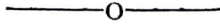


LADIES' AID SOCIETY.



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

HELD AT PATTERSON, N. J., SEPTEMBER 10—13, 1889.



PATTERSON, N. J., September 10th, 1889.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LADIES' AID SOCIETIES, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Encampment called to order at 10.00 A. M., by National President, Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, with the following officers and delegates present ;

Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Altoona, Pa., National Vice President ; Miss Minnie Fleming, Chicago, Ill., Acting Secretary ; Mrs. J. S. Mason, Medina, O., Acting Treasurer ; Mrs. Major Davis, Pittsburgh, Pa., Chaplain ; Miss Ida P. Beecher, New Haven, Conn., Guide ; Mrs. Bowman, Paterson, N. J., Guard.

The President appointed Minnie Fleming, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Thomas, Miss Wienike, and Mrs. Beecher Committee on Credentials and they reported the following entitled to seats in the convention :

OHIO.

Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, Sidney ; Mrs. Mary Mason, Medina ; Mrs. Holtoff, Cincinnati ; Nettie Sortman, Dayton ; Sallie Campbell, Cincinnati.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Jones, Altoona ; Mrs. Davis, Pittsburgh ; Mrs. Thomas, Scranton ; Mrs. Rank, Lebanon ; Mrs. Foulk, Pittsburgh ; Lydia Andrews, Scranton ; Mrs. Tobias, Mt. Carmel ; Miss Vogal, Lancaster ; Mrs. Keigly, Pittsburgh ; Mrs. Shannon, Philadelphia ; Lulu Whiston, Altoona ; Mrs. Vatter, Lancaster.

VERMONT.

S. Ada Hall, Chelsea.

CONNECTICUT.

Ida P. Beecher and Mrs. S. Beecher, New Haven.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Mrs. A. C. Starkey, Washington.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Funk and Mrs. Dorr, Lockport ; Adra Hayes, Bloomington ; Minnie Fleming, Chicago.

IOWA.

Carrie Wienike, Iowa City.

NEW JERSEY.

Miss Moffitt and Clara Scott, Elizabeth ; Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Stansfield and Bella Cocker, Patterson.

President declared recess until 2.00 P. M.

Convention called to order at 2.15 P. M.

Several Sons of Veterans obligated.

WEDNESDAY, September 11th, 1889.

Convention called to order at 9.30 A. M.

Roll call.

Moved by Mrs. Shannon, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that fraternal greetings be sent to the Sons of Veterans. Carried.

Reading of minutes of last Encampment.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that reports of officers be omitted in reading minutes of last Encampment. Carried.

Moved by S. Ada Hall, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that minutes of last Encampment be adopted as read. Carried.

Report of National President.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

SIDNEY, OHIO, September 5th, 1889.

Officers and Members of the Third National Encampment, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

DEAR SISTERS:—I am sure you will rejoice with me in the present substantial prosperity of our beloved Order. You are all individually deserving of the happy privilege of being proud because we are closing the second year of the existence of this National Encampment with a most fruitful harvest as a reward of our labors.

The numerical strength of the Order, together with all the details of organization will be found in the report of the National Secretary. The Treasurer will give the financial transactions of the past year and the present condition of this Encampment. The National Council's report will treat upon some important matters that I might have presented to you, but which I thought best to refer to them. I am convinced that the reports of these officers should embrace all that comes within the provinces of their position. For this reason it will be necessary to take the full reports as a whole to know all about the facts and figures of my administration for the past year. I will only say in this connection that I have paid every cent of the indebtedness reported to previous Encampments by Miss Laura F. Martin and myself. There is a large quantity of good salable supplies on hand, which with the cash makes us worth about one thousand dollars. I want you to feel that you gained this victory. I assure you I cannot believe that our success came from the endeavors of any one part of our organization, but is the result of the struggles of the entire Order. Your aid was necessary and I believe you are so fully aware of this, that this meeting will increase our knowledge of the needs of the Order and strengthen our zeal to carry them out, and that the renewal of our personal and social associations will give us more strength for the year's work before us. We can do more in the coming year than we have done in the past. If we develop now all our past experiences we can build a substantial and enduring foundation on which it will be easy to erect an everliving monument of our desires to show that we revere our fathers' and mothers' devotion to their government by perpetuating the pure and holy spirit of their loyalty. We did not accomplish everything we tried to do. We have failed in some things that sorely grieves us, but it was so with our patriotic fathers and they were stronger than we are while their sterner nature and disposition upheld them where ours could not. Even with these depressing facts before us we can be bright and joyful over our success.

