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*National Chaplain.....	Mary Garard, Clinton, Iowa.
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*National I. and I. Officer.....	Henrietta Steismeier, St. Louis, Mo.

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*Annie Wittenmeyer.....	Philadelphia.
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*Francis Williams, San Francisco.	*Nellie Statler, San Diego.	Mary E. Ferrel, Fresno.	

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(Organized June 25th, 1884.)

*Department President.....	Mary Jewett Telford, Denver.
*Senior Vice-President.....	Delle S. Kelsay
*Junior Vice-President.....	Mary E. Mann.
*Secretary.....	Augusta B. Henderson.
Past Department President.....	Kattie C. Kennedy, Denver.

<i>Delegates.</i>		<i>Alternates.</i>	
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Alice Holland, West Cliff.		*Olive Hogle.	

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(Organized April 1st, 1884.)

*Department President.....	Mary J. Merriman, Bristol.
Senior Vice-President.....	Lillian E. Hope, Hartford.
Junior Vice-Pre-ident.....	Mary E. Healey, West Winsted.
Secretary.....	Mary E. Matthews, Bristol.
Past Department President.....	Elizabeth C. Kiefer, Waterbury.
Past Department President.....	Mary J. Dyer, New Haven.

<i>Delegates.</i>		<i>Alternates.</i>	
*Frances R. Martin (at large), New		C. Antoinette Shepard, New Britain.	

the National President must decide till the next National Convention, and I do not propose to have efforts are not diverted from the death of the Principles and Regulations; my decision is, therefore, ically in the negative.

Let the Corps live. This case but outlines the end. The Posts must all pass out of existence, Corps of our organization are not only intended to Posts, but the widows and orphans of the deceased, and so long as there is one to be cared for our it does not confine its membership to the relatives of a soldier, and can thus become self-perpetuating. up the work as they lay it down from their inability.

You shall make such investigations as you think the Corps has local work to do, or can materially aid ment, then you need not call for its Charter, but remain in existence as long as they continue to be loyal women working in the interests of our Order the banner of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

CASE II.

From Department of Maine, December 27th, 1887.
Is it legal to install officers except at specified times in Rules and Regulations. To state the case more Post invite a Corps to unite in a public installation, or after the first regular meeting in January, would tion be legal?

Opinion 2.—Rules and Regulations say officers stalled into their respective offices at the first regular January, or at a special meeting called for that purpose after. If before the first regular meeting

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of them were black the candidate was elected. 2d. It is better for all committees of any importance to make written reports, so they can be placed on file for future reference.

CASE IV.

From the Department of Iowa, February 7th, 1887.

May an individual member of a Corps purchase and retain as her own property, a Ritual of the Woman's Relief Corps?
Opinion 4.—As Rituals are only issued with Corps Charters, and are the property of the Corps and not of individuals, I certainly consider that an indiscriminate issue of Rituals to individual members would be wrong and without precedent in any secret organization.

CASE V.

From Department of Oregon, February 7th, 1887.

Are Corps organized during fourth quarter entitled to Representation in Department Convention by Delegates and Alternates?

Opinion 5.—According to Rules and Regulations Representatives to Department Convention are elected by the ratio of members each Corps has in good standing September 30th, and as Corps organized during fourth quarter had no membership September 30th, therefore would not, according to Chapter III, Article II, Section 3, Rules and Regulations, be entitled to representation in Department Convention by Delegates and Alternates, but could be represented by Corps President, or in her absence, by either Senior or Junior Vice-President.

CASE VI.

From Department of Missouri, February 23d, 1887.

1st. If a Department officer resigns directly after installation, resignation to be made in writing? 2d. If not made in

543 Ciphers.
 298 Seals.
 432 Corps Charters.
 48½ Yards Charter Ribbon.
 237 Yards Badge Ribbon.
 1,698 Applications for Charter.
 24,609 Applications for Membership.
 2,364 Rituals.
 799 Services.
 23,367 Rules and Regulations.
 10,368 Odes.
 9,483 Good and Welfare.
 3,725 Officers' Duties Cards.
 2,406 Transfers.
 2,510 Discharges.
 2,073 Membership Cards.
 1,646 Department Delegates' Cards.
 113 National Delegates' Cards.
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 9 Credentials.
 6 Corps Treasurers' Quarterly Reports.
 Corps Secretaries' Quarterly Reports.

