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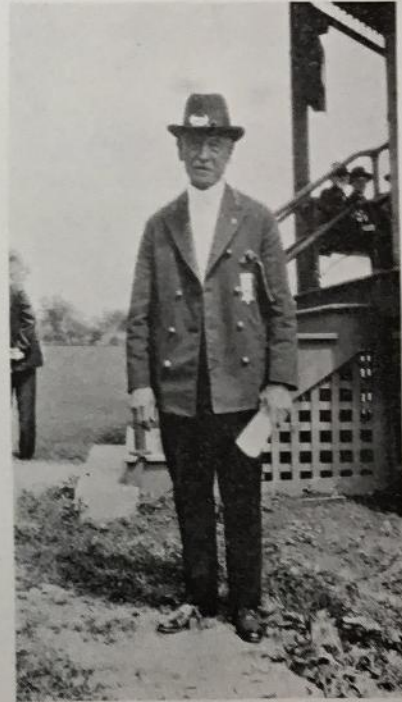
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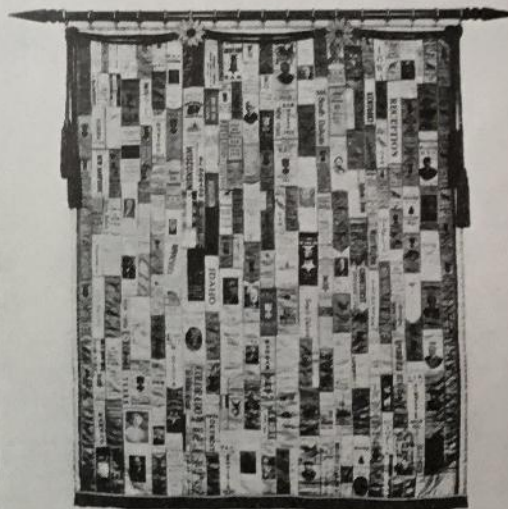
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NATIONAL OFFICERS

SECRETARY ..... *Helen Brainard Cole*  
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 JUDGE ADVOCATE ..... *Ell Torrance*

A GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL THAT WILL  
LIVE ON THROUGH THE AGES



This Historical Banner consists of silk ribbon delegate badges of G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps, Ladies of G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans, Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary. It measures 4 1/2 x 6 1/2 feet.

It was designed and created by Mrs. Marian O. Kornbleet, Acting Sec'y, to the G. A. R., Dept. of Mo. and financed by John Hollingsworth, Senior Vice-Commander, Dept. of Mo.

Presented to the Department and National G. A. R. in 1936.

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A beautiful banner was made of Veterans badges from all over the United States. The idea was conceived by Comrade Hollingsworth and carried out by Marrion Kornbleet, Past President of Lincoln Circle No. 19.

It was presented to the Department of Missouri by Comrade Hollingsworth through Jessie Bates, Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, to Comrade Barnes, who in turn appointed Jeanette Dunford, Past Department President to have charge of it until such time as it could be presented from the Missouri Department to the National Body.

Commander Hollingsworth, assisted by Jeanette Dunford, Jessie Bates and Marrion Kornbleet presented the banner to the National Body at the National Convention in Washington, D. C.

The banner was accepted and returned to the committee, and will rest in the State Capitol Building in Jefferson City until the National Memorial Shrine Building is completed.

## PROGRAM

### PRELUDE

Senior High School Band ..... 7:30 to 8 o'clock P. M.  
 Professor Frank Coulter, Director

Prof. Coulter with High School choruses will lead audience in singing

Assembly ..... Trumpeter, Earl Toutz

Call to Order ..... Toastmaster, A. J. P. Barnes

Invocation ..... Rev. E. W. Love

Song ..... "Little Bronze Button"

Introducing ..... Commander-in-Chief, Oley Nelson

Song ..... "Hail, Hail to the Chief"

Introducing ..... Department Commander, Perry Martin

Presenting ..... Distinguished Guests

Song ..... "Hail, Hail the Gang's All Here"

A banner made by veterans' badges was presented by Mrs. Jessie Bates of Kansas City, president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., to Mr. Barnes as an unannounced feature of the program. He, in turn, called upon Mrs. Jeanette Dunford of Jefferson City to safeguard the trophy until it is ready to be presented to the national encampment in Washington. Mr. Hollingsworth and Mrs. Marian Kornbleet of Kansas City, acting secretary to the department, took part in the ceremony.

Drama ..... "Birth of a Nation"  
 Dr. Chris Oltman, Director

Song ..... "America"

Tableau ..... "Spirit of 1776"

Building the American Flag ..... Major E. R. Block, U. S. A.

Drama ..... "Father Time"  
 Miss Emma Mayfield, Director

Song ..... "When You and I Were Young, Maggie"

Tap-Dancing and Stunts ..... Mrs. Roy Ellis' Class

Song ..... "End of a Perfect Day"  
 Miss Nina Peel

Lowering Flag ..... Artillery Salute

Lights Out ..... Trumpeter, Carl Van Hoorebeke

Song ..... "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again"

## REPORT OF THE 39th ANNUAL CONVENTION

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 1935-1936

#### DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

Mrs. Jessie Bates ..... 4023, East 69th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

#### SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Emma Jones ..... 4508, Alice Ave., St. Louis.

#### JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Cora Breit ..... Savannah.

#### DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Mrs. Margaret A. Stone ..... 332 Norton Ave, Kansas City.

#### TREASURER

Mrs. Helen Boose ..... 6215 Clifton Ave., St. Louis.

#### CHAPLAIN

Mrs. Amanda Hargis ..... Walnut Grove

#### PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. Mayme Freese ..... 2613 Palm Street, St. Louis.

#### REGISTRAR

Mrs. Sabina Stuhlman ..... 1037 Cleveland Ave., Kansas City.

#### COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Edna Ray ..... 1925 South 24th Street, St. Joseph.

Mrs. Norine Blair ..... 4206 Forest, Kansas City.

Miss Nellie McCrea ..... Maysville.

#### COUNSELOR

Mrs. Ida McDonald ..... 1921 South 24th Street, St. Joseph

#### INSPECTOR

Mrs. Cora Snare ..... Winnwood Gardens, R. R. No. 5, North Kansas City.

#### LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Finis Lee ..... Altamont.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Louella Fisher ..... Maysville.

#### PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Mary Kershner ..... 6205 South Benton, Kansas City.

#### ASS'T PRESS CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Bertha Reeder ..... Highview R. R., Chillicothe.

#### MUSICIAN

Mrs. Marjorie Price ..... Pickett Road, R. R. 4, St. Joseph.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hilda Kierna ..... 921 Fairmount Blvd., Jefferson City.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN  
WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 20th  
TO 25th, 1936

Delegate at large .....	Ethel Butterworth
DELEGATES	
Margaret A. Stone	Ollie Rickter
Ruth Hibler	Augusta Davids
Augusta McReynolds	Anna Lisiecki
Mayme Freese	Mary Shaumeyer
Norine Blair	Mary Schlerrith
Golda Webb	Mary Braden
Ruth Meador	Ruth Parks

NATIONAL OFFICERS

National President .....	Wynnye G. Williamson
National Sr. Vice President .....	Effie Thrasher

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS AND THEIR YEARS SERVED

† Hattie Knollenberg .....	1898	† Mary A. Wanless .....	1917
† Mary M. Stark .....	1899	† Cora A. Dunning .....	1918
† Emma Douglass .....	1900	* Mollie Neubauer .....	1919
† Delia Leon .....	1901	† Kate B. Stancliffe .....	1920
† Emmeretta Field .....	1902	Josephine Wood .....	1921
† Margaret Van Meter .....	1903	Bertha Schumacher .....	1922
† Emma W. Schultz .....	1904	Edwina P. Trigg .....	1923
† Sue B. Appal .....	1905	Effie Thrasher .....	1924
† Clarissa M. Robinson .....	1906	* Sara E. Hughes .....	1925
† Olive D. Hofmaster .....	1907	LoRena Fleming .....	1926
† Katherine Fairback .....	1908 & 9	Jessie Sherman .....	1927
* Hattie Warner .....	1910	Jessie P. Kent .....	1928
† Marybelle Evans .....	1911	Emma Hyatt .....	1929
† Francis Dodsworth .....	1912	Margueritte Riggs .....	1930
Josephine Mahar .....	1913	† Elizabeth Platt .....	1931
† Amy E. Clark .....	1914	Jeanette Dunford .....	1932
† Christine A. Albeitz .....	1915	Adele J. Newman .....	1933
* Augusta Perkins .....	1916	Ida V. McDonald .....	1934

PAST DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES AND YEARS SERVED

† Christine A. Albeitz 1907-8-9-11	Ida V. McDonald .....	1924
† Sarah Morris .....	Lee D. Miller .....	1925
* Emma Wagner .....	Flora Shonert .....	1926
Lucy Blackmar .....	Adele Newman .....	1927-30
† Cora Dunning .....	* Cora Sheakley .....	1928
Josephine Mahar 1915-17-19-22	Jessie Bates .....	1929-32
† Amy Clark .....	Ada Van Hook .....	1931
Edwina P. Trigg .....	* Tillie Bohley .....	1933
* Edith Vaughan .....	Edna Ray .....	1934

PAST DEPARTMENT TREASURERS

† Francis Dodsworth	Emma Hyatt
* Eliza Hubert	* Flora Shonert
† Kate Stancliffe	Helen Boose
* Stella Goughenor	
† Deceased	* Absent

DEPARTMENT CIRCLES

LIZABETH NOBLE No. 4

President .....	Helen Sherman.
Delegates: .....	Edith Jones, Bertha Schultz, Ruth Meador, Helen Presswheat.
Past Presidents:	Jessie Sherman, Helen Boose, Emma Jones, Laura Patterson.

COL. GEIGER CIRCLE No. 17

President .....	Edythe Bell.
Delegates .....	Mary O'Neil, Margaret Jones.
Past President .....	Amanda Hargis.
Past Secretary .....	Caroline Culler.

MAJOR WM. MCKINLEY No. 18

President .....	Bertha Reiser.
Delegates .....	Minnie Rose, Barbara Rouse, Adeline Ritter, Lena Banker, Anna Troll, Minnie Rouse, Clara Schueller.
Past Presidents .....	Josephine Mahar, Artimiss Taylor, Emma Wagner, Bertha Schumacher, Ida Herbert, Ida Gabelman, Ernestine Kuble, Mayme Freese, Margaret Webber.
Past Secretaries .....	Ollie Reicker.

LINCOLN CIRCLE No. 19

President .....	Pearl Baker.
Delegates .....	Mary Bosold, Amelia Wyler, Emma Goldsby, Hattie Wollery,
Past Presidents .....	LoRena Fleming, Mable Burton, Marion Kornbleet.

KANSAS CITY CIRCLE No. 22

President .....	Augusta M. Davids.
Delegate .....	Cora Parks.
Past Presidents .....	Ada Van Hook, Anna Lisiecki, Emma Hyatt, Mary B. Shaumeyer, Belle Hamlin, Jessie Bates.

GENERAL J. C. FREMONT CIRCLE No. 24 (ABSENT)

MARTHA WASHINGTON CIRCLE No. 26

President .....	Anna Raaf
Delegate .....	Mary Groth
Past Presidents .....	Agnes Bagot, Mary Schlereth, Rose Naeson, Magdalen Herberer

GENERAL GRANT CIRCLE No. 31

President .....	Vena Bolinger.
Delegate .....	Barbara Grazier.
Past Presidents .....	Josephine Wood, Nellie Colgan, Helen Tyler, Margaret Stone.

CLARA BARTON CIRCLE No. 33

President .....	Martha Noland.
Delegates .....	Grace Morris, Edith Hayes, Harriet Perry, Anna Moore, Hattie Grubb, Lottie Henderson.
Past Presidents .....	Anna Nichols, Core Snare, Laura McFarlin, Dora Halpin, Sabina Stuhlman, Effie Thrasher, Jessie Kent.

ANN ADAMS HAYS CIRCLE No. 34

President .....	Lillian Coose.
Past President .....	Jeanette Dunford.

ST. LOUIS CIRCLE No. 37

Delegate .....	Elizabeth Quick.
Past President .....	Augusta McReynolds.

## ST. JOSEPH CIRCLE No. 38

President ..... Golda Webb.  
 Delegates ..... Leitha James, Ruth Briscoe, Lottie Wildhagan, Zula Utter,  
 Sarah Shale, Mae Hawk.  
 Past Presidents ..... Blanche Wake, Naomi Curtis, Helen Wright, Stella  
 Schoeneck, Marjorie Price, Ida McDonald, Edna Ray.

## COL. ROOSEVELT CIRCLE No. 42

President ..... Mary Speer.  
 Delegates ..... Catherine VonElm, Norine Blair.

## GETTYSBURG CIRCLE No. 44

President ..... Ruth Parks.  
 Delegate ..... Mary Elizabeth Tussy.  
 Past Presidents ..... Barbara Webber, Mary Braden, Bridie Kerstan.

## REV. DUNCAN BROWN CIRCLE No. 50

President ..... Myrtle Senter.  
 Delegates ..... Pearl Curtis, Elizabeth Seifert, Della Wiley.  
 Past Presidents ..... Bonnie Daniels, Frankie Gloschen, Maud Phillips, Lura  
 Behrendt.

## PEABODY CIRCLE No. 51

Past President ..... Cora Breit.

## IDA MCKINLEY CIRCLE No. 52

Past Presidents ..... Alma Sharr, Emme Filkel, Adel J. Newman.

## CAPTAIN WM. PITMAN CIRCLE No. 53 (ABSENT)

## GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN CIRCLE No. 54

President ..... Sadie Voglesong.  
 Delegate ..... Florence Hollis.  
 Past Presidents ..... Ethel Butterworth, Edwina P. Trigg.

## FAIRPORT CIRCLE No. 57

Past President ..... Nellie McCrea.

## THOS. G. WADE CIRCLE No. 59 (ABSENT)

## TINDALL CIRCLE No. 61 (ABSENT)

## AMERICA CIRCLE No. 62

Past President ..... Margueritte Riggs.

## CAPE GIRARDEAU CIRCLE No. 64 (ABSENT)

## JOHN H. TEDRICK CIRCLE No. 68

Past President ..... Ruth Hibler.

## WM. W. OWEN CIRCLE No. 75

President ..... Ada Melvin.  
 Delegates ..... Lenora Kruckman, Rose Martin.  
 Past President ..... Charlotte Muller.

The Memorial exercises were in the Empire Ball Room of the Hotel Connor Tuesday, May 12, 1936 at 2:30 P. M. We were called for a moment of silent prayer for our deceased Comrades and Sisters of the past year.

Sister Hargis took her text from the 14th Chapter of St. John and stressed the life after death and the fact that we do not die but begin to live Eternally.

With Sister Naomi Curtis at the piano, Sister Wildhagen, Sister Helen Wright and Sister Letha James sang "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" while the Circle Chaplains dressed in white passed in double file to position in front of the Alter. Sisters Florence Hollis, Blanch Wake and Ruth Meador carried carnations to place in a wreath which was a beautiful broken circle with a white cross in the background.

Roll call of Circles was called by the Department Secretary, Margaret Stone and as Circle names were called the Chaplain responded with the number and name of Sisters and Comrades, while Sister Blanch Wake of St. Joseph Circle No. 38 placed red carnations for Sisters and Sister Ruth Meador of Lizabeth Noble Circle No. 4 placed white carnations for deceased Comrades.

Sister LoRena Fleming Past Department President gave a tribute to Past Department President, Sister Amy Clark, a carnation was placed for her, and Sister Emma Hyatt, Past Department President paid tribute to Past Department President Sister Kate Stancliffe.

Comrade Best of Kansas City paid tribute to our deceased Comrades and at the close few eyes were dry.

The Chaplain then asked for a moment of silent prayer and as Sisters Wright, Wildhagen and James sang, "The Old Rugged Cross" the Circle Chaplains filed slowly to the back of the room.

We were dismissed with a prayer.



## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

To the Officers and Members of this 39th Convention Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Dear Sisters:

The greatest gift that the members of our beloved order bestowed by unanimous vote, the office of Department President is fully appreciated. I have endeavored to fulfill my obligations, I wish to express my gratitude to all those who by their loyal support and loving cooperation have helped me through the year. May I ask, if in your hearts there is any disappointment or hurt or the memory of one thing unpleasant or unlovely let it be forgotten.

I bring to you no message graced with wonders I have done, no great achievement can I show at this year's set of Sun, but humbly I submit to you this record of my task and if it meets with your approval that is all that I shall ask.

I was installed May 23, 1935, by Sister Mahar Past National President, assisted by Sister Trigg Past National Secretary and Sister Dunford Past Department President acting as conductors. I was then presented with a gift from my Circle by the President, Sister Lisiecki. Upon my return to Kansas City I immediately entered on my duties.

"What shall I say to you? O Circles of mine"

You are so strong, so true, so fine.

You are so considerate, so thoughtful, so kind

You made me the recipient of gifts so fine.

I can in truthfulness exclaim, "My cup runnith over."

"O Circles of mine."

Sunday, May 26, I attended the Memorial services with my Comrades and Allied Orders at the Country Club Christian Church.

May 30, In the morning I attended the Annual Decoration Day exercises held in Elmwood Cemetery and in the afternoon of the same day attended the services held in Union Cemetery by the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, and their Auxilliary. While there decorated 145 graves of our Comrades. Then with the Comrades we went to the beautiful Troost Lake, took part in the services held for our Soldiers and Marine Dead, strewing flowers on the water.

Monday, June 3, I attended my own Circle meeting, was introduced and presented with a gift by my own Circle President, Sister Lisiecki.

June 7 and 8, was spent in St. Joseph on official business. The evening of the 8th was spent with Sister Ida McDonald, the Department Councilor, and members of the Circles informally.

June 11th, a luncheon was given at the Ormand Hotel by the Circles of Kansas City in honor of your Department President and her staff, this was a very enjoyable occasion at which many splendid talks were made. I was presented with a gift from all the Circles and a beautiful corsage of red, white and blue flowers, and was also presented with a lovely corsage by Sisters Lisiecki and Kershner. Five Comrades, and Sister Hiner, the Department President of the Daughters were also guests of honor. This day shall always stand out in my memory as one perfect day.

June 16th, was guest of Clara Barton Social Club at Sister Hays, over in Kansas, fifty members and friends were present.

June 19th, went to Kansas City, Kansas, was guest of Kansas City Circle No. 86, at the banquet in celebration of the birthday of our Flag. The Circle had a wonderful Patriotic program.

September 4th, I was again the guest of Clara Barton Circle Social Club at Sister Wright's. Sister Wright presented me with a beautiful handkerchief.