The internal relations of our entire Order has been very pleasant and harmonious. There was but one case of dissatisfaction or trouble that was not adjusted before being carried to me for settlement. I am most happy in recording this fact, for I think if arguments are ever necessary to prove the absolute need of an Order of our character we have only to show our record for wholesome love of our Sisters and our Order and the absence of all quarrels and disturbances. I pray that it will always be so. I have not been called upon to approve a single case of dishonorable dismissal from the Order and no appeal has ever been made by a Sister or Society claiming an injustice done them with the exception noted. I was asked to revoke the charter of Society No. 5 of Colonel G. B. Abbott Camp, Division No. 8, of Illinois, and did so. I have given this case to the National Council for adjustment. Their report will be given you during the session of this Encampment and when it is received I ask you to give it full consideration and will insist upon some immediate action on your part at that time.

The Sons of Veterans, United States of America have continued to give us a full share of their endorsement and approval. We have suffered with the loss of interest in their Camps but have shared in the revival of their enthusiasm or the outbursts of their earnest zeal in carrying out the purposes of their Order. Now that they have gained the approval of that noble body of patriots, the Grand Army of the Republic, they will be free from the restraint that has so long held them in check, and we may hope to enjoy an increased interest in our Order from them. The competition between rival Orders has been a source of discontent for some years for our Brothers and we can rejoice with them in the prospect of its removal. We may not perhaps be able to fully appreciate this victory of our Brothers, as we have no competitors. There are many kindred Orders working similarly and having virtually the same objects, but they are auxiliaries to the Grand Army of the Republic. According to their constitution and declaration of objects they cannot assume to take our place, and we should not call them rivals. Many Sisters thought the organization called the Daughters of Veterans would encroach upon us ; but such is not the case. It is true their principles are copied bodily from our Constitution without changing a single word or the arrangement, but they define their objects to aid the Grand Army of the Republic wholly, and no mention whatever is made of the Sons of Veterans. The position they take would thus make them more properly a rival of our Brothers than ourselves. We should be happy that we are free from anxiety on this account to hasten to assure the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that they have our sympathy and support in all they undertake.

ORGANIZATION.

The work of organization of new Societies has been ably done by the Presidents of the chartered Divisions of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa and by our Brothers and Sisters in all other States. You will be gratified with a perusal of the National Secretary's report. I am indebted for this valuable work to Mrs. Ada L. Shannon and Mr. C. F. Rank, of Pennsylvania ; Mrs. Emma E. Deeds and Mrs. J. S. Mason, of Ohio ; Mrs. J. Q. Annable and Mrs. F. B. Funk, of Illinois, and Mrs. Lou K. Moore, of Iowa, for the great gains made in their Divisions. I would be pleased to mention individually the many Sisters and Brothers who have done so much towards bringing our Order its present success, they all deserve special mention. I hope they will feel that I appreciate their work, although I have not included their names in the list given. I am thankful to all of them, and hope the satisfaction of having aided my labors will bring them gladness, and that prosperity will never forsake them or theirs. While we have met with some reverses they were almost wholly due to the fact that we were women and for this reason our labors and efforts are not so positively apparent as in the work of our fathers or brothers. This we should not complain of, for as an auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans we must expect to have our actions limited to a certain extent by their wishes. I believe in main-

taining our independence as an organization, but we must consult their views in our work. This may hamper our movements slightly and partly check our eagerness to prove that we have as earnest, unselfish and willing a spirit as our fathers and brothers. I am frank in saying that we have not grown impatient because we were not free at all times to soar as we would like, or may not have received the flattering attention that we expected. I would not speak in this strain were it not that some of our Societies have become discouraged because their efforts were so little noticed and praises were so coldly bestowed, that it somewhat chilled their ardor. While it is our nature to seek the approbation and commendation of those for whom our Order was organized as a helpmate, we should not imagine that we are being neglected, and that no thought whatever is given us by the world around us. Our fathers and brothers are watching our movements closely, and if we only have the determination to keep our little bands firmly united and do not yield to the thought that our efforts are unappreciated they will at no distant day be so proud of our work that they will overwhelm us with their plaudits. Our good Brothers have so much to contend with themselves in perfecting the pathway of their Order, and gaining the recognition that they deserve from every citizen of our glorious government, that they cannot at all times devote us as much praise and attention perhaps as we are entitled to. We should not allow this to interfere with our ambition to grow, and above all, we should not refuse to do our whole duty, as we are pledged, for our fathers suffered many a defeat upon southern battle fields before they conquered. I can realize why so many of our Societies have gone down in their struggle to assume all the financial and business responsibilities necessary in providing meeting halls and paying janitors' fees. I am pained beyond expression to say that these two monetary obstacles have crushed out the life of several of our Societies the past year. It is discouraging to know that we are restricted in our means of obtaining the money necessary to meet the legitimate expenses of conducting the business of the Societies and Order.

