VI. The following Order is published for the information of this Commandery:

Headquarters Military Order of the Loyal Legion
of the United States.

CIRCULAR No. 9.
Series of 1885.
Whole No. 30.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, July 24, 1885.

I. The ribbon which is a part of the Insignia is the exclusive property of the Order, and its combination of colors unlike any other manufactured. The attention of Headquarters has been called to the fact that it has been distributed and worn with badges of Army societies and by those not entitled as Companions. This abuse, so far as members of the Order are concerned, must cease, and officers having control of the distribution see that measures are taken to prevent a recurrence.

II. The date of the issue of the Insignia and Diploma to each Companion must be reported to the Chancellor-in-Chief, who will furnish blank forms for the purpose.

III. The Chancellor-in-Chief will fill no requisition for the Insignia, Ribbon, Diploma or Rosette that is not made by the Chancellor of the Commandery for whom the supplies are intended.

IV. The ribbon of the Insignia must conform in length to the sample furnished by the Chancellor in Chief.

V. Recorders will transmit to the Chancellor-in-Chief an official copy of every circular announcing the elections to membership hereafter.

VI. The Constitution (1885), Article VI, Section 1, provides that the admission fee and dues for the current year must accompany the application for membership and record; hereafter, no application will be referred to a Committee of Investigation for report, unless the fact of the compliance with the Constitution is endorsed by the Recorder of the Commandery to which the application is made.
VII. The election of a candidate for membership at a special meeting without a previous promulgation of the name of the applicant and record of service will be submitted to the Acting Commandery-in-Chief to be declared null and void. There can be no suspension of the Constitution relating to elections to membership.

VIII. If for cause an election to membership in the Order is annulled, it must be published in the first circular of the Commandery issued after the meeting at which the annulment has been declared.

IX. Committees of Investigation will hereafter return with their reports upon candidates all letters addressed to them in their official capacity, that they may be filed with the records of the Commandery to whose membership they relate.

X. The report to be made to the Commandery-in-Chief as specified, Constitution, (1885,) Article XXI, Section 5, will hereafter be made upon the blank furnished from Headquarters.

XI. The proportion of the commutation fee which shall be paid to the Commandery receiving the Companion transferred, (Constitution, 1885, Article XVII, Section 4,) shall be the sum that would be required at his present age to purchase an annuity (Carislee 4 per cent.) equal to that which the commutation fee would have purchased at his age at the time of its payment.

XII. The transfers announced in Circular No. 1, Series 1881, from the Commandery of the State of Tennessee to the Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, will date from May 31st, 1880.

By command of

Major-General WINFIELD S. HANCOCK, U. S. Army,

Acting Commander-in-Chief.

JOHN P. NICHOLSON,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel U. S. V.,

Recorder.
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

Circular No. 1.
Series of 1885-86.
Whole Number 59.

Portland, August 24, 1885.

I. A Stated Meeting of this Commandery will be held at the Falmouth Hotel, Wednesday Evening, September 21, at 8 o'clock.

II. The following officers for the ensuing year, elected at the Annual Meeting, May 6th, 1885, will be invested:

COMMANDER:
Brig. Gen. Selden Connors, U. S. V.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER:
Lieut. Col. Charles B. Merrill, U. S. V.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER:

RECORIDER:
First Lieut. Edward M. Rand, U. S. V.

REGISTRAR:

TREASURER:
Capt. Thomas J. Little, U. S. V.

CHANCELLOR:
Brevet Maj. Henry S. Burrage, U. S. V.

CHAPLAIN:
Chaplain Joseph A. Leach, U. S. V.
COUNCIL

Paymaster William Henry Anderson, U. S. N.
Surgeon Seth C. Gordon, U. S. V.
Maj. Sidney W. Traxter, U. S. V.
Liet. Col. Augustus C. Hamlin, U. S. V.

III. The following candidates for membership will be balloted for:

For the First Class,—

1. Alexander Baker Summer,
   Late Major 1st Maine Veteran Volunteer Infantry,
   Litchfield, Me.
   Recommended by Companions Tilden, Hyde and Hersey.

2. James Dering Fessenden,
   Eldest son of deceased Companion
   Brig. Gen. James Dering Fessenden, U. S. V.,
   New York.
   Recommended by Companions Fessenden, Anderson and Rand.

Committee of Investigation.

Companion Brev. Col. Augustus R. Farmham,
   " Brev. Liet. Col. Edward Moore,
   Capt. Samuel W. Lane.

