ANNUAL REPORTS OF STATE REGENTS PRESENTED AT THE NINTH CONTINENTAL CONGRESS.

ALABAMA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: In one way only can the work of the past year in Alabama be said to be disappointing, and this was in failing to organize Chapters in several towns where the prospect of success seemed so promising when my last annual report was submitted.

We know, however, the delay and disappointments were unavoidable, and we shall soon see several other Chapters organized and taking their places in line with those already organized, whose willing, enthusiastic and successful work gives me, as State Regent, so much pleasure and comfort, viz: General Sumpter, Light Horse Harry Lee, Andrew Jackson, Peter Forney, Martha Wayles Jefferson, and Frederick William Gray.

While we have not gained in Chapters we have greatly gained in members. The “loyal and solitary” ones alluded to in my last report, are bringing others into the ranks of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We are proud to report our colors planted in several towns, villages and communities where twelve months ago there was no sign of interest in our Society. Five small towns in Alabama each furnish one or more members to the roll of a Chapter in a city, somewhat distant from each of these towns. We believe that a sufficient number of eligible women can be found in some of these places, at least, and Chapter organizations can be effected, and we are working to this end.
The State Daughters of the American Revolution Conference was held in November, the Regents of the various Chapters were present (as delegates) and a number of visiting Daughters of the American Revolution. The proceedings were interesting and edifying and tended greatly to the success of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Alabama. A good chance brought us Miss Temple, of the National Board. Her very presence was inspiring to us and the part she took in our deliberations, the information she gave was of great value and interest, and although we did not know of her coming in time to give her a place on our programme, she filled a very important place in the councils of our Conference. We were honored, too, by the presence of Mrs. W. H. Sims, of Mississippi, who was "one of us" on that occasion, and gave us much pleasure and information in her talks on several matters relating to the Daughters of the American Revolution. When we remember the difficulties that compass us about, obstacles in the way of establishing the claims of many of our women desiring to be members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, we see, that in addition to the pure, sweet sentiment which draws them to the organization is the intelligent, positive conviction that the objects and aims of the Society are wise, noble and good, and they would impress them on their children and disseminate them throughout our Commonwealth.

The grand, patriotic purpose and spirit of the Daughters of the American Revolution is taking hold of the people of Alabama generally. There is a broadening, enlightening, permeating influence going forth and we feel its effect, and more visible results gladden and encourage us in our work than appeared one year ago.

We have received unfailing courtesy and help from the National Board and loyal, cordial support from the Chapter Regents and members. This has given us inspiration and aid in the past year, and will encourage and stimulate us during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Duncan Smith,
State Regent.
ARKANSAS.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: Although the membership of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Arkansas has not increased largely during the past year, the interest of those who are members has not lessened. We still have only one organized Chapter to report and the work in that goes steadily on. The Little Rock Chapter, numbering thirty-five members, has contributed $35.00 to the various patriotic calls—$5.00 to each of the Lafayette and Washington Statue Funds and $25.00 for the use of the Continental Hall Committee.

In Van Buren a faithful band of Daughters meet regularly, under the leadership of Mrs. Mattie Knox Heyman, an enthusiastic worker in the cause. She hopes very soon to have the required number, twelve, to enable her to have an organized Chapter. The same condition exists in Helena.

I have sent application papers to many ladies in the different parts of the State, at their own request. It seems very hard and quite a good deal of trouble in many instances to obtain the required data so far from the ancestral States.

Arkansas boasts of one "Real Daughter," who resides in Fayetteville.

Little Rock Chapter is proud of the honor of having recently elected to membership two of the nearest living relatives of the "Father of his Country," Mrs. Mary Washington (Smith) Dewey and Mrs. Mary Norma Smith Langdon.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN M. NORTON,
State Regent.

CONNECTICUT.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: It is a very great pleasure to be able to announce that never in the history of the Daughters of the American Revolution has so much patriotic, historical and commemorative work been accomplished by the Connecticut Chapters in any
consecutive twelve months, as that which I now have the honor to report for the year 1899.

Probably the Daughters throughout Connecticut supposed that with my last year's report our war work was at an end. But so long as the present unfortunate conditions exist in the Philippine Islands, so long will the women of the United States feel that necessity is laid upon them to do what they can and may do, to relieve the suffering among our soldiers at the seat of war. When women feel this necessity weighing upon heart and conscience, the work is already as good as accomplished.

At the close of the Hispano-American War, the surplus of our Chapter War Fund amounted to $358.64. By a vote of the delegates to the Eighth Continental Congress, this surplus could be used for no other purpose than that for which it was originally intended, and, in pursuance with this vote, the amount was placed in the care of the State Regent, to be used at her discretion for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers. A part of this surplus has been expended for the benefit of "the boys" in the Philippine Islands. A call for help was issued by Mrs. General Henry Lawton, and another from Dr. Belle Reynolds, a Red Cross Nurse at Manila. Mrs. Lawton had organized what was called the Soldiers' Aid Society of Manila, an organization of which she was the President, and associated with her were the wives of four other army officers, each one being in charge of a hospital. I purchased and forwarded to Mrs. Lawton and Mrs. Reynolds, at a cost of $138.80, the following articles: Ten dozen negligee and thin wool shirts, 5 dozen drawers, 15 dozen pairs socks, 15 dozen large bandanna handkerchiefs—an article for which a special appeal had been made by the soldiers—6 dozen brushes, 6 dozen combs, 112 pairs hospital slippers (most of these being contributed by the Katharine Gaylord Chapter), pajamas, abdominal bands, towels and books (from the Anna Warner Bailey Chapter), 75 pounds of smoking tobacco, 450 pipes, and about 300 paper covered novels.

The balance of the fund ($227.00), is ready for use when the next emergency call comes to the Connecticut Daughters.
During the year, several of our Chapters, notably, Melicent Porter, Dorothy Ripley, Norwalk, Wadsworth, Mary Wooster, Mary Clap Wooster, Anna Warner Bailey, Katharine Gaylord, and Eunice Dennie Burr, have sent various boxes of clothing and printed matter to the soldiers in Cuba and in the Philippines.

Local pride and personal interest in distinguished officers of the Army and Navy had led the Melicent Porter Chapter, of Waterbury, the Wadsworth Chapter, of Middletown, and the Mary Wooster Chapter, of Danbury, to turn the aggregate of their respective efforts into the “relief” channel, for the benefit of the men who stand as bulwarks between the civilization of our native land, and the semi-barbarism of our newly acquired possessions. The Melicent Porter Chapter has expended $193.50 for relief purposes in the Philippine Islands; the Wadsworth Chapter has sent ample supplies for the “Cuban Orphanage,” at Cardenos, Cuba, and the Mary Wooster Chapter, of Danbury, has supplied the garrison at Guam with quantities of much desired literature.

In this connection it seems fitting to refer to a letter I have recently received from Mrs. C. L. Griffing (formerly a member of the Melicent Porter Chapter, of Waterbury), whom I had the pleasure, last year, of appointing Regent for a Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter to be formed in London, England.

She writes that the organization of the Chapter has been somewhat delayed by her work in connection with the formation and growth of the “Society of American Women in London,” of which she is the President, and more recently by her efforts as a member of the General Committee to secure a fund for the purchase of the hospital ship “Maine.” She reports that previous to the sailing of the ship on its errand of mercy in African waters, she tied to the mast a piece of Daughters of the American Revolution official ribbon, and that from this lofty coign of vantage our colors float over sick and wounded soldiers—Britons and Boers alike.

Mrs. Griffing sends me the assurance that she will organize the London Chapter at the earliest possible moment.

The historical and commemorative work of the Chapters
goes steadily on. The splendid effort of the Ruth Wyllys Chapter to reclaim and beautify the historic "God's Acre," in the center of Hartford, was practically finished last June, and the event was celebrated with appropriate ceremonies. By early spring, work on the few stones yet to be restored, will have been completed, and a handsome iron fence will enclose the cemetery. The Chapter itself has expended $4,700 on this labor of love, and has been instrumental in raising for the purpose the additional sum of $30,500.00. The Eliza-beth Porter Putnam Chapter has expended during the year, $823.80 on its work in connection with the "Wolf Den." This work included a survey of the property, the laying out of new approaches to the "Den," the placing of signs on the highway at Pomfret Station, and en route, to indicate the way to the "Den." The ancient well has been repaired, and a pole erected from which "Old Glory" keeps perpetual watch and ward over the "Den" itself. The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter has placed a handsome bronze tablet on the site of one of Mrs. Wooster's homes. It is also much interested in the present united effort by the Daughters and Sons to purchase the Nathan Hale School-house in New London, and since my last report, in January, 1899, the Chapter and certain individual members thereof have pledged to the Continental Hall Fund over $1,000.00. The interest of the Lucretia Shaw Chapter is—most naturally—in the movement, which we hope will result in the purchase and preservation for historical purposes of the Nathan Hale School-house, and it has pledged $300.00 toward this object.