I will make no recommendations to you or try to outline the work of the Encampment as it should be done. This you are competent to do yourselves, and I have no wish to influence legislation in any way. I appointed a Committee some weeks ago on Ritual and Burial Ceremonies who will report to you their conclusions, and I think you realize the necessity of perfecting these parts of our services. The other routine of work to be done here is so clearly in view that you can see at a glance what is to be done, and I know you will not hesitate to do it.

I wish before closing to explain the only delay in the work of my office that has caused any dissatisfaction. This was the failure to have the Constitution, Rules and Regulations adopted at Wheeling printed early enough for shipment to meet the demands for the revised work. The chairman of the committee volunteered to do the arduous work of preparing it for the printer. This took so much time that it was close to the

end of 1888 before they were ready. After my printer had them about completed a fire occurred in the bindery and destroyed them. We suffered no loss in this except by delay. They had to be reprinted, and, hence, I could not do else but disappoint many Societies on this account. I hope this explanation will suffice, and that no blame will be attached to anyone as it was impossible to avoid the delay. The thanks of the Order is most assuredly due to Nevins & Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, who have done all the printing since I assumed the office in 1887. They have trusted us for several hundred dollars worth of supplies, and have been most patient in waiting for me to gather a sufficient amount to pay them. I hope the Order will appreciate this great favor.

I beg you to give my successor the same earnest, unselfish assistance you have given me. She cannot do the immense amount of work that will be required of her if you do not. I heartily thank you all for your kindness to me and my officers. It will always be the most pleasant recollection of my life. I feel only the deepest regard for each of you and am happy to hear from your lips the expressions of good feeling you bear to all my acts.

To my officers who have been such faithful adherents and to every Sister of the Order and every Brother Son of a Veteran I pray God to bless you all and that His guiding hand will crown our Order with His immortal and everlasting blessing, and that our Brothers and Fathers and all the world will feel that our work has not been in vain.

Yours affectionately, in F., C. and L.,

MRS. W. D. A. O'BRIEN,

NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

The President appointed Mrs. Foulk, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Miss Scott, New Jersey; Mrs. Dow, Illinois; Miss Wienike, Iowa; Miss Beecher, Connecticut, Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Jones, Pennsylvania; Ada Hall, Vermont; Mrs. Funk, Illinois; Mrs. Davis, Pennsylvania; Miss Beecher, Connecticut, Committee on Officers' Reports.

Mrs. Shannon, Pennsylvania; Ada Hall, Vermont; Minnie Fleming, Illinois; Adra Hayes, Illinois; Mrs. Starkey, Washington, D. C., as Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Ida P. Beecher, Connecticut; Mrs. Starkey, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Tobias, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Vatter, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Bowman, New Jersey, Committee on Burial Service.

Captain Pollitt, New Jersey, was then obligated.

Communications.

Greetings of Mrs. F. A. Gurney, Past President Illinois Division, to Third National Encampment.

Report of National Treasurer.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Mrs. Shannon, that recess be taken until 2:00 P. M. sharp. Carried.

Mrs. Bowman, New Jersey; Mrs. Thomas, Pennsylvania; Minnie Fleming, Illinois, appointed on Press Committee.

Invitation from L. A. S. No. 3, Paterson, New Jersey, to delegates to attend the Opera House this (Wednesday) evening.

Recess declared.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention opened at 2:15 P. M.

Reading of National Secretary's and Treasurer's reports :

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

SIDNEY, OHIO, September 5, 1889.

Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, National President Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, United States of America :

DEAR SISTER : I am pleased to present you my annual report. The increase in the number of new Societies will be very marked. There has been a slight decrease in the number of Societies by voluntary surrender of charters, a few have had their charters revoked, while a number have been suspended for failure to pay the per capita tax. Many reasons have been given for this failure to comply with the rules and regulations and keep themselves in good standing, the principle one being the expense of hall rents and janitor fees. In almost all cases these expenses were, in reality, much greater than necessary, judging with my knowledge of the cases. With our Order granting the privilege of meeting in the residences of members while the Society is small and poor, it is strange that many will incur the heavy expense for a hall to meet in.

We have issued five general orders. A copy of each accompanies this report.

Thinking it would be best, or more satisfactory, to give the details of organization of new Societies and loss of old ones, by states, I have arranged it so.

PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION.

This is the senior Division, and was duly granted a charter May 1, 1888. During the past year three Societies were mustered in this Division.

GAIN.

Society No. 4, of Colonel E. J. Allen Camp No. 66, Wilksburg, seventeen members.

Society No. 18, of George Washington Camp No. 72, Shamokin, twelve members.
 Society No. 19, of J. C. Fremont Camp 175, Glasgow, eleven members.
 Total gain in membership, forty.

LOSS.

