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ALABAMA DIVISION, U. S. C. V.

ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS, 1901-1902.

Commander and Staff.

Division Commander, Warwick H. Payne, Scottsboro.

Division Adjutant and Chief of Staff, T. Sydney Frazer, Union Springs.

Division Inspector, B. B. Cohen, Sheffield.

Division Judge Advocate, Francis M. Purifoy, Esq., Tuscaloosa.

Division Quarter-Master, Leon McCord, Scottsboro.

Division Chaplain, Rev. Eugene Crawford, Evergreen.

Division Surgeon, Dr. R. Paul Jones, Scottsboro.

Division Commissary, Clayton Tallis, Montgomery.

Aides, E. O. McCord, Albertville; G. G. Allen, Gadsden.

Historical Committee.

Thomas M. Owen, *Chairman*, Montgomery; William B. Bankhead, Huntsville; and Dr. Patrick H. Mell, Auburn.

Relief Committee.

D. S. Hausman, *Chairman*, Montgomery; John H. Wallace, Jr., Huntsville; M. M. Baldwin, Union Springs.

Monument Committee.

Charles C. Thach, *Chairman*, Auburn; L. Sykes, Courtland; Justus L. Best, Best P. O.

Finance Committee.

Roger ap C. Jones, *Chairman*, Selma; D. D. Hollis, Sulligent; P. M. Brindley, Hartselle.

CAMPS IN THE ALABAMA DIVISION.

- No. 16, Camp John Pelham, Auburn, chartered Nov. 7, 1896.
No. 62, Camp C. C. Pegues, Selma, Feb. 15, 1898.
No. 120, Camp N. B. Forrest, Huntsville, April 3, 1899.
No. 206, Camp Joe Wheeler, Tuscumbia, Feb. 7, 1900.
No. 232, Camp W. H. Payne, Scottsboro, April 22, 1900.
No. 241, Camp W. S. Bankhead, Courtland, April 30, 1901.
No. 253, Camp Hollingsworth, Gadsden, May 11, 1901.
No. 259, Camp Holtzclaw, Montgomery, May 15, 1901.
No. 263, Camp Frank Ogden, Sulligent, May 18, 1901.
No. 295, Camp R. K. Boyd, Albertville, Aug. 1, 1901.
No. 296, Camp Morgan, Hartselle, Sept. 3, 1901.
No. 307, Camp Pelham, Eutaw, Nov. 8, 1901.
No. , Camp E. Troup Randle, Union Springs, Nov. 11, 1901.

THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION, U. S. C. V.

ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS, 1901-1902.

Commander-in-Chief and Staff.

Commander-in-Chief, R. B. Haughton, 1117 Clark ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff, Wm. H. Cocke, 421 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

Inspector-General, L. H. Marrero, Jr., New Orleans, La.

Quarter-Master General, Stanley D. Pearce, St. Louis, Mo.

Commissary-General, J. Elliott Riddell, Louisville, Ky.

Judge-Advocate-General, G. T. Fitzhugh, Memphis, Tenn.

Surgeon-General, Dr. Walton S. Greene, Aberdeen, Miss.

Chaplain-General, Rev. Carter Helm Jones, Louisville, Ky.

Department Commanders.

Army of Northern Virginia Department, Edwin P. Cox, Richmond, Va.

Army of Tennessee Department, W. Armistead Collier, Jr., Memphis, Tenn.

Trans-Mississippi Department, W. M. Kavanaugh, Little Rock, Ark.

Committees.

Historical Committee: William F. Jones, *Chairman*, Elberton, Ga.

Relief Committee: Robert W. Pillow, *Chairman*, Little Rock, Ark.

Monument Committee: D. A. Spivey, Conway, S. C.

Finance Committee: W. H. Langford, *Chairman*, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Woman's Memorial Committee: James Mann, Nottoway, Va.

Constitutional Committee: Walter T. Colquitt, *Chairman*, Atlanta, Ga.

OBJECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

(*Constitution*, 1898.)

Sec. 2.—The objects and purposes of this Organization shall be strictly "Historical and Benevolent." It will strive:

Sec. 3. To unite in one general Confederation all Associations of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Soldiers, and Sailors, now in existence, or hereafter to be formed, and to aid and assist the United Confederate Veterans and all Veteran Camps.

Sec. 4. To cultivate the ties of friendship that should exist among those whose ancestors have shared common dangers, sufferings and privations.

Sec. 5. To encourage the writing by participators therein, of accounts, narratives, memoirs, histories of battles, episodes and occurrences of the war between the States.

Sec. 6. To gather authentic data, statistics, documents, reports, plans, maps and other material for an impartial history of the Confederate side; to collect and preserve relics and mementoes of the war; to make and perpetuate a record of the services of every member of the United Confederate Veterans, and all living Confederate Veterans, and, as far as possible, of those of their comrades who have preceded them into eternity.

Sec. 7. To see that the disabled are cared for; that a helping hand is extended to the needy, and that needy Confederate Veterans' widows and orphans are protected and assisted.

Sec. 8. To urge and aid the erection of enduring monuments to our great leaders and heroic soldiers, sailors, and people, and to mark with suitable headstones the graves of Confederate dead whenever found.

Sec. 9. To instill into our descendants a proper veneration for the spirit and glory of our fathers, and to bring them into association with our Confederation, that they may aid us in accomplishing our objects and purposes, and finally succeed us and take up our work where we may leave it.

COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF AND REUNIONS.

1896-1897.

The First Reunion, which was the meeting for organization, was held in Richmond, Va., June 30, 1896. J. E. B. Stuart was elected Commander-in-Chief.

1897-1898.

The Second Reunion was held in Nashville, Tenn., June 22, 1897. Robert A. Smyth, of Charleston, S. C., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

1898-1899.

The Third Reunion was held in Atlanta, Ga., July 20-23, 1898. Robert A. Smyth, of Charleston, S. C., was re-elected Commander-in-Chief.

1899-1900.

The Fourth Reunion was held in Charleston, S. C., May 10-13, 1899. Walter T. Colquitt, of Atlanta, Ga., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

1900-1901.

The Fifth Reunion was held in Louisville, Ky., May 31-June 1, 1900. Biscoe Hindman, of Louisville, Ky., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

1901-1902.

The Sixth Reunion was held in Memphis, Tenn., May 28-30, 1901. R. B. Haughton, of St. Louis, Mo., was elected Commander-in-Chief.

1902-1903.

The Seventh Reunion will be held in Dallas, Tex., April 22-26, 1902.

I. PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL RE- UNION; SOCIAL FEATURES.

The first annual reunion of the several camps comprising the Alabama Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans convened on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1901, in the Circuit Court room in the city of Montgomery. The occasion was one of much interest, because it witnessed the inauguration of organized effort on the part of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Alabama.