The week of September 8th to 14th I attended the National Convention at Grand Rapids, Michigan. I was appointed to act as Guard one day. I had the honor and privilege to nominate Sister Thrasher to the high office of

National Sr. Vice-President. She was elected with 120 votes, bringing the honor home to the Department of Missouri.

At the Annual breakfast of the National Betsy Ross Club, was the guest of Sister Marguerite Riggs, National President of the Club.

While there the Delegation from Missouri had a breakfast for the Department President, two of the members had their husbands there, Mr. Jones and Mr. Dill, a great time was had by all at this get-together party, I was presented with a beautiful gift. The Missouri delegation was filled and a profitable time was spent. My Sr. Vice-President and her husband gave me the great pleasure of a trip to Lake Michigan, a lovely ride and dinner and back in time for the next session of the convention. Sister Hattie Moore presented me with a fountain pen as I had left mine at home, a useful gift and very much appreciated.

September 25th, visited Gen. Grant Circle, not enough present to have a meeting, the Secretary's books were not there.

September 26th, I attended the Memorial services of Farragut-Thomas Post No. 11, held at their hall for 22 deceased Comrades.

In October I started my Inspection trip over the State with Sister Snare, the Department Inspector. I am most grateful to her for her valuable assistance, she was a help to every Circle she attended.

October 2nd, Inspected Col. Roosevelt Circle No. 42, was the guest at noon of the Circle. Sister Norine Blair, Council of Administration Member belongs to this Circle. This is a small Circle but do their work nicely, was presented with a lovely gift.

October 7, With my Inspector I visited Kansas City Circle No. 22, was the guest of my Circle President for lunch at noon, this is my own Circle, was presented with a useful gift from my Circle President, Sister Lisiecki.

October 8th, Went to St. Joseph and was the guest at a banquet given by the Daughters to their Department President, Sister Lottie Hiner, had a lovely time.

October 9th, I Inspected Clara Barton Circle No. 33, this is a large Circle, having from 30 to 50 members present at their regular meetings and are almost letter perfect in their floor work, was a guest with all other Department Officers at lunch at Wolferman's tea room, was presented with a beautiful gift, Sister Stuhlman, Department Registrar and Sister Cora Snare, Department Inspector are members of this Circle.

Sunday, October 13th, Started for St. Joseph with the Department Inspector, Sister Snare and other Department officers. We had dinner with Sister Ray, Chairman of the Council of Administration. Was guest that night of Sister McDonald, Department Councilor.

October 14, Visited with Peabody Circle No. 53, found them earnestly carrying on as their President had resigned, Sister Thrasher, National Sr. Vice-President installed the Sr. Vice-President, Anna Dill as President of the Circle, after the meeting refreshments were served, received a lovely gift, we spent the night with Sister Breit, the Department Jr. Vice-President who is a member of Circle No. 53.

October 15th, Was guest of Rev. Duncan Brown Circle No. 50, who had a banquet at the St. Frances Hotel, Inspected the Circle that afternoon, and found they did their work nicely, I received a lovely gift. Was guest at the home of Sister Daniels that evening. A reception was held for the Department officers, and the National Sr. Vice-President, Sister Effie Thrasher all received gifts from Sister Daniels.

October 16th, Visited John H. Tedrich Circle No. 68 at Altamont but owing to the unfortunate accident to several of the members on the way up there no meeting was held, just inspected the books. We were served a lovely dinner at Sister Finis Lee's home, who is the Department Librarian, and a member of Circle No. 68.

October 17th, Thursday morning breakfast at Hotel Robidoux given by the Past Presidents of Circle No. 38. Sister Wilson of Oklahoma, Department Registrar was a guest also. At noon we had lunch with Wm. W. Owen Circle No. 75 at their hall, Sister Lottie Hiner, Department President of the Daughters and her Secretary, Sister DeFrates were guests also of

honor, Sister Charlotte Mueller presented each officer with a beautiful rose, we had a lovely meeting in the afternoon, and again was presented with a beautiful gift. That evening had dinner with Sister Mueller who presented each officer with a lovely gift. In the evening a reception was held, Sister Wilson with Sister Hiner and DePrates were guests with the Department officers, also the National Sr. Vice-President. Spent the night with Sister Hiner. Next morning we were served a lovely breakfast with several other guests, each presented with a gift.

October 18th, Was guest at the Robidoux Hotel where St. Joseph Circle No. 38 had a banquet for the Department officers and National officers. Several members drove down from Kansas City, had a wonderful time and was presented with several lovely gifts. Circle No. 38 is a large Circle and put on their work in a lovely manner, almost letter perfect. Sister McDonald, the Department Councilor, Sister Ray, the Chairman of the Council of Administration and Sister Price, Department Musician are members of this Circle.

October 19, Went to Maysville, but owing to a misunderstanding there was no meeting, spent a pleasant evening with Sister Fisher and Sister Mathes, discussing their work, this Circle deserves much praise for their Patriotic work. Sister Fisher is the Department Corresponding Secretary and President of this Circle.

October 20th, Drive back to Kansas City, spent the afternoon with Sister Stone, the Department Secretary, getting out the mail, Sister McDonald and Sister Ray accompanied me home. We had dinner with Sister Stone.

October 21, Spent the day with Sister Kershner and Sister Hyatt at Sister Kershner's home. Sister Kershner is the Department Press Correspondent and a member of Kansas City Circle.

October 23, Visited Gen. Grant Circle No. 31, not enough present to put on the work. Inspected the books of the Secretary and Treasurer and found them in excellent condition.

October 25th, Went to St. Joseph, spent the day with Sister Curtis who entertained St. Joseph Circle Social Club, was a guest with Sister Ray at Sister Wake's home all night.

October 25, With the Department Junior Vice-President, Sister Breit started on a trip to the northern part of the State. Drove to Maysville, visited again with Sister Fisher then on to Fairport. We had dinner with Sisters Denny and McCrea at Sister Rice's home then on to circle meeting that evening. This was an enthusiastic meeting. The Circle put on the work with lots of pep. After meeting refreshments were served. Two members from Pittman Circle were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Sister McCrea, a member of the Council of Administration is a member of this Circle.

October 27, Sunday morning, after a lovely breakfast, we started for Unionville, were met by Sister Rouse, president of the Thos. G. Wade Circle No. 59, who entertained us for dinner and took us to the Baptist Church and I was asked to give a talk at the church service. My subject was "Practical Christianity and Patriotism."

October 28, Was met by the Circle President, Sister Rouse, and was taken to see two dear (old comrades, Vestal and Grosbosch. Spent a wonderful afternoon listening to War Stories of 1861 to 1865. We met at the hall that evening for a covered dish luncheon; had a wonderful program and then attended the Circle meeting. This Circle puts on their floor work very nicely. Was presented with a lovely gift.

October 30, Drove to Chillicothe. Meeting was called for Wednesday, so we went to the hotel for a much-needed rest.

October 31, Had inspection of Tindall Circle No. 61, thirteen members were present. The President had resigned and moved away. The Circle was carrying on and doing a lot of splendid patriotic work. Had a covered dish luncheon after the meeting. Had a lovely time getting acquainted. Drove back that evening to Savannah, stayed all night with Sister Breit, back to St. Joseph, and on home to Kansas City.

November 1, Visited Lincoln Circle No. 19, had lunch with Circle President Sister Kornbleet and Comrade Hollingsworth, several Department of-

icers, also the National Senior Vice-President, Sister Thrasher, was present, all were presented with gorgeous flowers and personal gifts from Sister Kornbleet. This is also a large Circle and doing splendid work.

November 2, Spent the day getting out the mail.

November 3, Left Kansas City for Jefferson City, arrived Sunday evening and was met by Sister Dunford and Sister McCormick. Next day met with Ann Adams Hayes Circle No. 34, for luncheon, 22 members were present. At meeting 20 members were present. This Circle is getting new members and putting on their floor work as nicely as a larger Circle. Was presented with several lovely gifts from Sisters Dunford, Kierns, and Circle. That evening was the guest of Sister Dunford at Warwick Village, a more unique place could not have been found, back to town to Sister Kierns home where refreshments were served. I had a lovely visit with Sister McCormick who with her four daughters are members of this Circle. Sister Kierns on the Legislative Committee is a member of this Circle.

November 5th, Started for St. James Home, a lovely trip down through the Ozarks, visited the sick and shut-in Comrades and widows, we had lunch at the home, had a lovely visit with the Superintendent and Matron of the Home. It was a day well spent. Back to Jefferson City and had dinner with Sister Dunford. I was a guest of Sister Dunford during my stay in Jefferson City.

November 6, Took the early train for St. Louis, was met at the station by Sister Jones, Senior Vice-President, and her son, and my Department Secretary Sister Stone, was taken to the Mark Twain Hotel and established headquarters for my stay in St. Louis. At noon the President of Missouri Circle No. 56, came by for me and we had lunch at the German House with several members of the Circle. This was a small Circle but did their work nicely, I was presented with a lovely gift, that evening several members of the Circle with Department officers were guests of Sister Moore for dinner.

November 7, Had lunch with Sister Schumacher, assistant Inspector, and members of Circle No. 18, Wm. McKinley Circle. This is a large Circle doing splendid work, their floor work being almost letter perfect. I received a lovely and useful gift. After the meeting was taken to a show, then to a dinner with the President, Sister Waller, and Brother and Sister Schumacher and Sister Webber.

November 8, Sister Jones, Senior Vice-President, came after me and we spent a glorious day together, going to Shaw's Garden and then to the Zoo, then on to her home for dinner, Friday evening we went to the Joint Installation of the Auxiliary and Sons of Union Veterans, four Department Presidents of Allied orders were present.

November 9, Had lunch with Sister Edwards, President of St. Louis Circle No. 37, this is a large Circle, doing their work very nicely and was presented with a lovely gift.

November 9th, In the evening had dinner with Sister Patterson, President of Elizabeth Nobel Circle No. 4. This is a large Circle doing splendid work. Sister Jones and Sister Boose are both members of this Circle, again was the recipient of a lovely gift.

November 10, Spent the day with an old friend and neighbor.

November 11, Visited Ida McKinley Circle No. 52, the President, Sister Filkel, a friend of long standing, it was with pleasure I attended her meeting, their work was done nicely, after meeting refreshments were served, all Department officers were presented with a gift. In the evening the Department officers entertained me with a show and dinner, I was presented with a gift and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

November 12, Visited with Camp Jackson Circle No. 74, owing to so much sickness and some members working not enough for a quorum were present, nine different Circles were represented, a pleasant afternoon was spent, refreshments were served and was presented with a gift, in the evening was entertained with a dinner by the Past Department Presidents at the Castilla, a lovely Spanish place, an enjoyable time was had by all present, was presented a lovely gift and a personal gift from Sister Neubaur.

November 13, Was guest of Fremont Circle No. 24 at a banquet at the

Northwestern Hotel. Inspected the Circle. They do their work nicely and again was presented with a lovely gift. In the evening McKinley No. 18 Past Presidents Club gave a Tacky Party at Sister Herbert's, a grand time was had by all, I still enjoy thinking of it.

November 14, Had lunch with Brother and Sister Schumacher, inspected America Circle No. 62, this Circle's reports are outstanding for Patriotic and Relief work done, was presented with a gift and check. We had dinner with the Circle President, Sister Margaret Turpel and members of the Gravitola. Then on out to the Schumacher Funeral Home where the services for Comrade Langley who was an honorary member of Camp Jackson Circle, were held, I had the privilege of placing the Flag on the breast of our beloved Comrade.

November 15, Friday morning inspected Martha Washington Circle No. 26, this Circle is also outstanding for relief work reported, we had dinner at the hall, was presented with a lovely and useful gift. Friday afternoon visited Gettysburg Circle No. 44, a small but thriving Circle doing nicely. Had a covered dish luncheon at the hall. All Department officers were presented with a gift.

November 16, We gathered at the beautiful Chase Hotel for a reception and luncheon for the Department President and her staff. I had the honor and privilege to escort to the banquet table my own Commander Comrades Martin, there were six Comrades present to make the day complete, the room was full, 101 members my heart was full of love for each and every one there. I was presented with a gorgeous bouquet of red rose buds and a very substantial gift.

November 17, Sunday morning to the hospital to see a member of Elizabeth Noble Circle, then on to the Cemetery to place the centerpiece of flowers used on the banquet table on Comrade Langley's grave. Then down the highway we drove and such a grand trip we had with Sister Jones and family. Miles and miles we drove, stopped and had dinner then more miles were speeded. Home to Sister Jones for lunch, then back to the hotel and a really lovely time with the St. Louis Sisters was ended. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit with the St. Louis Sisters and appreciate all the arrangements made by Sister Jones, also the kindness of Brother and Sister Schumacher, the Circle Presidents and all members for my entertainment as well as the many beautiful and useful gifts from the Circles and members. I can never express my appreciation in words to Mr. Jones for his and Mrs. Jones' part in making my stay in St. Louis so pleasant.

November 18, Went to Cape Girardeau, and through a misunderstanding the Circle had met. We had dinner with Sister Miller, inspected the books and visited several of the members of the Circle.

November 20, Back to St. Louis and on our way to Springfield, was met by Sister Riggs, had lunch with her at the Union Station and visited until train time, then on to Springfield.

November 21, We were met by three of the Circle members and taken to the Colonial Hotel.

November 22, We had lunch at the Y. M. C. A., three Comrades were present, was presented a lovely corsage of Gardenias by Comrade Callan, inspected Col. Geiger Circle No. 17, this Circle is enthusiastic having gained eight new members and more to come. The Department Chaplain is President of the Circle. After meeting went with a committee to visit the newspaper office to protest the unfair treatment given Circle publicity. Home again and spent the day getting out the mail.

November 25, Went to St. Joseph to the annual dinner of Custer Post. Five Comrades were present, three from Kansas City. Representatives from all Allied orders were there and pledged loyal support to the Comrades to help continue the Post.

December 4, Was asked to be present at Col. Roosevelt's meeting.

December 9, Inspected John A. Logan Circle No. 54. I have visited this Circle several times and find them doing splendid work, received a lovely gift.

I have visited all Circles, inspected the books of all except one, found all books of Secretaries and Treasurers in splendid condition. For the best interest of our Order, would recommend just one thing—study the Ritual and the Rules and Regulations.

December 11, The Past Department Presidents of Kansas City and Jefferson City entertained me with a lovely dinner at the Hotel President. The evening was spent visiting and was presented with a useful gift.

December 16, Was called on to be on the program of the Boy Scout Investiture service, gave a talk on "Good Citizenship." Was asked to help form a Mother's Club as an Auxiliary to the Boy Scout Troup.

December 20, Visited Lincoln Circle's Christmas Party, with an exchange of gifts. At this time spent several days going through old minutes getting data for year books for Sister Dunford to complete records for the files at Columbia, Mo. In filing our records into the State Historical Building in Columbia, Mo., I found our records for the first eight years were not printed in book form, so in order to complete all records up to the year of Sister Duning I have gone through our Secretaries books and had typed in book form all records of our Past Department Presidents and have filed them along with our later proceedings books. Making our Department proceedings complete up to the present time, and in case of accident by loss or fire to our trunk our records will now be intact.

January 6, Installed Kansas City Circle's officers, the new President, Sister Davis, presented me with a lovely gift.

January 14, Spent day with Sister Stuhlman and Circle Presidents, one Comrade was present, refreshments were served.

January 15, Was guest at Sister Wood's home of the Gen. Grant Circle Social Club, three Comrades were present.

January 16, Went to St. Joseph and spent the night with Sister Webb, the new President elect of Circle No. 38. Friday I attended the luncheon for the out-going and in-coming officers. I installed the new officers and was presented with a lovely and useful gift. Spent the night with Sister Wake, had Saturday evening dinner with Sister Webb. Was her guest Saturday night and returned home on Sunday.

January 19, Spent the day getting out the mail.

At this time my attention was called to the fact that our young folks were going in large groups to hear a Missionary by the name of Kawaga who is here in the United States by special permission, the Japanese quota being already filled.

In his lectures he created in the minds of the young folks some very undesirable knowledge, as there can be no mistake about his Christianity being adulterated with anti-Christian principles. Even at best his views must be regarded as unitarian.

I immediately got in touch by letter and phone to keep our young folks away from his lectures, also wrote to our General Headquarters protesting their articles in our church paper.

I sent out numerous letters of protest also wrote the American Coalition for copies of telegrams and gave them to ministers to try to protect our young folks.

I disagree with Kawaga, or anyone else when he says that the co-operatives and the church must be brought together.

The church is not here to promote any economic or political cause.

February 5, Again requested to be at Col. Roosevelt Circle.

February 8, Attended the funeral of Past Department President, Sister Amy Clark.

February 10, Attended the meeting of my own Circle.

February 12, Spent the day with Sister Sawyer and Gen. Grant Circle Social Club. Five Comrades were present and 28 Sisters and friends.

February 19, Attended a party given by Kansas City Circle No. 22 for Sister Russer's 86th birthday.

February 21, I and the Department Secretary went to Joplin to make the final arrangements for the Convention.

February 23, Spent the day writing to the heads of the different Allied Orders for Comrade Barnes and answering letters.

February 29, Attended the funeral of Sister Elaine Peterson.

March 2, Attended my own Circle meeting.

March 4, spent the day with Clara Barton Social Club at the home of Sister Stuhlman.

March 4, Spent the day getting ready for the Convention and had lunch with my Secretary, Sister Stone.

March 11, St. Joseph Social Club met with Sister Webb, celebrating their 17th birthday. I was a guest of the Club and spent the night with Sister Webb.

March 16, Attended the inspection of Wm. Warner Auxiliary, Sister Kesselring, the Department President, the Department Inspector, Sister Ella Miller and Past Department President, Sister Marie Rau were present.

March 18, I again attended Col. Roosevelt's meeting at the request of the President.

April 19, Drove to St. Joseph and spent the night with Sister Charlotte Mueller and visited Wm. W. Owen Circle No. 75 at the request of the President, Sister Melvin.

May 1, Spent the day and night with the Department Secretary getting out the Department mail and reports. Monday, May 3, attended my Circle meeting.

Tuesday, May 4, Attended the banquet given by the American War Mothers' organization before the annual Carnation sale for Mothers' Day.

May 9, Spent the day selling carnations with several girls.

Through the Lincoln Circle President, Sister Marion Kornbleet, and her kind husband, got the printing of the badges as a gift from them. I want to thank Sister Helen Tyler for the use of her typewriter, its use has lightened our work. To all who even in a small way have helped, a kind word or a help in any way has been very much appreciated. You can not spread sunshine or happiness unless you get some on yourself, like spreading of jam.