Companions having objections to candidates for membership, will please forward the same to the Chairman of the Committee of Investigation, or to the Recorder, in order that the most complete knowledge may be had of every case before the presentation of the report to the Commandery. Such information will be treated as strictly confidential.

IV. A paper will be read by Companion Major Sidney W. Traxter,
   entitled "A Remarkable Reconnaissance."

V. Admissions:

Elected Companion of the First Class, May 6, 1885.

Brig. Gen. Otis Otis Howard, U. S. A.

VII. The success of the Commandery depends upon the character and standing of its members. It is hoped that Companions will use their influence to induce worthy officers to join, but will use extreme care in the selection and endorsement of applicants.

Applications for membership must be presented at a Stated meeting of the Commandery. The proper blanks will be furnished upon application to the Recorder.

VIII. The Chancellor of the Commandery is Brevet Maj. Henry S. Bunch, 97th Exchange Street, Portland, to whom all applications should be made concerning Diplomas, Badge, Ribbon and Rosette.

IX. Companions changing address, residence or station, are requested to notify the Recorder, and, so far as practicable, to transact all routine business with the Recorder's Office, by letter, addressed to P. O. Box 1695, Portland.

By order of

Brig. Gen. Selden Connor, U. S. V.,
Commander.

Edward M. Rand,
1st Lieut. and Adjut. U. S. V.,
Recorder.

Official:

Recorder.
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF MAINE,

CIRCULAR NO. 2.
SERIES OF 1865-66.
WHOLE NUMBER 07.

PORTLAND, NOVEMBER 23, 1865.

I. A Stated Meeting of this Commandery will be held at the Fairmount
Hotel, Wednesday Evening, December 2d, at 8 o'clock.

II. The following candidates for membership will be balloted for:

For the First Class,—

CHARLES OLIVER HUNT,

Joseph Hunt, Late First Lieutenant 5th Battery Maine Mounted Artillery,
Portland, Me.

Recommended by Companions Martoux, Thaxter and Small.

For the Second Class,—

J. E. HOWARD,

First Lieutenant 12th Infantry, U. S. A.,

Omaha, Neb.

Recommended by Companions O. O. Howard, Conklin and F. Essendy.

Committee of Investigation—

V. E. S. Companion Maj. FRANK H. PIPPS,

H. L. Companion Col. AUGUSTUS C. HAMLIN,

H. L. Companion CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Companions having objections to candidates for membership, will please
forward the same to the Chairman of the Committee of Investigation, or
to the Recorder, in order that the most complete knowledge may be had of
every case before the presentation of the report to the Commandery. Such
information will be treated as strictly confidential.
III. Admissions.

Elected Companions of the First Class, September 2, 1885.

Mr. James Deerling Pershaden.
Major Alexander Baker Sumner, late 1st Maine Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

IV. Contributions to the Library have been received, and the thanks of the Council transmitted to

Colonel Arnold A. Rand.

Contributions to the Library are earnestly requested.

V. The success of the Commandery depends upon the character and standing of its members. It is hoped that Companions will use their influence to induce worthy officers to join, but will use extreme care in the selection and endorsement of applicants.

Applications for membership must be presented at a Stated meeting of the Commandery. The proper blanks will be furnished upon application to the Recorder.

VI. The Chancellor of the Commandery is Brevet Maj. Henry S. Burleigh, 97½ Exchange Street, Portland, to whom all applications should be made concerning Diplomas, Badge, Ribbon and Rosette. The price of the Rosette is fifty cents. It is suggested that they be habitually worn by Companions.

VII. Companions changing address, residence or station, are requested to notify the Recorder, and so far as practicable, to transact all routine business with the Recorder's Office, by letter, addressed to P. O. Box 1005, Portland.

By order of

Brig. Gen. Selden Connors, U. S. V.,
Commander.

Edward M. Rand,
1st Lieut. and Adjt. U. S. V.,
Recorder.

Official:
Recorder.
For:

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Headquarters Commandery, State of Nebraska

Circular No. 2
Series of 1886
Whole No. 7

Omaha, January 23, 1886

see the circular attached to letter no. 20344
X. The following additions to the library of the Commandery have been received and acknowledged since last report:

FROM THE WAR RECORDS OFFICE. Maps to accompany Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Parts 31 and 23.


FROM THE COMMANDERY OF KANSAS. War Paper, "Personal experiences of a Staff Officer at Minn. Run, etc."


FROM COMPANION THEODORE S. PROK. "Roll of Honor." Names of soldiers who died in defence of the American Union, interred in National Cemeteries. 14 Volumes. Published by the Quartermaster General's Office, U. S. A.


By order of Colonel AMASA S. TRACY, U. S. V., Commander.