The hall had been tastefully decorated and a large portrait of Gen. James T. Holtzclaw hung over the speaker's stand. Over and about it were hung flags of the Confederacy. Welcome flags were also in evidence. Just back of the chair of the presiding officer was a large bunting national flag of the Confederacy, the property of Thomas M. Owen, a member of Camp Holtzclaw.

CALL TO ORDER.

At 12:30 P. M., Thomas M. Owen, late the Division Commander of Alabama, called the convention to order. In doing so, Mr. Owen expressed in a fitting way his sense of appreciation of the high honor accorded him in being permitted to preside over the preliminary deliberations of the body. He introduced Rev. Eugene Crawford, Division Chaplain, of Camp Pelham, Eutaw, who fervently invoked Divine blessing and guidance on the proceedings of the day.

The formal order by Commander-in-Chief R. B. Haughton, convening the Division in annual reunion for the purpose of organization, was read by Division Adjutant T. Sydney Frazer, of Camp Randle, Union Springs. He also read a communication from the Department of Tennessee Commander, W. Armistead Collier, Jr., of Memphis, expressing the hope that a thorough and compact State organization would be effected, and especially congratulating the Sons of Veterans of Alabama upon "the magnificent historical work which has been accomplished in that division."

These documents are as follows:

“United Sons of Confederate Veterans,
General Headquarters.
St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 29th, 1901.

“Special Order: No. 2.

“It is hereby ordered, that a Reunion of the Division of Alabama be held during the month of November, 1901, at such special time and place as may be designated by the Division Commander thereof, at which said reunion, a Division Commander may be elected and other business of the division, in the way of organization and otherwise, may be transacted.

“By order of
(Signed.) R. B. HAUGHTON,
Commander-in-Chief.”

“Official:

William Horner Cocke,
Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.”

[Memphis, Tenn.]
Nov. 9th, 1901.

“(Circular Letter, No. 2.)

“TO THE ALABAMA DIVISION, U. S. C. V.

“It is earnestly hoped that a thorough and compact State organization will be effected at the Reunion to be held in Montgomery Nov. 13-14; and that a Constitution will be adopted.

“Your attention is directed particularly to the conditions of membership in the Confederation, which should be strictly complied with.

“The Department Commander orders that the use of *military* titles and rank be discontinued by the officers in the Army of Tennessee Department—the same being without authority under our General Constitution. In this connection, I beg to call your attention to Art. 5, Sec. 21-23, and to Art. 9, Sec. 53, of the Constitution; and I strongly recommend that the following clause (or something to that effect) be incorporated in your State Constitution—as expressing the sentiment of the majority of our comrades who have the welfare of the Confederation at heart; to-wit:—

“The officers of the Alabama Division shall be known and addressed by the titles that designate the offices which they hold, (as, ‘Commander Smith,’ ‘Adjutant Brown,’ etc.); but the use of purely military titles, (as, ‘Lieutenant-General,’ ‘Colonel,’ ‘Major,’ and the like), in official correspondence or otherwise, is expressly prohibited.

“To increase interest in our work the following plan is suggested as an experiment: That the camps secure permanent quarters and establish themselves into Confederate Literary and Historical societies; or merely establish a Reading Room and Library, in conjunction with the U. C. V. and U. D. C. organizations, if agreeable; same to be maintained by voluntary contributions on the part of the members, or in such manner as may be decided upon. Such a movement would find support in any Southern community, provided some energetic comrade takes the initiative.

“The Alabama Sons of Veterans are congratulated upon the magnificent historical work which has been accomplished in that Division.”

(Signed.) W. ARMISTEAD COLLIER, JR.
“Commander ‘Army of Tennessee,’ U. S. C. V.”

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

After the reading of the foregoing communications, Mr. Owen announced the Committee on Credentials as follows: *Chairman*, T. Sydney Frazer, Camp Randle; B. B. Cohen, Camp Joe Wheeler; and Dr. R. Paul Jones, Camp William H. Payne. The Committee at once retired to consider its work, and an informal recess was taken.

In a short time the Committee returned, and made a report as follows:

"Commander: Your committee beg to report the following camps represented in the convention by the delegates whose names are herewith set forth. In view of the fact that this is a convention for organization, and as it is not likely that any contests will arise calling for a strict vote by camps, it is recommended that each delegate be entitled to vote. Attention is specially called to the fact that the camps at Tuscaloosa and Hayneville are only local organizations, and have not yet affiliated with the general confederation, but your committee has ascertained that the delegates representing them are *bona fide* Sons of Veterans. Assurances have been given that these camps will be reorganized at an early day, and, therefore, it is recommended that they be entitled to participate in the proceedings.

"The camps and delegates are as follows:

Camp W. H. Payne, Scottsboro.—Dr. R. Paul Jones, Leon McCord, John F. Proctor, J. R. Rosser, Virgil Bouldin, W. M. Rorex, Pope W. Keith.

Camp E. Troup Randle, Union Springs.—G. A. Ritch, M. M. Baldwin, P. F. Miles, C. C. Beverley, T. Sydney Frazer, H. P. Chappell.

Camp Bullock, Hayneville.—J. T. Dixon, H. M. Caffee, C. W. Garrett, W. E. Haynes, J. W. Dixon.

Camp Pelham, Eutaw.—Rev. E. L. Crawford, C. S. Boyce.

Camp Holtzclaw, Montgomery.—Governor William D. Jelks, Thomas M. Owen, J. H. Crossland, J. C. Lawrence, D. S. Hausman, and D. W. Melver; and the following alternates: Hardin H. Fitts, Hardwick Ruth, J. A. Elmore, Clayton Tullis, William F. Herbert, Duncan May.

Camp Hargrove, Tuscaloosa.—W. W. Brandon, F. M. Purifoy, B. G. Hargrove, George D. Johnston, Jr.

Camp Joe Wheeler, Tuscumbia.—B. B. Cohen, W. A. Sadler, J. C. Harris, H. B. Sevier, O. J. Simpson, Frank N. Julian, W. C. Holseapple, Claud King, R. J. Thurmond, S. C. Cook, Earle Johnson, James Smith, R. T. Abernathy."

The report was, on motion, unanimously adopted; and thereupon the Chairman declared the convention duly organized and ready for further business.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MR. LOMAX.

Mr. Owen then introduced Hon. Tennent Lomax, Commander of Camp Holtzclaw, Montgomery, who delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Lomax was received with enthusiasm. He said:

"Comrades: I care not where they meet or whose sons they may be, there cannot be an assembly of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who have inherited a higher estate of honor and of glory than the Sons of the Confederate Veterans of Alabama.

"With a population of a little over 600,000 white people in 1861, from that time to 1865, Alabama sent forth 120,000 men to die in glory with Sydney Johnston or to live in immortality with Robert E. Lee. Of this number, 35,000 never returned to the State whose colors they had heroically carried on an hundred ensanguined fields.