The Sarah Riggs Humphrey Chapter has expended $107.50 for grading the Colonial and Revolutionary Cemetery grounds, which for some years past has been one of its interests; $50.00 for copying the ancient town and church records, $40.00 for books for the historical library, and in addition it has procured a very beautiful and historically valuable frame for its charter. A number of our Chapters are much interested in the hoped-for completion of Continental Hall. The Abigail Phelps Chapter has given over $1,000.00 to this fund since my last report, and Esther Stanley, Freelove Baldwin Stow, Sabra Trumbull, Mary Silliman, and others are
also greatly interested in the plan for building the Hall at the earliest possible moment.

The Deborah Avery Putnam Chapter has marked all the revolutionary graves in the locality of Plainfield and Moosup, and was largely responsible for the success of the Bi-Centennial Day in Plainfield, last August. The Chapter rented a house, furnished it in colonial style and kept open house for the day, serving light refreshments to all guests, and receiving therefor the benediction of the weary and the hungry. The Chapter was also a Committee of the Whole, for the Colonial Exhibition, which was pronounced by visitors from New York and Boston as unusually fine.

The Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth Chapter, though numbering but twenty-three members, has the ambition of a giant, and is raising a fund for a public library. This is also the special work of the Hannah Woodruff Chapter, whose members have taxed themselves a per capita sum—a nest egg—in addition to what will be given for the purpose from the Chapter treasury. The Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter is also determined to be instrumental in securing a library for its own town, and although its organization was as late as November, 1899, it has already secured nearly $400.00 toward a building site and endowment fund, in addition to sending $58.00 to the National treasury. Certain other Chapters also, are interested in securing libraries for their own towns, or giving assistance to those that have already started. Among these Chapters are Judea, Elizabeth Clark Hull, Sarah Riggs Humphrey, Ruth Hart, and Susan Carrington Clark. Within the past year, the Susan Carrington Clark Chapter has given ninety-one and Ruth Hart fifty valuable books to the Meriden City Library. The Putnam Hill Chapter has well in hand its contemplated work of marking, with a boulder, the spot where General Putnam, on a steed worthy of the cause, galloped down a steep declivity and made his escape, though sharply followed by Tryon's men.

The Elizabeth Clark Hull Chapter, Stamford, Norwalk, and Anne Wood Elderkin Chapters are offering prizes to school children for best essays on historical topics. In addition to its war work, its school prizes, and its interest in the Historical
Museum and Library, the Norwalk Chapter has this year placed another wayside stone to mark an historic site, and proposes next year to mark the spot on the Norwalk shore where Nathan Hale took boat and sailed away on that fateful errand which resulted in his death. The Anne Wood Elderkin Chapter proposes to place a monument to the memory of the revolutionary soldiers who went to the war from Windham County. Sibbil Dwight Kent, Ruth Hart, Sabra Trumbull, Anne Brewster Fanning, Thomaston, and others are especially interested in studying local revolutionary history and several of them are proposing to mark historical sites in their respective localities. The Melicent Porter Chapter has furnished the historical room in the Public Library in Waterbury, and it is also much interested, as is the Mary Clap Wooster Chapter, of New Haven, in the Society of the Children of the American Revolution. Faith Trumbull is lending a hand and opening her purse to the effort to save the Nathan Hale School-house. During the past year the Hannah Benedict Carter Chapter has completed a most important historical work, having placed in the town of New Canaan three large and handsome monuments, at a cost of $1,500.00; two of them to the memory of founders of the town, and the third in memoriam of the founder of the Chapter itself,—Mrs. Cornelia Carter Comstock.

The Anna Bailey Chapter reports a large amount and great variety of patriotic and commemorative work accomplished, at an expenditure of $1,463.39. The Monument House on Groton Heights has been completed. The furniture has been restored and many valuable articles added thereto, particularly a very large water color model of the Connecticut State flag, valued at $150.00, in memoriam of the Chapter's struggle for its adoption. A small artistic stained glass window in memory of the Regent's ancestor, "Andrew Ward," has been placed in the north wall of the house.

The Chapter has started a fund to greatly enlarge the Monument House. This addition to be called the "Memorial Annex," "in memory of our heroic dead of the Spanish-American War."

In 1899 the Chapter memorialized the General Assembly of
the State to vote the "Anti-Desecration Flag" bill, and distributed to Senators and Representatives 300 copies of the "Flag Goes By."

It also memorialized with success this same Assembly to grant it, as its custodian of its Monument House property, $300.00 per annum hereafter for its proper annual maintenance.

In addition to its war-relief work, the Mary Wooster Chapter, of Danbury, has added during the year many valuable relics to its historical collection. The Fanny Ledyard, Freelove Baldwin Stow, Sarah Ludlow, Green Woods and Eunice Dennie Burr Chapters have plans for certain patriotic and commemorative work which they hope will be realized during the coming year.

Among the Chapters that are especially interested in placing markers at the graves of revolutionary soldiers are: Orford Parish, Judea, Deborah Avery Putnam, Ruth Hart. Since my last report the Katharine Gaylord Chapter has expended several hundred dollars in further improvements in the Old Revolutionary Training Ground, and it is the banner Chapter for the amount of literature it has sent to our soldiers. Early in the year the Chapter subscribed for about twenty current magazines, which have been sent to the hospitals in Cuba, Porto Rico and Manila; and it also forwarded one solid ton of reading matter to the places named.

Exclusive of our efforts in behalf of the sick and wounded soldiers, the collective work of the Connecticut Chapters includes the publication of a book of biographical sketches of the women for whom our Chapters are named, and of the "Real (or "patriots")] Daughters," whose names are on our membership rolls. It will be a book of from three to five hundred pages, and will contain more than one hundred illustrations. It has been under preparation for nearly two years, but the editor, Miss Root, of the Katherine Gaylord Chapter, announces that it is now ready for publication and it is hoped that before another annual report is submitted, the Connecticut Chapter-book will be an accomplished fact. The suggestion which was made two years ago at a meeting of the Connecticut Regents that the Chapters should adopt a uniform
date for their elections met with special favor, and has been complied with by nearly, if not all of them.

The change from the straggling methods of previous years, when elections were occurring every month from January to January, has been of very great service, and is producing excellent results. Under former conditions a year book of Chapter officers was not possible, and at no one time could the State Regent refer to an absolutely correct list of her Regents and other Chapter officers. To Chapter Regents, who are new to the work, the advantages of Spring elections over those that are held late in the year are really very great. It enables them to get their Chapter work well in hand during the coming summer, to become familiar with the business and methods of the National Society, and to fit themselves for the duties which they will be expected to perform at the annual Congress in Washington.

Two new Chapters have come into the Connecticut fold since my last report, the Mary Floyd Tallmadge Chapter, of Litchfield, with Mrs. John L. Buel as Regent, and the Sarah Williams Danielson Chapter, of Killingly, with Mrs. Charles Addison Russell as Regent.

We now have forty-three Chapters, a very large number for so small a State. Our total membership to February 10th, as given me by the Treasurer of the National Society, is 3,445.

The Mary Clap Wooster Chapter has the largest membership in the State, 241 names being on its rolls. Ruth Wyllys follows with 222, and Mary Silliman is a very close third with 220 members. Forty-four deaths have been reported to me, and of this number fourteen were "Real Daughters." We now have fifty-five living "Real Daughters" on our Chapter rolls.

The amount of money expended during the year by the Connecticut Chapters in their effort to carry out the aims and purposes of the National Society is larger than has ever before been reported. In fees, dues and contributions toward special objects under the auspices of the National Society, and for their home work, such as placing tablets, erecting monuments, marking historic sites, for their war-relief work, school prizes, etc., the Connecticut Chapters have this year contributed $12,483.75.
From the sealed lips of one who has been in his grave for half a century, comes a message direct, so it seems to me, to the Daughters of the American Revolution. At any rate, we have a right to appropriate it, both as an inspiration and a warning, and it seems certain that it should and will prove an incentive to more and better work than we have yet accomplished. It was Macaulay who wrote, "A people which takes no pride in the achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote descendants." The Daughters of the American Revolution are certainly achieving that which will be worthy of remembrance by remote descendants.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA T. KINNEY,
State Regent.

DELAWARE

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: In presenting my seventh annual report, I am happy to say that our very conservative women are awakening to the importance of this magnificent organization, and the opportunities it affords for patriotic work. As Delaware's sons and daughters stood in the forefront during all the harassing struggles for independence, so we now find their descendants enthused with the same spirit, active and earnest in all their efforts.

The length and breadth of the Diamond State is so easily traversed, that it is my privilege to be in close touch with the Chapters. Unanimity is our keynote; frequent conferences as to the best means to promote our interests, have brought the best results, and our ever-increasing, enthusiastic membership, makes the outlook very encouraging.

The Caesar Rodney Chapter, Wilmington, is the largest and most active. The annual meeting held December 7th, was a memorable day for the much-beloved Regent, Miss Sophie Waples. A certificate of membership, with the badge, in the Mary Washington Society, was presented to her by the
members in recognition of her tireless, unselfish devotion to
them and the cause. Mrs. Elizabeth Washington Cardeza
added to the pleasure of the day by presenting to the Chap-
ter a gavel made from a piece of the original hemlock used
in the construction of the porch at Harewood, an old colonial
homestead owned by her ancestor, Colonel Samuel Wash-
ington.