ELDEST SONS' MEETING.

MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Commandery of the State of Vermont.

CIRCULAR NO. 8.

BURLINGTON, DECEMBER 13, 1894.

WHOLE NO. 31.

I. A stated meeting of this Commandery will be held at the headquarters room, Hayward Block, on Tuesday evening, January 9, 1895, at 7:30 o'clock, to be followed by a banquet at the Van Ness House, after which Companion John L. Barstow has kindly consented to read a paper on "Volunteer Life in Louisiana."

II. At 8:30 o'clock the Commandery will receive in the parlors of the Van Ness House, as its guests during the social exercises, the eldest sons of companions, and persons eligible to membership by inheritance from deceased companions and officers.

Companions who know of persons eligible by inheritance are requested to personally extend this invitation to them in the name of the Commandery, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of those eligible to membership in the Order.

Companions desiring to invite, as their guests, persons not of the above classes, should inform the Recorder, through whom all such invitations are required to be sent. Tickets will be $5.00 each.

III. All members of the Loyal Legion residing or visiting in Vermont, are cordially invited to attend the meetings of this Commandery without formal invitation.
IV. The following applications for membership will be presented for action:

First Class Original:

WILLIS WALKER MORTON,

Private Company K, 4th Regiment Vermont Infantry Volunteers, September 7, 1861; mustered into United States service September 21, 1861; promoted corporal, December 1, 1861; sergeant, December 16, 1862; first sergeant, December 13, 1863; second lieutenant Company H, October 20, 1863; first lieutenant Company C, August 9, 1864; mustered out of service as second lieutenant Company H, September 30, 1864.


Recommended by Companions J. E. Eldridge, T. S. Peck and W. L. Greenleaf.

Second Class:

JOSEPH BENJAMIN ELDREDGE,

Eldest son of Companion James R. Eldridge, Captain 1st Regiment Vermont Heavy Artillery Volunteers, Brevet-Major U. S. V.


Recommended by Companions T. S. Peck, W. L. Greenleaf and R. B. Arms.

First Class by Inheritance:

JOHN FRANCIS MEAD,

Second son of John B. Mead, deceased, late Colonel 8th Regiment Vermont Infantry Volunteers. Eligibility derived by waiver from eldest son.


Recommended by Companions U. A. Woodbury, T. S. Peck and W. L. Greenleaf.


V. Blank Applications, Constitutions, Register of Members, and Circulars giving information in relation to the organization and objects of the Order, will be forwarded by the Recorder to any address on request of Companions.

VI. Changes in membership. Gained by Transfer:

From the Commandery of the State of New York.

Major General Oliver Otis Howard, U. S. A. (retired). First Class, Insignia No. 1880, to date December 5, 1894.

From the Commandery of the District of Columbia.

First Lieutenant John Chandler Stearns, Adjt. 9th Vermont Infantry Volunteers. First Class, Insignia No. 1916, to date Nov. 1, 1894.

VII. The following is published by order of the Commandery-in-Chief:

"MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Commander-in-Chief.

Circular No. 9.
Series of 1894.
Whole Number 169.

The following is promulgated for the information of the Order.


Extract:

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Companion George H. Sharpe, New York, submitted the following:

"Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief call the attention of the Commanderies of the loyal Legion to the fact that there is a recognized method of attaching the ribbon to the badge of the Order, and that any other attachment is illegal, unauthorized, and objectionable being the insignia into disrepute from want of harmony.

That the Commandery-in-Chief be requested to formulate a regulation in conformity herewith for publication in the Circulars of the several Commanderies, and that the Recorders publish such regulation in the Circulars of the Commanderies.

After discussion, the question being upon the adoption of the resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

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II. In conformity with the resolution, the Commandery-in-Chief directs attention to the Constitution of the Order (1880, page 44, showing the Insignia as worn with concealed pin).

By command of Brig. General Lewis Fahrbildt, U. S. V.

John P. Nicholson, Brevet Lieut., Col. U. S. V.

Recorder-in-Chief.

VIII. The Insignia should be worn upon the center of the left breast at all meetings and occasions of ceremony, except that officers of the Order shall wear the badge suspended by the ribbon around the neck. The Rosette and Insignia must never be worn at the same time. Rosettes and ribbons for Insigins can be obtained of the Chancellor, Captain Henry O. Wheeler, Burlington.

