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OF THE

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

OF

# Ladies' Aid Societies,

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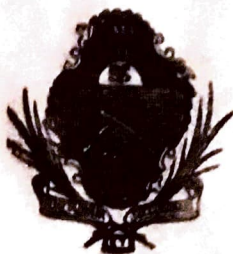
## Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

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# LADIES' AID SOCIETY.



## Proceedings of the First National Encampment, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

HELD AT AKRON, OHIO, SEPT. 7TH AND 8TH, 1887.

Encampment called to order September 7th, 2 P. M., at  
Buckley Hall, G. A. R.

- ✓ MISS LAURA F. MARTIN, *National President*,
- MISS MINNIE FOLTZ, *Acting Vice President*,
- MISS LIZZIE KIEHL, *Secretary*,
- MISS JENNIE CLARK, *Acting Treasurer*,
- MRS. JOSIE MARTIN, *Acting Chaplain*,
- MISS MARY YOUNG, *Acting Guide*,
- ✓ MRS. ELLA L. JONES, *Acting Past President*,
- MISS JESSIE LIMRIC, *Acting Inner Guard*,
- MISS REGINA REIMER, *Acting Outer Guard*.

Encampment opened in due form. The President appointed  
the following Committee on Credentials :

- MRS. F. A. GURNEY, Illinois,
- MRS. C. E. A. KUHN, Allegheny, Pa.,
- MISS JENNIE CLARK, Ohio.

Recess of fifteen minutes was then taken to give the commit-  
tee time to report. The Committee on Credentials reported as  
follows :

MISS LAURA F. MARTIN, *National President*.

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that  
the following delegates are present and we find them entitled  
voice and vote in this First National Encampment :

Miss Laura F. Martin, Nat. President, Lancaster, Pa.,  
 Miss Lizzie Kiehl, Nat. Secretary, Lancaster, Pa.,  
 Mrs. A. P. Davis, Life Member, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
 Mrs. A. E. Kuhn, L. A. S. No. 2, Allegheny, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Jennie V. Brooks, L. A. S. No. 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
 Mrs. Ella L. Jones, L. A. S. No. 3, Altoona, Pa.,  
 Mrs. F. A. Gurney, Prov. Div. Pres., L. A. S. No. 3, Grand  
 Crossing, Ill.,  
 Miss Iola Hopkins, L. A. S. No. 5, Englewood, Ill.,  
 Miss Alice Gragg, L. A. S. No. 2, Peoria, Ill.,  
 Mrs. Josie Martin, Div. Pres. L, A. S. No. 2, Malvern, Ohio,  
 Miss Jennie Crumbecker, L. A. S. No. 2, Malvern, Ohio,  
 Miss Martha Stewart, L. A. S. No. 3, Middleport, Ohio,  
 Miss Lilla Jackson, L. A. S. No. 4, Springfield, Ohio,  
 Mrs. Emma E. Deeds, L. A. S. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio,  
 Miss Minnie Foltz, L. A. S. No. 8, Akron, Ohio,  
 Miss Anna Hummer, L. A. S. No. 10, Wooster, Ohio,  
 Miss Lee Hillis, L. A. S. No. 1, Barnesville, Ohio,  
 Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, Div. Delegate, L. A. S. No. 4,  
 Springfield, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MRS. F. A. GURNEY, }  
 MRS. A. E. KUHN, } *Committee.*  
 MISS J. M. CLARK, }

Moved by Sister Ella L. Jones and duly seconded that the  
 report on Credentials be received; carried. The roll of members  
 was then called and those mentioned by Credential Committee  
 responded. Reports of Officers were then called.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES OF THE SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }  
LANCASTER, PA., AUGUST 27, 1887.

*Sisters of the First National Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies :*

Upon assuming command of Eastern Pennsylvania Division, June 13, 1885, I found the Division consisted of seven Societies all in good condition, considering the circumstances under which they were organized. Nothing however was known of the Ladies' Aid Societies outside of Eastern Pennsylvania. Shortly after the Milton Encampment I wrote a communication to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, with a view of spreading our Association to other states. Major A. P. Davis, the founder of the Sons of Veterans, kindly presented it at the meeting at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September, 1885. How ably Major Davis worked for us is shown by the fact, that the following resolution was adopted and passed :

"WHEREAS, The Commandery-in-Chief, at its last annual meeting, held in Philadelphia, Pa., August 27th, 28th and 29th, 1884, duly recognized and favorably endorsed the organization known as the "Ladies' Aid Societies of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.;" be it hereby

*Resolved*, That all Brothers of our Order be requested to give the movement such kindly encouragement and support as their situation and circumstances will admit of, and that the Commander-in-Chief, Grand Division, Division and Camp Commanders, and all others interested, aid in establishment of Societies ; and that in accordance with the request of the President, Miss Laura F. Martin, of Lancaster, Pa., they advance to her order, in the shape of a temporary loan, such moderate amounts as her appeal indicates will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the case."