The Elizabeth Cook Chapter, Smyrna, must always be the
center of interest, believing, as we do, that the American
Revolution could never have succeeded without the help of the
women of '76. We revere the name of the patriot woman
for whom the Chapter was named, and gather fresh inspira-
tion as we sit by the fireside in old Belmont Hall, and listen
to the story that never grows old of her sacrifices and high
courage. The Regent, Mrs. Peterson Speakman, is writing
a history of this historic house, which is her inheritance for
presentation to the Historical Society of Delaware. It will
be handsomely illustrated, and dedicated to the Daughters of
the American Revolution in Delaware. Meetings of the
Chapters are held regularly, with literary and social features.

The Colonel Haslet Chapter, Dover, is recovering from its
heavy losses of last year. The Secretary reports interesting
meetings held on the third of every month, with all praise for
the Regent, Mrs. Elizabeth King Anderson, who has in-
spired them by her own zeal, and carried them successfully
through this depressing time.

The John Pettigrew Chapter, Milford, is composed entirely
of the descendants of the revolutionary hero for whom it is
named, unique in its "make-up," the so-called "family party"
finds peculiar interest in meeting together at the home of the
Regent, Miss Syrena J Hall.

Under the auspices of the various Chapters, interesting
memorial services were held in the towns throughout the
State on December 14th, the one hundredth anniversary of
the death of the Father of his Country.

The appeal of the Continental Hall Committee, through
our honored President General, for the aid and cooperation
of every Daughter in the effort to complete the fund for the
erection of a Memorial Building, has met with a hearty re-
sponse, we hope, to contribute the sum which shall represent
the five dollars per capita for our Chapter membership.

We would extend to the National Officers our gratitude
for their unfailing courtesy, and our appreciation of their
faithful services.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH CLARKE CHURCHMAN,
State Regent.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Con-
gress: It is my honor and pleasure to report a year of great
activity among the Chapters in the District of Columbia, and
of good results in the diverse lines of work carried on by
different Chapters. I have been made most welcome at many
Chapter meetings, and have received hearty support in any
general work undertaken.

On two occasions all the Chapters in the District engaged
in united work. One, a colonial entertainment for the benefit
of the Continental Hall fund, was a great artistic success and
raised the sum of $333.00, which I take great pride in present-
ing to the Congress.

The other was an occasion which will be long remembered
by all who were privileged to attend. On December 14, 1899,
the one hundredth anniversary of the death of George Wash-
ington, solemn and appropriate services were held in Epiph-
any Church under the auspices of the patriotic societies of
the District of Columbia.

Twice during the year a number of the Chapters have un-
dertaken work together. In May, 1899, a generous box of
clothing was sent to the destitute women and children in the
Province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba, by the Dolly Madison,
Continental, Army and Navy, Elizabeth Jackson, Constitution
and American Chapters. During the sessions of this Congress
eight of the Chapters, the Mary Washington, Dolly Madison,
Martha Washington, Continental, Columbia, Army and Navy,
Elizabeth Jackson and American, are serving luncheon in
Willard Hall, the proceeds for the Continental Hall fund. Of the success of this enterprise you are the best judges.

The Mary Washington Chapter, the oldest, continues to be the largest in the District, numbering 222 members. It has had but one Regent since the organization, Mrs. Elizabeth Blair Lee, who is ably seconded by the Vice-Regent, Miss Virginia Miller. This Chapter carries out the clause in the Constitution of our National Society, which states as one of the objects of the Society, "the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution," by awarding each year a gold medal to a pupil of the High School for the best essay on such subject. The medal this year was won by Whitmell P. Tunstall, of Virginia. The Chapter has also continued the work reported last year, the relief of families of volunteers from the District of Columbia, carried on under the chairmanship of Mrs. Dickins. whose tragic death last summer cast gloom upon the whole Society, as well as her own Chapter. Many valuable relics of colonial times are owned by members of the Mary Washington Chapter, and an opportunity was given the public to see them at the Colonial Tea in December, when this Chapter shared with one another the care of a most interesting exhibition.

The Dolly Madison Chapter has its limited membership always full and accomplishes a great deal of work without ostentation. The suggestion of serving luncheons for the benefit of the Continental Hall fund came from this Chapter, which has this cause at heart, and with the Regent, Mrs. Ira W. Dennison, for leader, the members are using every effort to make the enterprise a success. The Dolly Madison Chapter is always ready to cooperate with other Chapters in any good work. The meetings of the Chapter have been both literary and social and are held in the homes of the members.

The Martha Washington Chapter proves the saying that the annals of Peace are unexciting, for its Regent, formerly Miss Lilian Pike, now Mrs. William Oscar Roome, reports "an uneventful year." While the Chapter has not undertaken any special work, it has held its meetings as usual and has cooperated heartily and generously with other Chapters.
Continental Chapter, under its energetic and earnest Regent, Mrs. M. S. Gist, is keeping up the high standard of former years. Those who have had the privilege of attending the public meetings have listened with great interest to addresses by the Rev. Dr. Hamlin, Hon. Simon Woolf and the Rev. Dr. Rankin, as well as to original papers by many clever members of the Chapter. At the Colonial Tea, in December, this Chapter undertook the care and sale of the cups which proved a popular memento of the occasion.

Columbia Chapter continues to work quietly and harmoniously, extending its hospitality to members of other Chapters and uniting with them in general work. At the “Colonial Tea” this Chapter shared the care of the exhibition of relics and contributed many of great value and interest. The Regent, Mrs Croissant, is abroad, but her office is acceptably filled by the Vice-Regent, Mrs. Davis.

The Army and Navy Chapter has had a year of great activity. The important work of assisting the families of men in the Regular Army and Navy begun at the outbreak of the war with Spain, has been continued and has assumed large proportions. Army officers, friends of members and the National Society of Colonial Dames have, by generous donations, put it in the power of the Chapters to relieve great distress in the families of soldiers and sailors who are serving in Cuba and the Philippines, or who have died in their country’s service. As the need seemed to grow rather than decrease the Chapter has undertaken a business enterprise from which it expects to receive an income as well as to help some of its beneficiaries by giving them employment. It opened, on February 1st, a luncheon and tea room, at 722 Seventeenth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, which has met with immediate success. Through the New York Herald it received a few days ago, for its work, half the proceeds of a benefit given at the Empire Theatre in New York, the other half going to the “London Daily Telegraph” for the British sick and wounded in the Transvaal. The amount received by the Chairman of the Relief Committee is $3,056.88. This timely gift justifies the Chapter in securing larger quarters which are already needed, and a more complete outfit, that
it may extend its work. During the year the Chapter has sent to the troops in the Philippine's more than twenty boxes of books and has mailed many packages of newspapers to regiments in the field. A member of the Chapter, now in Manila, Mrs. Crosby Miller, has been appointed Chairman of the Philippine Branch of the Relief Committee to receive and distribute the books and magazines and to attend to the relief work in the islands. The regular meetings of the Chapter being purely business, social intercourse has been promoted by an afternoon "Tea" given at the residence of the Regent, Mrs. Main, to which were invited the members of the National Board and the officers of all the other Chapters in Washington.

The Manor House Chapter, of which Mrs. Ballinger is again Regent, continues to hospitably welcome the public to its open meetings, where music and recitations divide the evening with a paper or address by some one of marked ability, either a member or a friend of the Chapter.

The Elizabeth Jackson Chapter is accomplishing successfully its especial work, the care and furnishing of the Elizabeth Jackson Room at Rocky Hill, New Jersey, the house where Washington wrote his farewell address. During the past year the twenty members of the Chapter, under the leadership of Mrs. Wysong, Regent, provided this room, the library, with furniture and pictures and are now working to fill the bookshelves with a really valuable collection of books.

The Constitution Chapter, as its name suggests, devotes itself to the study of the Constitution of the United States, and, during the past year more especially to research into colonial institutions and laws as the foundation of those of the present day. The Chapter is necessarily small, but under the leadership of such an able lawyer as Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, is accomplishing valuable work.

The year-old American Chapter is small, but energetic. In addition to the clothing which was contributed to the box sent to Major Kneedler, Chief Surgeon, Province of Pinar del Rio, for distribution, this Chapter sent $7.00, which Major Kneedler expended for quinine, it being greatly needed in the hospitals for women and children in which he was interested.
The Chapter, through the reception given by one of its officers, Mrs. Holmead, has added much to the cordial friendliness existing between the Chapters of Washington. Mrs. Patty Muller Stocking, the founder of the Chapter, is still its Regent.

A new Chapter, the Miriam Danforth, Mrs. Amos G. Draper, Regent, has been formed and authorized by the National Board of Management February 7th. It is yet too young to have done any work, but under a Regent of Mrs. Draper's energy and ability it will make history for itself before another year.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHARINE L. ALDEN,
State Regent.

GEORGIA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present herewith my report as Regent of the State of Georgia. Upon my election to the Regency, in February, my first work was to acquaint myself thoroughly with the condition and needs of the various Chapters in the State. Some I found in a state of healthful activity and others dwindling. To infuse new life into the languishing has been my steady aim, and I can report gratifying success. No one unacquainted with the conditions of life in the country and small towns of the South can have any idea of the difficulty of forming and maintaining a flourishing Chapter of our patriotic Society in their midst.