IX. The following resolution adopted by the Commandery of Pennsylvania, will be presented for consideration:

"Resolved, that is the sense of the Commandery that Companions of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States should always salute, or otherwise recognize each other, when wearing the Insignia or Rosette of the Order."
Burlington, Vt., April 5th, 1897.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3, Article IX, By-Laws of the Commandery, Companions

Brevet Captain Henry O. Wheeler, U. S. V.,
First Lieut. Clarence D. Gates, U. S. V.,
Major Nathan P. Bowman, U. S. A.,

are appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to our late Companion Brevet Major Horace Knight Ide, U. S. V., who died at Brattleboro, March 31st, 1897.

The report of the Committee will be presented to the Commandery for its action at the stated meeting to be held on the evening of May 11th, 1897.

By order of Major General OLIVER O. HOWARD, U. S. A.,

[Signature]
Commander.

[Signature]
First Lieut. U. S. V.,
Recorder.
Military Order of the Loyal Legion
of the United States.

Headquarters Commandery State of Vermont.

In Memory of
Companion Guy Howard.

Captain and A. Q. M., U. S. Army.
MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION
OF THE UNITED STATES

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF VERMONT.

CIRCULAR NO. 10.
SERIES OF 1899.
WHOLE NUMBER 60.

BURLINGTON, NOVEMBER 18, 1899.

Companion GUY HOWARD, who was killed by insurgents near Arayat, Philippine Islands, October 21, 1899, was elected a member of the Second Class through the Commandery of the State of Maine, December 2, 1885; transferred to the Commandery of the State of New York, December 4, 1889; to the Commandery of the State of Nebraska, April 5, 1893; to the Commandery of the State of Vermont, December 22, 1894. The following tribute to his memory is published in accordance with the By-Laws of the Commandery.

By order of Lieut. Col. FRANKLIN G. BUTTERFIELD, U.S.V.
Commander.

Official,

[Signature]
First Lieut. U. S. V.,
Recorder.
CAPTAIN GUY HOWARD, U. S. A.

Born in Augusta, Maine, Dec. 16, 1853.
Died in Philippine Islands, Oct. 21, 1899.

To the Commandery of the State of Vermont:

Your Committee appointed to prepare a memorial of the life, character and military services of our lamented Companion Lieutenant-Colonel GUY HOWARD, respectfully submit the following:

GUY HOWARD was born in Augusta, Maine, December 16, 1855, the eldest son of OLIVER O. HOWARD, then a Lieutenant in the regular army, later a Major-General and a Corps Commander of National fame. He was of military lineage, his ancestors for several generations having been soldiers in the Revolutionary and Colonial Wars. He graduated from Yale College in 1875, and in the following year, upon the recommendation of General W. T. Sherman, he was appointed by President Grant, Second Lieutenant in the 42nd U. S. Infantry. He joined his regiment at Angel Island, California, and when the Nez Perces Indian War broke out in 1877, he took the field upon the personal staff of General O. O. Howard. His father and son served side by side in that campaign and in those of the Piute and Bannock Indian Wars which followed. Later he was in command of an Independent Company of Indian Scouts in Arizona. In these campaigns upon the plains he showed gallantry under fire and efficiency in the arduous service demanded of him, and was brevetted First Lieutenant for gallant service in action against Indians at Camas Meadows, Idaho, August 20th, 1877. In May, 1880, he was appointed Aide-de-Camp on the staff of General Howard. A few months later he entered the Artillery School for Officers at Fortress Monroe, from which he graduated with credit in 1882. In July, 1882, when was promoted to First Lieutenant. In October, 1885, he rejoined his
regiment at Fort Niagara, N. Y., and was appointed Adjutant of the regiment. In June, 1889, he returned to his former position on the staff of General Howard (then in command of the Military Division of the Atlantic), at Governor's Island, N. Y. He accompanied Hon. Warner Miller's expedition to inspect the line of the Nicaragua Canal; was shipwrecked with the party on Roncador Reef, in the Caribbean Sea; and distinguished himself in that emergency by his efficiency in protection of the ship stores and care of the sick, during the six days on the reef before the party was rescued by a coasting vessel. 

January 7, 1893, he was appointed Captain and Commissary of Subsistence. Three weeks later, at the request of Quartermaster General Batchelder and Senator Proctor, he was transferred to the Quartermaster's Department, and placed in charge of the construction of Fort Ethan Allen. To this work he devoted himself with marked energy for five years, 1893-98, and the Post stands as a monument to his conscientious care and constructive ability.

