address of any of the officers of the 6th Michigan Volunteers, who served in the campaign of Port Hudson, La., May, 1863. Also the address of secretary of the Regimental Association, by John A. Vanderbilt, 129 East 165 St., New York City, N. Y.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, MICH., MARCH 14, 1905. }

General Orders No. 7, Series 1904-1905.

1. The attention of Post Commanders and Comrades is called to General Orders No. 5, current series, from National Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, copies of which are transmitted herewith. They contain information concerning the next National Encampment of the G. A. R., to be held in Denver, Col., September next.

Posts and Comrades intending to attend the National Encampment should make early arrangements for the same.

2. The attention of Comrades is called to Circular Letter No. 1 of National Headquarters. Let Michigan's share in the distribution of flowers on the graves of those who fell upon the field of battle, be a liberal one and worthy of this great Department.

3. Attention is also called to the addition made to the Burial Service, ordered by the Thirty-Eighth National Encampment. Slips with the addition to be used are enclosed herewith. Commanders are instructed to see that they are pasted in the service books, between pages 46 and 47, as designated.

4. At a meeting of the Department Council of Administration, held in Detroit, February 20th, June 20th and 21st were selected as dates for holding the next Annual Department Encampment at Traverse City.

5. McPherson Post No. 18, G. A. R., and citizens of Traverse City co-operating, will arrange for the holding of the 27th Department Encampment on the dates mentioned, by the appointment of such committees as may be necessary, and upon their organization will report to these Headquarters.

6. Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, accompanied by Adjutant General J. E. Gilman will be present and speak at the Camp-fire on the evening of June 20th. Their presence will add interest and pleasure to the encampment.

7. Further information relative to railroad rates, limitation of tickets, etc., will be given in full in future orders.

Delegates and Comrades are requested to make their arrangements for attending the encampment at an early date.

A royal welcome will be extended to the Department and Comrades by the generous and loyal people of Traverse City.

8. Headquarters of the Department will be established at the Park Place Hotel.

9. Upon recommendation of their respective Post Commanders the following additional named Comrades have been appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

James K. Periman.....	Post 110
U. C. Case.....	Post 125
Henry Nichols.....	Post 176
John Williams.....	Post 182
A. B. Knapp.....	Post 294

The Comrades appointed will notify the Assistant Adjutant General of their acceptance, when commissions will be issued.

10. The Department Roster for 1905 has been delayed, awaiting reports of officers from several Posts. It is now ready for the printer and will be issued in about two weeks.

11. Comrade Winfield S. Sly, Special Aide in charge of Patriotic Instruction in the Public Schools, Department of Michigan, G. A. R., desires to secure, for the benefit of pupils of our schools, incidents and sketches or extended flag histories, to be written or dictated by the Comrades who followed or carried the flag; to this end he will pay \$20.00 for the best incident or history of any regimental flag, containing not more than 2,000 words. The sketch or history to be sent to his address, No. 217 North Pine St., Lansing, Mich., on or before July 4th, 1905.

12. Prizes will again be offered to the pupils of our public schools for best essays on historical and patriotic subjects; circulars with full information will be sent to the schools during the current month.

13. Comrades: The threshold of another year has been crossed and the Department Commander sends greetings and well wishes to every comrade of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R.

The new officers of the Posts have assumed their duties and all are looking forward to a year of earnest work. Let us strive to make the year a memorable one for our loved order. Let every Comrade resolve that he will do all in his power "to sustain the great objects of our order." These are not idle words, but an earnest appeal for every Officer and Comrade to put forth renewed efforts for the up-building of every Post in the Department.

14. The Department Commander wishes to congratulate the following Posts on the substantial gain in membership as shown in reports: Posts No. 9, 35, 110, 252, 264, 370, 413, and 460. Though not the largest Posts in the Department, their increase in membership has been from 22 to 40 per cent. Their example is worthy of emulation.

15. The following Posts having failed to end in their Semi-Annual

Reports for the term ending December 31, 1904, they are reported as delinquent: Posts No. 186, 195, 267, 362, 381, 396, 429.