In the first place, the dues, small as they may seem to most of us, are a stumbling block, owing to the high taxes and small crops and the prior demands of the church, charitable and literary societies.

Secondly. It is very difficult, in many cases, to fill out the required papers, because of neglected State records. The family traditions are quite explicit, but the proofs are wanting.

When I took charge of the work in 1899 there were thirteen organized and one unorganized. To-day we have sixteen
Chapters fully organized and four unorganized, with several in embryo. Milledgeville has more than the requisite number to form a Chapter, but the papers have not yet been returned from Washington. Mrs. J. H. Chappell has been confirmed as Regent at Milledgeville; Miss Bell Bayliss, at Kingston; Miss M. Adele Hams, at Cedartown, and Mrs. Eliza Tift, at Tifton; these, with Mrs. W. L. Peel, of the Habersham Chapter, Atlanta, and Mrs. William Everett Jones, of the Waynesboro Chapter, make six Chapter Regents nominated and confirmed by the National Board within the last few months. In addition Mrs. Lee Trammell, of Madison, is working up an interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Miss Anna Camok has agreed to undertake a revival of the Athens Chapter in the spring. The increased interest and renewed activity of the Society may be attributed to this harmonious and delightful meeting. The delegates were the guests of the two Chapters and received the most charming hospitality. The first day was passed at Cragie House, the proud possession of the Atlanta Chapter; the second at the Atlanta Woman’s Club rooms, the home of the Piedmont Continental Chapter. An elegant reception was tendered the delegates and the Daughters of the American Revolution by Mrs. Slaton, Vice-Regent of the Atlanta Chapter, and a charming lawn tea was given by Mrs. Heber Reed, Regent of the Piedmont Continental Chapter, at the delightful suburban Colquit Place, in honor of the State Regent. Mrs. Raoul was prevented from extending any social attention to the delegates by her departure for Europe immediately after the Conference.

A set of simple rules for the conduct of the State Conference was adopted and the following officers were elected, v’z: Mrs. F. H. Orme, of Atlanta, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Charles Roper, of LaGrange, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harriett Gould Jefferies, of Augusta, Treasurer; Mrs. Anna C. Benning, of Columbus, Historian.

Much interest was manifested in the “History of the Organization and works of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Georgia,” by the former State Regents, all of whom were present, with the exception of Mrs. Henry Jackson.
The reading of Chapter reports, the report of the Children's Chapter, the Dolly Madison, by Miss Martha Fort Brown, an inspiring paper on the Continental Hall, by Mrs. M. A. Nevin, Regent of the Xavier Chapter, a paper on the National University, by Mrs. Isaac S Boyd, a brief history of the Society of the Children of the American Revolution, by Mrs. Loulie M. Gordon, commanded the attention of the Daughters, but the chief subject of absorbing interest was "The Preservation of Revolutionary Records," discussed by Mrs. W. L. Peel, Mrs. Edward Karow and Mrs. T. M. Green. The reason of this interest and the need for it will be manifest in the Chapter reports which follow.

The Atlanta Chapter, Mrs. William Green Raoul, Regent, is the largest in the State, with a membership of 145, a gain of 18 during the year. The meetings of this Chapter have been held with regularity, there having been thirteen called and regular during the year. During the enforced absence of the Regent in New York, the meetings since autumn have been presided over by the able Vice-Regent, Mrs. John Marshall Slaton, who was elected to the Regency in December, Mrs. Raoul having resigned.

Papers on their revolutionary ancestors are read at the literary meetings by the members, the alternate meetings being devoted to business. The Chapter contributed $10.00 to the Lafayette monument at Paris, but most of its funds have been devoted to the sacred purpose of collecting and publishing the names of the brave men who fought for the liberties of Georgia and the independence of the United States, and whose names have not been emblazoned on bronze or carved in marble, but not even collected and properly preserved in the State archives. "What a sweet and pleasant thing it is to die for one's country" when the reward is grateful remembrance.

Through the suggestion, zeal and energy of Mrs. William Lawson Peel, the names of seven thousand Georgia revolutionary soldiers have been rescued from oblivion, the record of whose claim to the honor and gratitude of their countrymen was preserved by their native State on bits of faded paper, on the backs of envelopes and in moth-eaten memor-
andum books. These were collected and copied by the means of the money furnished by the Atlanta Chapter and through the interest and cooperation of the Secretary of State, Hon. Philip Cook, and they will appear in a volume of important State papers.

The Augusta Chapter, Mrs. Jas. W. Moors, Regent, has had an interesting and prosperous year. It is the second largest Chapter in the State. The Chapter has offered two medals for the best examinations in United States history; one to the Richmond Academy for Boys, the other to the Tubman High School for Young Ladies. The Chapter contributed $25.00 to the building of the Continental Hall, but, as usual, its interests are centered in Meadow Garden, the home of George Walton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence, for which the Chapter has raised $700.00. The Eighth Continental Congress voted $2,000.00 for the purchase of this property, but owing to the contention that the money was recommended, but not appropriated, the Ways and Means Committee advised the Treasurer not to pay it to the Augusta Chapter. Whether or not the Ninth Continental Congress this month will ratify its former action and Georgia receive the appropriation fairly voted, is one of the important questions to come up before the Society and one in which the Georgia delegation is profoundly interested.

It is to be hoped that the efforts of Mrs. Harriett Gould Jefferies, who has devoted herself to this object for years, will be crowned with success.

The Oglethorpe Chapter, Columbus, has had a year of interest and increase. It now numbers, under its tireless Regent, Mrs. Dismukes, fifty-six, a gain of thirty-three and one-third per cent. over last year, with thirty-three invitations to membership out. There have been eleven meetings during the year. Program of study, the State of Georgia to 1783, readings, etc.

$50.00 were expended on the Daughters of the American Revolution float for the Street Fair in Columbus, which took the first prize. The Chapter received a gift of $25.00 from Mrs. Laura B. Comer, with the request that each member
contribute $1.00, the whole amount to be placed in bank and draw interest, and not to be used as current expenses.

A memorial stone was placed by the Chapter in 1898 to commemorate the spot where Oglethorpe crossed the Chattahoochee and made an important treaty with the Indians. They are now doing other commemorative work. The Chapter has the handsomest Year Book in the State, and the programs are arranged with remarkable care and discriminating taste.

The Sergeant Newton Chapter, at Covington, Mrs. P. W. Godfrey, Regent, has a membership of eighteen, a gain of four, which is a good showing, considering the changes by removal and otherwise, and testifies to the energy of the Regent. The members have been studying Georgia history with interest and profit.

The Pulaski Chapter, Griffin, Mrs. R. J. Redding, Regent, succeeded in the autumn by Mrs. Thos. R. Mills, has a membership of sixteen, with three new members making out their papers. There were ten meetings held during the year, one of which, at Mrs. R. J. Redding's hospitable home, the State Regent had the pleasure of attending. The Chapter readings have been from "Jones' History of Georgia" and "The Colonial Period." A contribution of $5.00 was made to Meadow Garden. The proceeds from an entertainment—a concert—were spent in purchasing books for the Chapter library. The possession of a Chapter library cannot be too highly commended. To Chapters without them we say, "Go and do likewise." A good collection of books may be secured from contributions by the members. The Pulaski has offered prizes for the best essay on revolution character to the High School, and for the examination in History to the Grammar Schools.

The Susannah Elliott Chapter, LaGrange, Mrs. O. A. Dunson; Regent, has been somewhat depressed in spirit, but is now putting on new life and, we hope, will soon have a genuine revival and many accessions to its ranks.

The Macon Chapter has Mrs. Mary A. Washington, a "Real Daughter," for Regent. As Mrs. Washington is feeble in health, Mrs. William Lee Ellis, Vice-Regent, conducts the business for her. There have been six members received
during 1899 and six meetings held. While there has been no special line of study, several good papers on historical subjects have been read. The Chapter has forty-one members.

The Piedmont Continental Chapter, Atlanta, Mrs. Heber Reed, Regent. Mrs. Norwood Mitchell, the new Regent, was elected in the autumn, on the departure of the former able Regent for a prolonged stay in Europe. The growth of the Chapter has been rapid recently; thirteen new members were proposed and accepted since November, 1899. The program of study embraces the biography of revolutionary heroes. The Chapter has united with the Atlanta Chapter in the work of restoring revolutionary records. They have also subscribed $5.00 to the Lafayette fund. Mrs. Reed gave $5.00 towards restoring the State records of revolutionary soldiers. Mrs. Chas. Healy gave $25.00 to the Continental Hall fund. In June Mrs. Reed, Regent, gave an “al fresco” reception to the State Regent. The Celebration of Founder’s Day, in honor of Miss Junia McKinley, occurred in November, 1899, at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Norwood Mitchell. All the patriotic members were present at this beautiful reception.

In December the Misses Harwood entertained at a “tea” at the Majestic, in honor of the Regent, Mrs. Norwood Mitchell, and the Chapter. It is the design of the Chapter to raise money for the Continental Hall fund.