In March, 1898, when active preparations for the impending war with Spain began, Captain Howard was ordered to Atlanta, Ga., as Assistant to the Chief Quartermaster of the Department of the Gulf, and was actively engaged, working night and day, in shipping ammunition and army supplies to Key West and the forts on the coast. In May he was appointed Major and Quartermaster of Volunteers, and in June was assigned to the Second Army Corps, at Camp Alger, Va. August 12, 1898 he was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel and Chief Quartermaster of that Corps. His severe labors in the instruction of some twenty-five new and inexperienced Quartermasters under him, in the establishment and care of the Camp; and in the transportation of 25,000 men to Southern camps, bore hard upon his health; but he accomplished all with a degree of energy and success that established him in the judgment of his superiors, as one of the most efficient quartermasters in the service; and because of his promptitude and success he was selected to
hurry forward the despatch of troops to Cuba from Newport News. In the reorganization of the army, in June, 1899, he was made the ranking Major and Quartermaster, and was ordered to the Philippines. He arrived at Manila, July 27th, was assigned to duty as Chief Quartermaster of General Lawton's Division of the Eighth Corps, and devoted himself with characteristic energy to the organization of the Quartermaster's department of that division. When Lawton began active field operations north of Manila, in October last, Colonel Howard found the task of supplying the division the most arduous one of his life. The insufficient transportation he could muster consisted of a few mule and bull teams, several hundred Chinese carriers, and some small water craft. In the successful accomplishment of his task he met his fate, being, it is said, the first Quartermaster to be killed in action in the discharge of the duties of that office. He was seated in the bow of a steam launch, which was towing some loaded scows up the Chiquita, a branch of the Rio Grande River, to establish a sub-depot of supplies at San Isidro, when, on the 21st of October, he was fired upon by a party of insurgents ambushed on the river bank. A bullet struck him in the breast, severing an artery, and he had only strength to order the pilot to "keep the launch going whatever happens" when he fell and expired. His native messenger was wounded at his side by the same volley. Obeying his order the crew kept on, using their magazine gun, and delivered the supplies at their destination, bearing thither also the body of Colonel Howard. This was embalmed at Manila, and is now on its way to Omaha, Nebraska, the home of his wife, for final interment. February 14th, 1884, Colonel Howard married Jennie, daughter of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, of Omaha, who survives him with two children, Helen, aged 14, and Otis W., aged 12. To these and the parents, brothers and sisters who mourn his loss, we offer our tender sympathy.
Lieutenant-Colonel GUY HOWARD was a man whom to know was to respect and esteem. He was brave, true, frank, patriotic, faithful to duty in its smaller details as well as in its larger obligations. Charged with important responsibilities on which depended the welfare and efficiency of many men, he fulfilled them with rare and admirable fidelity, capacity and success. Simple and unassuming in manner, his courtesy and kindness to all about him were unfailing. He furnished a noble example of obedience to high ideals of life and character. Upon the sanctity of his personal relations as husband, father, son and brother, we may hardly enter farther than to say that his estimable and lovable traits were as marked in his private life as was his worth in his public service. He was a good soldier and a Christian gentleman. He left an unblemished record as an officer, citizen and man; and he will long be held in honored remembrance by his Companions of this Order.

G. G. BENEDICT,
E. HENRY POWELL, } Committee.
H. O. WHEELER,
Officers Elected.

Senior Vice-Command'r: Captain Frank Kenfield, U. S. V., Morrisville.
Mr. John F. Mead, Rutland.
Mr. Edmund R. Morse, Proctor.
Captain Charles E. Parker, U. S. V., Vergennes.
Captain Josiah O. Livingston, U. S. V., Montpelier.

VI. The Recorder and Treasurer were appointed a committee with power to act on the proposition of Hon. D. J. Foote, offering the Commandery a liberal bonus for the surrender of its lease of Room No. 1. The committee has since accepted the offer and taken a lease of Room No. 8, on the east side of the stairway, the room being of the same size and similar in all respects as Room No. 1, which will hereafter be used as headquarters of the Commandery.

By order of First Lieut. JOEL C. BAKER, U. S. V., Commander.

WILLIAM L. GREENLEAF,

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Headquarters Commandery of the State of Vermont.

(Burlington, August 1st, 1901.)

Circular No. 2.
Series of 1901-2.
Whole Number 83.

I. A stated meeting of the Commandery will be held at its headquarters in Room 8, Hayward Block, on Tuesday, August 13, 1901, at 7 o'clock P. M.

II. The stated business of the meeting will be voting on the following applications for membership:

First Class Original.


Recommended by Companions GEORGE W. HOOKER, WILLIAM L. GREENLEAF and THEODORE S. PECK.
First Class by Inheritance.