Fifteenth Chapter of St. John, part of verse 12, is where I got my password, and now my work is finished, I have come to the turning of the road with my whole heart every ounce of energy at my command. I have striven to do right, to be fair minded at all times, kindly, just and helpful. I hope that I may have succeeded that this Administration will ever reflect a pleasure of credit on the Order we love. I wish to acknowledge with appreciation all Journals, General Orders, Letters and Cards from other Departments, also from Allied Orders, they were a source of great pleasure information and instruction.

One of the most pleasant associations of the entire year has been that with Sister Stone the Department Secretary. She has always been kind and filled with tender consideration, she has been loyal and true, has given her fullest support during the year, no effort has been too great for her, and I wish to express to her my sincere love and heartfelt thanks, the bond of friendship that has existed for years has only been strengthened, likewise to my most efficient and capable Treasurer, Sister Boose, while no words of mine need to assure her of my love and esteem I want to thank her for the hearty co-operation and the way she has carried her part of the work and to my Councilor, Sister Ida McDonald, I want to thank you for the gracious way you have assumed the duties of your office. And to my successor, I pledge my loyal support and wish you a year of success and achievement.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.,

JESSIE BATES,  
Department President.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

St. Louis, Missouri, May 11, 1936.

Greetings to the Department President, and all Members Assembled Here at this Annual Thirty-ninth Convention of the Department of Missouri.

*Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

Through this procedure, wish to thank the sisters for the honor conferred upon myself and my circle. On memorial day remembered our dead and attended services at Grant's Monument. Flag Day attended exercises at the Roosevelt High School where six Circles were represented. June 16, spent the day at St. James. September 23, attended the National convention of the American Legion, took greetings from the department of Missouri and welcomed them in behalf of the Circles of St. Louis. Also attended the National Convention at Grand Rapids. November 16, was Chairman at a luncheon given by the Circles of St. Louis at Hotel Coronada, when we honored our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates. Represented our Order whenever called upon and presented several Flags. March 27, was chairman at a reception honoring our Department Commander, Perry Martin, given by the Circles of St. Louis, who presented Commander with a check for \$26.00. April 1 was authorized by the Department President to lift the Charter of Missouri Circle No. 56.

May 3, was chairman at a luncheon when the Circles of St. Louis honored our National President, Sister Williamson.

Thanking the circles for courtesies extended me and with best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

EMMA JONES,  
Senior Vice-President.

## REPORT OF THE JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

To the Officers and Members of this Thirty-ninth Annual Convention, I Wish to Submit This Report:

I have performed my duties, and though they were very light, have been willing at all times to do anything asked of me.

I wish to thank this Convention for the honor of being your Department Junior Vice-President.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

CORA BREIT,  
Department Junior Vice-President,  
Savannah, Mo.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Department President, Officers and Members of This Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I wish to submit the following report of my year's work as Secretary. The figures are taken from the reports sent to me from the Circles:

Number of Circles March 21, 1935.....	28
Number of Circles Gained .....	0
Number of Circles lost during the year.....	2

Total number of Circles left in the Department..... 26



Numbers of members in good standing March 31, 1935.....	1274	1274
Number gained by Initiation .....	45	
Number gained by transfer .....	12	
Number gained by Reinstatement .....	6	63
Total .....	1337	1337
Members lost by Death .....	36	
Members lost by Honorable Discharge .....	19	
Members lost by Transfer .....	9	
Members lost by Being Dropped .....	75	
Members lost by Disbanded Circles .....	8	147
Total numbers of Members in good standing .....	1190	1190
Honorary Members, Veterans .....	32	
Sons of Veterans .....	114	
Army Nurse .....	1	147
Total Membership, including Honorary Members.....		1337
I paid per capita tax to the National on:		
June, 1935 .....	1274 Members	
September .....	1242 Members	
December .....	1204 Members	
March .....	1190 Members	
Number of Members on March 31, 1935.....	1274	
Number of Members gained for the year.....	63	
Total .....	1337	
Loss during the year .....	147	
Total .....	1190	
Remaining in good standing for which I paid per capita tax to the National on March 31, 1936.		
The following is the financial standing of the Circles, according to reports sent to me for the year:		
Amount of money on hand, March 31, 1935.....	\$3,687.52	
Amount received during the year .....	4,658.38	
Total .....	\$8,345.90	
Disbursements for the year.....	4,712.79	
Balance on hand on March 31, 1936.....	\$3,633.11	
According to the Circles' reports the following funds are:		
Special fund .....	\$2,342.78	
Relief fund .....	33.25	
Memorial fund .....	8.00	
Total .....	\$2,384.03	\$2,384.03
General fund .....	1,249.08	1,249.08
Total funds as reported .....	\$3,633.11	
The following is the amount paid into the budget funds for the year:		
Per Capita Tax .....	\$ 484.82	
Proceedings fund .....	212.04	
Organization fund .....	171.00	
Memorial fund .....	22.76	
Patriotic fund .....	57.10	
G. A. R. fund .....	135.72	
Total .....	\$1,083.44	

This is the financial statement of the money sent to the Department by the Circles for the budget funds:

No.	Circle	P.C.T.	Proc.	Organ	Pat.	Mem.	G.A.R.
4—	Lizabeth Noble	\$ 27.10	\$ 12.06	\$ 9.90	\$ 3.20	\$ 1.28	\$ 7.68
17—	Col. Geiger	18.30	8.46	7.05	2.30	.92	5.16
18—	Maj. Wm. McKinley	45.60	20.52	17.10	5.60	2.24	13.44
19—	Lincoln	31.20	14.22	11.70	3.90	1.56	9.24
22—	Kansas City	20.80	9.54	7.95	2.55	1.02	6.00
24—	J. C. Fremont	12.00	5.76	4.50	1.45	.58	3.48
26—	Martha Washington	17.10	7.56	6.30	2.15	.86	5.16
31—	Gen. Grant	11.00	4.50	4.05	1.40	.56	3.36
33—	Clara Barton	37.60	16.38	14.10	4.85	1.94	11.64
34—	Ann Adams Hays	13.40	5.94	4.95	1.70	.68	4.08
37—	St. Louis	41.30	19.44	15.45	5.10	2.04	12.24
38—	St. Joseph	37.00	16.74	14.25	4.95	1.90	11.40
42—	Col. Roosevelt	9.20	4.50	3.75	1.10	.44	2.40
44—	Gettysburg	12.90	5.94	4.95	1.55	.62	3.72
50—	Duncan Brown	18.10	9.00	7.50	2.05	.82	4.92
51—	Peabody	8.80	4.32	3.45	1.00	.40	2.40
52—	Ida McKinley	8.70	4.32	3.60	1.00	.40	2.40
	Capt. Wm. Pittman	6.00					
54—	John A. Logan	8.60	4.14	3.00	1.00	.40	2.40
56—	Missouri	5.80	2.88	2.25	.65	.26	1.56
57—	Fairport	10.60					
59—	Thos. G. Wade	31.24	14.94	10.20	3.50	1.40	8.40
61—	Tindall	8.84			1.10	.44	2.64
62—	America	15.40	7.20	5.85	1.90	.76	4.56
64—	Cape Girardeau	5.40	2.52	2.10	.65	.26	1.56
68—	J. H. Tedrick	7.30	3.24	2.70	.95	.38	2.28
74—	Camp Jackson	3.70	2.34				
75—	Wm. W. Owen	11.84	5.58	4.35	1.50	.60	3.60
		\$484.82	\$212.04	\$171.00	\$ 57.10	\$ 22.76	\$135.72

Camp Jackson turned in their Charter on March 3rd, 1936. And Missouri Circle surrendered their Charter on April 1st, 1936.

I have sent stationary to Department Officers, sent out three National General Orders, National Decisions and notices of Incorporation, four Department General Orders, have typed records to be used in the State files by Sister Dunford. Have sent out Election, Credentials, Patriotic Instructors and Chaplain blanks. Four sets of Quarterly reports and many duplicate blanks. I have given receipts for all money received and have drawn all warrants ordered paid by our Department President and have answered all letters and cards received as well as phone calls.

To you Sister President if I have finished my year as your Secretary with credit it was because of your ever ready assistance and good advice,— "Ours is one of those rare friendships that does not just happen, but grows into love eternal." Our association has been, is, and always will be beautiful. I wish to thank you for my appointment, and will ever be ready to assist you at all times.

To you, Sister Sr. Vice-President, "May the hinges of our friendship never rust."

To you, Sister Treasurer, you have been ever loyal and true—a real friend, indeed.

To you, Sister Vice-President, "May the hinges of our friendship never rust."

I wish to thank all who by their many loving kindnesses have made my work a pleasure. "We pass this way but once." Let's have a smile to make life worth while.

My trip with our Department President over the State and all the nice things said and done will always be remembered with happiness and joy locked in my book of treasured memories.

And to my successor, I will be ever ready to lend a hand and wish for her all the joys and pleasures I have had this year.

With love in my heart for all, I am,

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

MARGARET A. STONE,  
Department Secretary.

### DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI, LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

To the Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I respectfully submit the following report:

Balance on hand June 1, 1935.....\$ 85.96

#### RECEIPTS TO APRIL 25

Per Capita Tax, first quarter.....\$126.00  
Per Capita Tax, second quarter..... 124.40  
Per Capita Tax, third quarter..... 120.50  
Per Capita Tax, fourth quarter..... 113.90 \$ 484.80

Proceedings Fund ..... 212.04  
Organization Fund ..... 171.00  
Patriotic Fund ..... 57.10  
Memorial Fund ..... 22.76  
G. A. R. Fund ..... 135.74  
Donations (Card Party) ..... 68.30 \$1,188.74  
St. James Gift ..... 37.00

Supplies ..... \$1,274.70  
..... 95.33

Tax ..... \$1,370.03  
..... .08

Total Disbursements—Warrants 1 to 65..... \$1,370.11  
..... 1,023.57

Balance May 1, subject to Convention Expenses \$ 346.54

As I close my second year as your Department Treasurer, I want to commend the Circles on their promptness in their budget. I am sorry they are not 100 per cent on all items. It has been a pleasure to serve under your leadership, Dear Sister Jessie, which I hope was with satisfaction to you and my department. To you, Department Secretary, Sister Margaret, as the year progressed, we came to a better understanding of each other and I thank you for your patience. To my family of Circle Treasurers, I am indeed glad to know you. I have tried to be prompt in filling your orders, etc., and I wish to thank the Circles of St. Louis for courtesies extended to me from time to time. Again, I thank you for the confidence you placed in me for the second year.

Sincerely yours, in F. C. & L.,

HELEN BOOSE,  
Department Treasurer.

### DISBURSEMENTS BL WARRANTS

1—Wacher Insurance Co., (Treasurer's Bond).....\$ 2.50  
2—Mayme Freese, Dept. Patriotic Inst., Flag Expense..... 1.01  
3—Jessie Bates, Trunk Expense ..... 2.00  
4—Helen Boose, Postage ..... 5.00  
5—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
6—Jack Hanbeck, No. 1 General Orders and Stationary ..... 16.60  
7—Allen Seal Co., Dept. Treas., Seal..... 5.15  
8—Jessie Bates, Postage ..... 5.00  
9—Jack Hanbeck, 200 Post Cards and Printing ..... 4.00  
10—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 3.60  
11—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
12—Maybelle Nisson, Nat'l Per Capita Tax ..... 50.96  
13—Jessie Bates, Exp. to Nat'l Conv. and Nat'l Gift..... 100.00  
14—Helen Boose, Bank Charges and Check Clearance..... 1.48  
15—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
16—Edna Ray, Postage on Proceedings Books..... 4.62  
17—Josephine Wood, For Caretaker of Indep. Cemetery Lot..... 7.50  
18—Jack Hanbeck, No. 2 General Orders ..... 6.50  
19—Jessie Bates, Inspection ..... 50.00  
20—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
21—Jessie Bates, Inspection ..... 5.00  
22—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 9.90  
23—Ida McKinley Circle, Supplies ..... 6.40  
24—Jessie Bates, Inspection ..... 50.00  
25—Maybelle Nisson, Nat'l Per Capita Tax ..... 49.68  
26—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies (Rituals) ..... 3.90  
27—Jessie Bates, Inspection ..... 50.00  
28—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies (Rituals) ..... 5.40  
29—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
30—Alice Carey Risley, Xmas Gift (Army Nurse) ..... 25.00  
31—Maybelle Nisson, 2 Past Pres. Pins ..... 5.20  
32—Helen Boose, Postage ..... 5.00  
33—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift..... 24.00  
34—Powell, Florist, Flowers, Sister Stancliffe Funeral..... 5.00  
35—First Nat'l Bank, St. Louis, Bank Clearance ..... 3.12  
36—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift..... 5.00  
37—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 14.65  
38—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift..... 1.00  
39—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 13.25  
40—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift..... 1.50  
41—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 2.60  
42—Jack Hanbeck, No. 3, General Orders ..... 8.50  
43—Maybelle Nisson, Nat'l Per Capita Tax ..... 48.16  
44—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
45—Jessie Bates, Ribbon for Dept. Badges ..... 4.00  
46—Jessie Bates, Flag for Dept. Presentation ..... 3.15  
47—Jessie Bates, Expense to Joplin Conv. Arrangements ..... 10.00  
48—Jessie Bates, Postage ..... 5.00  
49—Powell, Florist, Flowers Sister Clark Funeral ..... 5.00  
50—Void, a/c. No. 42 being divided by treasurer.  
51—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift ..... 1.50  
52—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
53—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift..... 1.50  
54—Jessie Bates, Fund for St. James Home Gift ..... 2.50  
55—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 5.85  
56—Jack Hanbeck, Envelopes ..... 4.75  
57—Helen Boose, Postage ..... 2.00  
58—Margaret Stone, Postage ..... 5.00  
59—Maybelle Nisson, Supplies ..... 4.98

60—Chas. A. Winship, Past Dept. Pres. Pin .....	35.00
61—Chas. A. Winship, Nat'l Repr. Gift .....	4.00
62—Jack Hanbeck, No. 4 General Orders .....	7.90
63—Vogue Printing Co., Proceedings Book .....	212.04
64—Maybelle Nisson, Nat'l Per Capita Tax .....	47.60
65—Margaret Stone, Postage .....	5.00
66—Jessie Bates, Scout Flag for Conv. Presentation .....	11.00
67—Helen Boose, Supplies (Rules and Regulations) .....	7.50
68—Helen Boose, R. R. Fare and Conv. Expenses .....	8.50
69—Jessie Bates, R. R. Fare and Conv. Expenses .....	5.00
70—Federated Patriotic Societies, Dept. Dues .....	5.00
71—Helen Boose, Bank Clearance .....	2.62

\$1,049.57

## CONVENTION RECEIPTS

No. 38—Gift on Proceedings Book .....	\$ 27.96
Gift from Picture Refunds .....	10.50
Banquet Gift .....	4.55
Proceedings, Books, Rules and Regulations sold .....	23.15
Quilt Tickets sold .....	8.20
Budget Funds Paid to Convention .....	11.78

\$ 86.14

## CONVENTION WARRANTS

72—Naomi Curtis, Musician at Convention .....	\$ 5.00
75—Helen Boose, Treas. Salary .....	25.00
74—Margaret Stone, Secretary Salary .....	25.00
75—G. A. R. Gift, Department Gift .....	100.00
76—Maybelle Nisson, Memorial Dues .....	10.00
77—Sabina Stuhlman, Postage, Dept. Registrar .....	2.00
78—Mae Harrison, Assistant Secretary Salary .....	5.00
79—Helen Boose, Incidentals .....	5.00
80—Edna Ray, Postage and Incidentals .....	5.10
81—Jessie Bates, Phone calls, etc. ....	8.89
82—Circle with Greatest Gain, Award .....	2.00
83—Circle with Least Number Dropped Members .....	2.00
84—Sister Bringing in Most New Members .....	1.00
85—Col. Geiger Circle, Award for Promptness .....	1.00
86—Hotel Connor, Convention Rooms, Meals, etc. ....	70.00
87—Vogue Printing Co., Bal. on Proceedings Books .....	27.96

\$ 294.95

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Walnut Grove, Mo., May 12, 1936.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I submit the following report of the year's work from May, 1935, to May, 1936:

Number of Circles in our Department of Missouri.....	28
Circles Who Strew Flowers on the Water.....	20
Members Who Attended Services on Memorial Day.....	300
Members Who Attended Services in Circle Rooms .....	354
Number of Sisters Who Have Passed Away .....	36
Number of Comrades Who Have Passed Away.....	19
The Graves of Sisters Decorated .....	200
Money Spent for Flowers .....	\$ 200.54

Amount Donated for Flowers .....	144.00
Refreshments Served to Posts and Friends .....	119
Number of Children Who Took Part Memorial Day .....	163
Number of Flags Used on Memorial Day .....	2011
Mounds Erected in Memory of the Unknown Dead .....	3

Reported from Duncan Brown No. 50, St. Joseph, Mo.; Ann Adams Hays, Jefferson City, Mo.; Fairport No. 57, Fairport, Mo.

I greatly appreciate the honor bestowed upon me by this Convention in electing me to the office of Department Chaplain.

I have gotten a new vision of the work done by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic through the comprehensive reports of the Circle Chaplains.

I am deeply interested in the religious services of the Order. I was grateful to know that in our busy life the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic paused to pay tribute to the Comrades and Sisters who gave the best of their lives to the service of their country, and have left us the fragrance of a life of service, a monument of love, or noble deeds and willing sacrifices. "They have fought a good fight, they have finished their work, and the world is better because they have lived and labored and loved."

To our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, it has been a rare privilege to serve as Chaplain under your sweet Christian influence. I shall always recall with pleasure the year's work and the memory of your Christian fellowship.

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

AMANDA D. HARGIS,  
Department Chaplain.

## DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR REPORT

Jessie Bates, Department President, Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic—Greetings:

I wish to say I am very grateful for the honor I received one year ago. The year has passed too quickly, now comes the time for rendering a report of the work done. I hope you will not be too greatly disappointed in the amount of work accomplished this year. I have made every effort to get a report from every Circle patriotic instructor, but have only received fourteen. I have written many letters asking that reports be sent as soon as possible.

On arriving home from convention, my first duty was to assist in the decoration of graves of Comrades and Sisters in several cemeteries. Attended Memorial Services at St. Peters Cemetery. On Memorial Day, May 30th, attended services at the U. S. Grant monument in City Hall Park, placing of the flag on the tablet in City Hall to the World War veterans. Then the services on the Eads Bridge in memory of the sailor dead. The remainder of the day was spent at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery decorating graves there. June 2, attended memorial services at Advent Ev. Lutheran Church. Took part in Flag Day celebration of Circle No. 18. Attended memorial services of Circle No. 4. June 14, was present at Roosevelt High School, where all patriotic orders took part in Flag Day celebration. June 20, called upon by the Past Presidents Club of Circle No. 18, to present two silk escort flags to the Circle, my personal gift at this party was a small silk flag to each one present. Was an invited guest at a party given to honor Sister Jones and Boose by Circle 4.

