

**Strong Endorsement
for Col. Thornburg**
Resolutions Adopted by Omer R. Weaver Camp, U. C. V.

To the Editor of the Gazette:
The Omer R. Weaver Camp No. 354, U. C. V., is by no means a political body and we do not deal in politics, yet we do defend the character of a good comrade when publicly assailed as was George Thornburgh, principal of the Arkansas School for the Blind, in your issue of April 30, purporting to be a copy of a report made by C. C. Tipton, a member of the committee of the legislature, and which report was never offered to the legislature.

The following resolution was adopted by the camp at a regular meeting by a unanimous vote:
RESOLVED: We have read with unmeasured disgust an article published in the Gazette of April 30, purporting to be a report of a legislative committee by one C. C. Tipton, in which he undertakes to criticize the management of the Arkansas School for the Blind. He does not name George Thornburgh. He speaks of him as a political appointee, and undertakes to criticize his administration.

We think if more political appointments of the same kind and caliber were made Arkansas would be far better off, for no man in Arkansas stands higher in moral character and moral fiber than does George Thornburgh. Ministers of the gospel, judges of our court, our state officers and even our glorious governor himself is not excepted. As speaker of the House of Representatives and as head of the Anti-Saloon League he rendered valuable services to the state. As grand-master of the Masonic fraternity of Arkansas, and in other places of honor and trust he measured up to the highest standard of official rectitude and efficiency. Can any one who knows the man and his superb character and his administrative qualifications give credence to the so-called legislative report? The report can do George Thornburgh no harm, for it will only prove a boomerang.

The statements made by Mr. Thornburgh and the faculty of the school in reply to Tipton's charges should show him under so deep that there can be no resurrection and should he ever ask again for political honors the people should remember the report and retire him to political oblivion.

We feel sure the Board of Control will sustain George Thornburgh when they have investigated and gotten the facts.

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Thornburgh's friends defend his career at Arkansas School for the Blind.

See Gazette article from April 30, 1921.

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