Bradley Barlow Smelley, President Burlington Gas Light Company, Burlington, Vt. Next younger brother of Colonel Henry A. Smelley, who was commissioned Brevet Second Lieutenant First Artillery U. S. A., July 6, 1854; Second Lieutenant Second Artillery October 2, 1854; First Lieutenant April 25, 1861; Captain August 1, 1863. Commissioned Colonel of Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers July 20, 1861, and served as such until September 19, 1862, when leave of absence from regular army was revoked. Resigned from army March 1865. Died in New York City, May 14, 1888.

Recommended by Companions Oliver O. Howard, Theodore S. Peck and William L. Greenleaf.

William Peul Dillingham, Attorney and U. S. Senator, Waterbury, Vt. Next younger brother of Major Edwin Dillingham, who entered the service of the United States as Captain of Company B, Tenth Vermont Volunteers, August 4, 1862; promoted Major of same regiment June 17, 1864; taken prisoner November 27, 1863, paroled March 20, 1864; killed in action at Winchester, Va., September 19, 1864.

Recommended by Companions Urran A. Woodbury, William L. Greenleaf and Theodore S. Peck.

III. The following named companions are designated a committee to investigate the foregoing applications for membership:

Lieutenant George G. Babbit, Chairman,
Chaplain John E. Goodrich,
Major Walter S. Vincent.

IV. Changes in membership have occurred since last report as follows:

James Pink Hooker, Second Class, insignia 16096, transferred from Commandery of New York to Commandery of Vermont to date May 1, 1901.

William Park, Second Lieutenant Ninth Massachusetts Battery, First Class Original, insignia 3508, transferred to the Commandery of Massachusetts to date May 14, 1901.

Clyde Lamont Wheelers, First Class by Inheritance from Deceased Member, insignia ——, elected to membership May 14, 1901.

Abel Edgar Leavenworth, Captain Ninth Vermont Volunteers, First Class Original, insignia 9183, died at Castleton, Vt., June 3, 1901.

V. For the information of Companions unable to be present at the annual meeting held May 14th, 1901, the following synopsis of the several reports is published:

Recorder's Report.

Whole number of members May 1, 1900, 101
Gain by reinstatement, 1

Lost by death, 102

Whole number of members May 1, 1901, 98
First Class Original, 80
First Class by Inheritance, 6
First Class in Succession, 4
Second Class, 8 98

Treasurer's Report.

Cash in hands of Treasurer May 1, 1900, $1045.84
Received from annual dues, 495.00

" " interest, 14.31
" " rosettes sold, 27.75
" " banquet tickets, 14.00 511.06

Balance in hands of Treasurer May 1, 1901, $1137.20
Unpaid annual dues May 1, 1901, 208.00

Paid rent of headquarters, 125.00

" compensation of Recorder, 100.00
" printing circulars, etc., 77.90
" assessments, Commandery-in-Chief, 44.83
" banquets and lunches, 36.00
" expenses Recorder's office, 26.12
" expenses Treasurer's office, 2.95
" flowers at funerals, 29.70
" insurance, gas, and repairs, 17.11 449.70
LOYAL LEGION.

A Most Interesting Paper Read by a Personal Friend of Gen. Grant.

No meeting of the Loyal Legion has been more interesting or had a larger attendance than that held at the Ryan last evening.

Gen. A. L. Chetlain, of the Illinois commandery, gave what he termed an inside history of Grant, more especially for the 60 days immediately following the breaking out of the war, and before he had obtained his commission as colonel of a regiment of United States volunteers. He remarked that there was a very general impression through the country among some of the ex-soldiers, as well as civilians, that Gen. Grant, when at Galena, poor and obscure, was taken up and lifted by a power supposed to be political, and that he floated like a bubble from Galena to Vicksburg, from Vicksburg to Appomattox, and from Appomattox to the White House.

"This is entirely a mistake as far as regards his experiences of two years after the firing on Ft. Sumter. For no man who ever rose to the high eminence that this great soldier reached ever met with more opposition, open and secret, than he. In all this opposition, disappointments and difficulties he went on doing his duty patiently and uncomplainingly, and not until after the fall of Vicksburg did this opposition cease and he became master of the situation."

When the applause had subsided, Chief Justice Gilfillan moved a vote of thanks to Gen. Chetlain, which was carried unanimously.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

Headquarters

Commandery of the State of Vermont

In Memory of
Oliver Otis Howard,
Major-General U. S. A.
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States.

Headquarters Commandery of the State of Vermont.

Circular No. 9.
Series of 1909.
Whole Number, 176.

BURLINGTON, VT., Nov. 17, 1909.