In August (1,000) copies of patriotic literature received from Frances Rohrbach National Patriotic Instructor, which I distributed, (50) copies each to Circles No. 4, 18, 24, 26, 44, 52, 56 and 62, (116) copies were distributed among members who volunteered to get them in families where there were several children of school age in the home each reported good results, say-

ing they were well received. To a Woman's Club (50) copies, many admitting not knowing the pledge to the flag. Placed several copies in one of the large hotels where I found the flag displayed after sundown, I called their attention to same and was assured that it would be taken care of. Nov. 9, at inspection of Circle No. 18, read a poem on Armistice day. On the 14th, attended services of placing flag on the breast of Past Department Commander John Lanley. On the 16th had charge of the flag and lead in the Pledge at the banquet given in honor of our Department President, Jessie Bates. Nov. 21, presented a flag to my Circle in memory of my grandfathers, John Jackson and John Wiel, and both veterans of the Civil War. My Circle honored me with a party and presented flowers. Our Past Presidents' Club also honored me with adinner and presented a gift and flowers.

December 12, and Jan. 19, I sent flags bunting 3x5 with (50) copies each of patriotic literature to Rice School and Newton School both of New Boston, Mo. These flags were the gift of Circle No. 18.

Was asked by Sister Holste to present a flag to Bryan Hill School in memory of her son, William, who passed away two years ago, (250) copies of the literature was given out there.

March 4th, attended a banquet given to honor Department Commander Perry Martin and wife on their fiftieth wedding anniversary given by the Federated Patriotic Societies.

March 27th, The Ladies of the Grand Army of St. Louis, honored Commander Martin and Sister Martin with a party for their Golden Wedding anniversary. I was a guest at this splendid affair.

April 22nd, Gave (50) copies of patriotic literature to a troupe of Girl Scouts, and distributed more than twenty copies in private homes where there are several children of school age. (25) copies of literature to Boy Scouts of Joplin, Mo.

\$10.00 spent during year for flags and money spent for sending literature.

MAYME FREESE,  
Department Patriotic Instructor.

### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT REGISTRAR

To the officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I submit the following report of circles have a gain in membership.

Elizabeth Nobel Circle No. 4	no gain—
Col. Geiger Circle No. 17	gain—4
Maj. McKinley Circle No. 18	gain—10
Lincoln Circle No. 19	no gain
Kansas City Circle No. 22	gain—1
Gen. J. Fremont Circle No. 24	no report
Martha Washington Circle No. 26	gain—6
Gen. Grant Circle No. 31	gain—2
Clara Barton Circle 33	gain—12
Ann Adams Hays Circle No. 34	gain—3
St. Louis Circle No. 37	gain—1
St. Joseph Circle No. 38	gain—10
Col. Roosevelt Circle No. 42	gain—1
Gettysburg Circle No. 44	no report
Rev. Duncan Brown Circle No. 50	gain—6
Peabody Circle No. 51	no gain—
Ida McKinley Circle No. 52	no gain—
Capt. Wm. Pittman Circle No. 53	no report
John A. Logan Circle No. 54	no report
Fairport Circle No. 57	gain—4
Thomas G. Wade Circle No. 59	no gain—

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Tindall Circle No. 61	no report
America Circle No. 62	gain—1
Cape Girardeau Circle No. 64	no report
John T. Tedrick Circle No. 68	gain—1
Wm. W. Owens Circle No. 75	gain—6
Total gain of members	68
Members dropped	41
Lost by death	30
Lost by Transfer	7
Given Honorable Discharge	20
Total Loss	98

Loss of two Circles, Camp Jackson No. 74, and Missouri Circle No. 56. Leaving 26 Circles May 1st, 1936.

15 Circles reported gain.  
5 Circles reported no gain.  
6 Circles no report.

### CIRCLES HAVING LARGEST GAIN

No. 33—Clara Barton	12
No. 38—St. Joseph	10
No. 18—Maj. McKinley	10
No. 26—Martha Washington	7
No. 50—Rev. Duncan Brown	6
No. 75—Wm. W. Owens	6
No. 57—Fairport	4

Clara Barton Circle No. 33 gains the award for most members.  
Circles having fewest dropped members are: Circles No. 4, 17, 34, 38, 64, 68.

Award given to Circle No. 38.  
To the Sister bringing in most new members  
Lura Beherendt, 6, Circle 50.

I have forwarded blanks to all Circles, many had to be returned for correction and records to be completed. I want to thank the Reg. and Dept. Secy. Sister Stone for the cooperation given me. I was glad to give my service and appreciate the honor given me and my Circle by electing me Department Registrar. I wish to extend my best wishes for a happy and successful Convention.

Respectfully Submitted in F. C. & L.

SARINA STEINMAN, Dept. Registrar.

### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

Department President, Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

St. Joseph, Mo., May 11, 1936.

My Dear Sisters:

Having the interest of our order at heart I lost no opportunity in advancing the work of our organization, giving aid and advice whenever called upon, keeping myself in readiness to assist our most efficient President in advancing the work of our order. I am proud to have been a member of your official staff, and I wish for you a successful and happy Convention.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

IDA V. Mc DONALD, Department Counselor.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR

Joplin, Missouri, May, 1936.

To the Officers and Members of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention, Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:  
I respectfully submit the following report of all circles in Missouri:

Number of Circles	27
Number of Circles in Good Standing	27
Members in Good Standing	1220
Veterans of Civil War	35
Sons of Veterans and Grandsons	32
Amount in Relief Fund	\$ 56.10
Amount in Special Fund	1,771.69
Amount in General Fund	1,455.98
Amount spent for Relief (cash)	958.53
Amount spent for Relief (estimated)	3,706.32
Amount given Soldiers' Home	48.49
Amount given Southern Memorial Fund	25.24
Number of Flags Used in Burial Service	24
Sick Benefit Paid	6.32
Amount given G. A. R. Fund	135.72
Amount given for Patriotic Work	57.10

The majority of the Circles that I inspected do the ritualistic work very well; a few do excellent work. I found the books of the Secretaries and Treasurers in excellent condition.

I wish to thank the Department President for giving me the honor of serving on her staff and for the honor given Clara Barton Circle in appointing me Department Inspector. I also wish to thank all the Circles and members for their kindness to me.

Sincerely yours in F. C. &amp; L.,

CORA SNARE,  
Department Inspector.

## REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT LIBRARIAN

ALTAMONT, MISSOURI, MAY 4th, 1936

To the Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of The Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

It gives me great pleasure indeed to submit the following report:

In November I mailed twenty-seven cards to the different Circles, asking for a cash donation from each Circle, the same to be applied on a wheel chair for the St. James Home. Before the chair could be purchased, Sister Bates was notified that the chair had already been supplied, so the money will be applied on another wicker set of furniture.

The Circles have all responded most generously and the following is a list of the cash donations::

John H. Tedrick Circle No. 68	\$1.50
Tindall Circle No. 61	1.50
Col. Roosevelt Circle No. 42	5.00
St. Louis Circle No. 37	1.50
Clara Barton Circle No. 33	1.50
Col. Giger Circle No. 17	1.50
America Circle No. 62	1.50
Maj. Wm. McKinley Circle No. 18	2.00

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Cape Girardeau Circle No. 64	1.50
Lizabeth Nobel Circle No. 4	1.50
Ida McKinley Circle No. 52	1.50
Gen. Grant Circle No. 31	2.00
Missouri Circle No. 56	1.50
Lincoln Circle No. 19	5.00
Fairport Circle No. 57	-1.00
Martha Washington Circle No. 26	2.50
Ann Adams Hays Circle No. 34	1.50
Gen. J. C. Fremont Circle No. 24	1.50
St. Joseph Circle No. 38	1.50
TOTAL	\$37.00

Sister Bates, I want to thank you for the honor you bestowed upon my Circle, in appointing me your Librarian. Am sorry indeed that I have not been able to accomplish more as it has been such a pleasure to work for, and with you.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,  
FINIS LEE, Department Librarian.

## MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

1—That all salaries of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Musician be dispensed with until the financial condition of the Organization warrants a restoration. Council sustained.

2—That the Circles of the Department defray the expense of the Department President on her official visit. Council sustained.

3—That the registration fee of 50c per delegate. Council sustained.

4—That the budget remain the same. Council sustained.

5—That Sister Dunford be given the authority to find a place in the State Capitol building for the storing of our records. Council sustained.

6—That the Department President appoint a committee of all the past Department Presidents to go through the trunk and discard all old papers.

## DEPARTMENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE 39th ANNUAL CONVENTION HELD IN JOPLIN, MO.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic opened Tuesday, May 12th, at 3 P. M., for business with the Department President, Jessie Bates presiding.

The pass word was taken. All Department Officers were escorted to the front and saluted. Sister Josephine Mahar, representative of our National President was presented and saluted. Sister Effie Thrasher, National Sr. Vice-President was introduced and saluted. And Sister Edwina Trigg, National chairman of the National Memorial Shrine was escorted by Sister Baker, introduced and saluted. Sister Marguerite Riggs also a National officer was escorted and given honors. The Past Department Presidents were then escorted to the front, introduced and given honors. Sister Emma Jones, Department Sr. Vice-President presiding; our own Department President, Sister Jessie Bates was escorted to her station, introduced and given honors.

The following order of business was read:

- 1—Roll Call.
- 2—Credentials.
- 3—Council of Administration.
- 4—President's report.
- 5—Department officer's report.
- 6—Circle President's report.
- 7—Report of Advisory Council.
- 8—Report of National Delegate-at-large.
- 9—Report of Committees.
  - A—Department President's report.
  - B—Department Officers report.
  - C—Circle President's report.
- 10—Awards
  - A—Patriotic.
  - B—Membership gain.
  - C—Promptness.
  - D—New Members (Sister bringing in the most members)
  - E—Membership (Dropped members)
- 11—Communications.
- 12—Unfinished business.
- 13—New business.
- 14—Election.
- 15—Installation.
- 16—Joint Advisory Council.

Moved by Sister Trigg, seconded by Sister Hyatt, that this order be accepted. Carried. (referring back to introductions) Sister Fleming was escorted to the front, introduced and saluted.

The President then read her committees and chairman, several substitutes having to be named. The list to be revised later.

Our flag was then presented and the pledge of Allegiance given. Sister Josephine Mahar, representing the National President was called on to give a message from our National President. She stressed a membership drive, or securing new members. Also talked on behalf of the National Memorial Shrine and asked full co-operation. This fall at the National Convention will mark the Golden Jubilee of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic and the 70th anniversary of the Grand Army of the Republic. Sister Mahar was appointed by the Department President as representative of Missouri on the Hope Chest project. Sister Trigg was asked for a message in regard to the Memorial Shrine. Speaking at length and emphasizing that Missouri measure up

100 per cent of the goal. Sister Thrasher, National Sr. Vice-President was asked for remarks, she told of the pleasure she derived from working for our beloved order. That of securing subscriptions for the Bugle Call, up to date she has received 43 subscriptions. Sister Emma Hyatt spoke voluntarily regarding the Bugle Call and started the Convention properly by renewing her subscription, which expires in June. Sister Riggs, member of the National Membership Committee spoke next, she told about getting new members for our order and holding on to the old ones, and wished that more time be spent in organizing new Circles.

Roll call of Department Officers found all present, except five. All Past Department Presidents but five were present.

The following report of the Council of Administration was read. "To the Department Presidents, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention.

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Treasurer and Secretary and found them correct and in good condition.

The total receipts for the year are \$1370.11, total disbursements are \$1023.57.

Balance on hand subject to Convention expenses \$346.54.

Respectfully Submitted, Yours in F. C. L.

Chairman of Auditing Committee, EDNA RAY  
NORINE BLAIR  
NELLIE MCCREA

A motion by Sister Edith Jones, seconded by Sister Hyatt that the Council of Administration report be accepted, Motion carried.

A motion by Sister Trigg, seconded by several, all these reports be placed in hands of committee. Motion carried.

The Department Sr. Vice-President was asked to take the chair. The Department President proceeded to give her annual report, which was given in complete detail, following which, Sister Dunford spoke of the untiring work our Department President had given to her work, in preserving past records. A rising vote of thanks was given to the Department President.

Conductors and Pages were asked to pass out copies of telegrams to the President of the United States signed by John B. Trevor, President of the American Coalition protesting the actions of Dr. Kagawa. The Department President spoke briefly of her regrets in starting the meeting so late, reasons being unavoidable. Motion by Sister Schumacher, seconded by Sister Dunford, the meeting adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Wednesday.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meeting convened at 8:45 a. m., Wednesday, May 13th, with the Department President in the chair. The Pass word was taken. This was followed by a scripture lesson read by Department Chaplain. Sister Hargis, and all repeating the Lord's prayer and singing one verse of the opening ode. Our flag was then presented and the pledge of allegiance given. One verse of "Guard The Flag" was sung.

Sister Adele Newman, Past Department President was then escorted to the front, introduced and given honors.

Minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved with the exception of slight error.

Our only surviving Army Nurse, Sister Alice Carey Risley, a member of Ann Adams Hays Circle was escorted to the front by Sister Dunford, Past Department President, introduced and given honors.

The Chairman of Credentials Committee, Sister Margaret Stone, reported 22 circles represented and 98 delegates.

The report of the Sr. Vice-President was read. Sister Emma Jones, Department Sr. Vice-President was asked to assume the station or the President. The Department President then requested all Past Department Presidents to retire to visit the G. A. R. Convention and present our gift to them.

The next order of business was reading of the Department Treasurer's annual report. Also reading of the Department Secretary's annual report, both of which was placed on file. Sister Hargis, Department Chaplain gave her annual report, she stressed the importance of combining our order with that of Christian living.

Sister Mayme Freese gave her annual report as patriotic Instructor.

The Greetings Committee composed of Department President and all Past Department Presidents, returned from a call on the Comrades, and were escorted to the front.

Sister Dunford was appointed to have full charge of the banner which hangs in the lobby until such time when it will be placed in the National Memorial Shrine. Sister Dunford graciously accepted this trust.

Sister Stuhlman, Department Registrar, was next called on for her annual report, which was given in a pleasing manner.

The Greetings committee from the Daughters of Union Veterans were admitted and introduced. They conveyed their appreciation of this honor and pinned a badge of their organization on our Department President. Sister Dunford gave response and in turn pinned a Ladies of the Grand Army badge on each of the committee.

Missouri Circle having surrendered their Charter in April of this year (which is to be regretted) and having in their possession at that time a beautiful flag, presented it to the Department of Missouri.

Sister Kersten making the presentation. Sister Bates thanked her in a few well chosen words. Sister Riggs appointed as one of a committee, brought greetings to the Convention from the Women's Patriotic Council of St. Louis.

Past National President Sister Grandle and Past Department President Sister Rash of Kansas being in waiting were admitted, escorted by Sister Mahar and Dunford, respectively, introduced and given honors, as was the little grand-daughter of Sister Rash.

The Greetings committee from the Women's Relief Corps was escorted to the front and saluted. The chairman, Sister Greenman, made a brief talk, to our Convention, and presented our Department President with a gift, other members made short talks. Sister Josephine Wood gave response and pinned a Ladies of the Grand Army badge on each.

Sister Grandle Past National President was asked to give the Convention a message. She gave us some beautiful thoughts, and added to what had already been given by other Sisters, the importance of laboring for our Memorial Shrine. She was also introduced as National President of the National Federated Patriotic Societies and given honors.

Sister Cora Sware, Department Inspector, read her annual report as did also Sister Cora Breit, Department Jr. Vice-President. Sister Finis Lee of Altamont, Mo., Department Librarian, being absent, Department Secretary Margaret Stone read her annual report.

The Greetings committee from the Women's Patriotic Council of St. Louis being in waiting were admitted, introduced and saluted. Sister Adele Newman welcomed the Committee and pinned a Ladies of the Grand Army badge on each.

Sister Ida McDonald, Department Councilor, submitted her annual report.

Sister Eunice Rash gave a very inspiring talk and invited all to attend the Kansas State Department Convention to be held in Salina next week. Our Department President pinned a Ladies of the Grand Army badge on Sister Rash and her little grand-daughter, an act of courtesy.

Sister Schumacher of St. Louis thanked Department President for the courtesy extended to her, that of acting as assistant Department Inspector.

The Circle Presidents were requested to hand in their reports at this time.

The report of the Delegate at Large, being quite lengthy, a motion by Sister Hyatt, seconded by Sister Kent, that the report of the Delegate at Large be omitted and printed in the proceedings book. Carried.

The report of the banquet tickets by Sister Edna Ray was very gratifying.

The Department President asked each of her Department Officers to form in a line, across the stage. In a lovely manner she presented each officer with a useful and lovely gift. She also presented Sisters Mahar and Thrasher, each with a beautiful clip with the emblem of our beloved order in the center.

A motion by Sister Sherman, seconded by many, the Convention adjourned until after luncheon. Carried.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The business of the 39th annual convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army was resumed at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday, May 13th, following a very delightful banquet at which the Comrades were our special guests.

The Greetings committee from the Sons of the Union Veterans were in waiting and eager to be admitted on account of time limit. They were escorted to the front and saluted. Rev. Dunlavy, representing the Commander, made a very impressive talk. Sister Jessie Sherman responded and pinned a Ladies of the Grand Army badge on each.

The meeting was opened by the Department President presiding. The minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved.

Sister Schumacher read the Circle Presidents report. Chairman of the membership awards, Sister Sherman, also gave her report.

Sister Mary Elizabeth Tussy, youngest member of this organization was introduced and saluted. Sister Dunford presented her with a bouquet of red roses, a token of love and good wishes. Sister Mary Braden was introduced and saluted.

The committee on Department Officers reports were read by Sister Thrasher, chairman. Communications were read from Sisters Cassa Hopper Orsborn, Frances Rohrback and Cora Sheaklev, congratulating our Department President and wishing for her happy and harmonious convention. This was followed by a general presentation of gifts to the Department President and others. Some were personal gifts, others came from groups. Brother Wm. Schumacher requested admission to the convention. His objective to refund money paid out for pictures of the convention held in Joplin two years ago, and which proved to be failures. We were glad to be informed about this matter. He was presented with a badge of the Ladies of the Grand Army by his wife, Sister Bertha Schumacher.