Xavier Chapter, Rome, Mrs. M. A. Nevin, Regent, has always stood in the front rank of the Chapters of the State, and has gained several members during the year, and has twelve invitations extended, to ladies who are working on their application papers. The new Regent, Mrs. Chas. D. Wood, has taken a lively interest in the affairs of the Chapter and the meetings have been well attended. The programs arranged for the year are full of interest. Mrs. Nevin was one of the first Regents appointed in Georgia, and remained continuously in service, working with rare patriotism, until ill health induced her resignation last September.

The Savannah Chapter, Mrs. Edward Karow, Regent, has shown remarkable activity during the past year, making a gain of forty-four per cent in membership. Regular meetings
have been well attended, and after routine business there has always been a general discussion of historical subjects, which has excited great interest. A set of ten questions are given at each meeting, studied during the interval and an informal talk about them takes place during the next meeting. This method has aroused much interest, as the questions discussed relate largely to Georgia history. The Chapter will make a contribution to the Meadow Garden fund. Two entertainments are projected, the first to be given on the 12th of February, a lecture by Mr. W. W. Ellsworth, on "The Treason of Arnold," the second by Rev. Chas. H. Strong, Chaplain, on "Tissot’s Illustrations of the Bible."

The sum accruing from these lectures are to be devoted to the publication of the Order Book of General Samuel Elbert, which will prove a rare and valuable contribution to Georgia revolutionary history. This Chapter has an admirable custom of holding annual celebrations with an address by some distinguished speaker, which functions are both impressive and elegant. This year they propose a social and patriotic pilgrimage up the Savannah River to Old Ebenezer Church.

There are many valuable records owned by the Georgia Historical Society, in Savannah, which should be published by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, if the State will not do so. These rapidly decaying papers should be rescued from oblivion before they are entirely obscured and forever lost to posterity.

Francis Marion Chapter, Thomasville, Mrs. Joseph Hansell Merrill, Regent, is springing into new life under the earnest efforts of its new Regent. This Chapter has suffered in an unprecedented way from loss of members by death and removal.

The Waycross Chapter, owing to Mrs. Henry Redding's persistent efforts, is now entirely complete. Her patience cannot be too much praised. To faint-hearted Regents I commend her brave example, as she has overcome almost insurmountable difficulties.

The Wilkes County Chapter, Washington, Georgia, Mrs. H. C. Kemme, Regent, has not only induced the county officials to have their invaluable old records properly copied, but they
have bought the battlefield of Kettle Creek and will erect a monument to commemorate one of the most important events in Georgia history. The quiet, persistent work of Mrs. T. M. Green, the Registrar of the Chapter, who managed the purchase of the property from a northern syndicate, and the patriotic spirit of the Chapter of which Mrs. Kemme is Regent, cannot be too highly praised.

The purchase of Battle Hill is an event worthy of note to all good citizens of Wilkes County and the whole State of Georgia. This battle was one of great importance. It raised the drooping hopes of the Americans who had just met defeat at Briar Creek, near Savannah. It frustrated the plans of the British and Tories, who expected to unite Boyd's troops with those of Campbell at Augusta; and some historians claim that it played an important part finally, in the evacuation of Augusta by the British.

The Regent and Mrs. Green have been doing good work on the Revolutionary Records Committee, trying to discover and reclaim valuable papers stored away in the court houses of the old counties.

Waynesboro.—Mrs. William Everett Jones has succeeded in a short time in completing a Chapter at Waynesboro, and all of the application papers have been forwarded to Washington and accepted.

The Joseph Habersham Chapter, Atlanta, was organized February 17, 1900, with Mrs. William Lawson Peel as Regent.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY HENDREE PARK,
State Regent.

ILLINOIS.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to make the following report for Illinois: The past year has been one of steady growth, with hardly an exception, in each of our twenty-four Chapters.

After the intense activity of the previous notable year, when our sympathies had gone to the sick and wounded sol-
diers and sailors, and our hands had been busied in preparing the many needed articles for their comfort, it is not strange that some Chapters felt there was little left now for them to do.

This discouraged feeling was but a momentary cloud over the once clear horizon. The patriotic impulse, dear to the heart of every American woman, asserted itself, and the work, begun by the real home-mother who teaches her little ones to close the evening prayer with "God bless our flag," is carried to school and through it reaches the many homes where the thought of what we owe to our country never enters.

The quick-witted, broad-minded, large-hearted Daughter of the American Revolution needs but a hint. She grasps the problem and at once proceeds to solve it.

Our State Conference was really the beginning of the year's work. The Rockford Chapter most hospitably entertained delegates from seventeen of our Chapters, the 6th and 7th of June. Perhaps the rare June day was responsible in part for the kindly, courteous spirit that prevailed through the whole meeting. There were suggestive and helpful reports from each Chapter, which were greatly enjoyed.

The interest of the occasion culminated in the paper on "Illinois in Revolutionary Times," given by Mrs. Laura Daton Fessenden, of North Shore Chapter, Highland Park. It was unique in style and contained historic facts taken from private letters to General Washington, which are in her possession.

The Regents who were appointed from Chester, Pontiac, Prophetstown, LaMoille and Champaign, have not succeeded, for various reasons, in organizing Chapters in their cities. The time limit for their appointment has now expired.

We have four new Chapters just being organized. Their charters will probably be obtained before our next State Conference—Galesburg, Mrs. James Colville, Regent; Rochelle Mrs. Josephine Waite Barker, Regent; Macomb, Mrs. C. V. Chandler, Regent; Freeport, Mrs. Charles Knowlton, Regent.

A call for reading matter for our soldiers in the Philippines was responded to by the Chapters throughout the State, and
tons of books and papers were collected, which were transported to Manila by our Government.

Your Regent has been the guest of the Oak Park, Monmouth, Decatur, Chicago, Evanston, Quincy and Elgin Chapters, and in each place was most courteously received by the members and their friends.

She desires to thank all the Chapters for the kindly consideration and earnest support accorded her through the entire year.

Whenever an opportunity has offered, my desire has been to interest every loyal Daughter in our great national undertaking, the building of Continental Memorial Hall; and all Chapters have been urged to comply with the suggestion of our Honored President General, to raise an average of five dollars per capita for each Daughter of the American Revolution. This has been our aim in Illinois, though we have fallen far short of it. But we hope for larger things the coming year.

Illiola Chapter, of Alton, Mrs. F. W. Olin, Regent, has fourteen members. They offered a medal or ten-dollar gold prize for the best essay on "The Causes and Present Effect of the Late Spanish-American War," the contest to be open to the three grades below the senior year in the public schools and also to private schools in their city.

The Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter, of Bloomington, Mrs. Sain Welty, Regent, sends an enthusiastic report of the year's work. They have held nine regular and two special meetings. Carefully prepared papers, replete with historic interest were given from time to time. In response to an invitation from the Sons of the American Revolution the Chapter united with them in a grand patriotic meeting on the anniversary of Washington's birthday. The Society of the Grand Army and the children of the public schools were invited, and an effort was made to have this day set apart for an annual patriotic gathering.

The Chapter attended in a body Memorial Day services. Of special interest were the resolutions pertaining to the marking of the graves of revolutionary heroes in McLean
County. Their contribution to Continental Hall fund is $102.00

Chicago Chapter, with a membership of 675, has the distinction of being the largest in the country. Their honored Regent, Mrs. Alice Bradford Wiles, writes “that while proud of being the banner Chapter in membership, it realizes that its duties and responsibilities are correspondingly great, and that its highest honors must be won in the field of patriotic endeavor.” It has been honored by having one of its members, Mrs. John N. Jewett, Vice-President General, and to have filled the office of State Regent. The first, Mrs. S. H. Kerfoot, through whose untiring efforts so many Chapters were organized in our State and whose interest is still so active that her advice has been of great value to the present State Regent. The second, Mrs. Henry M. Shepard, who was compelled to give up the position after a year of most faithful service.

The Chapter work has been along patriotic lines. It has given prizes for essays upon early American history; has placed in the public schools carbon photographs of historic American scenes; has supported by a pension of twelve dollars a month a Real Daughter. In December the members listened to an address from Mr. Wallace Rice on “The Poetry of the Revolution.” Later they have had a series of most interesting lectures from Professor Edwin Sparks, of Chicago University, on “The Men Who Made the Nation.”

They have given $260.00 to the Continental Hall fund, and $100.00 to each of the monuments for Washington and Lafayette.

Shadrach Bond Chapter, of Carthage, Mrs. J. E. Ferris, Regent, has seventeen members. It has placed the American Monthly in the city library, and “The Spirit of ’76” in the college library. It gives a prize for best examination in United States history, in the public schools. Also one to the Junior class in college for the best essay on American history. It has studied important historical events and celebrated the national holidays.

Dixon Chapter, Mrs. Dorothy N. Law, Regent, with four-
teen members, is little more than a year old. It has followed
the lead of older Chapters and offered prizes to pupils for best
essays on revolutionary or patriotic subjects. It holds month-
ly meetings from October to June.