Having become impressed with the belief that the time was now at hand when we could with safety and success extend our Association, and make it a National body, as President of the Senior Division, I was induced to take charge of the movement, and introduce the Order all over the country. I would have hesitated to assume the responsibility, and trust to act as Provisional National President, if it had not been that I was kindly promised the cordial co-operation and support of different prominent Brothers of the Sons of Veterans, upon whose judgment and experience I felt we could rely, and the often repeated assurance and widely spread belief, that our Association could be made, in time, a most valuable auxiliary in carrying out the principles and objects of the Sons of Veterans, upon which our structure is based and reared. The greatest obstacle in our way was the lack of funds necessary to equip the National Headquarters in a proper way, this was, however, overcome through the kindness of Major Davis, who had interested himself in our Order, and freely spent his time and money in our behalf. By his efforts, about Jan. 1st, 1886, the National Headquarters was completely supplied with all the necessary Blanks, Constitutions, Rituals, Charters, etc., costing in the aggregate about \$312.03, since then he has provided for our use a full equipment of most acceptable and appropriate designs for Badges, Seals, Rank Straps, etc. On receipt of the supplies the National Headquarters immediately issued a circular, prepared for the purpose of giving a description of our Order. The Colonels of the different Divisions kindly consented to enclose the circulars with their General

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Orders, and heartily endorse the Order. The work accomplished by the circulars was beyond our greatest expectations, as we now have Societies in almost every State where the Sons of Veterans are known as an Order, and I am happy to inform you, the Societies are all in a most flourishing condition, with every prospect of the brightest future.

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

The oldest Division of our Order has from seven Societies increased to seventeen. This Division held its annual encampment for 1887, at Shenandoah. Mrs. Thomas, of Scranton, was elected Division President. The reports of the different officers show this parent Division to be in a most flourishing condition with every promise of continuing to be the banner Division.

#### WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

This Division consists of six Societies, and the roll of membership of some of Western Pennsylvania Aids are the largest in the Order. Mrs. Sophia Beck, of Pittsburgh, is the Provisional Division President, and has proven herself very efficient and ardent, in working for the Ladies' Aid Societies, and Sons of Veterans, during the past year.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF EAST AND WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

As the two Divisions of Pennsylvania have consolidated, I was advised to issue one set of numbers to the Aid Societies, which I have been doing for the past eight months, and would request the two Divisions to meet at the same time and place next year, and consolidate, elect officers and work under one Division Charter.

#### OHIO.

The Ohio Division is next to Pennsylvania in the number of Ladies' Aid Societies and with Mrs. Josie Martin as its President, we know it will meet with success and enjoy a year of continued progress.

#### ILLINOIS.

Although the time is short since the first Society was organized in this State, yet to-day it has seven good working Societies, all interested in the work. Mrs. F. A. Gurney, Provisional Division President—with this Sister at its head I feel confident Illinois will meet with the success it deserves.

#### IOWA.

Miss Carrie Pace, the Provisional Division President, is doing all in her power, to extend the Order. There are four excellent Societies in this Division with quite a number of applications on file.

#### CALIFORNIA.

California Division has been fortunate in securing for its leading officer Mrs. Helen M. H. Burnett. She is a hard worker and her reports of the Division have been most encouraging and gratifying.

## KANSAS DIVISION.

This Division consists of three Societies with Mrs. Anna B. Waldron as Provisional Division President. The reports from this Division show the Aids all to be in a good condition. The following States will in time have strong Divisions. No doubt during the coming year there will be a sufficient number of Societies organized to form the Divisions :

Michigan	with Mrs. Emma Carlisle,	Prov. Division President,
Maine	" " Kate D. Jackson,	" " "
Vermont	" " Hattie Colvin,	" " "
New Jersey	" Miss Gertrude Dugan,	" " "
Dakota	" " Elsie Wheelock,	" " "

Societies are also organized in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Indiana, District of Columbia and Missouri. All have reported a steady gain in membership and great interest manifested in the work. There are 71 flourishing Societies in the United States and the total membership is nearly 6,000.