Sister Edna Ray reported 120 plates served at the banquet. Visiting committee to the Sons of the Union Veterans reported a heavy reception. The Greetings committee from the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans were escorted to the front and saluted. Sister Alma Scharr, chairman, spoke very briefly and hoped for us a profitable convention. Sister Riggs responded and pinned a badge on each of the committee.

Department Patriotic Instructor, Sister Freese presented to Clara Barton Circle No. 33 a beautiful flag and staff as an award for having done the most patriotic work for the past year. This Circle also received a cash award for the greatest gain in membership. Sister Lura Behrendt of Duncan Brown Circle No. 50 received a cash award for having secured the greatest number of new members during the year. A cash award was also presented to Col. Geiger Circle No. 17 for promptness in sending in their budget reports.

A motion by Sister Helen Tyler, seconded by Sister Freese, that the convention give the photographer another chance to make pictures of the convention assembly at this time. Motion carried.

Roll Call of Circles, all Circles responded with the exception of Fremont, Pittman, Thos. Wade and Cape Girardeau.

Sister Grandle, Past National President, chairman of the revision committee on rules and regulations gave a very forceful talk regarding the studying of the rules and regulations book and acquainting ourselves with its contents. This was followed by a similar talk by Sister Mahar, also a Past National President.

The Advisory committee submitted the following recommendations,  
 1—That all salaries of Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Musician be dispensed with until the financial condition of the organization warrants a restoration. Moved by Sister Riggs, seconded by Sister Hyatt, the salary of the Treasurer be reduced to one dollar per year. Motion carried. Moved by Sister Sherman, seconded by Sister Schumacher, that the word Treasurer be stricken out. Motion carried. Moved by Sister Phillips, seconded by Sister Senter, that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.  
 2—That the Circles of the Department defray the expenses of the Department President on her Official visit. Moved by Sister Herbert, seconded by Sister Meador, the council be sustained. Carried.  
 3—That the registration fee be 50c per delegate. Motion by Sister Gabelman, seconded by Sister McReynolds, the council be sustained. Carried.  
 4—That the budget remain the same. Moved by Sister Freese, seconded by many, the council be sustained. Carried.

The committee on the Department President's annual report commended her for her faithful service to the Department the past year.

Sister Mahar explained that the Past Department Presidents club had endorsed Sister Edwina P. Trigg for the next National President from Missouri. Moved by Sister Tyler, seconded by many the endorsement of the Past Department Presidents club be sustained. Carried.

Moved by Sister Jones, seconded by many that messages be sent to all Past Department Presidents who were unable to attend the convention. Motion carried.

Sister Thrasher reported 48 new subscriptions to the Bugle Call thus far. Moved by Sister Hyatt, seconded by Sister Riggs that the convention officially reply to Sister Orsborne's Rohrback's, Platt's and Sheakley's greetings. Motion carried.

Sister Mahar moved we adjourn, seconded by many, Department President announced we would go into election first thing in the morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The meeting opened at 9:00 a. m. Thursday, May, 14th with a scripture lesson by Sister Hargis, Department Chaplain. All repeated the Lord's prayer in unison. All standing, the pledge to the flag was given and the American's creed was repeated, followed by singing, Guard The Flag.

Sister Hargis gave the report on awards. Sister Wood was asked to report on our plot in the Independence Cemetery. Sister Thrasher reported 109 subscriptions to the Bugle Call. Sister Trigg thanked the convention for endorsing her for the next National President from Missouri.

Sister Mahar thanked her Circle for a gift, presented by Sister Bertha Reiser. More gifts were presented to the Department President. Sister Ray reported on the banquet, and presented a bill for \$8.10. Sister Mahar suggested that we take a special collection and raise this amount from personal donations. Speedy action was taken and \$12.65 was collected.

Moved by Sister Hyatt, seconded by several that the delegate from St. Louis Circle be seated in the convention, and be entitled to a vote. A re-check of the circle delegates revealed there were 111 entitled to vote.

Brother Schumacher made a return visit to the convention, explaining it would be impossible to get pictures this year, but passed out the money that had been paid in a year ago, \$10.50 of which was turned to the Dept. Treasury as registration fees.

Nominations were now in order for Department President. The name Sister Jones was placed for nomination, there being no other nominations, it was moved by Sister Hyatt, seconded by Sister Riggs, that Sister Jones be elected unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the entire assembly. Election of Sr. Vice-President resulted in 46 votes for Sister Stuhlman and 65 for Sister Hargis, resulting in the election of Sister Hargis. For Jr. Vice-President Sister Nellie McCrea received a unanimous vote.

Sister Sherman moved, seconded by several, that the Secretary cast the elective ballot. Carried. Sister Riggs moved, seconded by many, that the Secretary cast the elective ballot for Sister Boose as Treasurer. Carried.

Comrade Best seeking admission to our convention was escorted to the front and given honors.

Election of Department Chaplain, Sister Muller received 34 votes, and Sister McReynolds received 77 votes, resulting in the election of Sister McReynolds. Sister Hargis moved, seconded by many that the Secretary cast the elective ballot for Sister Hibler for Patriotic Instructor. Moved by Sister Sherman, seconded by many that the convention adjourn. Motion carried.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting resumed at 3:00 p. m. Thursday. Pass word was taken. The new Department Commander Comrade Hollingsworth, also Department Chaplain Comrade McEwen were introduced by Sister Mahar and Trigg, respectively and given honors. Introducing the new Department President Sister Bates asked the conductors to please present the President elect here at my station. Sister Jones this is your side partner for the year. I have known Comrade Hollingsworth ever since I was nine years old. To me he always has been Uncle Johnny. Sisters I want you to know that it was Comrade Hollingsworth's own suggestion, idea and instigation that the beautiful banner hanging down stairs in the Hotel lobby was made. He furnished about one-fourth of the badges and it was money out of his own pocket that financed it.

Sister Trigg moved, seconded by many, the nominative ballot be made the elective ballot and the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Sister Edna Ray as Department Registrar. Sister Trigg moved, seconded by many, that the tellers retire and count the votes for the Council of Administration members. Carried. For Counselor, Sister Hyatt nominated Sister Bates, there being no other nominations, Sister Trigg moved, seconded by many, that the nominative ballot be made the elective ballot and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot. Carried. The tellers returned with the returns for the Council of Administration, their report was, Sister Stone, Stuhlman and Gabelman for the Council of Administration.

Moved by Sister Hargis, seconded by Sister McDonald, that all convention bills be allowed and warrants drawn to pay. Carried.  
 Sister Sherman moved, seconded by Sister Hibler, that we dispense with the exemplification of the floor work, as several Department Officers had gone home. Carried.

The next order of business was installation of Department Officers for the coming year. Sister Effie Thrasher was chosen as installing officer, Sister Mahar and Sherman as conductors. First was installation of the President, Sister Emma Jones, Past Department President Jessie Bates was presented with her past Presidents badge by Sister Stone. Next in order was the installation of Department Chaplain, Sister Augusta McReynolds, following this the installation of Department Sr. Vice-President, Amanda Hargis, Jr. Vice-President, Nellie McCrea, Treasurer, Helen Boose; Secretary Adele Newman; Patriotic Instructor Ruth Hibler; and Registrar Edna Ray. After repeating the obligation, each was escorted to her respective station.

Sister Jones, the new Department President, on behalf of her staff, thanked Sister Thrasher for installing her, also thanked Sister Rates for the many courtesies extended to her the past year. Sister Jones gave the honor to Sister Sherman for the inspiration she derived in this organization. Sister Boose spoke to the new President and called attention that during her year as Circle President she initiated Sister Jones. Short talks were made by the new Secretary, Sister Newman, Sister Mahar, Sister Sherman, Sister Dunford, Sister McDonald, Sister Edith Jones Sister Kent Sister Thrasher, Sister Trigg, Sister Ray and others congratulating the new President.

Moved by Sister Mahar, seconded by many that the Resolutions committee's report be adopted. Carried.



The Session of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army closed by order of the President.

The Advisory Council, presided over by Sister Jones Department President, introduced the Jr. Past President Sister Jessie Bates. Bills were read and warrants drawn on the treasury for same. Sister Mahar moved, seconded by Sister Trigg, the bills of this convention be allowed. Carried. Moved by Sister Sherman, seconded by Sister Gabelman, that we entrust the care of our Department flag to Sister Amanda Hargis until next convention time. Carried.

The Council adjourned to meet in Springfield, Missouri, 1937.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We the Committee on the Department President's Report, after careful consideration thereof, find said report to be a complete and concise record of her year's work and shows a conscientious effort to perform the duties of the office to which she was elected.

We the undersigned Committee also commend her work as being outstanding in her endeavor to preserve the records of former years and her faithful service to the organization.

JESSIE P. KENT.  
JEANNETTE DUNFORD  
GOLDA WEBB  
AUGUSTA M. DAVIDS

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS REPORT

*To the Department Presidents, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention, Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

We, the committee on reports of Department officers, find all in perfect condition. The report shows all officers have given loyal support and constructive work to the Administration.

Signed, EFFIE THRASHER, Chairman  
VENA BOLINGER  
MARTHA NOLAND  
ADA MELVIN

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

*To the Department Presidents, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention.*

We the Auditing Committee have examined the books of the Treasurer and Secretary and found them correct and in good condition.

The total receipts for the year are \$1,370.11. Total disbursements are \$1,023.57. Balance on hand subject to Convention expenses \$346.54.

Respectfully Submitted, your In F. C. & L.  
Chairman of Auditing Committee EDNA RAY  
NORINE BLAIR  
NELLIE MCCREA

### REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of this Convention I wish to report that we have 22 Circles represented and 98 Delegates.

Chairman of Credentials MARGARET STONE  
HELEN BOOSE  
RUTH PARKS

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AWARDS

We, the Committee on Awards, find Circles No. 33, 38, and 50 entitled to awards.

SABINA STUHLMAN, Chairman  
IDA HERBERT  
PEARL BAKER  
FRANKIE GLOSHEN

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMPTNESS AND AWARDS

To the Department President, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention, we the members of your committee on Promptness and Awards, submit the following report.

We find Col. Geiger Circle No. 17, first in Per Capita tax, Patriotic fund, Organization fund, Memorial fund, and G. A. R. fund. With Ann Adams Hays first in Proceedings fund.

We therefore award the prize to Col. Geiger Circle No. 17

Submitted in F. C. & L.

AMANDA HARGIS, Chairman  
HELEN TYLER  
BARBARA GRAZIER  
SADIE VOGELSONG

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENCE CEMETERY LOT

To the Department President, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention, I submit the following reports

With fitting services, have placed flowers and flags on the graves on our lot in the Independence Cemetery on each appropriate day of the year.

Our Committee is Sister Edwina P. Trigg, Past Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Department President, Mrs. Anna Henry and Mr. C. C. Carson with myself as chairman.

We have expended \$20.50 in the care of the lot and I have served on this committee for the last seventeen years.

Submitted in F. C. & L.

JOSEPHINE WOOD, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CIRCLE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri.

We the Committee of Circle President's reports, after carefully reading and examining them are happy to report that some have increased their membership during the last year. The Circles did splendid relief work but their Patriotic work was far below previous years.

Worthy of honorable mention follows:

General John A. Logan No. 54, 100 per cent in subscription for the Bugle Call.

Col. Roosevelt Circle No. 42, 100 per cent in memorial Shrine, Major Wm. McKinley Circle No. 18, 100 per cent in memorial Shrine.

Ann Adams Hays Circle No. 34 100 per cent in memorial Shrine.  
We are in receipts of seventeen Circle Presidents reports.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

BERTHA SCHUMACHER Chairman  
EMMA JONES  
CORA SNARE  
ANNA P. NICHOLS

### COMMITTEES AND THEIR CHAIRMAN

Credentials—Chairman—Margaret Stone

Helen Boose  
Margaret Turpel  
Ruth Parks

Banquet—Chairman—Edna Ray

Sabina Stuhlman  
Norine Blair  
Marguerite Riggs

Department President's Report—Chairman—Jessie Kent  
Jeanette Dunford  
Goldie Webb  
Augusta Davids

Department Officers Report—Chairman—Effie Thrasher  
Martha Nolan  
Vena Bolinger  
Ada Melvin

Circle Presidents Report—Chairman—Bertha Schumacher  
Emma Jones  
Cora Snare  
Mother Nichols

Awards Patriotic—Chairman—Mayme Freese  
Marqueritte Riggs  
Myrtle Senter of No. 50  
Edythe Bell of No. 17

Awards, Membership—Chairman—Sabina Stuhlman  
Ida Herbert  
Frankie Gloschen  
Pearl Baker

Awards, Promptness—Chairman—Amanda Hargis  
Helen Tyler  
Sadie Vogelsong  
Barbara Grazier

Resolutions—Chairman—Edwina Trigg  
Josephine Mahar  
Josephine Wood

### COMMITTEES

- 1—Greetings to the Grand Army.  
Jessie Bates and all Past Department Presidents.
- 2—Womans Relief Corps.  
Ida Gabelman Cora Breit, and Bertha Schultz
- 3—Sons of Union Veterans.  
Ella Snider, Bertha Reiser, Nellie McCrea and Frankie Gloschen
- 4—Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.  
Anna Raaf, Emma Filkel, Anna Lisiecki and Barbara Grazier
- 5—Daughters of Union Veterans.  
Brydie Kerstan, Elsie Beal and Helen Wright.

### ESCORT COMMITTEES

- 1—Grand Army.  
Josephine Mahar, Edwina Trigg, Effie Thrasher, Emma Hyatt and LoRena Fleming
- 2—Womans Relief Corps.  
Emma Ellerbrake, Magdalena Heberer, and Laura Patterson
- 3—Sons of Union Veterans.  
Vena Bolinger, Lola Hofman, Mary Spear and Leta Snyder
- 4—Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.  
Nellie Williams, Lura Behrandt, and Anna Lisiecki
- 5—Daughters of Union Veterans.  
Ada Melvin, Pearl Baker and Edythe Bell

## RESPONSE

1—Grand Army .....	Jessie Kent
2—Womans Relief Corps .....	Josephine Wood
3—Sons of Union Veterans .....	Jessie Sherman
4—Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans.....	Margueritte Riggs
5—Daughters of Union Vetrans .....	Jeanette Dunford

## TUESDAY

Conductors .....	Augusta Davids and Mary O'Neal
Guards .....	Anna Lisiecki and Nellie McCrea

## WEDNESDAY

Conductors .....	Anna Lisiecki and Helen Tyler
Guards .....	Martha Noland and Hazel Churchill

## THURSDAY

Conductors .....	Stella Schonick and Helen Preashear
Guards .....	Adaline Ritter and Mary Elizabeth Tussy

## PAGES FOR ALL SESSIONS

Blanche Wake, Ruth Meador, Nina Linney and Florence Hollis

## CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF LIZABETH NOBEL CIRCLE  
NO. 4

Lizabeth Nobel Circle members are earnest and sincere, striving to live up to their obligation, and many are bringing in new members; we are aiming toward the 100 mark. During the year, seven have been initiated, and two more petitions presented at the last meeting. We lost two sisters; namely Margaret Abernathy, who was laid to rest at Litchfield, Ill., Circle members acting as honorary pall-bearers, and Mathilda Heldman who passed away suddenly; Circle members also acted as honorary pall-bearers.

Flowers were placed on many graves of Comrades and Sisters on memorial day, and the Circle was represented at Grant's monument; also Lyons Park, commemorating the anniversary of the surrender of Camp Jackson.

We attended a Flag Day celebration on Flag Day at Roosevelt High School, and six St. Louis Circles participated. Late in the summer took in an honorary member, a grand-son of a veteran, Billie Sherman.

Memorial services were held, and all holidays observed. In February had a joint Lincoln-Washington party, and united with Major McKinley Circle on this occasion. Our Senior Vice-President of the Department of Missouri, Emma Jones installed the officers the 11th of January, and two Past Presidents (Dept.) acted as Conductors, namely Jessie Sherman and Mollie Neubauer. Two Flags were presented during the past year.

Considerable relief work was done, and we are endeavoring to further the interests of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We rendered cheer to the needy at Thanksgiving time with baskets of food.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.,

HELEN SHERMAN

## REPORT OF COL. GEIGER CIRCLE NO. 17

*To the Department President Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of the 37th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

## Greetings:

We have membership of forty-four, four being admitted to the Circle the past year and two are awaiting initiation. We have lost one Comrade by death and two Sisters, Martha I. Glass who was a charter member and Sister Mabel Finch. We held brief flag service at funeral of Comrade Perry Buchanan. Three members were dropped for non-payment of dues. The Circle is in nice condition.

We have held monthly sessions the second Friday of each month the past year and we have had one called meeting.

Decoration Day was observed by assembling with other Patriotic Societies at the National Cemetery and paying tribute to the honored dead. Flag Day was observed June 14th in the home of Sister Kate Day with about 35 members present. Our annual Wilson Creek Picnic was held in August. An October luncheon was held in the lovely Country home of Sister Amanda Hargis of Walnut Grove, every one reported a grand time and about 30 members attended.

Our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates paid us her official visit in November. A luncheon was given in her honor in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. building. About 30 members were present. After which we proceeded to our Circle room for inspection. Also we enjoyed having with us our Department Secretary, Sister Margaret Stone. The kindly gracious manner of Sister Bates and her words of commendation and praise were very much appreciated.

A Christmas party was held in the home of our beloved Comrade Call and his gracious wife Sister Call and five Comrades being present and we remembered them with gifts.

Lincoln Day banquet was held February 14th, in the parlors of the Y. W. C. A. A very appropriate program being rendered.

March, Sister Anna Kershner Smith entertained the Circle in her home with a Saint Patricks party—24 being present.

We send flowers to our Comrades and remember our sick and give relief where needed. We held a doughnut sale and rummage sale this past year. We have an average attendance of about eighteen.

Although we are small in numbers, we are very active and will celebrate soon our birthday anniversary, being thirty years old the eighteenth day of May. We hope to build up our membership during the coming year.

We wish you every success for the good of the Department at this meeting.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
EDYTHE BELL, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF MAJ. WM. MCKINLEY CIRCLE NO. 18

*Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Member of the 39th annual Convention:*

It is with pleasure we bring you greetings from Major Wm. McKinley Circle No. 18.

Our membership to date .....	118
Honorary Members .....	
Sons of Union Veterans .....	27
TOTAL membership .....	145
Relief estimated .....	\$148.50
Relief cash .....	386.45
Cash on hand .....	67.08
Given to War Relief .....	100.60

We presented six flags to Churches, Schools, Girl and Boy Scouts.

Lost by death, one Sister, one Comrade, and one Son of Veteran. Placed three flags on Comrade's breasts.

The Circle observed Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and all the Patriotic days.

The sick and needy are always remembered. Our Circle is 100 per cent in Memorial Shrine.