"It has been found that in the thirty-six years that have elapsed since the close of the war between the States—the greatest war in the history of mankind—there has arisen no historian who has had the courage and the manhood to tell the whole truth about the struggle for life of the 'Storm Cradled Nation that fell.' This fact gave rise to the organization of which we are members, because the young men of the South resolved that, whatever might come in the future, one thing must come, and that was that history should, at last and finally, tell the truth—the eternal truth—about their fathers who had died in battle and about their mothers who, in spirit, had died in grief and sorrow even though their lives had been spared. If I understand our organization, its aims and purposes, this is its essential claim for life. The proudest title I own today is that I am the son of a Confederate soldier who died in battle for his country, and no honor has come, or can come, to you or to me which would eclipse the splendid glory of such a heritage. That heritage were useless, though, unless you can protect the memory of your fathers from the ruthless efforts of those who have, for a third of a century, sought to brand them as traitors, and who have written it in some of the very school books used in Southern schools. The whole purpose of our banding together is to assure the fact that the men who, by their heroic valor, made the name of the Confederate soldier the most splendid in the annals of human warfare shall be accorded in the final history of that great struggle, the credit that belongs to them of being the noblest and most unselfish soldiers in the cause of free government that the world ever saw.

"In ancient mythology it was taught that the Goddess of War sprang full-armed from the brain of Jove. In all the history of the world the nearest approach to such a miracle took place in this historic city in 1861, because, within three short months after the Southern Confederacy was born here, 'Grim visaged war' was organized on such gigantic scale as to eclipse all history in its strength and power and death and carnage, and to be the model of the world for all wars that were to follow in the future of mankind. This city, the Cradle of that war, of the Southern Confederacy, with that great record, desires through me to extend to the sons of the men who went to the top of Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg, who

took Snodgrass Hill at Chickamauga, who defended the Bloody Angle in the Wilderness, who charged over the breastworks at Franklin, who held the trenches at Petersburg, who, in very fact, made the 'name and fame of the Confederate soldier so vivid and widespread' that they shine resplendent over the soldiers of all the years that are gone and made him the model and exemplar for the soldier in all the years that are to come, a most cordial and chivalric welcome, both because they are worthy descendants of their noble sires, and because they are united for the exalted purpose of securing, for all after time, a record, pure and undefiled, of the deeds of their heroic and God-like ancestors. Assembled as you are for such unselfish and holy purposes, you commend yourselves to every man, woman and child, in this historic city. In behalf of her noble population, I bid you welcome. Her old men and her young men will gladly greet you, the joyous chatter of her children will evidence the gladness it gives her to have you in her midst, and the smiles of her women—the most beautiful and loveliest women in the world—shall be your reward for coming within her gates.

"You are welcome to the innermost circles of her social life; she deems it a distinguished honor to have you as her guests and her people will be greatly rejoiced to have each and all of you carry to your home a happy and never-fading recollection of the first reunion of the Alabama Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans—met, as you are, as the exponents of correct history and as the advocates of the everlasting and eternal truth."

RESPONSE BY MR. PAYNE.

When the applause which followed Mr. Lomax's eloquent address had subsided, Mr. Owen called forward Commander of the State Division, Warwick H. Payne, who delivered a response full of feeling as well as noble and elevated thought. Mr. Payne's address was well received, and was delivered with ease and much force.

Mr. Payne said:

"My Dear Comrades: On behalf of our convention assembled, and on behalf of our visiting sons in the city of Montgomery, I wish to thank Comrade Lomax for his kind and beautiful words. They have not only brought a sense of pleasure and delight to the ear and to the mind, but they have been words laden with such tender sentiment and depth of feeling that they have carried a sense of warmth and good cheer and of hospitality to our very hearts.

"After such words, we know that we are thrice welcome, and for the remainder of the time we have here, that we shall be fortunate guests indeed.

"Yes, we are glad to have this, our first reunion with Camp Holt-elaw in the city of Montgomery, for when we remember that it was here on our own capitol steps that Jefferson Davis stood, fearless and undaunted, and took upon himself the duties and obligations of President of the Confederate States of America, we as sons of Confederate Veterans, like the Musselman of the east, who turns

his face toward Mecca and bows at the early morning,—bow silently and uncovered before the spot where stood the chief executive of the nation that fell. It was a fall, my comrades, but like the vanishing rays of some sunset glow, so radiant in its fall, as to leave a flood of glory behind, so glorious that we are now proud to say, our fathers fought for her.

“Yes, we should, at all times, feel a just pride in our organization, and prize our heritage as sons of Confederate Veterans very dear. It is an honor that cannot be taken away. It is an honor that money cannot buy, nor can it be gained by any other means in the world, save by birth, and that birth is being the son of a hero. Heroes, yes, they were all heroes, my comrades, who fought under that banner, for they had no other sentiment to guide them, save their love for home and for their Southland, for which they fought so long and well, and sacrificed all, save their sacred honor. And as time passes on, divested of all of its prejudices and its errors, history and truth are dissipating the mist, leaving the record of the Confederate soldier as bright and resplendent as the noontday sun.

“Any just man, no matter from what part of this great Union he may come, will admire the sentiments that inspire us as sons of Confederate Veterans, and actuate us in the work that we are to begin here today. As the home at last, is the unit from which a great nation is formed, so the love for home for one's own section, is the beginning of patriotism, and should we prove unmindful of this first love, we would be forgetful of that broader patriotism. We, sons of the South, where have ever stood in times of war and of peace the bravest and the best, should at all times feel a just pride in the important part that our section has always taken in the affairs of our nation. In the early wars on this continent, when the English were almost overcome, it was George Washington, a young Southern boy, who led the British regulars from defeat to glorious victory. It was the same Washington, our peerless Southern hero, when the tyranny of an unjust monarch had forced him from him, who led our colonials on a hundred hard fought fields, revived their drooping spirits in dark old Valley Forge, and after long years of fighting and suffering led them to a victory as sublime as it was wonderful.

“It was Washington, more than any other man who made our independence possible then, and we all know that when that almost divine instrument, the Constitution of the United States, was framed, it was Southern men who performed the most important, the most arduous work upon it. James Madison, a Southerner, a Virginian, was more responsible for the framing of that document than any other man.

So always the South, until, coming down to our times, we find them again at Santiago,—Hobson, Wheeler and Schley.

But my comrades I have told you thus far, that I might tell you again, that the patriotic and noble part taken by these men, was no more patriotic, no more noble than the part taken by our fathers, by the Confederate soldiers, in the making of the history of our great nation.

“The same patriotism, the same noble sentiments that led George Washington still burned in the breast of Robert E. Lee, when he left his beautiful Arlington overlooking the lovely city of Washington, the capital of the country, he had loved so well, to take up his sword against her. And for his followers, each and every man, we can say no less, for they had no other sentiments to guide them.