16. "In union there is strength." Our Department is large, covers a large territory and in membership stands 7th in the National Department. Let it be our aim to maintain this position. Among the Posts of the Department some are strong and some are weak. "Let it be the effort of the strong to help the weak." It is especially urged that the more favored Posts visit and encourage by their presence the less favored ones, and thus stimulate new life, knowing what joy and blessing you will receive by having done what you could.

By Command of

Official: FAYETTE WYCKOFF, Asst. Adjt. General.
GEO. H. HOPKINS, Department Commander.

NOTICE—There will be a reunion of the survivors of the First Michigan Infantry at Detroit in June. The Detroit resident members of that organization intend that their old comrades shall have a good time and desire a large attendance. The membership is scattered all over the State and there is no reliable mailing list. All survivors who will send their address to Marvin Preston, President of the First Michigan Association, No. 33 East High St., Detroit, will receive full information.

Wanted, the addresses of John Cavinah and James Roach, who belonged to Co. B, 24th Mich. Inf., or any other member of said Company who knew Wm. J. Corbett, alias William Hamilton, of same Company, by W. J. Sterling, 478 Arcade Block, Seattle, Wash.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, MICHIGAN, APRIL 24, 1905. }

General Orders No. 8, Series 1904-05.

MEMORIAL DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 30TH.

I. It is the custom and order of the Grand Army of the Republic that the following be read as a part of the exercises on Memorial Day;

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S ADDRESS AT GETTYSBURG.

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we can-

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

This day of blessed memory—more than any other the Nation's Day. The day on which the people stop and think,—and thinking remember what the proper observation of the holy hour means,—that they do not forget the past, but are thankful for the patriotism, courage and devotion of those who settled the question which Lincoln at Gettysburg said the nation was then testing, whether “a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal” could long endure;—and settled that momentous question in the affirmative. By that settlement they gave peace to a united country and a new hope and bow of promise to every liberty loving patriot of every land.

II. Comrades and fellow citizens of all classes and every faith, lay aside for the day the cares and pleasures of the hour and join in a tribute of love and affection to those who died to make men free. Scatter flowers with loving hands o'er honored graves, and dedicate ourselves anew to the new birth of freedom. Posts are urged to invite all Auxiliary organizations, Patriotic societies, and especially the children and youth of the State, to join in a fitting observance of the day.

III. Post Commanders with their Posts should attend divine service on the Sunday preceding Memorial Day.

By Command of
GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
LANSING, MAY, 1905. }

General Orders No. 9, Series 1904-05.

1. As previously announced the Twenty-seventh Annual Department Encampment will be held at Traverse City, June 20 and 21. Headquarters will be established at the Park Place Hotel, Monday, June 19, at 8 a. m.

2. The Executive Committee, Council of Administration, will meet at headquarters, Park Place Hotel, on Monday, June 19, at 10 a. m.

for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster General and the Assistant Adjutant General.

3. The Council of Administration will meet at headquarters room on June 19th at 2:30 p. m. for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

4. The encampment will meet for its first session at 10 a. m., Tuesday, June 20th, at the City Opera House.

5. The Committee on Credentials will consist of the Assistant Adjutant General and the following comrades:

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

W. W. Dean, Post 18, Traverse City.

Henry Spaulding, Post 20, Hartford.

The Credential Committee will meet at the Park Place Hotel on Monday, June 19th, at 2 p. m., and continue in session until the convening of the encampment, when the committee will be found at the City Opera House. Delegates and members of the encampment will as soon as possible after their arrival report to the Credential Committee and receive their delegate badge; without it none will be admitted to the floor of the encampment. Delegates must call in person for their badge. No badge will be issued to alternates unless the delegate is absent. Past Post Commanders cannot be represented by alternates.

In the absence of a Post Commander the Senior or Junior Vice Commander may represent his Post.

6. The Michigan Passenger Association have authorized for the encampment a rate of one fare (but not less than one and one-half cents per mile in each direction locally on the G. R. & I. Ry.) plus twenty-five cents, for the round trip to Traverse City from all points in the Lower Peninsula, except that from points from which the regular one way fare to Traverse City is less than \$1.00, the additional twenty-five cents will not be required. Tickets to be sold going June 17, 18, 19 and 20, limited to return to and including June 23d for the Lower Peninsula and from points in the Upper Peninsula tickets to be sold June 17th and 18th good to return up to and including June 24, 1905.