Obstacles, which have been many, I am happy to state, we have overcome. We had no supplies, no money, nothing whatever, with which to extend our work, when Major Davis kindly, at his own expense, equipped the National Headquarters with everything needed. About this time the Daughters of Veterans, a rival society, was trying to gain some headway, but we succeeded in procuring the endorsement of the Commander-in-Chief, all Division Commanders and Captains, in that way we displaced our rivals and seeing the inevitable many of their societies and members joined the Ladies' Aid Societies and are to-day active workers in its cause.

### SUPPLIES.

I was obliged to sell Charter and Society packages to new Societies to liquidate our debt. The packages consisted of the following :

1 Roll Book,	18 Constitutions,
1 Black Book,	12 Odes,
1 Ledger,	24 Membership Blanks,
1 Minute Book,	3 Prayer Cards,
1 Cash Book,	12 Quarterly Reports,
1 Descriptive Book,	1 Pkg. Receipts of Evening.
3 Rituals.	

Cost was \$10.00. I allowed no Society to be organized and admitted without being chartered. A small amount of supplies have been sold owing to the Societies being newly organized. The blank books are patterned after those used by the Sons of Veterans but can be used by all the Aids. I purchased them from National Headquarters of Sons of Veterans and have put the vouchers on file for the same. We have a full line of all supplies which I am ready to hand over to my successor. I must acknowledge I have been perhaps too liberal with the supplies, for I have given away a large amount. It has been my pleasure to visit Milton Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies, also Encampment at Mt. Carmel and the Societies at Lebanon and Steelton : was present at the mustering of the Society at Pitts-

burg, Pa. Immediately upon assuming command of the National work, requested Miss Lizzie Kiehl, of Lancaster, Pa., to act as Secretary. She has most faithfully performed her task. No one but myself can fully appreciate the valuable services she has rendered. Miss Kiehl and myself doing all the work, we were at first kept very busy, sending out circulars, constitutions and blanks, writing letters to organize Societies, etc. We put forth our best efforts and are now prepared to inform you of our progress.

#### BADGES, SEALS, ELECTROS, ETC.

We have now an elegant and beautiful National Badge. The credit of its design is due to Major Davis, he having charge of the Badges, Seals, etc., holding the position of Ordinance Officer in the Sons of Veterans. I earnestly requested him to take charge of the same, in the Ladies' Aid Societies, which he consented to do. We have Seals which are finely engraved, and of the best make and material. Electros are also for sale, and are of the finest Electrotpe. I would recommend that Major Davis continue to have charge of the same.

#### EXPENSE.

During the two years and three months of my administration, I have been able to pay Major Davis on account, the sum of \$275.00, which was raised through the sale of Charters and Supplies to Societies, and the receipts of per capita tax. A full account of which will be found among my vouchers, and in the finance report.

#### REPORTS

The most encouraging reports concerning the work have been received at Headquarters from Division and Society Presidents, which have greatly brightened the burdens of the year, as they proved our efforts were meeting with their reward. We have now a noble band of Ladies, united together, with the great object in view of assisting the Sons of Veterans in all their work of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

The steadfast faith in the work of our Societies is manifested in our loyal Ladies by their perseverance to overcome those annoying obstacles so often met with in all new organizations, and I hope our Order will continue to meet with success. With the out-look now before us, I can safely assert that we are fast building our structure on a lasting and permanent foundation. To all my sisters in the work we have undertaken, I am under lasting obligations for their earnest co-operation and support. My relation with all the members of our Order, has been of a pleasant nature. To the Division Presidents who have so faithfully assisted in promoting the work, I return my personal thanks for their many favors. To Major A. P. Davis, a worthy member of the G. A. R., and by special vote a life member of the Sons of Veterans and Ladies' Aid Societies, and who has by his many acts of kindness proved himself a true and faithful friend of our Order, I return my warmest thanks and assure him of the great esteem the members of our Association entertain for him. I would most heartily acknowledge the sympathy and ready reply to all communications I have received from Gen. Walter S.

Payne, and all the National Officers of the Sons of Veterans who have given us kind words and support, also the Division Colonels who have spoken and worked so much in our behalf, and to each and all the Sons of Veterans who have so kindly and earnestly enlisted themselves in the advancement of our interest. In behalf of the Ladies' Aid Societies, I wish the Sons of Veterans the success they deserve, and may God bless and ennoble all those who come under their Fraternal, Charitable and Patriotic influence.