“So these are the men, my comrades, whose records we wish to keep bright, and send sounding down the ages. We come today as true and loyal citizens of the greatest nation on earth, in no morbid spirit, with no bitterness for the sufferings or losses of the past, but only to do homage to the memory of our fathers, to scatter a few roses on the graves of our beloved dead and to see that history in time to come will do justice to the bravest soldiers that the sun ever shone upon. We know that we have suffered and lost, but we love the South for her glorious past and her noble traditions. We believe in the truth that a land without ruins is a land without history, and in the words of our own Father Ryan we sing:

Oh! give me a land where the ruins are spread,
And the living tread light on the hearts of the dead.
Yes, give me a land, with a grave in each spot,
And names in the graves that shall not be forgot.

“Yes, give me a land of the wreck and the tomb,
There is grandeur in graves, there is glory in gloom;
For out of the gloom future brightness is born
As after the night comes the sunrise of morn.

And the dead in the graves with the grass overgrown,
May yet yet form the footstool of liberty's throne.
And each single wreck in the warpath of might,
Shall yet be a rock in the temple of right.

On concluding his remarks, Mr. Payne formally assumed charge of the convention, and Mr. Owen retired to the floor.

ALABAMA DIVISION ORGANIZED.

Mr. Owen then introduced the following resolution, declaring the Alabama Division formally organized, which was adopted:

“Resolved, by the delegates of the several Camps of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, located in the State of Alabama, in convention assembled, that the Alabama Division is hereby organized, to be composed of the camps now existing, or which may hereafter be organized in said State; and be it further

“Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed to draft a suitable constitution for its government and to report the same to this meeting as soon as possible.”

Under the resolution the Commander announced the Committee as follows: *Chairman,* Thomas M. Owen, John F. Proctor and Guy A. Ritch, who retired for deliberation.

SILVER SERVICE FOR THE BATTLE-SHIP "ALABAMA."

During the absence of the Committee, the courtesy of the floor was extended Dr. H. S. Persons, of Montgomery, who strongly appealed to the Convention, urging its coöperation in raising a fund to buy a silver service for the battleship "Alabama."

He was followed by Mr. Frazer, who earnestly endorsed the movement, and expressed the sentiment that all Alabamians should feel proud to aid so worthy a cause.

Mr. D. S. Hausman, of Camp Holtzclaw, opposed the movement insofar as it appealed to the Sons of Veterans as an organization. He felt that a Confederate Soldiers' Home for Alabama Veterans, and the rearing of monuments had superior claims on the organization.

After the discussion, Mr. Frazer introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the United Sons of Confederate Veterans of Alabama, in convention assembled, do hereby endorse the movement to solicit funds for the purpose of presenting a suitable silver service to the battleship Alabama and that the different camps of Alabama be requested to render the movement all assistance in their power."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on Constitution made its report, which, after being read and carefully explained by Mr. Owen, was, on motion of Dr. J. H. Crossland, of Camp Holtzclaw, unanimously adopted.

Commander and Comrades:

Your committee beg to report the draft of a constitution for the government of the Alabama Division, U. S. C. V., in accordance with the resolution adopted in reference thereto.

THOMAS M. OWEN, *Chairman.*

(The Constitution appears in full hereinafter.)

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Owen, Chairman of the Historical Committee of the Division, made his report of the work accomplished during the recent year. It wall full and exhaustive, and

showed Alabama to be in the front rank in all progressive historical work. He also reported that effort was being successfully made looking to the exclusion from Alabama homes and schools of all objectionable books. It is in full as follows:

Commander and Comrades:

The undersigned, members from the United Sons of Confederate Veterans on the Joint Historical Committee of the several Veterans organizations in Alabama, beg to make the following report:

It is proper to premise that the Joint Historical Committee consists of nine members and is so called because it is made up of three members each from the United Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans. The appointment of this committee grew out of a recommendation made by the General Historical Committee of our organization at the reunion in Charleston, May, 1899. The objects of the several Veterans associations being so largely historical, it was thought that concerted effort would be more effective than separate, independent action. Among other things the recommendation recited: "Let this [joint] committee find out what histories are used in the different counties, find out their inaccuracies and point them out to the several county boards of education and to the people generally."

Although Alabama was not the first to act on the recommendations, it is believed that in no State is there a stronger or more effective committee, or one so well aroused to the necessity of action. The following are the members of the committee: Col. John W. A. Sanford, of Montgomery, Dr. Otis D. Smith, of Auburn, and Gen. George D. Johnston, of Tuscaloosa, from the Veterans; Miss E. M. Bullock, and Mrs. E. P. Morrissette, of Montgomery, and Mrs. T. L. Kennedy, of Opelika, from the Daughters of the Confederacy; and Thomas M. Owen, Dr. P. H. Mell and Wm. B. Bankhead, Esq., from the Sons of Veterans. It is proper to note that since her appointment Mrs. Morrissette has resigned, and Mrs. Wm. A. Gayle, of Montgomery, has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

The first meeting of the Joint Committee took place on May 10, 1901, at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick, in Montgomery, at which were present Col. Sanford, Miss Bullock, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Owen. There was a full and thorough conference on all points involved in the work before the committee, and much general information of value elicited. At the convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Eufaula, May, 1901, Miss Bullock for her branch of our committee made a carefully considered report, which is to be found on pages 37-39, of the Minutes of the Convention.

The next meeting of the committee was held Nov. 2, 1901, in the office of the Director of the Department of Archives and History, at the State Capitol. There were present Col. Sanford, Miss Bullock, Mrs. Gayle, Dr. Mell, and Mr. Owen. Mr. Owen was elected permanent chairman. This meeting was one of much interest, and really marks the substantial beginning of effective work. In order to clearly define the work proposed, a declaration was adopted, which, it is believed, fully and completely covers all matters properly in the jurisdiction of the committee. It is as follows:

"With a view to carry out more certainly the historical objects of our respective organizations, and recognizing that with common aims and purposes in this respect a union of forces will be more effective in their accomplishment.

Be it Resolved. That the Joint Historical Committee of the United Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans is hereby organized for the purpose of attaining as far as possible the purpose of its creation, and to that end it is hereby declared that the work of the committee shall embrace generally

1. The effort to accomplish as far as possible the declared historical objects of our several organizations; and particularly

2. The encouragement of a more general and serious study in the home and school of the history of the great contest between the Confederate States and the United States, with its antecedent causes.

3. The encouragement of the preservation of all the facts, events and incidents of the War.

4. The correction of errors in published works, and especially school books, by whomsoever printed or promulgated.

5. The stimulation, through the study of the history of the War, of a broader and more intelligent patriotism, and a more intense devotion to the rights, history and traditions of the State of Alabama.

6. The encouragement of all legitimate means looking to the accomplishment of the above ends, as the support of our newly established State Department of Archives and History, the financial support of the Confederate Veteran, the Lost Cause, and other reputable periodical historical publications."

It is too soon to report any results of a special nature from this meeting. It is felt, however, that good results may be safely predicted. An examination of the foregoing statement shows a comprehensive grasp of the whole field of historical activities committed to our organizations, and it only remains for the members of the committee to work earnestly and faithfully, in which they must of course have the co-operation, not only of the members of the Sons of Veterans, but of all our people.