Mrs. J. M. Clokey, Regent of Decatur Chapter, reports a
pleasant and successful year. Flag Day was fittingly ob-
served. Of the twenty-five members seven are non-resident
ones. They have given $25.00 to the Continental Hall fund.

Elgin Chapter, Miss May Davidson, Regent, has eighteen
members, an increase of six the past year. They have held
regular meetings, and have studied the customs and fashions
of colonial times.

The Fort Dearborn Chapter, of Evanston, Mrs. N. C. Grid-
ley, Regent, says its fifth year has been highly successful.
Its members number one hundred and four. It holds its an-
nual meeting in April, which gives the summer in which to
prepare programs for the winter. The season opens in No-

vember by a reception to the State Regent. It offers an-
nually two prizes of ten and eight dollars for the best essays
on American history written by eighth grade pupils.

Mrs. Ella N. Taylor, Regent of Geneseo Chapter, writes
enthusiastically of the year's work. They organized Feb-

uary 6, 1899, with nineteen members and have added eight
since. They did not celebrate Charter Day until November
24th. The State Regent authorized Mrs. J. Ellen Foster,
Regent of Constitution Chapter, Washington, District of
Columbia, to present the charter, which she did, and appro-
priate exercises followed. Their contribution to Continental
Hall fund is ten dollars.

North Shore Chapter, of Highland Park. Miss Albina
LaBar, Regent, has thirty-eight members. They hold regu-
lar meetings the second Monday in each month during the
year. They have paid the expenses of two boys in school at
Allendale Farm,—whose father was killed at Santiago,—and
have given twenty-five dollars to Continental Hall fund.

Mrs. Miller Weir, Regent of Rev. James Caldwell Chapter,
of Jacksonville, reports literary meetings through the year.
They have two revolutionary soldiers' graves which they
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Decorate on Memorial Day. Have placed the American Monthly and "Spirit of '76" in their public library. They gave to Continental Hall fund twenty-five dollars and to Washington and Lafayette statues five dollars apiece.

Kewanee Chapter, Mrs. J. K. Blish, Regent, has twenty-two members. They held a colonial tea in November, for the benefit of Continental Hall fund.

Mrs. E. W. Bates, Regent of Lincoln Chapter, reports twenty-five members, including one Real Daughter. They have given twenty-five dollars to Continental Hall fund and have interested themselves in the formation of historical society for the county.

Warren Chapter, of Monmouth, Mrs. James C. Burns, Regent, has twenty-one members. It has placed in their public library the American Monthly Magazine; also the Lineage Books up to date. It has given to the Meadow Brook Farm fund, and fifty dollars to the State Normal School.

The Secretary of the Moline Chapter reports ten regular meetings for the past year. On February 22nd one of their members gave an excellent patriotic address before the pupils of the High School, in response to an invitation from the principal. They presented their loved Regent, Mrs. Charles Deere, with a loving cup. They have forty-five members.

George Rogers Clark Chapter, of Oak Park, Mrs. G. M. Davidson, Regent, reports monthly meetings held in the homes of the members, with programs bearing upon some historic event. It has contributed to the Lafayette Statue fund $22.75, to the Continental Hall fund and to various other enterprises. They gave an early welcome to the State Regent by a very charming and informal reception.

Illini Chapter, of Ottawa, Mrs. W. P. Parker, Regent, has added twenty to its membership of forty-five, which makes it the banner Chapter, aside from Chicago, for new members. A successful street vendors' carnival netted the Chapter over two hundred dollars, which was used for the purchase of pictures for the public schools. It gave ten dollars each to the Washington and Lafayette Statue funds.
Peoria Chapter, Mrs. Louise D. Elder, Regent, has twenty-seven members. It has fifty dollars toward a soldiers’ monument erected by their city and county; also twenty-five dollars to Continental Hall fund.

Princeton Chapter, Mrs. Austin B. Reeve, Regent, has thirty-two members. It has contributed to Lafayette statue, Reubena Walworth monument, and Continental Hall funds. It has presented a book to their public library and a valuable engraving to the High School. Its meetings have been enlivened by sketches of prominent colonial women.

Dorothy Quincy Chapter, of Quincy, Mrs. E. B. Hamilton, Regent, reports a fairly successful year. They meet each month, and study colonial history. They entertained the State Regent and visiting Daughters who were present at the meeting of the State Federation of Clubs in October.

Fort Armstrong Chapter, of Rock Island, Mrs. Frank Mixter, Regent, has held regular meetings, with interesting programs. It has fifty members and one Real Daughter, Mrs. Margaret Simington Montgomery.

The Rockford Chapter, Mrs. George I. Woodruff, Regent, reports a very prosperous year. It has presented two pictures to the public schools, “Signing of the Compact in the Mayflower,” and “John Eliot Preaching to the Indians.” The monthly meetings have been varied and interesting. The membership is one hundred and eight, an increase of nine for the year. Twenty-five dollars has been sent to the Washington Statue fund and one dollar and ten cents to Meadow Brook farm. The Chapter gave a charming colonial afternoon, closing with a bright little play, “Not Worth a Continental.” The proceeds of this entertainment, one hundred and twenty-one dollars, go to Continental Hall fund.

The Chapter entertained the State Conference last June, and all the expenses of the conference were borne by it.

Amor Patriae Chapter, Streator, Mrs. G. E. Bailey, Regent, has held eight meetings during the year. They, too, have offered prizes to the scholars of the High School and the eighth grade for the best patriotic essays, prizes to be awarded in February. They have received five new members
this year, and have given ten dollars to Continental Hall fund.

Springfield Chapter, Mrs. Harriet R. Taylor, Regent, reports forty-eight members. It has offered a prize of ten dollars to the public school pupil who shall write the best essay on "The American Revolution." It has organized a Committee on Revolutionary Relics.

Last fall the citizens had a Floral Parade. The Daughters of the American Revolution were represented by a "Colonial Coach" in the Society colors. George and Martha Washington rode in the coach, which was decorated with a floral spinning wheel.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WILLIAM A. TALCOTT,
State Regent.

INDIANA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: This has been to the Daughters of the American Revolution in Indiana a year of consolidation and of increase in strength and enthusiasm.

The Chapters in Huntington and New Albany, who obtained charters last year, have started out with ideal earnestness and efficiency.

No Chapters have been organized during the year, but the Chapters already organized have nearly all taken rank in their literary and patriotic work.

It is a source of great regret to the Regent that illness and absence from home until the last of November, prevented the accomplishment of any work toward the organization of new Chapters in the State.

The number of Daughters in the nine Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Indiana is now four hundred and four.

There are Real Daughters: Mrs. Patsey Wilson Patterson, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Adelaide Hassey, of Cicero; Mrs. Mary F. Gando Cobb, of New London; Mrs. Anna Waldorf,
of Whitcomb; Mrs. D. E. Moore, of Rensselaer; Mrs. Rachel Wilson of Lafayette.

The Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter.—Members, 163. The officers of the Chapter for the year 1900 are: Regent, Mrs. George W. Sloan; Vice-Regent, Mrs. E. J. Carnahan; Secretary, Miss Mary Foster; Registrar, Mrs. H. C. Bals; Treasurer, Mrs. Caleb S. Denney; Historian, Mrs. Mary B. Jackson.

The delegates to the National Congress are: Delegate for Regent, Mrs. John L. Griffiths; delegate for Chapter, Mrs. John M. Carey; alternate for Regent, Mrs. Cortland Van Camp; alternate for Chapter, Mrs. Frank Morrison.

Regent's Report.—The Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has had a very quiet and uneventful year, compared with the year previous. The main subjects of interest being the raising of funds for the Continental Hall fund and the removal of bodies of revolutionary soldiers from abandoned old burial places, near this city, to our well-cared for cemetery.

The Chapter gave a lawn fête for the benefit of the Continental Hall fund and, with an appropriation from their treasury, made the sum $200.00, and from individual contributions and life memberships so appropriated, brought the amount to $400.00.

The Chapter has held four regular and two called meetings. One a reception for our own Daughter, Mrs. Patsey Patterson; and the Executive Board has held eight formal and many informal meetings. The Chapter has had a steady growth, having received twenty-six new members, and lost one member by death. Eight application papers are now pending in the National Society.—Respectfully submitted, Caroline B. Sloan, Regent.

The Dorothy Q. Chapter, of Crawfordsville.—Members, 23. The officers: Regent, Mrs. Martha Lowes Williamson (Mrs. James); Vice-Regent, Mrs. Mary Johnston Campbell (Mrs. J. L.); Secretary, Miss Sadie Britton; Treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Tuttle Thomson (Mrs. E. B.); Registrar, Mrs. Kath-
erine Williams Ristine (Mrs. T. H.); Historian, Mrs. F. J. Harrison.

This Chapter reports through its Regent, Mrs. Josephine T. Thomas, five new members and four applications sent to Washington. Four very interesting meetings have been held.

The Chapter subscription to the Continental Hall fund is thus far $5.00, and an interest is aroused which promises more next year.