To the Sons of Veterans' Reveille and Camp Fire, I am under deep obligations for the space devoted to our interest in their valuable journals, and all they have done so cheerfully to advance our cause.

I am ready to acknowledge I have made many mistakes, they were made, not to hurt anyone's feelings, but because at the time, I thought they were best for the Order, and assure my successor, I am willing, and will cheerfully assist her in the work of our Association. I recommend this work of love to you.

Respectfully and Fraternally,

MISS L. F. MARTIN,

*Provisional National President.*

LANCASTER, PA., AUGUST 29, 1887.

*Miss President and Sisters* : I have the honor to submit the following report : By the earnest request of Laura F. Martin, the Provisional National President of the Ladies' Aid Societies, I accepted the position of Secretary. How well the duties have been performed I leave for your judgment and decision. I thought at the time I accepted the position I fully realized the amount of work that would devolve upon me, but it required only a short time to find out that I did not. Circulars and letters introducing our Societies were sent out all over the country. I have written very many letters in the interest of our Order. The result of the circulars was far beyond my most sanguine expectations, as we now have Societies in almost every State where Sons of Veterans are organized. In Eastern Pennsylvania and Ohio the Societies held their annual encampments. In many of the states Provisional Division Presidents have been appointed, and all are using their best efforts to extend our work. We have also succeeded in paying all but a small portion of our debt. This, however, has not been accomplished without a hard struggle. Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., furnished the National Headquarters with all the needed supplies about January 1, 1886. The cost of the goods was \$312.03. Since then he has furnished supplies amounting to \$6.40. The total amount is \$318.43. The National Headquarters issued four General Orders and two Circulars, with a copy of the resolution passed at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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## MEMBERSHIP.

I must congratulate the members of our Order on the grand progress we are making by the increased membership of the different Aids, and the number of new Societies formed, with quite a number of applications on file. The following is a roster of the Societies in the United States :

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. 16

Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Scranton, Pa., Division President.

NUMBER AND NAME OF SOCIETY.	PRESIDENT.
No. 1.—Danville, - - -	Miss Mary Brown.
" 2.—Milton, - - -	" Sallie Murphy.
" 3.—Shamokin, - - -	" Sadie Girten.
" 6.—Reading, - - -	" Mary Row.
" 7.—Lancaster, - - -	" Lizzie Kiehl.
" 8.—Mt. Carmel, - - -	Mrs. J. J. Tobias.
" 9.—Ashland, - - -	Miss Ella Reece.
" 10.—Scranton, - - -	" Lizzie Mayer.
" 11.—Philadelphia, - - -	Mrs. C. Marshall.
" 12.—Berwick, - - -	" Lizzie Smith.
" 13.—Shenandoah, - - -	" Sarah Daddon.
" 14.—Peckville, - - -	" T. H. Stage.
" 15.—Lebanon, - - -	" C. A. Rank.
" 16.—Great Bend, - - -	" Sarah Wolcott.
" 17.—Steelton, - - -	" L. List.
" 22.—Athens, - - -	" B. E. Heath.

## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA. 6

Mrs. Sophia Beck, Pittsburg, Pa., Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Pittsburg, - - -	Mrs. Sophia Beck.
" 2.—Allegheny, - - -	" C. E. Kuhn.
" 3.—Altoona, - - -	" A. J. Hawksworth.
" 21.—Pittsburg, - - -	" Jennie Brooks.
" 23.—Blairsville, - - -	" W. H. Still.
" 24.—Carbondale, - - -	" W. C. Mathews.

## MASSACHUSETTS. 2

No. 1.—Haverhill, - - -	Mrs. Mary Goodwin.
" 2.—Stoughton, - - -	" Hattie Chapin.

## MICHIGAN. 2

Mrs. Emma Carlisle, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Orangeville, - - -	Mrs. Emma Carlisle.
" 3.—Covert, - - -	" M. Y. Burinell.

## OHIO. 11

Mrs. Josie Martin, Malvern, Ohio, Division President.

No. 1.—Barnesville, - - -	Mrs. Ida M. Patterson.
" 2.—Malvern, - - -	" Josie Martin.

No. 3.—Middleport,	-	-	-	Miss Maud Grant.
" 4.—Springfield,	-	-	-	" Eva E. Delo.
" 5.—Cuyahoga Falls,	-	-	-	Mrs. Emma Deeds.
" 6.—Cleveland,	-	-	-	Miss Laura Downs.
" 7.—Scioto,	-	-	-	Mrs. Emma Slattery.
" 8.—Akron,	-	-	-	Miss Hattie Kimberk.
" 9.—Welsonville,	-	-	-	" Ella Shephard.
" 10.—Wooster,	-	-	-	" Anna Hummer.
" 11.—Cincinnati.				