It is not deemed necessary at this time to set forth any detailed statement of work to be undertaken other than as above, or to point out the objectionable features of books in circulation among our people, or taught in our schools. By the next meeting it is hoped that much of a practical character will be accomplished of which due report will be made.

In conclusion, attention may be called to the fact that the action of the last General Assembly of the State in creating the "Department of Archives and History," is being widely commended, not only at home, but abroad. Alabama is certainly now in advance of any Southern State, and abreast of all others, in care and attention to her archives and history. Particular commendatory mention of it is made in the "Report" of the Historical Committee to the reunion, at Memphis, of the General Convention of the U. S. C. V., and the Act of establishment is set out in full. (*See Minutes, 1901, pp. 25-27.*) Movements are in progress looking to the organization of similar departments in other States.

The Director of this Department, Mr. Owen, is also, as has been noted, chairman of the Joint Committee. He is thoroughly enlisted in the work, and will devote his best energies to its promotion.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS M. OWEN, *Chairman*,
PATRICK H. MELL,
WM. B. BANKHEAD.

The report was adopted on motion of Mr. John C. Lawrence, of Camp Holtzclaw. Mr. Lawrence followed his motion by a resolution, to which he addressed himself in a very interesting way, after which it was adopted, viz:

"Be it resolved by this Convention, That the admirable work of the Historical Committee of this Division is commended in the highest terms, and the hope is hereby expressed that the members of this committee will be retained in any new appointments which may hereafter be made."

WORK OF THE WOMAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE ENDORSED.

One of the important enterprises of the general Confederation was brought to the attention of the Division by Mr. Owen, who read extracts from a letter he had received from James Mann, Esq., Chairman of the Woman's Memorial Committee. Mr. Owen introduced a resolution on the subject, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That this Division pledges its financial and moral support in behalf of the work of the Woman's Memorial Committee."

ENDORSEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY.

Mr. Francis M. Purifoy, of Camp Hargrove, introduced the following resolution. He emphasized the importance of the work undertaken by Alabama, and said that he thought it should be commended. The resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, The State of Alabama has established a Department of State, known as the 'Department of Archives and History,' the objects of which are declared to be 'the care and custody of official archives, the collection of materials bearing upon the history of the State, and of the territory included therein, from the earliest times, the completion and publication of the State's official records and other historical materials, the diffusion of knowledge in reference to the history and resources of the State, the encouragement of historical work and research,' etc. Now, therefore,

"*Be it Resolved*, That this action of the General Assembly is warmly commended and heartily endorsed, and in the work undertaken by this Department the co-operation of all the members of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans in this Division is strongly urged."

USE OF TITLES BY OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION CONDEMNED
AND PROHIBITED.

Rev. Mr. Crawford then arose and called attention to the views of Department Commander Collier on the subject of the use of titles by our officers. He thought some formal endorsement should be had, and he introduced a resolution which was adopted, viz:

"*Resolved*, That this Division is in thorough accord with the views of our Department Commander, W. Armistead Collier, Jr., Esq., on the subject of the use by our officers of military titles, and we pledge ourselves to a hearty support of his orders in reference thereto."

ELECTION OF DIVISION COMMANDER.

Mr. Owen announced that he had received an order from W. Armistead Collier, Jr., Commander, Army of Tennessee Department, directing and requiring the election of a Division Commander, a similar order having been received by Commander Payne. The order is as follows:

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 9, 1901...

"Special Order No. 1.

"Under Article 5, Section 15, 17, of the Constitution, it is hereby ordered that a Commander of the Division of Alabama be elected at the State Convention, to be held in Montgomery November 13th and 14th, 1901.

"It is ordered that said election be held under the supervision of Comrades W. H. Payne, of Scottsboro, and Thomas M. Owen, of Montgomery.

"The matter of the division of the State into Brigades, and the election of Brigade Commanders is left to the discretion of the delegates assembled

By order of

W. ARMISTEAD COLLIER, JR.,

"Commander Army of Tennessee, U. S. C. V.

"Official.

L. M. De Saussure,
Department Adjutant."

Mr. Owen moved that the Division proceed to an election, which was adopted. Mr. Proctor, of Camp William H. Payne, presented the name of the present Commander, Warwick H. Payne, for reelection. Whereupon the rules were unanimously suspended and he was declared elected. Mr. Payne returned his thanks for the honor, assuring the delegates of his high appreciation, and assuring them of his best efforts towards building up the State Division.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Mr. Frank N. Julian offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention be and is hereby extended the press of the city of Montgomery for its active interest in behalf of the success of this reunion; also to Camp Holtzclaw of Montgomery, for its cordial welcome and hospitality; also to the several railroads of the State for reduced rates; also to the county officials of Montgomery for the use of the Circuit Court room for this meeting; to the Chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Montgomery for the invitation to their reception this evening and to the Veterans for their gracious invitation to participate in the parade and barbecue on tomorrow."

Thanks in suitable resolutions offered by Mr. Frazer were extended Mr. Owen for his previous enthusiastic work for the organization in Alabama, and his labors in behalf of the success of the present reunion.

COMMITTEE TO EXTEND GREETINGS TO VETERANS.

The following Committee was appointed to visit the hall of the Confederate Veterans and formally extend the greetings and good wishes of the Alabama Division, viz: Hon. Tennent Lomax, Warwick H. Payne and Frank N. Julian.

ADJOURNMENT.

After several announcements and exchanges of friendly felicitations, the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

The next reunion, under the Constitution, will be held in 1902 in Montgomery, during the reunion of the Confederate Veterans.

SOCIAL FEATURES.

RECEPTION TO THE COMMITTEE OF SONS BY THE VETERANS.

The Committee of the Sons of Veterans appointed to call upon the Veterans in open Convention for the purpose of extending greetings and good wishes, was given a rousing welcome and reception. The occasion is thus described by the *Montgomery Advertiser*, Nov. 14, viz:

"It was announced that a delegation from the State Convention of the Sons of Veterans were present and the Convention rose to its feet to receive them. The delegation was composed of Hon. Tennent Lomax, Frank N. Julian, W. H. Payne, Division Commander of Alabama, and the following members of his staff: Division Adjutant and Chief of Staff, T. Sydney Frazer, Union Springs; Division Inspector B. B. Cohen, Sheffield; Division Quartermaster Leon McCord, Scottsboro; Division Chaplain, Rev. Eugene Crawford, Eutaw; Division Surgeon, Dr. R. Paul Jones, Scottsboro.

"General Harrison invited the Sons to participate in all the proceedings except the right to vote. He then introduced the spokesman of the Sons, Hon. Tennent Lomax. Mr. Lomax was received amid great enthusiasm.

"He said he came to the Veterans as the representative of Alabama Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans, to tell them that to-day this Division has perfected organization. The Sons came to them with the warmest greetings.