Comrades and friends attending the encampment and desiring to remain longer than June 23d can avail themselves of the regular summer tourists rates, which are sold at an approximate rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip.

7. Comrade F. D. Marvin of Post No. 18, will act as Officer of the Day, and Comrade M. H. Morse, of the same Post, as Officer of the Guard, to serve during the encampment. They will report to Favette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, at the Park Place Hotel, on Tuesday morning, June 20th, at 8 o'clock, for instructions.

The Commander of McPherson Post No. 18 will detail a sufficient number of guards to serve during the encampment, who will report to the Officer of the Day for duty in uniform and with arms.

8. The annual parade will take place on Tuesday, June 20th, at 1:30 p. m., and will be in charge of Comrade Geo. W. Stone, Chief of Staff, with such aids as he may appoint. As many Posts as can be requested to attend in a body and bring their flags and banners. Not over twenty minutes will be occupied in covering the line of march.

9. The Department Commander is pleased to announce that Commander-in-Chief Wilmon W. Blackmar, and Adjutant General John E. Gilman will visit the encampment and also deliver addresses at the Camp Fire on the evening of June 20th.

10. On Monday evening, June 19th, the citizens of Traverse City will give a reception to the National Commander-in-Chief and Staff, the Department Commander and Staff, the Department Officials of the W. R. C. and the Ladies of the G. A. R. Rousing camp fires will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, June 20th and 21st, under the direction of the local committee. Many prominent citizens and members of the G. A. R. have been invited to be present and will speak.

11. It is hoped that many of the regimental associations will avail themselves of the encampment and the low rate of railroad fare and hold their regimental reunions at the time of the encampment.

12. Comrades desiring to secure rooms and board during the encampment can secure the same by addressing Hon. E. J. Fulghum, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The Entertainment Committee has prepared a blank and sent out to all Posts asking the Comrades to fill out, stating whether they wish hotel or private house accommodation.

The following hotel rates are announced: Park Place Hotel, accommodates 150; rates \$2 to \$3 per day. Hotel Whiting, accommodates 200; rates, \$1.50 to \$2 per day. Hotel Columbia, accommodates 54; rates, \$1.50 per day. Cottage Home, accommodates 40; rates, \$1.50 per day. Lelanau Hotel, accommodates 35; rates, \$1 to \$1.50.

The committee states they will be able to furnish four or five hundred accommodations in private houses at the rate of a dollar a day.

13. The citizens of Traverse City will give to the Comrades of the Department of Michigan, G. A. R., a most cordial welcome and to carry out this purpose have appointed the following excellent committees:

Executive Committee—Judge Lorin Roberts, Post Commander M. D. Morgan, Prof. I. B. Gilbert, P. C. Gilbert, Hon. T. T. Bates, Hon. E. W. Hastings, Hon. E. J. Fulghum and Robert E. Walter.

Committee on Entertainment—Hon. E. J. Fulghum, Prof. I. B. Gilbert, Hon. James W. Milliken and Charles E. Murray.

14. The Department Headquarters at Lansing will be closed June 17th and transferred to Traverse City, where they will be established during the Encampment, and reopened at Lansing as soon after the encampment as possible.

15. The 128th anniversary of the birth of the American Flag "Old Glory" occurs on Wednesday, June 14th. The Department Commander urges that Posts arrange for the proper observance of the day and requests that the homes and business places of the Comrades be decorated with the Flag of our Country on that day.

16. The Department Officers will prepare their reports and transmit a copy of the same to the Assistant Adjutant General not later than June 10th.

17. Blanks for the reports of Post Chaplains as to the observance of Memorial Day accompany these orders. Post Adjutants will see that these blanks are placed in the hands of Post Chaplains, who will fill out and mail to the Department Chaplain on the day following Memorial Day, while the events of the day are fresh in mind. Where there is no Post Chaplain to report the Post Adjutant will fill out and forward the report.