## NEW YORK. 4

Miss Rosatie Chapello, New York City, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—New York City,	-	-	-	Miss Rosatie Chapello.
" 2.—Amsterdam,	-	-	-	" Roda M. Lusk.
" 3.—Rochester,	-	-	-	Mrs. Cunningham.
" 4.—Syracuse,	-	-	-	Miss Emma Alpeter.

## IOWA. 4

Miss Carrie Pace, Knoxville, Iowa, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Cedar Falls,	-	-	-	Mrs. Carrie Honeywell.
" 2.—Cedar Rapids,	-	-	-	Mrs. Louisa Miller.
" 3.—Knoxville,	-	-	-	Miss Carrie Pace.
" 4.—Burlington,	-	-	-	Miss Virginia Steinmetz.

## MAINE. 2

Mrs. K. D. Jackman, Sherman, Maine, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Sherman,	-	-	-	Mrs. K. D. Jackman.
" 2.—Portland,	-	-	-	Mrs. Carrie P. Elwell.

## KANSAS. 3

Mrs. Anna B. Waldron, Winfield, Kansas, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Winfield,	-	-	-	Mrs. Anna B. Waldron.
" 2.—Ellsworth,	-	-	-	Mrs. Addie Meyers.
" 3.—Hutchinson.				

## ILLINOIS. 7

Mrs. F. A. Gurney, Grand Crossing, Illinois, Provisional Division President.

No. 1.—Rock Island,	-	-	-	Mrs. Frances Shaw.
" 2.—Peoria,	-	-	-	Miss Alice Gragg.
" 3.—Grand Crossing,	-	-	-	Mrs. F. A. Gurney.
" 4.—Clinton,	-	-	-	Miss Hattie Porter.
" 5.—Englewood,	-	-	-	Mrs. H. L. Strong.
" 6.—Lockport,	-	-	-	Miss Sadie Riggs.
" 7.—Bellerville,	-	-	-	Mrs. Josie H. Fueser.

## DAKOTA. 2

Miss Elsie Wheelock, Eden, Dakota, Provisional Division President.

- No. 1.—Eden, - - - Miss Elsie Wheelock.  
 " 2.—Mt. Vernon.

## VERMONT. 2

Mrs. Hattie Colvin, East Wallingford, Vermont, Provisional Division President.

- No. 1.—East Wallingford, - - - Mrs. Hattie Colvin.  
 " 2.—Chelsea, - - - Miss S. Ada Hall.

## CALIFORNIA. 3

Mrs. Helen M. H. Burnett, Eureka, California, Provisional Division President.

- No. 1.—Eureka, - - - Mrs. H. M. H. Burnett.  
 " 2.—Los Angeles, - - - Miss Mary E. Clark.  
 " 3.—Oakland, - - - Mrs. Sarah A. York.

## MISSOURI. /

- No. 1.—Mine La Molte, - - - Mrs. C. Johnson.

## NEW JERSEY. 2

Miss Gertrude Dugan, Gloucester, New Jersey, Provisional Division President.

- No. 1.—Gloucester City, - - - Miss Ella Parsglore.  
 " 2.—Elizabeth.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE. /

- No. 1.—Northwood, - - - Mrs. Emma E. Knowlton.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. /

- No. 1.—Washington, - - - Miss A. Cassiday.

## CONNECTICUT. /

- No. 1.—Danbury, - - - Miss Ella Hodge.

## INDIANA. /

- No. 1.—Union City.

Let each and every Sister in the Order consider it her duty, not only to increase the membership in her own Society, but to use her influence to form new Societies. There has been organized since January 1, 1886, 65 Societies, and are at present 72 Societies in the country, with a number of applications on file. The Societies are all in an excellent condition and great interest is manifested in the work. The following is a financial statement :

Supplies furnished by Major A. P. Davis, total..... \$318 43

MONEY RECEIVED :

Colonel Libby, Vermont Division, donated..... \$ 15 00  
 Cash realized by sale of charters and Society packages..... 599 72  
 Cash realized by the sale of supplies to the Societies..... 30 61  
 Per capita tax..... 90 66

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Total..... \$735 99

The applications for charters are all placed on file. Requisitions for supplies are also placed on file. Quarterly reports from the Societies which clearly show the amount paid to National Headquarters are on file. Money expended, for which I have vouchers :