 Companion Oliver Otis Howard, who died at his home in Burlington, Vt., October 26, 1909, was elected a Companion of the First-Class Original through the Commandery of the State of Maine, May 6, 1885; transferred to the Commandery of the State of Nebraska (as Charter member) October 21, 1885; transferred to the Commandery of the State of California, July 1, 1886; transferred to the Commandery of the State of New York, January 1, 1889; transferred to the Commandery of the State of Vermont, December 5, 1894.

Elected Commander, May 14, 1895.
Insignia No. 3808.

The following tribute to his memory is published by direction of the Commandery, and in compliance with its By-Laws.

By order of

Lieutenant Joseph H. Goulding, U. S. V.,
Commander.

Henry O. Wheeler,
Brevet Captain U. S. V.,
Recorder.

Official:

Recorder.
GEN. HOWARD'S OFFICIAL RECORD.

Cadet M. A. 1 Sept 1850 (4);
bvt 2 lt ord 1 July 1854;
2 lt 15 Feb 1855;
1 lt 1 July 1857; resd 7 June 1861;
col 3 Me inf 4 June 1861;
brig gen vols 3 Sept 1861;
maj gen vols 29 Nov 1862;
hon must out 1 Jan 1869.;
brig gen U S A 21 Dec 1864;
maj gen 19 Mar 1886;
bvt maj gen 13 Mar 1865 for gal and mer ser in the battle of Ezra Church, and dur campn against Atlanta, Ga;

Received the thanks of Congress 28th January, 1864, "the gratitude of the American people, and the thanks of their representatives in Congress tendered to * * Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard and the officers and soldiers of the army of the Potomac, for the skill and heroic valor which, at Gettysburg, repulsed, defeated and drove back, broken and dispirited, beyond the Rappahannock, the veteran army of the rebellion":

Awarded medal of honor 29 march, 1893 for disinguished bravery in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., 1 June, 1862, leading the 61 N. Y. volunteer infantry in the charge across the enemy's line, where he was twice severely wounded in the right arm, necessitating its amputation, while serving as brigadier-general of volunteers, commanding brigade; retired 8 nov. 1894.
General Howard traced his descent from English ancestry. John Howard came to Plymouth colony fifteen years after the landing of the Mayflower, and is said to have been a comrade-in-arms of Miles Standish. His great-grandfather, Lieut. Jesse Howard, and his grandfather, Seth Howard, both saw active service in the revolutionary war. Seth Howard left Bridgewater, Mass., for the “great hill” of Leeds, in the province of Maine,—at what date we cannot say. Here Otis’s father, Rowland Bailey Howard, owned a farm of some eighty acres. He died when Otis was but ten years old, and Otis’s mother married again, about two years after his decease (1842).

After preparatory studies in high school and academy, Otis Howard entered Bowdoin College in 1846. While an undergraduate he found the means to pay college bills, and also enlarged his knowledge of human nature, by teaching school and “boarding around.” Upon his graduation in 1850, he proceeded at once to the U. S. Military Academy, having been offered an appointment by his uncle, Hon. John Otis, M. C., then at Washington. Cadet Howard sometimes incurred the displeasure of his fellows by his occasional disregard of the prevalent social standards, and by his honest endeavor to keep peace with his own conscience; but such alienations as occurred in the earlier years seem to have disappeared before the four years ended. At graduation he ranked fourth in a class of forty-six, thirteen of whom, seven years after, turned against the nation the education and training which the nation had given them!

On leaving West Point, Lieutenant Howard was for two years in charge of the Watervliet (N. Y.) and Kennebec (Me.) arsenals. Then he was ordered to Florida for duty
under General Harney as his chief of ordnance in the field against the Seminoles. For the four years 1857 to 1861, he was detailed as instructor in mathematics at the Military Academy.

About thirty days after the attack on Fort Sumpter, Lieutenant Howard received from the speaker of the Maine House of Representatives (James G. Blaine) the conditional offer of the colonelcy of the Kennebec (the first three-year) regiment; on the fourth of June he received his commission, and on the fifth started with his regiment for Washington. By order of General McDowell, then commanding in Virginia, he organized a brigade, adding the Fourth and Fifth Maine and the Second Vermont to his own regiment, and with this bore his part, not without credit, in the action of Bull Run, and on the third of September received his commission as brigadier-general of volunteers. During the following winter he was at the head of a new brigade, encamped at the front in Virginia. Then came the reconnaissance to the Rappahannock, and soon the transfer of forces to the Peninsula, and the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks. In the latter action he was twice wounded in the right arm, and had two horses shot under him. For his conduct in this engagement he was awarded in 1893 the Congressional Medal of Honor for signal bravery in action. Gen. Howard’s enforced absence from the field was mainly spent in active endeavors to fill the quota of Maine. Eighty-three days after Fair Oaks he reports himself in Washington for duty, and is assigned to the “California brigade,” which had just lost its leader at Ball’s Bluff. With this he participated in the second battle of Bull Run, receiving praise for his successful handling of the rear guard in the retreat. At Antietam, in consequence of a wound received by Gen. Sedgwick, he succeeded to the command of the division and directed the later movements in that conflict. In the battle of Fredericksburg also he held the same command, joining with other divisions in the assault on Marye’s Heights. During the following winter,
1862-63, he was sometimes in charge also of the Second corps. His promotion to be major-general of volunteers came in November, 1862.