Society No. 6. of Camp No. Read-
 ing. Suspended.
 Society No. 12, of John H. Styer Camp No. 25, Berwick. Suspended.
 Society No. 14, of Lieutenant J. G. Stevens Camp No. 97, Peckville.
 Suspended.
 Society No. 17, of Corporal Rihl Camp No. 99, Steelton. Suspended.
 Society No. 22, of Captain John Griffin Camp No. 30, Athens. Sus-
 pended.
 Society No. 23, of A. W. Holmes Camp No. 131, Blairsville. Sus-
 pended.
 Society No. 24, of William H. Davies Camp No. 138, Carbondale. Sus-
 pended.

OHIO DIVISION.

Has been very successful in its gain by muster of new Societies.

GAIN.

Society No. 21, of Major Kaldenbaugh Camp No. 190, Mineral Point,
 seven members.
 Society No. 22, of Denniston Camp No. 214, Elyria, twenty-one mem-
 bers.
 Society No. 23, of Franklin Camp No. 290, Sylvania, twelve members.
 Society No. 24, of R. M. Moore Camp No. 47, Cincinnati, eighteen
 members.
 Society No. 25, of Sheridan Camp No. 167, Oak Hill, nine members.
 Society No. 27, of Seth M. Barker Camp No. 118, Ashland, twenty
 members.
 Society No. 28, of D. B. Armstrong Camp No. 125, Rushville, nine
 members.
 Society No. 29, of General Garfield Camp No. 3, East Liverpool, twelve
 members.
 Society No. 30, of Hineman Camp No. 196, Loudonville, fourteen mem-
 bers.
 Society No. 31, of William Earnshaw Camp No. 89, Dayton, fifteen
 members.
 Society No. 32, of Gorman Camp No. 145, Galion, eighteen members.
 Society No. 33, of J. B. McPherson Camp No. 5, Cincinnati, twelve
 members.
 Society No. 34, of D. Cunningham Camp No. 113, Cadiz, twenty-four
 members.

Society No. 6, of Wheeler-Creighton Camp No. 31, Cleveland, twenty-three members.

Society No. 35, of E. M. Stanton Camp No. 159, Steubenville, forty members.

Society No. 36, of Wickham Camp No. 188, Haskins, twenty-five members.

Society No. 37, of Whitfield Camp No. 22, Cincinnati, twenty-four members.

Society No. 38, F. E. Hanford Camp No. 7, Middletown, eighteen members.

Society No. 39, Shephard Camp No. 155, Perry, eighteen members.

Society No. 40, of No....., Canton.

LOSS.

Society No. 3, of General Sherman Camp No. 55, Middleport Suspended.

Society No. 7, of Lois Camp No. 16, Scioto. Charter revoked.

Society No. 9, of George H. Thomas Camp No. 15, Nelsonville. Suspended.

Society No. 15, of George Rosecrans Camp No. 51, Minerva. Charter revoked.

Society No. 25, of Sheridan Camp No. 167, Oak Hill. Suspended.

Society No. 29, of General Garfield Camp No. 3, East Liverpool. Suspended.

Society No. 35, Steubenville. Suspended.

ILLINOIS DIVISION.

The following Societies were mustered in this Division :

GAIN.

Society No. 9, of T. G. Lawler Camp No. 60, Belvidere, forty-five members.

Society No. 15, of Ava Camp No. 158, Ava, twenty-two members.

Society No. 16, of Thomas Daley Camp No. 154, Lanark, twelve members.

Society No. 17, of C. B. Hollister Camp No. 95, Olney, seventeen members.

Society No. 18, of W. McCullough Camp No. 230, Heyworth, eighteen members.

Society No. 19, of Captain Eaton Camp No. 237, Calhoun, fourteen members.

Society No. 20, of J. A. Logan Camp No. 26, Rockford, thirteen members.

Society No. 21, of Kyger Camp No. 89, Georgetown, twenty-one members.

LOSS.

Society No. 3, of Black Eagle Camp No. 51, Grand Crossing. Suspended.

Society No. 4, of E. Porter Camp No. 58, Clinton. Suspended.

Society No. 5, of Colonel G. B. Abbott Camp No. 8, Englewood. Charter revoked.

Society No. 13, of E. Mayberry Camp No. 97, Wagner City. Suspended.

IOWA DIVISION.

This Division was formed on June 18, 1889, and was granted a charter from that date.

GAIN.

Society No. 2, of E. N. Phillips Camp No. 66, West Union, seventeen members.

Society No. 6, of Burnside Camp No. 21, E. De Moines, twenty-seven members.

Society No. 7, of Captain Charles Stuart Camp No. 50, Audubon, nine members.

LOSS.

Society No. 1, of Potomac Camp No. 63, Cedar Falls. Charter revoked.