18. The attention of Comrades is called to "House Enrolled Act No. 91 and House Enrolled Act No. 259, Session of 1905, copies of

which accompany these orders. These laws were given immediate effect and have been approved by the Governor. They are of general interest to all and should be read and filed away for reference.

Official: **FAYETTE WYCKOFF,**
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., JULY 7, 1904. }

TO BOSTON—AUGUST, 1904.

Special Orders No. 1.

Route for Special Headquarters' train as selected by the Committee on Transportation and approved by the Department Commander, is as follows: Wabash Railroad, Detroit to Buffalo; West Shore Railroad to Rotterdam Junction; Boston and Maine Railroad, Rotterdam Junction to Boston. Train will leave Union Station, corner Fort and Third streets, Detroit, Saturday, August 13th, 1904, 1:00 p. m. Arrive in Boston, Sunday, August 14th, 1904, 11:00 a. m.

There will be a dining car on the special. Supper at Buffalo; breakfast at Greenfield.

This train going will run through solid from Detroit to Boston.

TICKETS.

The fare for the round trip from Detroit to Boston and return will be \$14.90.

From other points in Michigan add one cent per mile in each direction from starting point to Detroit.

Tickets will be on sale August 12th, 13th and 14th from the Lower Peninsula, and from the Upper Peninsula August 11th, 12th and 13th. Good for return to leave Boston not earlier than August 16th, nor later than August 20th, on being validated by Joint Agent.

EXTENSION OF TICKETS.

To secure extension of tickets, tickets must be deposited with Joint Agent, No. 75 Federal Street, Boston; office hours from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m., not later than August 20, 1904, and a fee of 50 cents paid at the time of deposit, on which an extension will be given to leave Boston not later than September 30th, 1904.

Stop-overs will be allowed at Niagara Falls, either going or returning.

SLEEPING CARS.

Sleeping car rates: Cost of double berth in first-class Pullman, \$4.50. Double berth in tourist car, \$2.25.

There will be a limited number of drawing rooms in the palace sleepers, each room containing two lower and one upper berth; cost of which on this train will be \$16.00.

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. The money for space desired must accompany the application in order to secure reservation.

Write to Fayette Wyckoff, Assistant Adjutant General, Lansing, Mich., or A. F. Wolfschlager, Passenger Agent, Wabash Railroad, 9 Fort Street, Detroit, Mich., for space in Sleeper on Department Special.

In addition to the Sleepers the train will contain ordinary coach and reclining chair cars.

Baggage should be plainly marked with the name of owner and should be checked through from starting point to Boston on Michigan G. A. R. Special.

RAILROAD CONNECTION.

Pere Marquette and other roads will run regular, and special trains if required from points on their lines to connect with the Special Headquarter's train leaving Detroit at 1 p. m., Saturday, August 13th, 1904.

All lines leading out of Michigan will sell tickets to Boston via New York, if desired. All railroads to Boston from Detroit, \$17.80. Via New York and Sound steamers, \$17.05.

Tickets via New York permit a stop-over at New York of ten days on the return trip only, by depositing ticket with Joint Agent, No. 24 W. 26th Street, New York, immediately upon arrival; and a fee of \$1.00 paid at time of deposit.

A representative of the Wabash Railroad will accompany the Special Headquarter's train.

Detroit Post No. 384, accompanied by the Salem Cadet Band, having tendered their services as escort to the Department Commander for the grand parade at the National Encampment, the same has been accepted.

It is the wish of the Commander that the Department be represented by a large number of the comrades, the W. R. C., Sons of Veterans and other similar organizations. The sale of tickets is not limited to members of the G. A. R. A cordial invitation to join the party is extended to all friends who wish to visit Boston.

By command of

Official:

FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Asst. Adjt. General.

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander.

PARADE OF 38TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON,
AUG. 16, 1905.

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
CAPITOL, LANSING, MICH., AUGUST 12, 1904. }

Special Orders No. 2.

I. Following general orders No. 11 from National Department for the G. A. R. Parade, *Tuesday, August 16th*. The Department of Michigan will form the *17th division* in the parade.