"They bid me tell you that they know the brilliant victories you have won, of the splendid charges which you have made. To tell you that when from disease and death your ranks become extinct, we intend to keep up the honor of the Confederacy. I desire to tell you that the time will never arrive when they will become unworthy of the task. The fame of the Confederate soldier is too well known to need eulogy from any man. The cause you fought for is historic. It was born in this capital city, and lived through four years of fire and blood, and went down in a blaze of glory which illuminated the world."

RECEPTION BY THE LADIES.

The local and visiting Veterans, Sons of Veterans and their friends were entertained on Wednesday evening (Nov. 13,) by the Ladies' Memorial Association, the White House Association, and the Sophie Bibb, the Secession, the Cradle of the Confederacy, and the Dixie Chapters, United Daughters of the Confederacy, of Montgomery. The exercises consisted of a formal presentation of crosses of honor in the Auditorium, followed by a reception and refreshments in the City Council Chamber.

The Auditorium was tastefully and appropriately decorated. Mrs. J. M. Wyly presided over the exercises. The vast hall was crowded. Crosses of honor were presented Confederate Veterans. Gen. Geo. P. Harrison and staff, clad in gray uniform, participated in the proceedings.

At the conclusion of the formal proceedings came the reception. The gallant Veterans were shown every attention, and were made to feel themselves the heroes which indeed they are.

The occasion was enjoyed by hundreds, including the Sons of Veterans.

 SMOKER GIVEN BY CAMP HOLTZCLAW TO VISITING SONS OF VETERANS.

[D. F. McCall, Esq., in the *Montgomery Journal*, Nov. 14, 1901.]

Camp Holtzclaw, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, were the hosts at a "smoker" given to the visiting Sons and honored with the presence of distinguished Veterans, last night at Clancey's Hotel. Commander Tennent Lomax, of the Camp, presided with his wonted tact and suavity. He is equally at home as the *deus ex machina* of a social function or in the speaker's chair of an assemblage of grave and reverend statesmen.

There was no toast master. There were no toasts. But there was an informal and spontaneous feast of reason and flow of soul—a flood of patriotism and pathos,

and effervescing fund of wit, humor and appropriate and clean anecdote, which will make the smoker an ever memorable one.

This happy state of affairs was largely due to the key note of the evening sounded by Gov. William D. Jelks, the first speaker "dragooned" by Chairman Lomax. The happy vein of original humor which characterized his writings as a member of the Fourth Estate yielded rich nuggets, without effort on this occasion. The fervor of his patriotism as he paid a glowing tribute to the heroes of the lost, but immortal cause, was truly infectious. The eloquence of his exhortation to the "Sons" present to prove themselves worthy sons of noble sires, to preserve the memory of their achievements, and to live up to their sacred traditions, was worthy of the born leader of men that he is.

A prompt and feeling response was made by the gifted young Division Commander, Warwick H. Payne. He is a serious thinker as well as a forceful speaker, without any attempt at oratory. He eloquently evinced that the cause which he leads is indeed a sacred mission in which all his manhood is enlisted.

Other timely and touching and inspiring short speeches were made by Capt. J. W. Bush, of Birmingham; J. B. Stanley, of Greenville; Rev. Dr. J. M. Mason, Sergeant John M. Haran, formerly of Eufaula, now of Birmingham; State Historian Thomas M. Owen, Capt. Hal Walker, and Joel Barnett, of Montgomery; John F. Proctor, of Scottsboro; and T. Sydney Frazer, of Union Springs.

The speech of Rev. Dr. Mason was strictly *sui generis*, and brought down the house frequently. This stalwart, typical Southerner had fought gallantly under Forrest as a boy, and now displays the same courage of conviction as a minister in, perhaps the most militant of churches; whether as a consecrated circuit-rider or a peripatetic presiding elder, he preached good Southern gospel on this occasion and showed that the principles of the so-called Lost Cause have since the war nearly all been confirmed and endorsed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Private Joel Barnett, the youngest survivor of that spartan band of dare-devils comprising Gen. Forrest's famous escort, and who is acknowledged to be Alabama's greatest humorist, was here compelled by the smokers to tell one of his inimitably funny war stories. He was cheered to the echo.

The speech of Sergeant Haran was one of the best hits of the evening. He possessed that rare combination of pathos and wit in which the Celt surpasses all other races, and elicited storms of applause. Chairman Lomax said when Mr. Haran concluded that the "smoker" had smoked out an orator to the manner born.

Messrs. Walker and Prector entertained the smokers with appropriate speeches.

The most dramatic scene of the occasion followed the remarks of State Historian Owen. He talks, writes, dreams and drums up Alabama history every moment of his life, except when he is at church. What he said can not be properly reported in this space, but it was grand and inspiring.

At the conclusion of Mr. Owen's remarks, Comrade Dugald F. McCall, who had been trying unsuccessfully to keep tab as "a cheil" among them taking notes, moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended to Mr. Owen for his speech and his valuable services in behalf of true history. The motion was spontaneously carried before the Chairman had time to put it.

The reporter will not invidiously assail Adjutant Frazier's modesty by saying that Chairman Lomax saved the best wine for the last in asking him to close the "smoker." He made a superb impromptu speech, which so enthused the scribe as well as all the smokers, that he cannot report it. He waked the old rebel yell in unison with the young Southern slogan. In closing he said:

"Is it not right that these heroes, and the men who led them, should never be forgotten; that those of you who survive should be held in everlasting veneration, and that every floweret that can tell of love and immortality should be strewn above the sacred dust of those who fell—but as for the latter:

"What reck's it though their bodies lie,
 In unmarked graves by hill or river,
 Their mighty deeds across the sky
 Are written—to be read forever—
 Above their mounds the birds shall sing
 From forest grove, and flowery stem
 And shady waters murmuring,
 Unite to chant their requiem,
 And Spring shall deck their hallowed beds,
 With types of resurrection day
 And silent tears the night has shed,
 The morning beam shall kiss away."

The smoker was closed at "low twelve" by an invocation from Rev. Eugene Crawford, the Division Chaplain.

PARADE AND BARBECUE.

[*Montgomery Advertiser*, Nov. 15, 1901.]

The grand parade of the Veterans and Sons of Veterans took place on the morning of Nov. 14th, the procession moving from the Municipal buildings, Perry and Monroe streets, at 10:30 o'clock. Thousands of people thronged the streets. The line of march was up Monroe street to Lawrence, down Lawrence to Dexter avenue, down the avenue to Court Square, thence circling the basin, up Dexter avenue to Hull street. The procession then halted, and Gen. George P. Harrison and staff, mounted, passed in review the entire length of the line. The parade was over four blocks long. First in line were the mounted police, then the Chief Marshal, B. M. Washburn, of Camp Lomax; and Gen. Harrison and his staff mounted followed. Miss Lucy Randle of Union Springs, Division Sponsor of Alabama Division of the Veterans, and her maid of honor, Miss Rebecca Berney, of Montgomery, in carriages, came next. The Veterans, by brigade, with their sponsors, maids of honor and sponsors of camps, followed.

