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CIRCULAR.

NEW ORLEANS, August 1, 1891.

Dear Sir—On the 11th day of April, 1889, the "Louisiana Historical Association" was chartered, under the provisions of the law of the State of Louisiana relative to the organization of corporations for literary, scientific, religious and charitable purposes, with its domicile in the city of New Orleans.

As set forth in its charter:

"The objects and purposes for which this corporation is formed are to collect such books, pamphlets, papers, documents, flags, maps, plans, charts, paintings, engravings, lithographs and other pictorial representations, manuscripts and other things appertaining to the history of the territory of Louisiana, both before and after its cession to the United States, and especially the collection and preservation of all papers, documents, reliques, etc., relating to the war between the States from 1861 to 1865. And this corporation shall have the right to compile and publish, and to have compiled and published, books, plans, charts, and other papers and documents relating to the purposes for which it is organized and to apply for and hold copyrights and patents necessary to its protection.

"And the powers of this corporation shall be fully vested in and exercised by a board of governors to consist of twenty-five members, five of whom shall be selected from each of the following Confederate organizations, to-wit: The "Association of the Army of Tennessee," the "Association of the Army of Northern Virginia," the "Battalion of Washington Artillery," and the "Association of Veteran Confederate States Cavalry," and five members of the trustees of the "Howard Memorial Library Association;" and they shall hold their offices for a period of one year."

The first board of governors was composed as follows: From the Association of the Army of Tennessee—J. B. Wilkinson, Jr., Geo. H. Frost, R. S. Venables, J. K. Renaud and Wm. Preston Johnston; from the Association of the Army of Northern Virginia—John T. Purves, E. D. Willett, Peter Blake, T. S. Campbell and Thomas Higgins; from the Battalion Washington Artillery — W.

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The following extract refers to membership:

"Membership in this Association shall consist of white persons of good moral character, who were in the service of the Southern Confederacy, and of their white descendants, and also of white persons of good moral character who were not in such service, but who have been citizens of Louisiana for more than five years previous to their application for membership herein."

"Honorary members may be elected at any regular meeting of the Board of Governors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at such meeting. They must be eligible to membership in this Association and shall be exempt from all fees, dues and service."

Applications for membership in this Association shall recite fully the name, residence and qualifications of the applicant, and shall be accompanied by the initiation fee of two dollars, which fee shall be returned to the applicant if he be rejected. This application shall be read at a regular meeting and shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

"The initiation fee of this Association shall be two dollars, and the dues shall be one dollar per annum, all payable in advance."

The Association is now in the third year of its existence, and the results are highly encouraging.

Domiciled in a fire-proof building (an annex to the Howard Memorial Library), built expressly for the Association by F. T. Howard, Esq. It has collected over 4,000 valuable manuscripts, books and papers, including those of President Jefferson Davis

General Braxton Bragg, and Commodore Wm. Wallace Hunter, besides portraits of distinguished men, arms, uniforms, regimental flags, etc.

It is the object and purpose of the Association, as recited above, to collect, within its walls, all documents relating to the history of Louisiana and the war between the States; and it would earnestly urge upon everyone having papers or reliques in their possession, to place them in its charge, that they may be listed, and preserved, from fire and moth for all time to come; and where the searcher after truth can explore a mine of wealth, and the old soldiers of the Confederacy, can find their deeds of valor carefully and religiously recorded and enshrined, to be studied by generations yet unborn.

The membership of the Association is growing daily, and it has been thought proper to issue this pamphlet so as to convey information of its existence to absent comrades, and to solicit their encouragement, their papers and their reliques, so that they may aid us in our work by becoming members of the Association, and contributors.

Respectfully,

Attest : <i>Wm. MILLER OWEN, 2d, Vice-Prest. and Custodian.</i>	GEORGE MOORMAN, 1st Vice-Prest. and Chairman, <i>Thos. L. BAYNE, Jno. T. BLOCK, Ben Cason, J. K. RENAUD,</i>	Executive Committee.
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File of Valuable Original Papers '61-'65,....	
North American Review.....	Gen. Beauregard.
October, 1885	
"McClellan's Change of Base"	
January, 1886.....	
"Beauregard's Shiloh Campaign"	
February, 1886.....	
"The Campaign of Shiloh"	
March, 1887.....	
"Drury's Bluff and Petersburg,"	
The Battle of Manassas, BEAUREGARD.....	do
Campaigns of Beauregard, ROMAX.....	do
Life of Albert Sidney Johnston	Wm. Preston Johnston.
Annals of the Army of Tennessee, DRAKE....	Army of Tennessee.
Official Records of the Rebellion.....	War Department.

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Seal Ring given to J. C. Dick by a dying	
Federal Soldier at Cross Keys.....	J. C. Dick.
Handkerchief torn by a Bullet,.....	do
Morning Report Book Washington Artillery	
1861.....	W. M. Owen.
Confederate Flag, carried in action on a gun	
of the Washington Artillery.....	C. A. Harris.
Original design of Confederate Battle Flag	W. M. Owen.
Map of Virginia.....	do
Guidon of 2nd La. Cavalry, Col. Vincent....	Cavalry Ass'n.
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