In the following April he was assigned by the President to the Eleventh corps and led it in the battle of Chancellorsville. With this same corps he won marked distinction at Gettysburg, especially on the first day, for selecting the field of battle and holding a superior force in check till near evening. After Gettysburg he was sent with the Eleventh and Twelfth corps to the army of the Cumberland, and shared in the action at Wauhatchie, the battle of Missionary Ridge, and the relief of Knoxville.

In April, 1864, Gen. Howard, who had been assigned to the Fourth corps, army of the Cumberland, took an important share in the numerous engagements of that campaign. After the conflict at Atlanta, July 22, General Howard was by President Lincoln placed in command of the army of the Tennessee. For his share in the decisive action at Ezra Church, July 28, he was brevetted major-general U. S. A. His rapid march on Jonesboro effected a division of the enemy's forces and so resulted in their defeat.

In his march to the sea, General Sherman allotted the right wing to General Howard. His success in the marching and handling of his forces in this campaign was recognized by his promotion to be brigadier-general U. S. A., December 21, 1865.

In accordance with President Lincoln's request, General Howard was assigned to duty May 12, 1865, as Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, a post which occupied him for seven years and gave opportunity for the founding of Howard University, Hampton Institute, and other schools for the training of the colored race.

As special agent during 1872-73, under President Grant, to arrange a peace with the hostile Apaches, and settle other Indian difficulties, he was highly successful.

Two investigations of his administration of the Freed-
men’s Bureau, one by a Congressional committee, and one by seven army officers, resulted in his acquittal of all charges, with a vote of thanks by the House of Representatives, and high commendation by the Army Board.

In August, 1874, he was designated to command the department of the Columbia, and in the course of the six years which followed, brought two Indian wars to a successful termination and prevented a third. Then for two years he was superintendent of the Military Academy. In July, 1882, he was put in command of the department of the Platte. On March 19, 1886, he was promoted to be major-general U. S. A., and given oversight of the military division of the Pacific; in November, 1888, of the Atlantic division. When the divisions were discontinued, he commanded the department of the East with headquarters at Governor’s Island till retired by law, November 8, 1894.

His activity did not cease with his retirement from the regular service. He laid the foundations of the Lincoln Memorial University for the mountaineers of Tennessee, and latterly had given much of his time to the securing of a proper endowment. As a lecturer on civil war characters and topics he is known throughout the United States and in Canada. He has been president of the American Tract Society, and of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, was a manager of the American Bible Society, and a member of numerous patriotic and military organizations.

Nor has his pen been inactive. Besides his Memoirs in two volumes, and his Life Among Our Hostile Indians, recently issued, he has to his credit seven other volumes and an indefinite number of articles contributed to military and other journals.

In 1865 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from his Alma Mater and three other literary institutions. While in attendance on the manoeuvres of the army of France in 1884, the president of the French republic bestowed on him the decoration of Commander of the Legion of
Honor. In February, 1908, the U. S. Senate passed an act making him lieutenant-general, but the House took no action.

To close this sketch with no word on General Howard as an active and practical Christian, were an injustice to the man and his rare qualities. From the early days of his cadetship he lived his religion. Few men keep the two great laws of life so constantly, so consistently. His faith was positive and simple,—childlike, if that word be used in the Master’s sense. He believed, and so he acted, always with regard to his great Captain’s orders. The unceasing activity of his latest years is eloquent testimony to his purpose to give effect to the "word which he had heard."

General Howard married Elizabeth Ann Waite, of Portland, Me., 14 February, 1855, and their fiftieth anniversary was celebrated in New York City in 1905. They were blessed with seven children: two of them were soldiers of the United States; Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Howard, the eldest, was killed in battle in the Philippines, 22 October, 1899; John Howard, the fourth son, is a captain in the 19th infantry.

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