The Sons of Veterans brought up the rear of the parade, and in a carriage preceding them was Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, sponsor, and her maids of honor, Miss Rebecca Pollard, Miss May Crommelin and Miss Jean Craik.

After the review the line passed down Dexter avenue and Commerce street, where the cars were boarded for Jackson's Lake and the barbecue. A bountiful dinner was provided, after which several speeches were made. The day was ideal. The outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and most appropriately concluded the reunion exercises.

II. BRIEF SKETCH OF THE ALABAMA DIVISION.

The first Camp of Sons of Veterans in Alabama, which organized and affiliated with the General Confederation, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, was Camp John Pelham, of Auburn. It was organized Nov. 7, 1896, with a roll of sixty-two members. Its charter is numbered 16. It will thus be seen that it is near the head of the general roll of camps for the entire South. Its first Commander was Dr. P. H. Mell, and its three Lieutenant-Commanders were respectively C. C. Thach, C. L. Hare and L. S. Boyd.

Doubtless other Camps of Sons of Veterans in the State antedate this Camp in the mere matter of local formation. It is known that Camps have existed at Birmingham, Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Hayneville and Montgomery, but so far the last named has been the only one to reorganize and unite with the general organization.

The work of the Confederation at first proceeded slowly, and it was not until August 10, 1897, that Dr. P. H. Mell was named as the first Commander for the Alabama Division. He had hardly begun the work of arousing interest, before his duties compelled his resignation. Thomas M. Owen, then of Carrollton (now of Montgomery) was, October 12, 1898, named as his successor. Mr. Owen went actively to work, and, notwithstanding a great apathy in all parts of the State, nine Camps were organized during his term. He was succeeded, September 9, 1901, by Mr. Warwick H. Payne, of Scottsboro. Mr. Payne was elected November 13, 1901, as his own successor by the first annual meeting of the Division.

While interest in the work is by no means general, still there is an excellent future-outlook. The present reunion has aroused much enthusiasm, and during the coming year the prospect of largely increasing the list of Camps is very encouraging.

The following Orders are deemed worthy of preservation here, as affecting the early history of the Division.

ORDERS APPOINTING COMMANDERS.

DR. P. H. MELL.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 10th, 1897.

Special Order, No. 7.

Upon recommendation of Lieut. Gen. T. Leitch Thompson, Commanding the Army of Tennessee Department, and in accordance with Section 7, Article IV of the Constitution, Mr. P. H. Mell, of Auburn, Ala., is hereby appointed Major General in command of the Alabama Division.

He will immediately proceed with the appointment of his Staff, and the organization of his Division.

By order

Robert A. Smyth, Commander-in-Chief.

Official.

Daniel Ravenel, Adjutant-General

THOMAS M. OWEN.

Headquarters United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 12, 1898.

Special Order, No. 35.

Upon the proper recommendation, and in accordance with Section 49, Article VIII, of the Constitution, *Mr. Thomas M. Owen, of Carrollton, Ala.*, is hereby appointed Commander of the *Alabama Division, U. S. C. V.*, to rank as such from the 1st day of October, 1898, until the Division shall obtain the required number of Camps, in accordance with Section 48, of Article VIII.

He will immediately proceed with the appointment of his Staff; and the organization of his Division, and use special efforts to form Camps throughout the same, and carefully and diligently discharge all the duties belonging to his position.

This order supersedes and renders null and void Special Order, No. 7, August 10th, 1897, on account of the resignation of the Comrade then appointed.

By order of

Robert A. Smyth, Commander-in-Chief.

Official.

Daniel Ravenel, Adjutant-General.

WARWICK H. PAYNE.

United Sons of Confederate Veterans, General Headquarters.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9th, 1901.

Special Order, No. 1.

By virtue of power vested in me as Commander-in-Chief, I hereby appoint Warwick H. Payne, of Scottsboro, Alabama, as Division Commander for the Division of Alabama.

By order of

R. B. Houghton, Commander-in-Chief.

Official.

William Horner Coker,
Adjutant-General and Chief of Staff.

SPONSORS OF THE ALABAMA DIVISION.

First—Miss Tallulah Gachet, appointed July 15, 1898, for the reunion at Atlanta.

Second—Miss Helen Clarke, appointed April 8, 1899, for the reunion at Charleston.

Third—Miss Annie Hill Jemison, appointed May 21, 1900, for the reunion at Louisville.

Fourth—Miss Rebecca Berney, appointed May 3, 1901, for the reunion at Memphis.

III. CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA DIVISION, U. S. C. V.

ARTICLE I.—Title.

Sec. 1. *Name.*—This organization shall be the “Alabama Division,” United Sons of Confederate Veterans. . .

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

Sec. 2. *Objects.*—Its objects are, through closer organization, to bring about a better accomplishment of the objects of the General Confederation.

Sec. 3. *Relation to General Organization.*—It shall in all particulars be a part of the General Confederation, and subject to its jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. *Rules; Reserved Powers*—This Constitution shall be definitive only as to the subjects specifically set forth, and is to be exclusive of the General Constitution where not in conflict therewith. The provisions of the latter shall apply in all cases as far as applicable where no regulation is herein imposed. The Alabama Division hereby expressly reserves to itself any and all powers, general or special, not specifically withheld by the General Constitution, or herein delegated or limited.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

Sec. 5. *Camps.*—The several regularly constituted and chartered local camps of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans in the State of Alabama shall constitute this Division.

Sec. 6. *Brigades.*—Whenever it may appear necessary at any annual reunion, the Division shall be organized into Brigades.

ARTICLE IV.—Officers and Staff.

Sec. 7. *Division Commander.*—The chief officer of the Division shall be a Commander to be elected at the annual reunion, and to serve for one year, or until the election of a successor. His duty shall be to organize the State into camps, to see to the execution of all orders from General and Department Headquarters, to be their intermediary with the camps of the Division, to preside at all meetings of the Division, and to otherwise fully and faithfully carry out in all respects the objects of the organization.

Sec. 8. *Staff.*—The staff of the Commander of the Division shall be composed of a Division Adjutant, a Division Inspector, a Division Quarter Master, a Division Commissary, a Division Judge Advocate, a Division Surgeon, and a Division Chaplain, to be appointed immediately after entering upon the duties of his office, and to serve during his term, or at his pleasure.

Sec. 9. *Brigade Officers and Staff.*—On the organization of the Division into Brigades, the latter shall each elect a Brigade Commander, whose staff shall be composed of a Brigade Adjutant, a Brigade Inspector, and a Brigade Quarter Master. Regular elections of Brigade Commanders shall thereafter be held at the annual reunions, and their terms of office shall be one year.