Society No. 3, of Griswold Camp No. 9, Knoxville. Charter revoked.

CONNECTICUT.

LOSS.

Society No. 1, of N. L. White Camp No. 10, Danbury. Suspended.

Society No. 2, of W. H. Mallory Camp No. 11, Bridgeport. Suspended.

COLORADO.

GAIN.

Society No. 1, of Farragut Camp No. 1, Denver, twenty-one members.

Society No. 2, of Abe Lincoln Camp No. 8, Denver, eighteen members.

Total number of members, 39.

INDIANA.

LOSS.

Society No. 1, of W. D. Stone Camp No. 61, Union City. Suspended.

Society No. 2, of Dr. Morgan Camp No. 49, Spartanburg. Suspended.

Society No. 3, of O. W. Powell Camp No. 50, New Castle. Suspended.

KANSAS.

LOSS.

Society No. 3, of Reno Camp No. 69, Hutchinson. Suspended.

MASSACHUSETTS.

GAIN.

Society No. 2, of Farragut Camp No. 78, Lowell, eighteen members.

Society No. 3, of A. L. Fuller Camp No. 19, Clinton

Society No. 4, North Brookfield.

Society No. 5, Natick.

MARYLAND.

GAIN.

Society No. 1, of G. A. Custer Camp No. 1, Washington.

LOSS.

Society No. 1, of J. A. Logan Camp No. 2, Washington. Charter revoked.

MAINE.

GAIN.

Society No. 3, of E. A. Starrett Camp No. 1, Warren.

Society No. 4, Saccarrappa.

LOSS.

Society No. 3, of E. A. Starrett Camp No. 1, Warren. Charter revoked.

MICHIGAN.

GAIN.

Society No. 4, of R. Winans Camp No. 74, Benton Harbor.

Society No. 5, of General Garfield Camp No. 101, Baldwin.

MONTANA.

GAIN.

Society No. 1, of J. A. Garfield Camp No. 2, Butte City.

NEW JERSEY.

GAIN.

Society No. 3, of Hugh C. Irish Camp No. 8, Paterson.

Society No. 4, Morristown.

NEW YORK.

LOSS.

Society No. 1, of Sumner Camp No. 7, New York City. Charter revoked.

Society No. 3, of Glidden Camp No. 6, Rochester. Charter revoked.

Society No. 4, of Snifer Camp No. 66, Syracuse. Charter revoked.

RHODE ISLAND.

GAIN.

Society No. 1, River Point. LOSS.

Society No. 1, River Point. Charter revoked.

VERMONT.

GAIN.

Society No. 3, of Captain F. Ray Camp No. 4, Bennington. LOSS.

Society No. 1, of G. E. Croft Camp No. 5, East Wallingford. Sus-
pended.

WEST VIRGINIA.

GAIN.

Society No. 1, Wheeling.

SUMMARY.

SOCIETIES.

GAINS.

Societies in good standing last report.....	75.
Gained by muster, new societies	48.
Total.....	<hr/> 123

LOSSES.

By suspension.....	22.
By surrender of charters.....	4.
By revoking charters.....	5. 31
Total number societies in good standing.....	<hr/> 92

MEMBERSHIP.

GAINS.

Members in good standing last report.....	1,671
Gained by muster, new societies	909
Total.....	<hr/> 2,580

LOSSES.

From all causes.....	463
Net membership.....	<hr/> 2,117

Yours in F., C. and L.,

MISS BERTHA NUTT,

NATIONAL SECRETARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

SIDNEY, OHIO, September 5th, 1889.

Mrs. W. D. A. O'Brien, National President, Ladies' Aid Societies, Sons of Veterans, U S. A.

DEAR SISTER :—I render hereon a full statement of the financial business of my office for the term ending this date.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report.....	\$ 91 90.
Received from all sources.....	873 55.
Total receipts.....	\$ 965 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expended as per vouchers accompanying.....	752 51
Balance on hand.....	\$ 212 94

ASSETS.

Cash on hand.....	\$ 212 94
Supplies and fixtures on hand (inventory).....	614 81
Electrotype of constitutions, in hands of Nevins & Co.....	15 00
Accounts due from Pennsylvania Divisions (supplies and charters).....	5 00
From Connecticut Society No. 1, Danbury.....	10
Total.....	\$ 847 85

LIABILITIES.

Accounts due to Iowa Division.....	\$ 1 75.
“ “ “ Donelson Camp No. 32, Iowa Div....	5 00.
“ “ “ Massachusetts Society No. 1, Haverhill.....	10.
Accounts due to Massachusetts Society No. 2, Lowell..	85.
“ “ “ New York Society No. 1, Amsterdam.	32.
Balance to credit of National Encampment.....	8 02
	\$ 839 83

The following Divisions are in good standing, having paid all per capita tax for the quarter ending June 30, 1889 :

Pennsylvania Division 15 Societies and 414 members.