To Major A. P. Davis..... \$275 00  
 To printing for Ladies' Aid Societies..... 102 15  
 To incidentals..... 340 79

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Total..... \$717 94

I would recommend that Major Davis, who so kindly assisted us in our work, who designed our National Badge, continue to have full charge of the same. I recommend that a certain portion of the money realized by the sale of charters and Society packages go to the Division Treasurer. I recommend that the per capita tax be fixed at such a rate to give the Division a portion. In closing up my report I here state the following goods are on hand :

467 Rituals.  
 2,100 Constitutions.  
 1,650 Treasurer's Reports.  
 860 Society Blanks for Charters.  
 342 Requisitions for Supplies.  
 253 Prayer Cards.  
 921 Odes.  
 22 Receipts of Evening.  
 102 Mustering Officer Reports.  
 157 Credentials.  
 75 Society Charters.  
 6 Division Charters.  
 12 S. of V. Constitutions.  
 5 Receipt Books.  
 3 Order Books.  
 33 Rolls for Charters.

Some inspecting reports and honorable discharges are on hand. Also a National Seal.

The above named goods the National Headquarters are ready to hand over to my successor. My relations with the members of our Order have been of the most pleasant nature, and to all my Sisters I extend my earnest

thanks, hoping you will give to my successor the same cordial support that you have given me. With best wishes for the success of the Ladies' Aid Societies,

I am, Fraternally Yours,

MISS LIZZIE KIEHL,  
NATIONAL SECRETARY LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

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The President appointed the following Committees on Officers' Reports :

Mrs. A. P. Davis, Pennsylvania.

Miss Lulu Butler, Ohio.

Miss Lilla Jackson, Ohio.

On Ritual :

Mrs. Ella Jones, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Josie Martin, Ohio.

Mrs. F. A. Gurney, Illinois.

On Resolutions :

Miss Lizzie Kiehl, Pennsylvania.

Miss Minnie Foltz, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Crumbecker, Ohio.

On Constitution, Rules and Regulations :

Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, Ohio.

Miss Lee Hillis, Ohio.

Mrs. E. E. Deeds, Ohio.

Moved by Sister Gurney, seconded by Sister Kuhn, that the Encampment take a recess until September 8th at 9:00 A. M. Carried.

#### **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 11:00 A. M.**

Encampment called to order by the President—Laura Martin in chair.

Moved by Sister Jones, and duly seconded, that Sister A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., be constituted a life member of the National Organization of the L. A. S. S. of V., U. S. A. Carried.

Major A. P. Davis then arose and thanked the Encampment for the honor conferred in a very feeling manner.

Committee on Rules and Regulations reported as follows :

#### **ARTICLE IV.—ELIGIBILITY.**

**SECTION 1.** Membership in the Society shall consist of : First, the wives of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War of 1861-65. Second : The daughters, not less than 16 years of age, of all veteran soldiers, sailors or marines as the same are above defined and limited. Third : The wives of Sons of Veterans. Fourth : The daughters of members not less than 16 years of age, and shall be followed down in genealogical order according to the rules of descent, thereby making the Society perpetual

## ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective Officers of Society shall consist of a President, Vice President and three Trustees. The appointed Officers shall consist of Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Guide, Inner and Outer Guard.

SECTION 2. The elective Officers of the Division shall consist of a President, Vice President and a Division Council consisting of the above named Officers, three members by election as Council, and the appointed staff of the Division. The appointed Officers of Division shall consist of Chief of Staff, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Inspector and Mustering Officer.

SECTION 3. The elective National Officers shall consist of President, Vice President and five elective members of the National Council. The appointed National Officers shall consist of a Chief of Staff, Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Inspector and Muster and Installing Officer.

SECTION 4. The National President, the Division President and the Society President shall respectively have the power and authority to select to act as an advisor from the Sons of Veterans a Brother to be known as Judge Advocate, whose duty shall be to advise and counsel and render decisions on Constitutional points.

SECTION 5. The power and authority of the Provisional Division Officers shall be the same as those of organized Divisions.

*Resolved*, That the per capita tax on each member shall be ten cents per quarter, six cents to be retained by the Division and four cents to be forwarded to the National Treasurer.

*Resolved*, That the cost of Society Charters and one set of supplies shall be \$10.00, \$5.00 of which shall go to the Division Treasurer and \$5.00 to the National Treasurer, and the National Treasurer shall furnish the Charter and supplies for the same.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

MRS. W. D. A. O'BRIEN,  
MRS. EMMA E. DEEDS,  
MISS LEE HILLIS,

COMMITTEE.