The General de Lafayette Chapter, of Lafayette.—Number of members, 78. Officers are: Regent, Eva Hedges Gross Fowler; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Mary Weaver Perrin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mary Bunce Evans; Corresponding Secretary, Miss H. Bertha Forseman; Registrar, Mrs. Letitia E. P. Wells; Treasurer, Miss Lucretia L. Boggs; Historian, Miss Katherine L. Andrew.

Delegates to Congress: Mrs. Fowler, Regent; Mrs. Stahl, alternate; Miss Forseman, delegate; Mrs. Brown, alternate.

Regent’s Report.—The interest in our work has greatly increased this year. The meetings on the 6th of each month, beginning with September 6th, General de Lafayette’s birthday, have been better attended than ever before.

Last June the Chapter gave a carnival in the opera house, taking $25.00 of the proceeds for the Lafayette monument fund and $25.00 for the Continental Hall fund.

On October 6th Hon. John L. Griffiths gave us a most delightful talk in the Lincoln Club, to which we invited a large number of guests. His subject was “The Real Washington.”

A day of colonial art and music proved very attractive, with Daughters posing as their ancestors and a colonial quartet in costume.

As usual, we observed New Year’s Day by keeping open-house, this year with Mr. and Mrs. John O. Perrin.

At our January meeting we had with us one of our out-of-town members, Mrs. William Underwood, of Chicago. Mrs. Underwood, as one of the descendants of Washington, attended the one hundredth anniversary of his death, celebrated in December in Washington. She brought to the Chapter a glowing account of those exercises.
We have in preparation now a Loan Exhibit, to be given for the benefit of our Free Kindergarten.

I feel that we have had a very successful year, with added enthusiasm.—Eva Gross Fowler, Regent.

The Rensselaer Chapter, of Rensselaer.—Members, 27.
Officers: Regent, Mrs. Thos. J. McCoy; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Archibald Purcuple; Secretary, Mrs. Charles W. Coen; Registrar, Mrs. Robert Randle; Treasurer, Mrs. Chas. C. Storr.

Mrs. McCoy, the Regent, reports a very prosperous year, and funds donated: Fourteen dollars toward furnishing a ladies’ reading room; sixty-eight dollars’ worth of good literature for the city library, besides a tax of twenty-five cents for each member (in common with other city clubs), toward the running expenses of the library. This, with twenty dollars toward the Continental Hall, makes $108.25, funds raised and contributed to Continental Hall and city library.

Mrs. McCoy also says: “We had the Wabash College Glee Club in April to assist us in raising money for our library fund. We have had very interesting and profitable meetings during all the year, and have arranged a social function for the evening of February 22d, as is our custom.

Four of our non-resident members have been dropped because of non-payment of dues—not having paid for two years, and one resident member has resigned because she did not feel able to pay the dues. All members remaining are good and interested workers.”

The Huntington Chapter, of Huntington.—Members, 28.
Officers: Regent, Mrs. W. W. Hawley; Vice-Regent, Mrs. E. L. Griffith; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. C. Windle; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Frank Felter; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Alexander; Registrar, Mrs. E. T. Taylor; Historian, Mrs. N. Sessions.

Regent’s Report.—The Huntington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, has had a very prosperous year. One member has withdrawn, but five have been added to our number, making twenty-eight at present, with the papers of two more waiting to be verified.

The Chapter has had six regular meetings and two open meetings.
February 22d, one hundred Daughters and guests assembled at the pleasant home of Mrs. D. M. Hawley. Papers on "George Washington" and "Life in Old Virginia," good music and dainty refreshments made it a very enjoyable occasion.

A day long to be remembered was April 19th, when, by invitation, seven hundred people assembled in the evening at Library Hall to witness the awarding of prizes to the Eighth Grade pupils of the public schools for the best original essays on Revolutionary subjects.

The stage was beautifully decorated. The reading of the three best essays, stirring patriotic music, and an address on the battle of Lexington by the Rev. W. T. Wells made up the program. The prizes, five dollars, two dollars and one dollar, were presented by the Regent, after a few appropriate remarks.

The Chapter has sent twenty-five dollars to the Memorial Hall fund.

Washington's birthday is to be observed this year by a Martha Washington reception at the elegant new home of our Registrar, Mrs. E. T. Taylor, at which both men and women will appear in the costumes of more than a century ago. Respectfully submitted.—Anna S. Hawley, Chapter Regent.

The Piankeshaw Chapter, of New Albany.—Members, 26. Officers: Regent, Miss Mary E. Cardwill; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Francis Rice Maginness; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Helen Fawcett; Assistant Secretary, Miss Estelle Kinder Sowle; Registrar, Miss Francis Mears Hedden; Treasurer, Miss Anna E. Cardwill; Historian, Miss Alice L. Greene.

Regent's Report.—The first year of Piankeshaw Chapter, New Albany, has been one of most gratifying growth and prosperity.

Organized October, 1898, with eighteen members, in October, 1899, it had enrolled twenty-nine members, all but two of whom have been accepted by the National Society. Others contemplate joining the Chapter in the near future.

While the thought of increasing our numbers was perhaps uppermost during the first year, other practical work was not neglected.
In January, 1899, a Committee on Revolutionary Graves, in New Albany and vicinity, was appointed, with the Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Fawcett, as chairman. This committee has been very active and as a result of their efforts the graves of the following revolutionary soldiers have been discovered, and most of them exactly located.

Floyd County: Richard Lord Jones, a musician in the revolutionary army, Fairview Cemetery, New Albany. Benjamin Buckman (ancestor of the Secretary), Fairview Cemetery. Jacob Garretson (ancestor of a member of the Chapter), private burying ground near Galena.

Harrison County: Captain Barber, cemetery at Corydon. Henry Funk (ancestor of a member of the Chapter), private burying ground near Amsterdam. Joshua Bennett, cemetery at Rehebath.


Scott County: Amas Mitchell (ancestor of a member of the Chapter), Scottsburg.

The Chapter hopes to be able to place a marker of some kind at each of these graves and others which may be discovered.

The same committee, through its chairman, has offered such support, as may be in the power of the Chapter, to a proposed monument to the victims of the Pigeon Roost Massacre.

The first money donated by the Chapter to outside matters was five dollars given with peculiar pleasure to the Reubena HUDSON WULWORTH monument fund.
In May, 1899, a committee was appointed, with Miss Clara Funk, chairman, to offer a prize to pupils in the public schools for the best essay on a subject connected with the Revolution. At the suggestion of this committee two prizes have been offered to the pupils in the eighth grade in our schools for best and second best essays on "The Critical Period of the Revolution," the essays to be written in the school-room the last Friday in February. The first prize will be a handsome gold medal of appropriate design, the second Eggleston's History of the United States. A great deal of interest has been aroused in this contest.

In June, 1899, a number of committees were appointed to report in the fall. The first to report was the Lafayette monument committee, the Vice-Regent, Mrs. E. A. Maginness, chairman, which asked the Chapter to contribute five dollars to this object. This was cheerfully done.

The committee on the formation of a Children's Society, the Registrar, Miss Fannie M. Hedden, chairman, reported in October, that Miss Hedden has been appointed President of such a Society, by the National President, and that arrangements for the organization of the Society were being perfected. The Society was organized the first Saturday in January, 1900, with seven members. Several more will be added soon.

The Committee on the Continental Hall fund, the Treasurer, Miss Anna E. Cardwill, chairman, in November presented to the Chapter a warm plea for this object, and in December the Chapter pledged itself to give twenty-five dollars to the fund as soon as its treasury would permit. Fifteen dollars have been sent and it is hoped the rest can be forwarded soon.

In October, 1899, a Library Committee was appointed with the Registrar as chairman. This committee has purchased the ninth volume of the Lineage Book, as a nucleus of a Chapter Library.

The Chapter meets once a month and its meetings, both in the business and literary features, have excited extreme interest. The members are each allowed, if she so desires, to
bring one guest who must be a person eligible to membership.

The literary programme, which is in charge of a committee with Miss Theo. Hedden, chairman, has been invariably of a rich and delightful character. At each meeting an historical paper is given, and also one of genealogical import concerning the ancestors of one of the members.

Frequently some fine music, recitations or readings form a welcome part of the afternoon’s exercises. Light refreshments are served by the hostess of the occasion.

The officers of Piankeshaw Chapter are perhaps exceptionally enthusiastic and energetic in their work. Every member of the Chapter is on some committee, and the committees are so faithful and effective that the Regent’s position is an easy and delightful one.

Our first life membership was taken January 27, 1900, by Miss Clara Funk.

The Chapter was represented by two alternates of the Regent, Misses Clara and Anna Bragdin, at the first National Congress after the Chapter was organized and they furnished an excellent report of the Congress.—Mary E. Cardwill, Regent.

The Paul Revere Chapter, of Muncie.—Members, 20. Officers: Regent, Miss Arabelle Winans; Secretary, Zerelda Waterhouse Stewart; Treasurer, Miss Ella Edwards Dunham; Registrar, Miss Nannie C. Love; Chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Pierce Wildman.

Regent’s Report.—Daughters of the American Revolution, of Muncie. We have held nine regular meetings during the year. This Chapter has twenty members with a prospect of four or five new ones. Five are non-residents. Although small in numbers we are great in enthusiasm and patriotism, and have done well this past year, considering our strength.