In closing we wish to extend in behalf of our Circle, our best wishes for a prosperous and harmonious Convention.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.  
BERTHA REISER, President.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF LINCOLN CIRCLE NO. 19

*To the Department President, Mrs. Jessie Bates and Officers and Members of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Convention.*

The Lincoln Circle No. 19 sends greetings and submits the following report.

No. of members 76. Honorary members 7. Sons of Veterans 7. Grandsons 3. Charter Members 6. 1 Gold Star Mother. 7 War Mothers.

We have met all requirements and budgets from Department. We enjoyed the visit paid us by our Department President and other Department Officers. Our Officers are faithful in their duties and attendance and we have lost two members by death. We attend Memorial Service on Sunday

before Decoration Day and we have attended Services at the Cemetery on Decoration Day. In closing I wish to extend in behalf of my Circle our best wishes for a most successful Convention.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
PEARL BAKER  
President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF KANSAS CITY CIRCLE NO. 22

*To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, we send greetings and submit the following report:*

Our Circle was honored by having Sister Jessie Bates elected Department President and her faithful attendance and council has been appreciated by all members of the Circle.

Our Circle has enjoyed a harmonious year, all members working for the good of our beloved Order.

Since the first of the year we have taken in four new members and have five more applications.

We have paid all our budget funds.

We have observed all patriotic days with display of flags and programs appropriate to the occasion.

We have 54 members, having lost one by death.

We gave our annual Christmas party for the Comrades.

We decorated 155 Comrades graves on Memorial Day and also held a Memorial to Sailors.

In closing I wish to say that the Ladies of Kansas City Circle No. 22 are proud to be members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

With very best wishes for a harmonious Convention,

Yours in F. C. & L.  
AUGUSTA M. DAVIDS, President

### GEN. J. C. FREMONT CIRCLE NO. 24

*To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, we extend greetings, submitting the following report:*

A regular meeting is held on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month. Our Circle has lived up to the requirements of the Department budget.

On Sunday preceeding Memorial Day we assisted Harry P. Harding Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and Fremont Camp, Sons of Veterans, and Harding Women's Relief Corps in decorating the graves in four of our northern cemeteries.

In the evening we attended memorial services at the Hyde Park Congregational Church conducted by the Rev. George Dunlavey, a member of Fremont Camp, Sons of Veterans.

In the month of May we assisted the various Circles of our city in decorating the statues of General Grant and General Lyon.

As a social event and to provide support to our treasury, our President opened her home to us on May 22 and entertained with a luncheon and card party.

On June 11 our Circle took part in a card party given by the Federated Patriotic Societies, in which we hold membership, Unit No. 2, for the benefit of the Department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic. This affair was a success as is evidenced by the fact that the committee was able to turn over a check for \$200 to Commander Perry Martin.

On October 12th we had the pleasure of presenting a flag to Scout Troop No. 3 of Maplewood, Missouri patriotic literature, furnished by our

Department Patriotic Instructor, Mayme Freese, was distributed. This troop has a membership of 49.

We had one death in our ranks, that of Sister Louise Meyer, who passed away October 23. Our officers were asked to take part in the burial services.

In November we were happy to entertain our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, and our Department Instructor, Sister Bertha Schumacher at a luncheon at the Northwestern Hotel. After the luncheon we met at our hall for the purpose of our yearly inspection.

At this November meeting a communication was read from the Department Librarian for a donation of \$1.50 for a gift to the St. James Soldiers Home. This amount was donated.

The banquet of the National President, Sister Pearl Cook, at the Chase Hotel was attended by our President, Sister Emma Ellerbrake.

On March 4th our Circle assisted the various patriotic orders in St. Louis in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Commander Perry Martin and wife at the Melborne Hotel. This affair was a surprise to them, and a pleasant one. Covers were laid for eighty-nine, and the table decorations were yellow. A gift of money was presented to the Commander and his dear wife. This affair will long be remembered by those who attended. Our Circle cheerfully donated its part of the expense.

On April 15th we celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of our Circle with a luncheon at the Northwestern Hotel. Everyone spent a most pleasant afternoon.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
IDA KLOCKENBRINK, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF MARTHA WASHINGTON CIRCLE NO. 26

St. Louis, Mo., May 1, 1936.

Mrs. Jessie Bates, Department President, Officers and Members, Ladies of the G. A. R.

Dear Sisters:

I have the honor to submit the following report of Martha Washington Circle No. 26, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, starting May 1, 1935 and ending April 30th, 1936 inclusive.

Total receipts during the year .....	\$247.47
Total disbursements .....	165.48
Balance in general fund .....	\$ 81.99
Number of Members in good standing .....	42
By Initiation .....	6
TOTAL Gain .....	48
Lost by Death .....	1
By Honorable Discharge .....	1
Non-payment of dues .....	2
TOTAL LOSS .....	4
Number in good standing .....	44
Expended for Relief Cash .....	\$ 37.00
Estimated Relief .....	205.00
TOTAL .....	242.00
Sunshine and Gifts .....	\$17.54
Memorial Day .....	5.92
G. A. R. .....	5.16
Patriotic Work .....	5.00

In addition, members donated to the sick and to those in distress, and supplies were extended to non-members.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.  
ANNA E. RAAF, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF GEN. GRANT CIRCLE No. 31

To the Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

General Grant Circle No. 31 sends greetings and submits the following report:

Regular meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of each month at 914 Grand Ave. Our membership to date is 30 members, having lost two in the past year by death. We have four honorary members and two Sons of Veterans.

Our social club meets once a month at the homes of members and is usually well attended by Comrades. We held very beautiful memorial services for our departed members, and have observed all patriotic days with appropriate programs.

On Memorial Day we decorated 182 graves. Our circle had the honor of placing seventeen flags throughout the year. We have done welfare work to the amount of \$200.00.

Through the efforts of Sister Josephine Wood who acted as chairman we held our annual concert which netted us \$100.00

We have enjoyed several visits by our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates. This year we have had the pleasure of having one of the Department officers as a member of our circle. Sister Margaret Stone, Department Secretary.

Our circle being in excellent standing, we look forward to an even more prosperous and successful year.

This being my second consecutive year as President of General Grant Circle, I wish to say that it has been a pleasure, and I have had at all times the full cooperation of the circle.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
VENA B. BOLINGER, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF CLARA BARTON CIRCLE NO. 33

Kansas City, Mo., May 11, 1936.

To the Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

I bring Greetings from Clara Barton Circle No. 33 and submit the following report:

We have had a very successful year in many ways. We have had to drop a few members and have had the sorrow to lose some comrades and sisters by death, but have been able to secure a sufficient number of new members to show a very satisfactory gain in membership. We have a membership of 97.

We have two meetings a month, which are always well attended and our members are all in good standing.

We promptly meet our Budget, have attended Memorial and Decoration Day services and always co-operate fully in all affairs pertaining to the good of our order. We have also observed all Patriotic days in a proper manner and our Patriotic Instructor has presented many flags and Patriotic programs to schools and Scout Troops, which has helped to maintain a lively interest in the work of the order. We have remembered St. James Home as well as our sick and shut-in Comrades and sisters at Christmas and Thanksgiving with baskets, flowers or cards.

Our Social Club meetings have been a source of pleasure and profit. One meeting each month in homes of members.

We are honored this year to have the office of National Senior Vice-President conferred upon a member of our circle, Sister Effie M. Thrasher.

also the office of Department Inspector for our Sister Cora Snare and for three years our very capable and efficient Treasurer, Sister Sabina Stuhlman has been Department Registrar.

We have been honored by visits from our beloved Department President and some of the Officers of her Staff and wish for her and them a most profitable and harmonious Convention.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
MARTHA NOLAND, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF ANN ADAM HAYS CIRCLE NO. 34

Jefferson City, Mo., May 12, 1936.

*To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

We are happy to extend greetings from this circle and submit the following report:

Regular meetings are held the first Monday afternoon of each month. The Sunday before Memorial Day, the President, Chaplain, and others visited the cemeteries and placed flags on the graves of deceased Comrades and Sisters.

At eight o'clock Memorial Day, we held our usual sunrise service on the Missouri River bridge, in memory of the soldier's, sailors, and marines of the Union who lost their lives at sea in the Civil War. Other patriotic orders joined us in this beautiful service. At the close a large wreath of flowers was lowered to the waters below.

We then joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their services, at the Riverview Cemetery, and later united with all other patriotic orders in services at our beautiful National Cemetery.

I attended a banquet given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in honor of their National Commander.

Our Circle is affiliated with the Council of Clubs, an organization composed of delegates from the various clubs and organizations of the city. They support a community nurse, and have a part in civic movements of benefit to the city.

We are also connected with the Veterans' Council which has charge of patriotic affairs.

We try to be faithful in calling on our members, who are sick or in sorrow and send flowers and cards.

We also remember the Comrades on birthdays and at Christmas time.

We held our annual picnic at the State Park and Sister Mollie Neubaur, of St. Louis, Past Department President, was our honored guest.

We held our May meeting at the home of Sister Gertrude Stark in Osage City, the meeting being followed by a picnic supper, and all enjoyed a social time.

It was a great pleasure to have with us our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, when she inspected our circle. The meeting was preceded by a 1:00 o'clock luncheon in her honor.

Past Department President, Jeanette Dunford, represented our Department President at the National Conference held in the House of Representatives and sponsored by the Department Auxiliary to the American Legion.

The birthdays of Lincoln and Washington were observed by a fitting program in charge of the patriotic instructor.

We stand 100 per cent toward the Memorial Shrine to be placed at Washington, D. C., as well as contributed toward the gift at St. James Home, presented through our Department President. All other obligations to the Department have been met.

We have lost by death two comrades, and our beloved Sister Mary McCormick, who was one of our charter members.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.  
LILLIAN G. COOSE, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF ST. LOUIS CIRCLE NO. 37

St. Louis, Mo., May 4, 1936.

*To the Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, Assembled at Joplin; Greetings:*

As President of St. Louis Circle No. 37, it affords me pleasure to extend greetings from the Circle, and submit the following report:

We meet in regular session on the second Saturday of each month with a nice attendance, and with all officers in their station.

Two Flags were presented during the year, one to a Girl Scout Troop at the Oak Hill School, and the other to the Marion School, Overland, Mo., at an open meeting of the entire school and Parent-Teacher's Association.

Last November a luncheon and card party was held at the Food Craft shop.

We have remembered our sick Comrades and Sisters with flowers or cards and made their hours pleasant.

During the year we lost three members, Sister Mary Hill, Sister Gregory, and Sister Coff. Our members took part in the burial service and feel that these Sisters are not dead but just away. We miss them in our meetings.

On March 27th, we took part in the entertaining of Department Commander Comrade Martin.

During the year we have given financial relief to one of our aged members each month. Trying to make her burden as light as possible.

We, the officers and members of St. Louis Circle No. 37, wish for you a pleasant and successful convention and to the newly elected officers we wish a successful year.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
HAZEL CHURCHILL, President.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF ST. JOSEPH CIRCLE NO. 38

St. Joseph, Mo., May 9, 1936.

*To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:*

It is a great pleasure for me to bring you greetings from St. Joseph Circle No. 38.

We meet the first and third Fridays of each month, having made a gain in membership the past year with several applications pending.

Our Circle joined Allied Orders in Memorial Sunday service, on Decoration Day placed flags on the graves of 388 Comrades, assisted in observance of the Anniversary of Custer Post No. 7, G. A. R. and other Patriotic Days.

The Department President, Sister Bates made her official visit to us in October, with Department Inspector Cora Snare to inspect and instruct us in our work. Sister Bates also presided at the installation of the officers for this year, several visitors braving a heavy snow storm to be with us.

We mourn the loss of our Past Department Commander, Smith George; Commander of Custer Post No. 7, A. K. Pickle, and Comrade Beam; also one member, Sister Celina Hutton.

Our Executive Committee meets each month.

A covered dish luncheon is given each month, those members having birthdays that month being honored guests.

Many sick cards have been sent and several floral sprays.

Our budget funds are all paid and we are ready at all times to cooperate with the Department President in the interest of the Order.

We wish for the Department and all our Sister Circles a prosperous year.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
GOLDA WEBB, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF COL. ROOSEVELT CIRCLE NO. 42

Kansas City, Mo., May 11, 1936.

To the 39th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:  
Greetings:

I wish to make the following report for Col. Roosevelt Circle No. 42. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Y. M. C. A. building. We also hold a social meeting once a month at the homes of members. We have eighteen members at the present time, having lost several members through the depression. However, we are still carrying on and hope to increase our membership right along.

We gave a benefit concert in July from which we derived \$100.00. We also raffled off a beautiful quilt, donated by one member and quilted by our president, which netted us a nice profit.

We have observed all patriotic days, and are 100 per cent in the Memorial Fund. We have done much relief work, and entertained the comrades whenever possible.

Trusting that we shall have a much better report to offer next year, and wishing you a very happy and successful convention, I am

Yours in F. C. & L.

MARY SPEER, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF GETTYSBURG CIRCLE NO. 44

To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.  
Greetings::

Gettysburg Circle holds their regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursday in each month.

On our return from St. Joseph, Missouri our first work was to sell poppies which netted us a nice income.

On May 26 many of our members attended memorial services at the churches and on May 30 our Senior Vice-President attended memorial service at Grant's Monument and Eads Bridge in the morning and in the afternoon went to Jefferson Barracks.

At our following meeting we held service in memory of our deceased member.

We have appropriately observed all patriotic days.

We have given numerous card and bunco parties and also other social parties which did much to improve our circle both financially and socially, our meetings are most harmonious.

Our circle was represented at the banquet given in honor of Commander Martin and his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary and some of our members were present at all other banquets given during the year.

We remember our sick and shut-ins with flowers, cards, and visits from our sick committee and officers.

We have lost by death one member, greatly missed by all, and have received two new members.

We have thirty-four members in good standing.

Relief work in food, clothing and money amounted to one-hundred and twenty-five dollars.

In closing I wish to extend for my Circle best wishes for a happy and harmonious convention.

Yours in F. C. & L.

RUTH PARK, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF DUNCAN BROWN CIRCLE NO. 50

To officers and members of the 39th annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri, assembled at Joplin, Missouri, May 15, 1936.

I bring greetings from Duncan Brown Circle No. 50 of St. Joseph, Mo.

Our circle meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our membership numbers 40. Each member is in good standing. We received 6 new members last year. We, also have several applications, which have been elected to receive the obligations and secret work.

All patriotic days are properly observed. Our circle joins with other patriotic organizations in observing Lincoln's birthday.

Custer Post No. 7 of the Grand Army of the Republic was organized November 25, 1881. From this date down through all the years up until September 23, 1935, this post held a meeting once a week. Their membership was over 1200 members. It was the request of Comrade A. K. Pickle just before he answered the "Last Roll Call" that this day, November 25th be held in reverence and honor in remembrance of Custer Post No. 7. All allied Patriotic Orders of our city join in one observance of November 25th. Last year there was a program and banquet given at the St. Francis Hotel. Our Dear Old Comrade's request was granted and shall be in the years to come.

We help to place flowers and flags on the comrades and sister's graves on memorial day.

We re-emburse our Treasurer by giving card parties and dinners. We have one large concert once a year. We have met all obligations due the Department and paid all our bills. Our relief last year was \$300.00.

We served a banquet, followed by a handkerchief shower at the St. Francis Hotel for our retiring President, Sister Lura A. Behrendt (Ogden). Our National Senior Vice-President, Effie M. Thrasher, was an honored guest at this gathering. After a social hour we proceeded to our hall where our new officers were installed. We had an honor and a privilege of having Sister Effie to install our officers. She was assisted by Sister Blanche Wake and Gratia Clark. Our circle was very grateful to Sister Effie and her assistants for services rendered.

Our Card Matron, Elizabeth Seifert is always on the job, sending cheerful cards to those who are in distress or sickness.

We are striving for more new members and we are going to secure them. In submitting this report, we wish prosperity and harmony to all other circles of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

MYRTLE SENTER, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF IDA MCKINLEY CIRCLE NO. 52

To the Department President, Officers and Members of the 39 Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.  
Greetings:

Our Circle meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the homes of our members, the hostess serves a dinner from which each member pays 25 cents; this has increased the interest among the members that attendance on this account has greatly increased, and enjoyed by all; following these dinners a business meeting is held; the entire proceeds of the dinner are turned into the circle treasury.

We presented Flags to the Normandy School, and one to the Saratoga School, of Omaha, Nebraska, after communicating with the Circles of that city, not wishing to conflict with or to make it appear that our Circle was

attempting to go beyond its jurisdiction; but it was therefore arranged that this Flag be presented by the Garfield Circle of Omaha, on behalf of our Circle, a member of our Circle Sister Louise Hemmer being an Aunt of a pupil of that school.

Placed 28 Flags on the graves of our deceased Sisters and Comrades; on Memorial Day participated in the services at the various places.

During the past year death has called three of our Sisters Home, to their Eternal Rest.

We observed all patriotic holidays, and some members attended at all Circles parties and affairs, and assisted when ever called upon.

Our cash relief was \$102.75. Estimate \$227.75.

This Circle has a membership of 18 members, all paid to date, which means much to any circle. We have but 2 card and bunco parties a year, one in the spring and one in the fall, together with our dinners on meeting days gives us a very nice treasury.

Our shut-in members and Comrades are remembered with flowers and Cheer-Cards.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
ALICE CHAMBERS, President

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN CIRCLE NO. 54

*To the Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Greetings:*

I submit the following report:

Entered the year with 23 members. Lost one by death, and three by non-payment of dues, which I regret very much to report. This leaving us nineteen members. We have two honorary members.

We meet in regular session the second and fourth Mondays' of the month in the Hotel President. Have our social affairs at the homes of our members. We have given several large card parties during the year to pay our expenses. Have met all our obligations which I am most happy to report.

One of our charter members who has been ill for many years, passed away in the last month. We have been particularly interested in her welfare. One of our members made it possible for her to have a visiting nurse with her each day the last ten months of her life.

Throughout the year, we have sent flowers and fruits to our shut-ins of the circle.

We have given one flag this year to Scout Troop No. 9, Blenheim School.

Sunday preceeding Memorial Day, we attended services at the Country Club Christian Church in a body. We observed Memorial Day by attending services at Elmwood Cemetery and by placing flowers on our beloved Comrades graves. Have attended funerals of all comrades who have passed away this year.

Our Circle is 100 per cent in Bugle Call Subscriptions and 100 per cent in Memorial Shrine Subscriptions.

We have waiting several applicants to come into our circle. We are always pleased to work for the good of our order. Our circle is small but we have had a harmonious year, and we are looking for increasing success.

We have felt very proud to have our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates and Department Secretary, Sister Margaret Stone, from our own home city.