Moved by Sister Jones and seconded by Sister Gurney that the report be received and be considered by sections. Carried.

Article IV, Section 1, read. Moved by Sister Jones, seconded by Sister Kuhn that it be adopted as read. Carried.

Article IX, Section 1. Moved by Sister Brooks and seconded by Sister Kuhn that it be adopted. Carried.

Section 3. Moved by Sister Brooks, seconded by Sister Kuhn, that it be adopted. Carried.

Section 4. Moved by Sister Jackson, seconded by Sister Gurney that it be adopted. Carried.

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Section 5. Moved by Sister Brooks, seconded by Sister Gurney, that it be adopted. Carried

del Resolution No. 1. Moved by Sister O'Brien, seconded by Sister Gurney, to amend by dividing the tax as follows : Five cents to Division Treasurer and five cents to National Treasurer. po

Moved by Sister Hummer and seconded by Sister Brooks, that the Resolution as amended be adopted. Carried. po

po Resolution No. 2. Moved by Sister Brooks, and seconded by Sister Kuhn, that the Resolution, as read, be adopted. Carried.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports reads as follows :

*To the First National Encampment, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, United States of America :*

*Sisters :—*Your Committee to whom was referred the reports of your officers beg leave to report as follows :

As to the report of our National President, Miss Laura F. Martin, we earnestly commend the zeal, energy and faithfulness which has characterized her work, and the thoroughness of the same, and believe that we owe to her some mark of recognition of the ability and interest she has manifested by faithful and untiring labors for the advancement of our Order's interest.

The services of National Secretary, Miss Lizzie Kiehl, and the assistance she has at all times so willingly given her superior officer, deserves at our hands some token of our appreciation of her labors, and we would respectfully recommend that the resolution referring to Past Honors and constituting both of these Sisters Life Members of this National Organization of the Ladies' Aid Society be adopted. We would also recommend that this Encampment adopt a similar resolution as adopted by the Sixth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans at Des Moines, placing Major Davis in permanent charge of the badge and decoration department of our Order.

The resolution as follows :

*Resolved*, That A. P. Davis, the founder of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be, and he is hereby placed in permanent charge of the badge and decoration department of our Order, and that he be entrusted with the designs and patents upon the badges and emblems of the Order, subject, however, to such rules and regulations as may from time to time be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief of our Order.

In regard to the recommendations of our Officers, we believe the question of per capita tax deserves our careful consideration ; that the tax should be increased, collected by Division Officers and a portion paid to the National Body the same as by the Sons of Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic, and that some such plan be adopted ; and, further, that any and

all recommendations and suggestions as made by National officers receive our careful attention, believing as we do that their knowledge of the needs of our Order qualifies them to advise that which we need most.

Respectfully submitted,

MISS LILLA JACKSON,  
MISS LULU BUTLER,  
MRS. A. P. DAVIS,

COMMITTEE.

AKRON, O., September 8, 1887.

Moved by Sister Hummer, seconded by Sister Gurney, that the reports be adopted. Carried.

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Committee on Ritual report as follows :

*To the Officers and Members of the First National Encampment, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, United States of America :*

We would recommend the Rituals remain the same with the following appendixes :

We would recommend that the Sons of Veterans use Upton's private salute, answered by the salute used by the Ladies' Aid Society, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

We also recommend the title of Sister President instead of Mrs. or Miss. We also recommend that the Sons of Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic comrades be requested in taking the obligation to place the left hand on the Bible and raise the right hand in the air ; also, that the raps used by the Ladies' Aid Society be made the same as used by the Sons of Veterans, which are : One rap calls Society to order and seats the same when standing ; two raps call officers and staff to feet ; three raps calls up the Society in general.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ELLA L. JONES,  
MISS JOSIE MARTIN,  
MRS. F. A. GURNEY,

COMMITTEE.

Moved by Sister Hummer and seconded by Sister Kiehl that the report be received and considered in sections. Carried.

Moved by Sister Kuhn and seconded by Sister Hummer that the first clause be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister O'Brien and seconded by Sister Kuhn that second clause be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister Kuhn, seconded by Sister Crumbecker, that clause three be amended ; that the word heart be substituted for the word Bible. Carried.

Moved by Sister O'Brien, seconded by Sister Deeds, that the clause as amended be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister Kuhn, seconded by Sister Jackson, that the salute as now described in the secret work be retained. Carried.