4,873 Corps Reports.
 1,459 Treasury Reports.
 1,215 Ass't Insp. Reports.
 300 Instructions.
 662 Emblems.
 738 Corps Insignia.
 3,467 Corps Resolutions.
 1,939 Memorial Letters.
 344 Order Books.
 206 Letter Books.
 229 Blue Books.
 26,273 Badges, all kinds.
 166 Large Emblems.
 74 Small Emblems.
 475 Records.
 474 Ledgers.
 477 Cash.
 446 Roll.
 540 Drafts.
 899 Receipts.
 295 Black Lists.
 22 Dep't Drafts.
 25 Dep't Resolutions.
 Postage, \$

GENERAL DEPARTMENTS AND SUBORDINATE DEPARTMENTS

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS. 69

Mrs. S. E. Fuller, National President, expenses to Convention \$108 25
 Mrs. L. A. Turner, National Treasurer, expenses to Convention 108 25
 Mrs. E. B. Wheeler, National Secretary, expenses to Convention \$108 25
 Rent, headquarters, Boston, July and August 30 00
 Mrs. Louise A. Robbins, inspecting books, Department Michigan 10 25
 Mrs. Alice H. Jones, inspecting books, Department Missouri 7 50
 Mrs. Deborah G. King, inspecting books, Department Kansas 25 82
 Allowance for old supplies, Department Kentucky 1 50
 Cash returned to Departments 19 18
 Mrs. A. M. Gannett, postage 4 24
 Mrs. Frances T. Russell, postage 3 50
 Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, postage 4 78
 Mrs. E. Florence Barker, postage 5 42
 Mrs. Emma Sibley Pease, postage 5 00
 National Headquarters, postage 1 64
 Robert Torrey, engraving charters 1 00
 Boxes for packing badges 64
 Cutter, Tower Company, stationery 1 20
 Telegrams 2 15
 Postage 6 60
 Messenger 25
 Express 4 40
 Freight prepaid on supplies to Departments

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540 Drafts.
899 Receipts.
295 Black Lists.
22 Dep't Draft Books
25 Dep't Receipt Books
Postage, \$22.88.

OF EXPENDITURES.

QUARTER, ENDING SEPT. 30, 1886

onal Convention
idental expenses
ef fund

Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood, postage	5 50
Mrs. E. Florence Barker, postage	4 78
Mrs. Emma Sibley Pease, postage	5 42
National Headquarters, postage	5 00
Robert Torrey, engraving charters	1 64
Boxes for packing badges	1 00
Cutter, Tower Company, stationery	64
Telegrams	1 20
Postage	2 15
Messenger	6 60
Express	25
Freight prepaid on supplies to Departments	4 40
	6 62
Total expenditures, first quarter.	<u>\$1,205 19</u>

EXPENDITURES SECOND QUARTER, ENDING DEC. 31, 1886.

J. K. Davison, badges	\$1,221 75
E. B. Stillings & Co., supplies	1,064 40
Mrs. Nellie G. Backus, National Secretary (salary first quarter)	100 00
National Headquarters, incidental expenses	203 24
National Headquarters, blue book and charter ribbon,	1 37

INSTALLATION:
 Officers of 1887,
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LIFE MEMBERS:
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 Flowers to be sent to Virginia,
 Memorial Day Order,
 Blanks to be issued,

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 In Memory of Lois F. S. Holbrook,

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 Account with National Headquarters,
 Mrs. Merrill Reprimanded,

NEW MEXICO:
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 Election of National Junior Vice-President,
 Nomination of National Treasurer,
 Election of National Treasurer,
 Election of National Chaplain,
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PER CAPITA TAX:
 No change in,

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Backus

National Secretary

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 NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK
 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
 THE use of Junior Vice-Presidents of the Department of the
 Treasurer, being incomplete, Department of the
 Corps organized, until proper arrangements are made
 to. Those already furnished to the
 ent Presidents should notice that the
 the installation of their successors, and
 these Headquarters the same in all
 ected Department officers.

OF ELIZABETH WABY HINDS