Sec. 10. *Titles Prohibited.*—The officers of this Division shall be known and addressed by the titles that designate the offices which they hold (as, “Commander Smith,” “Adjutant Brown,” etc.); but the use of purely military titles (as “Lieutenant-General,” “Colonel,” “Major,” and the like) in official correspondence or otherwise, is expressly prohibited.

Sec. 11. *Duties of Staff.*—The duties of the Division and Brigade staff shall be such as usually pertain to their offices in a military organization, as well as any and all others which may be provided by the Constitution, rules, or lawful orders of the General Confederation.

Sec. 12. *Vacancies.*—A vacancy in the office of the Commander shall be filled, until the next annual reunion, by appointment of the Commander-in-Chief. Vacancies in the office of Brigade Commander shall be filled by the Division Commander.

Sec. 13. *Elections.*—All elections of officers shall be by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Sec. 14. *Sponsor.*—The Division Commander is authorized in his discretion to appoint a sponsor, and one or more maids of honor for any general, State or special reunion.

ARTICLE V.—Conventions.

Sec. 15. *Annual Meeting.*—The Division shall hold an annual convention, or reunion, at the same time and place as the Alabama Division, United Confederate Veterans.

Sec. 16. *Special Meetings.*—Special meetings shall be convened by the Division Commander on the written request of a majority of the camps of the Division, at the time and place named therein.

Sec. 17. *Representation.*—The several conventions, or reunions, shall be composed of delegates from the several camps of the Division; and each camp shall be entitled to one delegate for every ten active members in good standing on its rolls, and one additional for a fraction thereof, which fraction shall be five (5) or more, *Provided*, that every camp in good standing shall be entitled to at least two delegates; and, *Provided*, further, that the required per capita shall be paid for all members on which such delegation is based.

Sec. 18. *Ex-Officio Members.*—The Commander-in-Chief, the Department Commander, the Division Commander, and the Brigade Commanders of the division shall be *ex-officio* members of all State or Brigade Conventions.

Sec. 19. *Voting.*—In the meetings the voting shall be *viva voce*, unless a vote by camps is called for by at least five delegates. In the latter event the camps shall be called in numerical order, and the chairman shall cast the number of votes to which his camp may be entitled.

Sec. 20. *Delegates.*—All delegates must have credentials signed by the Commandant and Adjutant of the camp, before they can be enrolled, or can participate in any reunion, or general meeting, of the Division.

Sec. 21. *General Attendance.*—Every comrade in the Confederation in good standing, and every Confederate Veteran in good standing, shall be privileged to attend the meetings of any organization belonging to this Division, but only regularly accredited delegates shall be permitted to vote.

Sec. 22. *Program.*—The program for each annual reunion shall be prepared by the Division Commander, and shall be promulgated in general orders prior thereto, but such program shall in no wise limit the business, or the subjects, which may be brought forward at said meeting.

ARTICLE VI.—Committees.

Sec. 23. *Standing Committees.*—The standing committees of the Division shall be four, of three members each to be appointed by the Commander. They are as follows:

Sec. 24. *Historical*.—A Historical Committee, that shall have charge of all matters relating to the literary and historical work of the Division, and said committee shall be the representatives from this Division on the Joint Historical Committee of the United Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the United Sons of Confederate Veterans for the State of Alabama.

Sec. 25. *Relief Committee*.—A Relief Committee, that shall have charge of all matters in the Division relating to the relief, pensions, homes, and other benevolent purposes of this Confederation.

Sec. 26. *Monument Committee*.—A Monument Committee, that shall have charge of all matters relating to monuments, graves and the Confederation's object and purposes in these respects.

Sec. 27. *Finance Committee*.—A Finance Committee, to verify accounts of officers, to fix the compensation of same when it becomes necessary, under the advice and approval of the Division Commander, and to attend to such matters of finance that may be referred to it.

Sec. 28. *Duties*.—These Committees can sub-divide themselves for purposes of facilitating their labors, and shall keep a record of their meetings, make reports annually, or oftener, if required by the Division Commander, and shall turn over their records to the Adjutant-General at the expiration of their term of office.

Sec. 29.—*Special Committees*.—Special Committees can be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief when a necessity arises, and shall be appointed by him when so ordered by the Annual Reunion.

ARTICLE VII.—Camps.

Sec. 30. *Formation*.—Camps in this Division shall be formed under the rules and regulations prescribed in the Constitution of the General Confederation, *Provided*, however, that all applications for the formation of camps shall be forwarded through the headquarters of the State Division, under such rules and orders as may be prescribed by the Division Commander.

Sec. 31. *Duties of Camps*.—Camps shall carry out as far as possible the objects of the General Confederation, and no camp shall be recognized which attempts to abridge or limit the duties and obligations imposed thereby.

Sec. 32. *Annual Reports*.—Each camp shall report annually to the Division headquarters in such manner and on all such matters as may be required by the Division Commander. Ten days prior to the date of the annual reunion the adjutant of each camp shall forward to Division headquarters a complete roster of all its active members in good standing, together with the per capita tax therefor.

ARTICLE VIII.—Finances.

Sec. 33. *Per Capita Tax*.—A yearly per capita tax of ten cents shall be paid by each camp for every active member in good standing on the roll thereof. The per capita tax shall be paid prior to the annual reunion, and such payment shall be a condition precedent to representation. The funds hereby raised shall be kept by the Division Quarter Master, and disbursed by him on the order of the Division Commander or by vote of the reunion, for the use, benefit and expenses of the Division.

ARTICLE IX.—Amendments.

Sec. 34. *Mode of Amendment*.—This Constitution may be amended at any annual reunion by a two-thirds vote of all of the delegates present, *Provided*, that at least 30 days' previous written notice

of such amendment shall have been given each camp of the Division.

Sec. 35. *Suspension of Rules.*—Any section hereof may be suspended by the unanimous consent of the delegates present except section thirty-four.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Headquarters Camp No., U. S. C. V.,
, Ala.

To the Members of Camp.....

I respectfully apply for membership in your Camp, and in the event of my election promise a strict compliance with all of the rules and usages of the organization. I was born on..... at.....in the county of.....; and I am the son of.....and his wife (Father's full name.)

.....My occupation is..... (Maiden name of mother in full.)

The following is the military record of my.....father in the Confederate....., viz: Entered the service..... (Army or Navy.)

186., as..... (Here give rank, name of Company and Regiment, and State.) and served until..... (Here give approximate date, and how service expired.)

Remarks..... (Here give any other data desired, as details of engagements, acts of heroism, incidents of prison life, etc.)

References. (Attach documentary proof.)..... (Here give printed reference to ancestor's service, or name and address of some living veteran having personal knowledge of the facts.)

The necessary fees are herewith enclosed.

Applicant.

(Local address.)

REPORT ON APPLICATION.

We certify that the above Record of

is correct.

Committee on Records,.....

(Local Veteran Camp.)

This application has been examined, and from the information which the Committee has been able to procure, is approved.

Committee on Application, Camp.....

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