Our President, and two delegates are attending the conventions with all expenses paid.

To Sister Bates, I want to express my most sincere thanks for her great help and understanding throughout the year.

Sincerely Yours in F. C. & L.  
SADIE VOGLESONG, President

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF FAIRPORT CIRCLE NO. 57

*To the Department President, Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

The Fairport Circle No. 57 sends greetings and submits the following report.

This has been almost harmonious year with several new members added regardless of adverse conditions in the weather and roads. We have a membership of 38. Eight of our members live in distant parts of the state and in other states. During the past year death has taken one of our beloved and very active members, Sister Edna Hartwell.

Our meetings are held the first and third Saturday evenings in our hall. Memorial Day was observed with a program followed by placing flowers and flags on graves in three cemeteries. Other holidays were observed as far as possible. Relief work in food, care, and clothes amounted to about \$200.00. Many flowers were sent and calls were made on the sick and afflicted.

Our income has been very meager as our circle is made up largely of rural ladies. One play and one supper were given by the Circle to raise funds. During the winter months when much could be accomplished we were snow-bound for two months, during which no meetings or activities were held. We hope to meet all budget deficits this year.

We enjoyed the visit of our Department President, Jessie Bates, and Department Junior Vice-President, Cora Breit. They were entertained in the home of Sister Abbie Rice.

Our circle is proud to have our Sister Nellie McCrea, elected to the Department Council of Administration. We hope she will attain greater heights in Department work for which she is very capable.

The circle has decided to change the backyard of the circle hall lot from an unattractive place to a flower garden. Each member to contribute flowers and time.

The circle president served lunches to school children during the months of January and February while the snow was so deep.

With this report I bring the best wishes of each member of Fairport Circle No. 57., for a very happy and harmonious Convention of 1936.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
EVORIE DENNY, President

#### AMERICA CIRCLE NO. 62 REPORT

*To the Department President, Officers and Members of this 39th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Missouri.*

I submit the following report of America Circle No. 62:

The regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Jefferson Memorial in a room so properly equipped with relics of heroism of our dead Comrades.

Our membership is 38, and 2 honorary members.

Memorial Day was observed by placing wreaths and flags on several Comrades graves.

Our flag was presented to Jefferson Memorial to commemorate Mother's Day. The proceeds from a successful party given in November was used for charity at Christmas time.

Washington's and Lincoln's birthday was celebrated by readings by our Patriotic Instructor.

Two socials were given, one in March and one in May.

It is with deepest sorrow we report the death of two of our most active and beloved Sisters, Mary Devitt, died June 13, 1935; and Sister Bertha Steidle, died August 8, 1935. Both of these deceased Sisters attended and enjoyed the 1936 Convention at St. Joseph, Missouri.



Flowers and cards were sent to several sick members and a box of candy to one member in compliance with our ruling to send such birthday greetings to those members over 75.

The Circle's charity amounted to \$60.00. Individual charity amounted to \$125.00.

Sincerely Yours in F. C. & L.  
NELLIE HINCHEY, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF JOHN H. TEDRICK CIRCLE NO. 68

*To the Department President, Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic,*

Greetings:

As President of John H. Tedrick Circle No. 68, I am happy to submit the following report:

We now have a membership of eighteen. Initiated one new member and lost one by death the past year.

We hold our meetings the first and third Friday afternoons of each month.

We are always prompt in forwarding our per capita tax and all budget funds.

During the year we filled a linen chest and at Christmas time sold numbers on it. This netted us a very nice sum of money and we want to thank all the sisters of the other Circles, who helped us in any way to make a success of it.

We held Memorial Day Services and on May 30 visited our local cemetery and placed flags and flowers on the graves of departed Comrades, also flowers on the grave of one Sister.

On October 16 we were happy to have with us our Department President, Sister Jessie Bates and several of her staff, also National Senior Vice-President, Sister Effie Thrasher and other Circle members from Kansas City, St. Joseph and Savannah. What seemed would be a most happy day for our Circle, was made a little sad by an accident of one of the cars en-route, slightly injuring three of the Sisters, Sister Josephine Wood, Past Department President, Sister Cora Snare, Department Inspector and Sister Myrtle Shaw member of St. Joseph Circle No. 38. We were all very sorry this had to happen, but so thankful no one was seriously injured.

We held our election in December and installation in January.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
FINIS LEE, President

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT OF WM. W. OWEN CIRCLE NO. 75

*To the Officers and Members of the 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.*

Greetings:

With pleasure I submit this following report for William Owen Circle, No. 75 of St. Joseph, Mo. We meet in regular sessions on the first and third Monday of each month with usually ten to twelve members present.

Our financial condition is very good considering the trying times. We have met all our obligations and believe we shall be able to carry on.

We have observed all patriotic days and done some patriotic work. We have not been able to increase our membership, but we are not discouraged.

We hold dinners and various card parties from which we derive our funds.

We have thirty members in good standing.

In closing, I wish to extend in behalf of my circle, best wishes for a pleasant and profitable convention.

Yours in F. C. & L.  
MRS. ADA MELVIN, President

## LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Weiser, Idaho, May 1, 1936.

Mrs. Jessie Bates, Department President, L. of G. A. R. Officers and members in Convention assembled

Greetings:

From a Missourian to Missourians assembled, greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable convention.

As I sit at my desk this morning, working for Our Bugle Call, I think of you Sister Jessie, and feel sure that you are at your best.

I appreciate your very kind invitation to visit your Convention, but distance, and duties here make that quite impossible, much as I would love to be with you.

To one and all my love and best wishes go with this message.

Sincerely in F. C. &amp; L.

CASSEA HOPPER ORSBORN

Kansas City, Kansas, May 11, 1936.

Mrs. Jessie Bates, Department President, Ladies of G. A. R., Connor Hotel Joplin, Mo.

Dear Jessie:

Best wishes for a happy and profitable Convention, am thanking your Department Secretary, Sister Stone, Department Councilor, Sister McDonald for General Orders on proceedings received during the year, my love to all.

FRANCES ROHRBACK

Santa Barbara, Calif, May 12, 1936.

Jessie Bates, Department President, Ladies of G. A. R., Care Hotel Connor Joplin, Mo.

Love and congratulations to dear Jessie and my Missouri Sisters.

CORA SHEAKLEY

St. Louis, Mo., May 12, 1936.

Sister Jessie Bates, Officers and members of the 39th Annual Convention, Joplin, Missouri.

Very sorry I cannot be with you but I assure you that my very best wishes are for a very harmonious and successful convention. My greetings to all of you.

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
MOLLIE NEUBAUER, Past Dept. Pres.

Kansas City, Mo., May 12, 1936.

Dear Sister Jessie Bates, Department President of Mo., and all my dear sisters.

I am greatly disappointed in not being able to attend your convention this year. I have not been able to sit up all day for one year, but am grateful to my God I am living and getting stronger every day. I wish for you a very wonderful convention with harmony and love, with all good wishes to each one I am,

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
ELIZABETH PLATT, Past Dept. Pres.

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

Series 1935-1936.

Having been elected President of the Department of Missouri, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the 38th Annual Convention held at St. Joseph, Mo., May 21-22-23, 1935, I hereby establish headquarters at 4023 East 69th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

I fully appreciate the honor conferred upon my own Circle, Kansas City No. 22, and myself, and shall endeavor to merit your confidence and trust.

The following officers were elected and installed by Sister Mahar, National Representative, Sisters Trigg and Dunford, Past Department Presidents, acting as Conductors:

President ..... Jessie Bates

4023 East 69th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo.

Senior Vice-President ..... Emma Jones

4508 Alice Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Junior Vice-President ..... Cora Breit

Savannah, Mo.

Treasurer ..... Helen Boose

6215 Clifton, St. Louis, Mo.

Chaplain ..... Amanda Hargis

Walnut Grove, Mo.

Patriotic Instructur ..... Mayme Freese

2613 Palm Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Registrar ..... Sabina Stuhlman

1037 Cleveland Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Counselor ..... Ida V. McDonald

1921 So. 24th Street, St. Joseph, Mo.

Council of Administration—Edna Ray, 1925 So. 24th Street,

St. Joseph, Mo.; Norine Blair, 4206 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Nellie McCrea, R. R., Maysville, Mo.

The following appointments are officially announced:

Secretary ..... Margaret A. Stone

332 Norton Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

Corresponding Secretary ..... Louella Fisher

Maysville, Mo.

Press Correspondent ..... Mary Kershner

6205 So. Benton, Kansas City, Mo.

Assistant Press Correspondent ..... Bertha Reeder

Highview R. R. Chillicothe, Mo.

Inspector ..... Cora Snare

R. R. 5, Winnwood Gardens, North Kansas City, Mo.

Librarian ..... Finis Lee

Altamont, Mo.

Musician ..... Marjorie Price

R. R. 4, Picket Road, St. Joseph, Mo.

Legislative Committee ..... Hilda Kierns

921 Fairmont St., Jefferson City, Mo.

Delegate at Large ..... Edna Ray

1925 So. 24th Street, St. Joseph, Mo.

## DELEGATES

Hattie Moore  
Bonnie Daniels  
Ruth Hibler  
Charlotte Mueller  
Helen Boose  
Belle Hamblin  
Ida Gableman

## ALTERNATES

Hortense Caylor  
Margaret Stone  
Jessie Waller  
Anna Dill  
Anna Listeck  
Pearl Haley  
Frankie Gloschen

1. Quarterly reports of secretaries and treasurers with checks or money orders made payable to Department Treasurer Helen Boose, should be sent to Department Secretary Margaret Stone, 332 Norton Ave., Kansas City, Mo. Please be prompt with your reports so that the Department Secretary's report may be sent to the National Secretary on time.

2. All orders for supplies should be sent direct to the Department Treasurer, Helen Boose, 6215 Clifton, St. Louis, Mo.

3. Circle Chaplains will forward Memorial Day reports immediately after Decoration Day to Department Chaplain Amanda Hargis, 945 Pickwick Springfield, Mo. In order that she may have time to make a full report for Missouri to the National Chaplain.

4. The new Department Password accompanies this first general orders.

5. The budget remains the same, as follows:

June, Per Capita Tax .....	10c per member
July, Proceedings Fund .....	18c per member
September, Per Capita Tax .....	10c per member
October, Organizing Fund .....	15c per member
December, Per Capita Tax .....	10c per member
January, Patriotic Fund .....	5c per member
January, Memorial Fund .....	2c per member
February, G. A. R. Fund .....	12c per member
March, Per Capita Tax .....	10c per member

6. The National Convention will be held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 8 to 14, 1935.

June 14 is Flag Day and July 4 is Independence Day. Every member should display the flag. The loyalty of a patriot's heart is one of those un-purchaseable commodities. The flag of our country is no mere "bit o' bunting," but represents an animate living thing—the Nation.

From its rippling folds shrine forth honor, justice, liberty, truth as well as nameless precious qualities which have their being in the proudly swelling hearts of all Americans.

The lovely sympathy of the Department is extended to Sister Jessie Sherman on the death of her brother; to Sister Bird Bennett on the death of her father Comrade Bennett; and to all who have been called on to part with loved ones by the angel of death.

Congratulations are extended to the new Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and to the newly elected officers of the affiliated orders.

In closing my first general orders let us renew our obligation to each other and live by the Golden Rule.

With friendly greetings and best wishes and a plea for loyal support, I am,

Sincerely in F. C. & L.  
JESSIE BATES, Dept. President

Attest:  
MARGARET A. STONE, Dept. Secretary.

### COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Proceedings books reduced to 15 cents. That the number left over be pro-rated to Circles. Council sustained.

2. The Treasurer have a seal similar to the Department Secretary. Council sustained.

3. Sister Jones turned over \$44.00 from the Patriotic Party, \$10.00 received from Sister McDonald, to National Memorial Shrine.

4. Trustee accepted on the Board of the Woodlawn Cemetery Lot. Jessie Bates, Edwina Trigg, Comrade Henley, C. C. Closson and Josephine Wood, Council sustained.

5. A letter be sent to Mr. Crumpler. Council sustained.

6. Thos. G. Wade Circle No. 59 recommends budget be lowered from 92 cents to 79 cents per member. Budget remain the same. Council sustained.

7. Committee appointed to meet with Commander to investigate their need of funds. Sister Dunford Trigg and Mahar.

8. That \$150.00 be given to the G. A. R. If amount not met by our G. A. R. fund, the balance be taken from the Department fund. Council sustained.

9. That the salary of the Secretary and Treasurer be raised to the former amount of \$50.00—salaries to remain the same. Council sustained.

10. We accept the membership certificate of the Warrensburg Cemetery Association. Council sustained.

11. Report on note for \$435.90 paid. Sister Jones turned over the \$54.00 to this fund. Department to draw warrant and clear this debt. \$10.80 was paid to this fund at the convention. Council sustained.

The note was turned over and burned at the joint Advisory Council meeting.

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2

Series 1935-1936.

October 1, 1935.

Your Department President gratefully acknowledges the many letters and cards received, and extends her thanks to all who have pledged their support to the administration.

The July proceedings fund is past due, the October organization fund is now due. Please be prompt.

General orders will be sent to the President, Secretary and Treasurer to save postage, as they are filed for future reference.

The National Convention held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, was well attended by our Missouri delegation. Sister Edna Ray, Delegate-at-Large, being unable to attend, Sister Hattie Moore was made Delegate-at-Large.

To our newly elected National President, Sister Wynnye G. Williamson and her official family, we extend greetings and offer our loyal support.

Missouri was honored to have on the national staff Sister Effie Thrasher, elected to the high office of National Senior Vice-President. Sister Edwina Trigg, chairman of the National Memorial Shrine Committee, and Sister Marqueritte Riggs, secretary of the National Betsy Ross Club.

We extend hearty congratulations to these sisters for we know they have been faithful and loyal to our order, and deserve the honor conferred upon them.

Sisters, we should have at heart the interest of the National Memorial Shrine. Every member should have her name engraved thereon.

Your Department President asks for a generous and loyal support of the Buole Call. Nothing could do more to increase the interest of our order than to have this, our official paper, read by every member.

"Unfurl Old Glory" to the breeze, let it float over every home and business place—thus proclaiming that patriotism will be stimulated in appreciation of our great inheritance. October 12, 1492, was Discovery Day, November 11, 1918, was Armistice Day.

There is to be a prize offered for promptness on budget funds and reports. Circle Presidents, see if your Circle can be awarded this prize.

Prizes offered at our Department Convention will be as follows:

A—To the Circle doing the most patriotic work .....	A Flag
B—To the Circle showing the greatest gain in membership .....	\$2.00
C—To the Circle showing the fewest dropped members .....	\$2.00
D—To the Sister bringing in the most new members .....	A Suitable Reward
(May to May) .....	

Names must be in the hands of the Registrar before the convention.

The time draws near for inspection. I hope to make my official visit to every Circle in the Department on their regular meeting days as far as possible but ask the indulgence of those Circles where special meetings are requested in order to save time and expense.

To Sister Cora B. Sheakley, Past Department Secretary, who lost her dear mother, Sister Clark a member of our order, the sympathy of the Department is extended.

In loving memory to our dear sisters and comrades who have answered the last roll call.

How great is thy love, "O Father Divine,"  
That we lose not our dearest, and best;  
But find them again with Thee, safe at home,  
In mansions of eternal rest.

This being my last general order before the holiday season, I wish to urge that all sisters endeavor at Thanksgiving and Christmas to bring some special joy to those around them less fortunate.

Remember the St. James Home with messages of love and cheer.

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

JESSIE BATES, Dept. President

Attest:

MARGARET A. STONE, Dept. Secretary

### AMERICAN CREED

(Wm. Tyler Page)

*I believe in the United States of America, as a Government of the people, by the people, and for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a Democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon the principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which American Patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.*

*I therefore believe it is duty to my Country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.*

*True Patriotism is one of the finest of human sentiments; It is a virtue.*

### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3

This being my first General Orders of the New year, I extend cordial greetings to all members of our beloved order and sincere good wishes to all Allied Orders.

I am grateful to the circle officers and members of my official staff, and the past department Presidents for their many courtesies; and express my heartfelt appreciation to all for their thoughtfulness and love extended to me on my visit over the state.

Budget funds due:

January Memorial Fund .....	.02c per member
January Patriotic Fund .....	.05c per member
February G. A. R. Fund .....	.12c per member
March Per Capita Tax .....	.10c per member

Circles that have not contributed to the different funds should do so during this quarter that it may be included in the quarterly report ending March 31, and circles be reported 100% on all budget funds.

Remember to fly the flag in memory of, and loving tribute to these immortal characters:

Wm. McKinley .....	January 29
Abraham Lincoln .....	February 12
George Washington .....	February 22

Our National President, Wynnye Williamson, has asked that we put on a membership campaign, appointing your Department President, Assistant Organizer and Sister Riggs on the organization and membership committee.

I ask that you read again Article 7 in National Orders No. 1. Your attention is again called to our paper, "The Bugle Call." I have appointed a sister in each circle to help get renewals and new subscriptions. The 39th convention, Ladies of the Grand Army, will be held in Joplin, Mo., May 5, 6, 7, 8, 1936. The Department Headquarters will be at the Connor Hotel. Further details will be in the next General Orders.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who sent in money to the St. James Fund. So far \$31.50 has been received.

All reports and funds must be sent in by April 25 in order that all Department Officers may compile their reports for the Department convention.

The following decisions are from the National President:

1. If we obey our Ritual and that is all that we have by which we are governed we would become compelled to go twice around the altar for the Patriotic Instructor sitting below the Chaplain would be omitted, we have not passed the Chaplain's chair either for once around the room we have stopped at her chair.

2. The right hand is uppermost in carrying the flag around the circle room.

The deepest sympathy of the Department is extended to the family of Katie B. Standcliffe, Past Department President, who passed away on December 27, 1935. To Sister Edwina P. Trigg in the loss of her Brother, and to all members of our order who have been called upon to part with loved ones, the loving sympathy of the Department President and her staff is extended.

In memoriam to Sister Katie B. Standcliffe, Past Department President:

Fading away like the stars of the morning,

Loosing their light in the glorious sun;

Pass from the earth with its joys and its sadness,

Only remembered by what she has done.

To our beloved comrades, Langley and Pickles:

Sweet be their rest, and gentle their sleeping,

God's way is best—they are all in His keeping.

The Department President and Secretary wish to express their appreciation of the many letters and greeting cards with hearty good wishes received, and assure you we stand willing and ready at any time to lend our services in any way possible.

Sincerely Yours in F. C. & L.