II. All Posts and Organizations in the Department of Michigan will report promptly for the parade at 9 a. m. sharp, to Chief of Staff,

Geo. W. Stone, corner Clarendon and Newberry streets, south of Newberry; column will be formed in files of 12.

III. Detroit Post No. 384 being escort will have the right of the line. Other Posts will be assigned to position in the order of their reporting to the Chief of Staff. Distance between Posts will be twenty feet, between Platoons (single rank, twelve file front) eight feet, which distance will be maintained throughout the march. The column will march *guide left* throughout the route, except when approaching the reviewing stand on Boylston street, when the guide will be changed to right; salutes at the reviewing points will be rendered when within six paces thereof by all colors and by commanding officers of the Posts.

His Excellency the Governor of Massachusetts will review the column at the State House on Beacon street. His Honor the Mayor of Boston at the City Hall on School street. The Commander-in-Chief at the reviewing stand on Boylston street.

After passing the Commander-in-Chief in review, the Department will follow the Commander to the Hotel Brunswick, only two blocks away, where the Department will be dismissed.

IV. It is earnestly desired by the Department Commander that all Comrades from Michigan who are in Boston will join the Department in the parade if physically able to do so. The line of march is less than two miles.

By order of

GEO. H. HOPKINS,
Department Commander,

Official:
FAYETTE WYCKOFF,
Assistant Adjutant General.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Department of Michigan, G. A. R., Headquarters at Hotel Brunswick, corner Boylston and Clarendon streets. All Comrades should call and register immediately after arrival in the city.

If you expect to stay in Boston or vicinity later than the 20th be sure and deposit your ticket with the Joint Agency, 75 Federal street (near the postoffice), before the 20th.

Tuesday evening, August 16th, a Monster Campfire at Mechanics' Building.

Wednesday, Session of the Encampment at Symphony Hall.

Wednesday evening, 4,000 canoes brilliantly illuminated will maneuver on Charles river, at the same time you can witness a magnificent display of fireworks.

Throughout the week the "White Squadron" will be in Boston Harbor and visitors will have opportunity to visit some of the Nation's noted warships.

STATUTE LAWS.

Laws of Michigan affecting Veterans passed by the Legislative Session of 1905.

[Act No. 39, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to provide for the burial of the bodies of certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines or the wives or widows of said soldiers, sailors or marines in this State, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses, and to repeal act number two hundred forty-two of the public acts of 1899.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. 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 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 and respectable manner in any cemetery or burial ground within this State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense not to exceed forty dollars, the body of any honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine having served in the army or navy of the United States, during the civil war or the late war with Spain, or the wives or widows of such soldiers, who shall hereafter die not having means sufficient to defray the necessary funeral expenses. Such person so appointed shall serve without compensation, and shall hold his appointment so long as he serves to the satisfaction of the board of supervisors; and whenever any vacancy occurs from any cause, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to fill such vacancy by the appointment of another suitable person.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the person so appointed, as provided 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, or the wife or widow of any soldier, sailor or marine as aforesaid, if he or she had any at the time of his or her decease, residing in such township or ward, is unable for want of means, to defray the expense of such funeral or burial, whereupon, if he finds such inability to exist, he shall cause such deceased soldier, sailor or marine or the deceased wife or widow of such 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 or she 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 such soldier, sailor or marine belonged, and in case of such wife or widow, the rank and command to which her husband or deceased husband belonged, the date of his or her death, place where buried and his or her occupation while living; also, an accurately itemized statement of the expenses incurred by reason of such burial.

Section 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 or the deceased wife or widow of the same. 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 is now or may hereafter be 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. And also, to cause a suitable headstone to be placed at the head of the deceased wife or widow of such soldier, sailor or marine, if the same shall now or hereafter be provided by act of congress.

Section 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.

Section 5. Act number two hundred forty-two of the public acts of eighteen hundred ninety-nine, is hereby repealed.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved March 30, 1905.