Ohio 27 Societies and 542 members.

Illinois 13 Societies and 346 members.

Iowa 4 Societies and 60 members.

Total number Societies in Divisions, 59.

Total number of members, 1,364.

The following Societies are in good standing, having paid all per capita tax for quarter ending June 30, 1889 :

STATE.	SOCIETY NO.	CITY.	MEMBERS.
1 Colorado.....	1.....	Denver.....	12
2 Connecticut.....	3.....	New Haven.....	37
3 California.....	3.....	Oakland.....	13
4 Kansas.....	2.....	Ellsworth.....	21
5 ".....	4.....	Fredonia.....	36
6 Kentucky.....	1.....	Newport.....	16
7 Massachusetts.....	1.....	Haverhill.....	24
8 ".....	2.....	Lowell.....	19
9 ".....	3.....	Clinton.....	22
10 ".....	4.....	N. Brookfield.....	18
11 ".....	5.....	Natick.....	25
12 Maryland.....	1.....	Washington.....	19
13 Maine.....	2.....	Portland.....	59
14 ".....	4.....	Saccarrappa.....	41
15 Michigan.....	3.....	Covert.....	10
16 ".....	4.....	Benton H'rbr.....	24
17 ".....	5.....	Baldwin.....	11
18 Montana.....	1.....	Butte City.....	28
19 New Jersey.....	2.....	Elizabeth.....	35
20 ".....	3.....	Paterson.....	34
21 ".....	4.....	Morristown.....	18
22 New York.....	2.....	Amsterdam.....	15
23 Vermont.....	2.....	Chelsea.....	20
24 ".....	3.....	Bennington.....	20
25 West Virginia.....	1.....	Wheeling.....	11
Total.....	25.....	598	

The following Societies are exempt from taxation for quarter ending June 30th, being newly mustered :

Ohio Division 6 Societies and 125 members.

Illinois Division 1 Society and 21 members.

Iowa Division 1 Society and 9 members.

Total, 8 Societies and 155 members.

SUMMARY.

59 Societies in Divisions with a taxable membership of 1,364.
 8 Societies in Divisions with a non-taxable membership of 155.
 25 Societies not in Divisions with a taxable membership of 598.
 92 Societies with a membership of 2,117.

The following are reported in arrears for per capita tax for quarter ending June 30, 1889 :

DIVISION.	SOCIETY NO.	CITY.	
Pennsylvania.....	6.....	Reading.....	1
".....	12.....	Berwick.....	2
".....	14.....	Peckville.....	3
".....	17.....	Steelton.....	4
".....	22.....	Athens.....	5
".....	23.....	Blairsville....	6
".....	24.....	Carbondale...	7
Ohio.....	3.....	Middleport...	8
".....	7.....	Sciota.....	9
".....	9.....	Nelsonville...	10
".....	15.....	Minerva.....	11
".....	25.....	Oak Hill.....	12
".....	29.....	East Liverp'l.	13
Illinois.....	3.....	Grand Cross'g	14
".....	4.....	Clinton.....	15
".....	13.....	Wayne City..	16
".....	15.....	Ava.....	17
Colorado.....	2.....	Denver.....	18
Connecticut.....	1.....	Danbury.....	19
".....	2.....	Bridgeport...	20
Indiana.....	1.....	Union City...	21
".....	2.....	Spartanburg..	22
".....	3.....	New Castle..	23
Kansas.....	3.....	Hutchinson..	24
Maryland.....	1.....	Washington..	25
Vermont.....	1.....	E. Wallingf'd	26

Ohio—Society No. 26, Youngstown, has not been reported by the mustering officer as mustered.

Maine—Society No. 3, of Warren, has voluntarily surrendered its charter.

Rhode Island—Society No. 1, River Point, has voluntarily surrendered its charter.

Illinois—Society No. 5, of Englewood. Charter has been revoked.

This makes a total loss of 29 Societies through all causes. There are a large number of these Societies that will pay all arrears, but I did not think it just to report them in good standing. Some immediate action should be taken by the National Council in deciding the limit of time these Societies should be allowed in which to pay their arrears.

Thanking you kindly for your goodness to me, I beg to remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,

MRS. R. B. PATTON,

NATIONAL TREASURER.

Referred to Committee on Officers' Reports, as were also the reports of National Mustering Officer, National Chaplain and National Aid.

The Committee on "Burial Service," reported.

Moved by Miss Campbell, seconded by Miss Sortman, that we accept the Service as read, and extend a vote of thanks to the Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Holtoff, that we accept the invitation to attend the Theatre this evening, and a vote of thanks be extended to the Ladies' Aid Society. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Tobias, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that by the request of Committee on Ritual, they be given until to-morrow, (Thursday), to report. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Miss Beecher, that we take a recess until to-morrow, (Thursday), at 9.00 A. M. Carried.