JESSIE BATES, Dept. President

Attest:

MARGARET A. STONE, Dept. Secretary

### NATIONAL MEMORIAL SHRINE

The 48th National Convention adopted a resolution presented by Sister Clara N. Sawyer, Past National President, to establish a MEMORIAL SHRINE to the Grand Army of the Republic, wherein could be preserved the relics of the Civil War, locating this memorial at our Nation's Capitol in Washington, D. C., or at Gettysburg, Pa. As ours is the only organization to bear their name, if the members have a true understanding and appreciation of the honorable heritage that is theirs, they will welcome this opportunity to make possible this SHRINE.

A committee was appointed to work actively for this fund and to make this the outstanding achievement of this year. Each department president is

a member of this committee, assisted by each circle president whose duty it is to make possible the enrollment of every member of her circle who will pledge at least \$1.00 toward this Memorial.

The committee has formulated this plan: Pledge cards and receipt books have been sent to each circle. These cards should be signed by the pledging members by April 1st, if possible, and should be returned to Chairman Edwina P. Trigg in large numbers at least once a month to save postage. Banks will be available through Circle Presidents in which to save your pennies. Receipts for all supplies should be signed and returned at once. All money in pledges should be in by August 1st. When pledges have been paid, pins will be given. Anyone may pay her pledge outright and receive her pin, but pledge cards must be signed for record.

Checks and Money Orders should be made payable to the National Treasurer, Maybelle S. Nissen, and sent to the chairman of the committee, Edwina P. Trigg, 3122 Chestnut Ave., Kansas City, Mo., who will be under bond, as are others in our organization who handle money.

## MISSOURI

Circle	Pledge	Paid
Edwina P. Trigg		\$500.00
Dept. of Missouri		76.75
4	42	36.00
18-100%	114	85.00
19-100%	78	78.00
26-100%	4	4.00
24	5	5.00
31	7	3.00
33-100%	100	25.00
34	33	100% 33.00
38	38	17.69
42	22	100% 22.00
44	6	
50	7	6.00
51	1	1.00
52	25	100% 25.00
54	24	100% 24.00
56	1	1.00
62	14	14.00
64	11	9.00
68	5	5.00
74	1	1.00
75	2	2.00

## GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

Series 1935-1936.

April 10, 1936.

Dear Sister:

1. The 39th Annual Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Joplin, Mo., from May 12th to 15th inclusive.
2. The Department Headquarters will be established at the Hotel Connor in Room 228, on Monday, May 11th, where all members of the order and allied organizations will receive a cordial welcome.
3. The railroad fare on identification certificates will be round trip for one way fare.
4. The certificates may be obtained from your Department President, Jessie Bates, 4023 East 69th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo., or from the Grand Army headquarters.

5. For reservations at the Hotel Connor address the manager, Mr. N. T. McCann, care Hotel Connor.

6. The hotel accommodations are as follows:

Connor—4th and Main.

Single room without bath	.....	\$2.00
Single room with bath	.....	\$2.50 to \$6.00
Double room without bath	.....	\$3.50
Double room with bath	.....	\$4.00 to \$8.00

Keystone—4th and Main.

Single without bath	.....	\$1.50
Single with bath	.....	\$2.00
Double without bath	.....	\$2.00
Double with bath	.....	\$3.00

American—722 Main Street.

Single without bath	.....	\$1.00 to \$1.50
Single with bath	.....	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Double without bath	.....	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Double with bath	.....	\$2.50

Yates—404 West 4th Street.

Single without bath	.....	\$1.00 to \$1.25
Single with bath	.....	\$1.75
Double without bath	.....	\$1.50 to \$2.00
Double with bath	.....	\$3.00

7. All business sessions will be held in the Empire Room of the Hotel Connor.

8. Credentials will be accepted and badges for Delegates issued from Room 230. Bronze badges must be worn. The Credentials Committee consists of Margaret Stone, Helen Boose, Margaret Turpel and Ruth Parks.

9. 1. The books of the Secretary and Treasurer will be closed April 25th.

2. Circles will order all supplies before that date.

3. Credentials for Delegates should be sent at once.

4. Circle Presidents will see that all Budget Funds are sent in so their Circle will be 100 per cent.

5. All Per Capita Tax up to and including March 31, 1936, must be in the hands of the Secretary and Treasurer before the books close.

10. 1. All Department Officers will bring concise typewritten reports pertaining to work done.

2. All Circle Presidents will bring or send a report of work accomplished the past year. I hope every Circle will be represented at the Convention.

11. The Council of Administration will meet to audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer in Room 230 on Monday, May 11th, at 3:00 P. M.

12. The Advisory Council will meet Monday evening. All questions to come before the Council must be in the hands of the Secretary by April 25th, and must come through the proper channel to receive attention by the Council *vc. Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th*—"Let us honor her if living by sending her a message of love, or wearing a white carnation in sacred memory."

14. *Memorial Day, May 30th*—"May we not only pay homage to the dead but let us with increased devotion show our respect and deep appreciation to our Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who are still with us."

Memorial Services will be Monday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Circle Chaplains will send at once to the Department Chaplain, Amanda Hargis of Walnut Grove, Mo., the names of all deceased members. Circle Chaplains will please wear white.

15. *Flag Day, June 14th*—"The flag of the U. S. A. will be 159 years old June 14, 1936. 'The Flag that has never known defeat, and we pray God it never will.'"

*Fathers's Day, June 14th*—"Honor thy Father and thy Mother, that thy days may be long upon the land."

16. Mother's and Father's Banquet will be Wednesday at noon, May 13.

17. To all Sisters who have been called upon to part with loved ones, the sympathy of the Department is extended.

IN MEMORIAM

Past Departed President Sister Amy Clark, passed away February 3, 1936.  
"God calls our loved ones,

Yet we lose not wholly what he has given,  
They live on earth in thought and deed  
As truly as in Heaven."

Past Commander Smith George and Comrades  
"God's finger touched them, and they slipped away  
From earth's dark shadows to a brighter day."

18. I am sorry to report the loss of Camp Jackson Circle.

19. The great trust which you gave to me by my election to the office of Department President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic has been very precious to me. The conscientiousness of the great responsibility which you placed upon me has been very grave to me, yet I have not carried that responsibility alone for each of you members of our Order have shared it with me. The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic is your organization.

"Friendship's house is made of gold,  
Its doors are open wide;  
And love and trust and happiness  
Are ever found inside,  
It's in the beauty of the heart  
Where skies shine all year through;  
For friendship's house was built of gold  
By precious hands like yours."

Sincerely yours in F. C. & L.

JESSIE BATES, Dept. President.

Attest:

MARGARET A. STONE, Dept. Secretary.

The Annual Conference of the Department of Missouri Federated Societies Affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the Hotel Connor, Monday, May 12th at 5 P. M.

The Annual Banquet in same hotel at 6 P. M. Price per person \$1.00. The Department President, Mrs. Nellie Bechtold of St. Louis, will be in charge.

To the Officers and Members of the Forty-Ninth Annual National Convention of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic:

Dear Sisters:

Having been elected first delegate to the National Convention, The responsibility of the duties of delegate-at-large, was mine to assume, when the serious illness of the son of your elected delegate-at-large prevented her attending the National Convention, I realized the responsibility of bringing to this Convention, the report of the National Convention and put forth the best in me to that end. I was in my place when every session convened and stayed until adjournment, until Thursday, 4 p. m. when Sister Margaret Stone assumed my duties.

I arrived in Grand Rapids at 9:30 p. m. Saturday, September 7, 1935. Sunday morning I had the pleasure of greeting friends, members of the patriotic organizations. Sunday p. m. I was taken to the Michigan Soldier's Home. The weather was threatening and the presentation of a Memorial Bench for the lawn was hastened and I arrived just at the close of the exercises. I met Col. James R. Davis, Commandant of the Home who escorted Sister Dill and me through the buildings and grounds. Volumes could be written regarding the grandeur, sanitary conditions and modern equipment of this Home. As we went to the auditorium, Col. Davis called our attention to the group of Ladies

assembled for entertainment. I was introduced to the ladies and made about a five minute talk. I spoke to them of our official publication "The Bugle Call." They had not heard of the paper, I subscribed to the Bugle Call for the Michigan Soldiers' Home and Col. Davis assured me he would request careful handling in reading it and would make it go through the Home. I hope this will create an interest and be the means of subscriptions from Michigan.

Sunday evening I attended Memorial Exercises at the Civic Auditorium. Col. John G. Emery, General Chairman of arrangements presided. A profusion of potted plants and flowers greeted the eye as one entered. The National heads of Patriotic Organizations were seated on the rostrum. A mound of green represented a grave on the left—as their names were called each officer crossed the rostrum and hung a wreath on the side of the grave, each wreath overlapping the other giving the appearance of a chain. Flashlight pictures were taken as each wreath was placed. Flood lights were thrown on the rostrum and the strains of Rock of Ages, rendered by the orchestra, made the occasion sacredly beautiful. Col. Emery said, "May this chain, thus welded, ever keep us true to Liberty, Justice and Democracy."

The memorial address by Chief Justice of Michigan Supreme Court was a masterpiece of eloquence. He quoted Franklin when he said, "We must hang together or we hang separately." He spoke of activities in our capital city, referred to the attempt to over-throw our Constitution and said "Some of our Congressmen seem to have a vacuum where their brains should be." In a brief talk by the Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R. he said Post No. 1 of the G. A. R. was organized at Decatur, Ill., July 6, 1866. In 1870 a member's badge was made and approved by the United States Senate.

On Monday morning, I attended the breakfast given by Betsy Ross Club. This was a very enjoyable affair. Our Department President was the guest of the retiring President, Marguerite Rigos, who introduced her.

After breakfast I visited the G. A. R. headquarters and registered. Also visited headquarters of D. U. V. Then registered in our own headquarters.

Monday afternoon, memorial services were held in Park Congregational Church. National Officers retired to rear of auditorium. They were escorted to the platform through a Court of Honor composed of boy and girl scouts, each carrying an arm bouquet. National President Pearl C. Cook was introduced and took her station.

A tiny girl carrying a white satin pillow and her escort carrying the gavel followed the National President. The gavel was placed on the pillow and this the "emblem of her authority" was given to Sister Cooke. After the National President's Staff was escorted to her station and introduced a program was rendered. The feature number being the presentation of a beautiful silk Flag to the Church where we were to hold our Convention. National Patriotic Instructor, Sister Frances Rohrback of Kansas City, Missouri, made the presentation with dignity and eloquence that the National body should be proud of. Rev. Thompson, Pastor, accented the Flag and expressed gratitude and pride for such a gift. William Timmers, Mayor of Grand Rapids was escorted in by Past National President, Emily Tompkins of New York and welcomed us to Grand Rapids. In part he said "We recall with keen interest and pleasure your previous visits to our city in 1925 and 1927. Every possible effort will be put forth to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable. As your hosts during this Encampment we have great anticipations throughout our community." Junior Circles received awards from the National President.

Attended the Get-Together meeting for delegates at the Church. A splendid program was enjoyed by all attending.

TUESDAY A. M.

The first executive session of our Convention was called to order at 9 a. m. National President Cooke presiding. Our Department President, Jessie Bates, was ward for the day. Those of Missouri delegation present, were Department President Jessie Bates, Department Secretary, Margaret Stone and delegates, Moore, Hibler, Hamblin, Gableman, Dill and Gregory; Past Department President Josephine Mahar, Edwina Trigg, Lorena Fleming, Effie

Thresher and Marquerite Riggs, Sister Troll of Major William McKinley Circle visitor. Veterans of all Wars were introduced.

Roll call and appointment of greetings committees. All greetings committees were Past National Presidents. The chairman of Arrangements and her assistants were introduced and applauded. The National Soloist was ever ready with a verse in response to visitors. Department Vice-President of Michigan greeted Convention in absence of the Department President who is ill. Motion and second to eliminate reading of National President's report in as much as printed report, in book form, is in hands of every delegate. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to place each report in hands of committees on officers report. Carried. National Secretary report read and placed in hands of committee. National President recommends each Department President forward to National, names on charter of Department. Up to date there are 31 Departments, 729 Circles. Only 257 Circles sent reports. Total membership is 28,873. Department of Missouri per capita tax is \$206.32.

National Council of Administration is introduced. Reports of National Officers read and placed in hands of Committee-on-Officers Reports. At 11:45 Comrade Mason of Maine and Comrade Wildman of Conn. were escorted in. Both spoke flatteringly of our work and women's advancement and interest in the affairs of this nation. The National Soloist sang "We'd Climb the Highest Mountain" if we thought that when we climbed that Mountain we'd find you. Comrade Wildman informs us Conn. alone does not hold their encampment with other Patriotic Orders.

Response to these G. A. R. men was made by Sister Sawyer, formerly of Maine but now of California. Motion to adjourn and reconvene at 1:30 p. m. They Convened at 2 p. m. Tuesday.

The Past President of Michigan Federation of Women's Club was next to bring greetings and presented our National President with a basket of flowers. Senior Vice-Commander Harding Merrill of Wichita, Kansas, and National Commander-in-Chief, Alfred E. Stacey were welcomed at this time. The delegation from the Department of Kansas went to the National President's station to greet Comrade Merrill. The response to greetings from these veterans was made by National Musician, Margaret Grandle of Kansas. Then followed many greeting committees, each bringing a gift to National President Cooke. Now another visit from G. A. R. veterans who report that out of 660 Posts of G. A. R. only 122 Posts remain. They urge publicity of our activities to build up our membership. There were so many interruptions to present gifts that the National President declared a recess for that purpose.

Business was resumed with a resolution presented by Emily Tompkins, Past National President of New York from the Federated Patriotic Societies declaring it is not their intention to become a Super order but a Cleaning House for Organizations. Resolution adopted.

At this time, many delegates had left and the report of the chairman of the Bugle Call was read. Sister Orsborne reported that there were 2,324 subscribers in 1934 and 2,876 in 1935, an increase of 552. At this date there is \$1034.59 in Bugle Call Treasury. Of 812 addresses lost all but 11 were found, by aid of member, Sisters Mollie Neubauer, Marguerite Riggs and Hattie Moore, all of St. Louis, were thanked for their part in locating the lost addresses.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Wednesday.

At 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, Missouri delegation and friends gave a breakfast in honor of our Department President, Jessie Bates. The rap of the National President's gavel found us in our places. The pass word was taken at the door as we entered by the conductors. Before we resumed business, tickets for the Courtesy Luncheon, given National Delegates at the Park Congregational Church and tickets for the grandstand to view the parade were also given. Motion carried to place the report of the National Senior Vice-President in journal without reading. Then followed reports of National officers. A balance of \$2,043.35 reported in Memorial Shrine Fund. Report of Legislative body received.

Adjourned till 1:30 p. m. to view the parade. The weather was ideal, the skies clear and our Flag never looked more beautiful, nor meant more than in this parade. We were proud of our Department Commander, Perry Martin, as he walked with so much pep. Though a beautiful sight the parade always causes a shudder and many a tear as we are reminded of the vast number of Boys in Blue who have "crossed the great Divide" since our last parade, and when we realize "Their service, our heritage, their love, our benediction" what a forceful reminder of our duty to our organization.

After the parade a splendid courtesy dinner was served to all delegates and Comrades by the Grand Rapids Ladies of the G. A. R. The souvenirs were solid wood chairs, reminding us Grand Rapids has splendid furniture factories. The cheer songs of different states, were much appreciated but if I were judge, I would award the "blue ribbon" to the colored ladies Circle when they sang "My Old Kentucky Home." The pianist, one of their own members, did justice to the dear old song.

Adjourned for luncheon.

Convened at 2:45 p. m. Pass word at door. Minutes of Tuesday read. National President says she will entertain a motion regarding minutes. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept same. After this, minutes were handled according to rules.

The National Secretary offers to make a copy of the minutes for \$1.00, the proceeds to go to the National Memorial Shrine. Another recess declared for gifts. Telegrams were read and letters acknowledged. The awards were made for various activities. Missouri has pledged \$951.60 to the Memorial Shrine, of which \$856.79 is paid. Circles in Missouri who have paid pledges in full are Major McKinley No. 18, Ann Adams No. 34, Ida McKinley No. 52, John A. Logan No. 54 and America No. 62.

At this time flags for most Patriotic work done was presented by National Patriotic Instructor, Frances Rohrback.

Sister Gregory inquired time of election of officers, saying some are going home at midnight.

Revision Committee worked until 3 a. m. Motion made and carried to permit revisions as submitted and place same in hands of National Treasurer. Work of revision committee accepted and that the committee be permanent. Report of Advisory Council read and accepted.

Photographers came in and took pictures of National President and her Staff and Past National officers.

National Proceedings on hand to sell for 25 cents. Cost 50 cents.

Sister Josephine Mahar presents a basket of flowers from National Spanish War Veterans to our National President.

Michigan Past Department Commander of Spanish War Veterans was announced. The basket of flowers was returned and presented by the Post Department Commander of Spanish War Veterans. Greetings by President of Michigan Home Board, Shea.

Recommendations No. 2: Shall the flag be placed on the altar. Voted, yes. Motion carried to incorporate nationally for prominence and protection. Rules of Order not satisfactory.

Sister Edwina Trigg is retained as Chairman of Memorial Shrine by vote of body. More G. A. R. comrades came to greet us. They report 672 G. A. R. men at Convention.

At this time I had to retire and return home. I greatly appreciate the honor bestowed on me at our last Department Convention. It gives me much grief to be unable to attend your Convention and read my report.

Loyally submitted in F. C. & L.

HATTIE M. MOORE

## HIGHLIGHTS

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Sister Margaret Grandle of Pittsburg, Kansas, Past National President, Ladies of G. A. R. elected National President of Federated Patriotic Societies.

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Wednesday, 7 a. m., the Missouri delegation gave a breakfast for Department President, Jessie Bates. This was the bright spot of the Convention for Missouri. Sisters Emma Jones, Department Senior Vice-President and husband, and Mr. Arthur Dill, husband of delegate Anna Dill, were in attendance. After short talks by all, Department Secretary Margaret Stone presented our Department President with a beautiful gift. A mark of our love and respect.

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The delegation from Missouri each signed their names to cards which were mailed to Past Department Presidents to let them know we miss them.

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Marguerite Riggs retiring President of Betsy Ross Club was appointed Secretary to the National President, Sister Marie Buhler of New York for the ensuing year.

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The late arrival of some of Missouri delegation at several sessions, prompts us to recommend a resolution by our delegates to the next National Convention to be seated when session is convened. It is not only a courtesy due the presiding officer but a duty we owe our Department. When they elect us to such an office let us discharge our duty in a military way.

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Sister Margaret Worrell, Washington, D. C. reports she lobbied for \$15,000 appropriation for National Convention to be held in Washington, D. C. The bill was allowed, the President signed it and then sent Sister Worrell the pen he used.