Moved by Sister Kuhn, seconded by Sister Brooks, that the word "kneeling" in obligation be stricken out and the word "standing" inserted. Carried.

Committee on Resolutions report as follows :

WHEREAS, Miss Laura Martin has served this Order so faithfully and well for the last two years, and

WHEREAS, We recognize and appreciate her work ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Miss Laura F. Martin be created full Past National President, with all the honors, rights and privileges pertaining to the same ; and

WHEREAS, Miss Lizzie Kiehl has been untiring in her work and courteous in the discharge of her duties as National Secretary ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That she be created a constitutional life member of National Encampments, Ladies' Aid Societies, with all rights and privileges of voice and vote in the same.

WHEREAS, The Ladies' Aid Society of Akron, O., together with the Sons of Veterans, Grand Army of the Republic, Relief Corps, citizens and public press have been especially kind and courteous, hospitable and attentive to the members of this Encampment ; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Encampment be extended to them and spread on the minutes.

LIZZIE KIEHL,  
JENNIE CRUMBECKER,  
MINNIE FOLTZ,  
COMMITTEE.

The Committee would further recommend :

*Resolved*, That Major A. P. Davis, the founder of our Order, be constituted a life member of our National Organization.

LIZZIE KIEHL,  
JENNIE CRUMBECKER,  
MINNIE FOLTZ,  
COMMITTEE.

Moved by Sister Crumbecker, seconded by Sister Josie Martin, that the recommendation be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister O'Brien, seconded by Sister Hummer, that Resolution No. 1 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister Crumbecker, seconded by Sister Kuhn, that Resolution No. 2, be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister Crumbecker, seconded by Sister Kuhn, that Resolution No. 3 be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Sister Kiehl, seconded by Sister Hummer, that a recess be taken until 2 P. M. Carried.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Encampment called to order by President Laura F. Martin ; opened in due form. The President announced new business in order.

Moved by Sister Kiehl, seconded by Sister Hummer, that the communications from Ladies' Aid Societies Nos. 1 and 6, of Illinois be placed on file. Carried.

Election of Officers in order.

Nominations for candidates for National President.

Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, of Springfield, O., was nominated. No more nominations for President, nominations closed, with Sister O'Brien as candidate.

Moved by Sister Gurney, seconded by Sister Jones, that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of this Encampment for Mrs. O'Brien for President. The tellers announced the unanimous ballot for Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, and the President declared her duly elected for the ensuing year.

Nominations for Vice-President in order.

Sister Jones, of Pennsylvania, nominated Sister Gurney, of Illinois, seconded by Miss Gragg, Illinois.

It was moved and seconded, as there were no more candidates for Vice President, that the Secretary cast the ballot for said office.

The result of the election was that Sister Gurney received the unanimous ballot and she was duly declared elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

Nominations for five elective members of the National Council were declared in order.

Ella L. Jones, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Iola Hopkins, Illinois.

Josie Martin, Ohio.

C. E. Brooks, Pennsylvania.

Lee Hillis, Ohio.

It was moved and seconded that nominations for Council close. Carried.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Council. Tellers announced the result.

Sisters Jones, Hopkins, Martin, Brooks and Hillis were declared duly elected as Council for the year

Moved by Sister Kiehl, seconded by Sister Hummer, that the Second National Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies be held in Wheeling, W. Va., at same time of the National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. Carried.

The elective officers were then duly installed by Commander-in-Chief G. B. Abbott, of the Sons of Veterans, Brother Ira Morrison acting as Guide.

National President Sister O'Brien announced her Staff as follows :

*Chief-of-Staff.*—MISS ANNA HUMMER, Wooster, Ohio.

*Chaplain.*—MRS. A. P. DAVIS, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

*Secretary.*—MISS LILLA JACKSON, Springfield, Ohio.

*Treasurer.*—MISS JESSIE COLBERT, Springfield, Ohio.

*Inspector.*—MISS ALICE GRAGG, Peoria, Illinois.

*Judge-Advocate.*—GENERAL G. B. ABBOTT, Chicago, Illinois.

General Abbott then installed the officers of the National Staff.

The following resolution was moved and seconded and adopted :

*Resolved,* That the Second National Encampment of the Ladies' Aid Societies be composed of all National and Division officers, elective and appointive, all Past National and Division Presidents, elected or provisional, the sitting President, and one elective delegate from each Ladies' Aid Society in good standing in the Order.

The Encampment, on motion, closed in due form.

LIZZIE KIEHL,  
SECRETARY.