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WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 1, 1894.*

DEAR COMRADE :

In view of the postponement of the dedication of the National Park at Chattanooga for one year, the Executive Committee of our Society has considered the question of delaying our next reunion until September, 1895, and by unanimous vote has decided to do so.

The next reunion will therefore take place at Chickamauga at the time of the dedication of the Park.

The Executive Committee was impelled to this action by several considerations,

The controlling reason for meeting this year at Chattanooga was to take part in the dedication of the National Military Park, which is so largely a project of our Society. While there was no opposition in Congress to the bill providing for a national dedication, the way of all legislation was so blocked by the tariff debate that it would have been impossible to obtain final action on the bill until after the State legislatures had adjourned, thus making it impossible to secure legislation by the several States providing for their participation in the dedication. It was therefore informally agreed in the Committees having the bill in charge that the Park dedication should be postponed until September, 1895.

After this result in Congress, it was still believed by the officers of the Society that the dedication of the fifty-five Ohio monuments, which it was expected would take place next September,

would insure our Society a large attendance, and it was the intention of the Ohio Commission to make this occasion a great State affair, and nearly all participants would be Army of the Cumberland men. But owing to necessary delays the Commissioners from that State have also postponed their dedication. In several other important respects such delay would not have left time for suitable preparations.

A number of Grand Army men who are also members of our Society have urged postponement because they believed that under existing conditions only a few of our members would be able to attend both reunions, and a considerable number of those who regularly attend our reunions felt constrained to go to Pittsburg this year.

It was believed that these conditions would conduce to a very small attendance at Chickamauga in September next, while, on the other hand, postponement would result in one of the largest meetings of recent years, the interest in which would be greatly enhanced by the certainty that the national dedication of the Park will call to Chattanooga more Union veterans than have been assembled there since the days of battle.

Very respectfully yours,



Corresponding Secretary.