[Act No. 110, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to authorize townships, cities and villages to appropriate money to defray the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration Day.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. It shall be lawful for the township board of any township, the board of trustees of any village or the common council of any city in this State, to appropriate money for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the proper observance of Memorial or Decoration Day: Provided, That the amount expended in any one year under the provisions of this act shall be limited as follows: In any township, city or village having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; in any village containing not less than five thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars; in any village or city containing not less than ten thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred twenty-five dollars, and in any village or city containing not less than twenty thousand inhabitants, a sum not exceeding one hundred fifty dollars. The sums hereby authorized to be appropriated shall be assessed, levied and collected in the same manner as other expenses of such township, village or city are assessed, levied and collected.

Section 2. The manner and extent of such observance of Memorial or Decoration Day shall be under the direction of the township board of the township, board of trustees of the village or common council of the city, as the case may be, and the expense thereof shall be paid in the same manner as other expenses of such township, village or city are paid.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved May 10, 1905.

[Act No. 239, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to make an appropriation for designating by monuments the locations occupied by the second, eighth, twelfth, fifteenth, seventeenth, twentieth and twenty-seventh regiments of Michigan Infantry; and Batteries G and H, First Michigan Light Artillery who participated in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg, within the Vicksburg National Military Park, and providing for the erection of the same.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. That the sum of ten 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 within the Vicksburg National Military Park, to designate the positions occupied in the campaign and siege of Vicksburg by the second, eighth, twelfth, fifteenth, seventeenth, twentieth and twenty-seventh regiments of Michigan Infantry, and Batteries G and H, First Michigan Light Artillery. Said sum to be expended under the supervision of the Vicksburg Military Park Commission, created by act number two hundred forty, Public Acts of nineteen hundred three, who shall receive no pay for their services, except for necessary and actual expense and clerk hire, while engaged in their duties.

Section 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 observations and pertinent in its relation thereto, shall be embraced in their report as the commission shall think proper.

Section 3. The Auditor General of the State shall add to and incorporate in the State tax for the year one thousand nine hundred five the sum of ten 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 June 16, 1905.

[Act No. 276, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the Michigan Soldiers' Home for building and special purposes, and for current expenses, for the fiscal years ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, and June thirty, nineteen hundred seven, and to provide a tax therefor.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. There is hereby appropriated for the current expenses of the Michigan Soldiers' Home for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, the sum of one hundred forty-five thousand dollars, and for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred seven, the sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars.

Section 2. The further sum of seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June thirty, nineteen hundred six, for purposes and amounts as follows: For a hospital building, with accommodations for three hundred patients, seventy-five thousand dollars; for extension of water mains and steam pipes, two thousand five hundred dollars: Provided, That if the amount designated in this section for any of the purposes stated be insufficient to complete the work or purchase, any surplus remaining after the completion of the other work or purchases specified in this section, may, by obtaining the consent of the State Board of Corrections and Charities and Auditor General, in writing, before any expense in excess of the specific appropriation is incurred, be used in the account or accounts where such deficiency seems unavoidable, the intent of this proviso being to make the entire seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars available for the purposes stated herein, if in the judgment of the State Board of Corrections and Charities and Auditor General, it is deemed advisable to make the transfers for which provision is hereby made.

Section 3. The several sums appropriated by the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the State treasury to the treasurer of the Michigan Soldiers' Home at such times and in such amounts as the general accounting laws of the State prescribe, and the disbursing officer shall render his accounts to the Auditor General thereunder.

Section 4. The Auditor General shall incorporate in the State tax for the year nineteen hundred five the sum of two hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars, and for the year nineteen hundred six the sum of one hundred fifty-five thousand dollars, which, when collected, shall be credited to the general fund to reimburse the same for the money hereby appropriated.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 16, 1905.

[Act No. 313, Public Acts 1905.]

AN ACT to provide for the disposition of the money now or hereafter accumulated in the "post fund" and the "posthumous fund" of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Section 1. The money on hand in the post fund and in the posthumous fund of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and such money as may hereafter accumulate in said funds, may be expended by the board of managers of said home, in furnishing the new hospital, and for such other purposes for the benefit of the said home and the inmates thereof, as the said board of managers may, in its discretion, determine.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Approved June 17, 1905.

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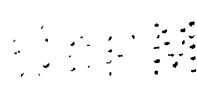
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