Recess declared.

THURSDAY, September 12th, 1889.

Convention called to order at 9.30 A. M.

Report of Committee on Ritual.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Ada Hall, that the Chaplain remain at her station during opening ceremonies. Carried.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Miss Sortman, that "parade rest," be inserted before Chaplain begins opening prayer. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Ada Hall, that the "old prayer" be inserted in the new Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Mrs. Mason, that a clause be inserted, that it be optional with Societies whether they repeat the Lord's Prayer. Carried.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Adra Hayes, that after the prayer, the President say, "attention." Carried.

Moved by Ada Hall, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that the hymn remain the same. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that the clause relating to communications in the old Ritual, be inserted in the New. Carried.

A delegation of Sons of Veterans presented Mrs. A. P. Davis, Chaplain, with a beautiful bouquet, and were heartily thanked by Sister Davis.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that "parade rest" be inserted before all prayers, and "attention" at the close of all. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Mason, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that we retain the old prayer at closing ceremonies. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Mrs. Foulk, that the word "obligation" be inserted for "duties." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Mason, seconded by Mrs. Foulk, that we adopt the old

form till the last clause, with the additions of "I now declare this meeting closed." Carried.

Moved by Ada Hall, seconded by Miss Sortman, that the clause "faithfully assist" be used instead of "aid, help and assist," and the rest be adopted as read. Carried.

The President asked the Vice President to take charge of the meeting, and Mrs. Rank to fill the Vice President's chair.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Foulk, that the old obligation remain the same, with any additions the Convention may suggest. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that we retain the old prayer, in mustering service. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Mason, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that the word "unwritten" be used instead of secret. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that the words "that this work be more carefully guarded than all the rest." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Holtoff, that the old clause of obligations of secret work, be inserted in the new Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that the following clause be inserted, "one rap calls the Society to order and seats the same when standing, and used on the passage of a motion; two raps calls up the Officers and Staff; three raps calls up the entire Society." Carried.

Moved by Mrs. O'Brien, seconded by S. Ada Hall, that the first clause of congratulations be struck out, and insert, "allow me to congratulate you upon being admitted to the Society." Carried.

Moved by S. Ada Hall, seconded by Mrs. Mason, that the old instructions of the President to candidates, be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Miss Sortman, that we take recess until 1.30 P. M. Carried.

Recess declared.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Convention called to order at 2.00 o'clock, with President in the chair.

Delegates present.

Moved by Ida P. Beecher, seconded by Mrs. Starkey, that we insert a clause as "remarks" on the muster ceremony, that we march forward to music in military style on congratulating a Sister. Carried

Moved by S. Ada Hall, seconded by Miss Sortman, that in installing officers, they should sit in the rear of the altar. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Vatter, that the old clause be used with Judge-Advocate, in place of Advisory Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Mason, that the words "and

answered speedily by our Grand Commander above," be inserted as in the old Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Dorr, that the clause in the old Ritual "that Guide should collect dues," be omitted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that we add to the charge of Treasurer, by the installing officer as defined in Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Miss Sortman, that the charge to Outside Guard be left as in the old Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that the Committee on Ritual be allowed to make an additional report for obligation of Judge-Advocate, Inspector, Mustering Officer and Advisory Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Starkey, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that we retain the Grand Army and Sons of Veterans obligation as given in the old Ritual. Carried.

S. Ada Hall suggested that a note be inserted that the President instruct the Guide to place Advisory Committee in position to receive the obligation. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Miss Campbell, that the Muster ceremony be exemplified. Carried.

Then occurred the exemplification of the Muster ceremony.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Miss Hayes, that the Committee on Ritual be given power to change any grammatical errors which they may find. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that some password be adopted which would admit Sons of Veterans and Grand Army men, who have been obligated ; but be changed every six months. Carried.

Report of Committee on Officers' Reports.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Miss Sortman, that the reports be accepted. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that we accept the invitation to attend the reception at Washington Hall, Thursday evening, given by the Ladies' Aid Society of Paterson. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Tobias, that we have nomination of officers. Carried.

Nominations for President were as follows :

Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Altoona, Pa., was nominated by Miss Sortman, seconded by Mrs. Holtoff ; Mrs. Shannon, Philadelphia, Pa., was nominated by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Tobias.

Moved by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the nominations for President close. Carried.

Nominations for Vice President were as follows :

Ida P. Beecher, New Haven, Connecticut ; Mrs. F. B. Funk, Lockport, Illinois ; Mrs. Thomas, Scranton, Pa.

Moved by Mrs. Foulk, seconded by Mrs. Tobias, that nominations for Vice President, close. Carried.

Nominations for Council were as follows :

Adra Hayes, Bloomington, Illinois ; Mrs. Starkey, Washington, D. C. ; S. Ada Hall, Chelsea, Vt. ; Carrie Wienike, Iowa City, Iowa ; Sallie Campbell, Cincinnati, Ohio ; Mrs. Rank, Lebanon, Pa. ; Nettie Sortman, Dayton, Ohio ; Mrs. Holtoff, Cincinnati, Ohio ; Mrs. Mason, Medina, Ohio ; Miss Vogan, Lancaster, Pa. ; Mrs. Bowman, Paterson, N. J. ; Mrs. Foulk, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Miss Sortman, that the nominations for Council, close. Carried.

The following communication was read from the Sons of Veterans :

PATERSON, N. J., September 11th, 1889.

To the Ladies' Aid Societies, of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in Third Annual Encampment assembled, greeting :

The Eighth Annual Encampment of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., have received your kind words of encouragement. We are not unmindful of the services rendered to our government in the time of need by the noble hearted women of our land, and we hope, and firmly believe that their daughters are inspired with the same deep reverence for the principles of liberty that sustained their mothers in their ardent endeavors. We greet you in this spirit and hope your Third Annual Encampment will meet with the success it merits.

H. B. BAGULEY,
W. C. UPHAM,
C. A. GARST,
COMMITTEE.

Moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Funk, that the communication be received with thanks. Carried.

Captain Pollitt, Colonel Reed, General Milham, Colonel Orner and Lieutenant Colonel Knowlton made a few remarks.

Moved by Mrs. Vatter, seconded by Mrs. Shannon, that recess be declared until 9.00 A. M., Friday. Carried.

FRIDAY, September 13th, 1889.

Convention called to order at 10.00 A. M., by Mrs. O'Brien, President.

Moved by Miss Sortman, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the Committee on Ritual be granted full power to prepare additions to Ritual. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Mrs. Tobias, that the Committee be granted until January 1st, 1890, to get out new Ritual. Carried.

Nominations for Council opened.

Mrs. Foulk withdrew.

Moved by Mrs. Foulk, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, that the five receiving the highest number of votes be declared elected. Carried.

Mrs. Starkey, Washington, D. C.; Adra B. Hayes, Bloomington, Ill.; S. Ada Hall, Chelsea, Vt.; Carrie Wienike, Iowa City, Iowa, and Mrs. R. Bowen were declared elected.

Moved by Mrs. Holtoff, seconded by Ida P. Beecher, that the tellers and judge be discharged with a vote of thanks. Carried.

Moved by Ada Hall, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that we ask Davis Society to accept the name of Star Society instead of No. 1. Carried.

General Abbott obligated and congratulated the Sisters on the success of the past year. He then presented Mrs. O'Brien with a beautiful badge on behalf of the Convention, to show appreciation of her faithful work. Mrs. O'Brien thanked the Sisters and General Abbott was excused.

Brothers Deckman and Hayes made a few remarks.

Moved by Miss Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Beecher, that a recess be taken until 1:30 P. M. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

September 13, 1889. Convention called to order at 2:30 with the President in the chair and delegates present.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Shannon, that when the charter of a Camp is annulled to which an Aid is attached, that the Society be attached to Division, or be allowed to work under the Charter until the Camp be reorganized or reinstated. Carried.

Colonel Baguley, Judge-Advocate General of Ladies' Aid Societies, was then obligated.

Moved by Adra Hayes, seconded by Minnie Fleming, that the Sons of Veterans' Constitution be used as authority in all cases which are not clearly defined in the Ladies' Aid Societies' Constitution. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Davis, that we suspend business and declare open installation. Carried.

Colonel Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va., installed the officers for the ensuing year, as follows:

National President—Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Altoona, Pa.
 National Vice President—Miss Ida P. Beecher, New Haven, Conn.
 National Council—Mrs. A. C. Starkey, Washington, D. C.; Miss Adra B. Hayes, Bloomington, Ill.; Miss Carrie Wienike, Iowa City, Iowa; Miss S. Ada Hall, Chelsea, Vt.; Mrs. R. Bowman, Paterson, N. J.

Chief-of-Staff—Ada L. Shannon, Philadelphia, Pa.
National Secretary—Lulu Whiston, Altoona, Pa.
National Inspector—Minnie Fleming, Chicago, Ill.
Chief Mustering Officer—Nettie Sortman, Dayton, O.
National Chaplain—Mrs. A. P. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.
Judge-Advocate-General—General H. B. Baguley, Wheeling, W. Va.

The Third Annual Encampment was then declared closed to meet again at St. Joseph, Mo.

MINNIE FLEMING,
ACTING SECRETARY.