We celebrated the battle of Lexington by the formal presentation to the Muncie High School of a panel representing the famous ride of Paul Revere. On this occasion the first school hour of the morning was devoted to patriotic songs and exercises and the presentation of the panel by the Regent.
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and the receiving of it by the President of the school board. We are the first organization in Muncie to present to a school a work of art. Of this fact we are justly proud.

The battle of Saratoga we celebrated October 7, by a Colonial Tea, at the home of Mrs. Carrie W. Meeks, one of our members. Refreshments were served by the children in colonial costume.

The Regent had the pleasure of attending the Continental Congress of 1899. At the January meeting, 1900, it was decided that this Chapter send ten dollars to the Continental Hall fund.—Mrs. Mary Winans Spilker, Regent.

The Spencer Chapter, of Spencer.—Members, 16. Officers: Regent, Mrs. L. N. Fowler; Vice-Regent, Mrs. M. C. Swigert; Treasurer, Mrs. Thos. Pedin; Secretary, Miss Gertrude Morgan; Registrar, Mrs. D. B. Banta.

Regent’s Report.—The Spencer Chapter reports a gain of one member this year, but a loss (by removals) of three of our charter members, whose presence and valuable help we sadly miss in our regular meetings. They still retain their membership with us.

Our literary work is the same as last year. We frame our work for the Indianian, which we find very helpful.

We have received interesting letters from our nurse, Miss Mary Craig, in Manila. She gave us a thrilling description of her experience in the shipwreck of the “Morgan City” at Nagasaki, Japan.

We are now preparing our programme for our George Rogers Clark celebration, to which meeting the children are invited.

Our Chapters are especially interested in plans, which we hope will mature in the future, for marking the neglected graves of our revolutionary soldiers.—Lovina Fowler, Regent.

The Vanderburg Chapter, of Evansville.—Members, 24. Officers: Regent, Mrs. Anna V. I. Odell; Vice-Regent, Dr. Francis A. Cantrall; Registrar, Mrs. Helen Dodge Ames; Secretary, Miss Elmira H. Eells; Treasurer, Miss Isadore J. Eells; Historian, Miss Edith Horne Reilly.

Mrs. Odell, the present Regent, had but recently joined the
Chapter and comes from active Regent's work in Lincoln, Nebraska. She has recently found and brought into membership with her Chapter a Real Daughter, Miss Mary F. Gasso Cobb, of New London, Indiana. Her present anxiety is to furnish lineage and ancestry books, and other library facilities for Daughters of the American Revolution work.

The Secretary reports a donation of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) to the Continental Hall fund, and the giving of prizes to the High School girl graduates for the best essays on a historical subject.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Muche, of LaGrange, have joined the Huntington Chapter, but still hope to organize in LaGrange. The State Regent has been absent from the State seven months of this year, and has been disabled from work by some months of illness, but has made such effort as ought to bring fruit in contributions to the Continental Hall fund.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH F. ATKINS,
State Regent.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: The time has come that I must again submit my annual report. It is with deep regret that I cannot say anything that will cheer your hearts, or make my own heart rejoice. To tell the plain truth, I do feel quite discouraged in trying to get members for our Society in this Territory. Yet my heart is in the work, and I shall still endeavor to promote the interest of our Society in this part of my country. I find many persons who would be proud to belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, but are not quite able to prove their eligibility. Please censure me with kindness in your hearts, and try to put yourselves in my place.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WALTER A. DUNCAN,
State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: In making this, my first report as Regent of Iowa, I wish to emphasize the truth of the statement made by one of our honored Vice-Presidents General, that "The office of State Regent is one of the most responsible in the gift of our organization." Not only is the power given a State Regent to add to the number of the National Society by the formation of new Chapters throughout her State, but from her is expected the enthusiasm which shall stimulate the lagging interest of any Chapter whose original zeal has somewhat abated.

Personally, the office is beneficial from a social as well as an educational standpoint. Meeting, as a Regent presumably does, the best people of her State, the opportunity is afforded her of forming some of the most delightful friendships of her life. If it be true that, as we advance in life, we should more and more strive to add to our list of friends, lest the shipwrecks of time should leave us stranded on a friendless shore, then indeed is one to be congratulated on her honorable election to this most important office, and I eagerly take this opportunity of making my public acknowledgment to the Iowa delegation for the unanimous re-election given me.

In entering upon my work in 1899, there were fifteen organized Chapters, with a membership of nearly five hundred. In 1900, we have eighteen Chapters with an increase during the year of over one hundred members.

It would doubtless prove beneficial to all Iowa Daughters if a detailed report of the workings of each Chapter could be given here, but this would require so much space that I shall refer only to a few of the most interesting items.

Eleven Chapters report increase membership, Waterloo, Cedar Falls ('98, Mrs. Julien Richards, Regent), leading, with an additional membership of twenty-eight.

The necrological list for the year numbers nine, among whom are Mrs. Nancy Bonny Gardiner and Mrs. Anna Reid Little, of the Clinton Chapter; two Real Daughters of the Hannah Caldwell Chapter, Mrs. Julia Ann Weaver and Mrs.
Electa A. Van Vleck; and one active member, Mrs. Esther Hosford; Mrs. Lucy Carder, of the Pilgrim Chapter, granddaughter of Mrs. Eliza Shrader, a Real Daughter, ninety-two years old, still in fair health and appreciative of the kind attentions of the Pilgrim Chapter. The great-granddaughter of Mrs. Shrader had just reached the age required for membership in the National Society, and the Pilgrim Chapter was expecting to report four generations in lineal descent from a revolutionary sire, when the death of Mrs. Carder occurred.

The Sarah McCalla Chapter (Chariton, '96, Miss Sue D. Copeland, Regent), has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Mrs. Corilla C. Lewis, its former Regent and the author of "The Old Thirteen," one of the Daughters of the American Revolution hymns. No more enthusiastic delegate was in attendance upon the Continental Congress of 1897 than Mrs. Lewis, and it was she who specially urged the State Regent to take measures toward the organization of a State Conference. A cold contracted at that time resulted in tuberculosis, which was so insidious in its character that death ensued almost without warning.

The State Regent unites with the Chapter in heartfelt regret at the loss of so valuable an assistant. "Sleep, ye who are dead, we, the living, are thinking about you."

Nearly all the Chapters report a year of perfect harmony, increasing interest and steady growth. All but three hold regular monthly meeting, following a carefully prepared programme outlined in a printed Year Book. The placing of portraits of George and Martha Washington in the high schools, and the offering of prizes for the best essays written on an assigned historical subject, is being generally adopted by the Iowa Chapters. In addition to this, the Mayflower Chapter (Red Oak, '97, Mrs. Rosa B. Clark, Regent,) gives prizes of pictures or casts to each of the five ward schools for the best work done along certain historical lines.

The Keokuk Chapter ('98, Miss Cora H. K. Pittman, Regent,) is the only one reporting a Daughters of the American Revolution Reference Library, which is placed in the public library for the use of the Daughters.

The Spinning-Wheel Chapter (Marshalltown, '98, Mrs.
Henry I. Howe, Regent,) not only celebrates all anniverary days and meets every month, at the homes of its members, for a literary and musical programme, but, every week at the home of its Regent, this Chapter meets to study American history and art. During these afternoons the members have mounted one hundred and twenty-five pictures, reproductions from modern paintings, pictures of our Presidents and other celebrated persons, and placed them in the public library for the use of public school teachers, study classes and clubs. A trial of this entirely original plan of work is recommended to those Chapters which have found it difficult to awaken or maintain an interest in Daughters of the American Revolution work.

Another unique and highly commendable plan has been originated by the Hannah Caldwell Chapter (Davenport, '97, Mrs. M. P. Peck, Regent). On Arbor Day the Chapter assembled at the home of its State Regent, Mrs. Nancy Cable Wylie, and planted a tree in her honor. This also is worthy of imitation. An appeal from St. Luke's Hospital, at Jacksonville, Florida, whose treasury had been exhausted because of the gratuitous care, in many cases, of Iowa soldiers, was laid before this Chapter, which responded with a handsome contribution.

The Stars and Stripes Chapter (Burlington, '97, Mrs. Cate Gilbert Wells, Regent,) erected this year on the lawn of the public library a fine flagstaff, to bear aloft a beautiful flag which had been presented to the library. At the regular monthly meetings of this Chapter, at which literary and musical programmes are given, Mrs. Millard, one of the members, repeats verbatim an entire chapter from Fiske's American History. The social meetings, two of which, "The Washington Celebration" and "Forefathers' Day," have been reported in full in a recent number of the AMERICAN MONTHLY, are always of great interest, and in every respect the year has been a most profitable one. It is said that the wide-awakeness of this Chapter is attributable to its enthusiastic, energetic and thoroughly capable Regent.

The Elizabeth Ross Chapter (Ottumwa, '97, Mrs. Annie L. R. Daum, Regent,) observed "Lexington Day" at the home
of its Regent. The rooms were beautifully decorated for the occasion, one in the Continental colors, one in Daughters of the American Revolution colors, and the other in our National colors. Each guest was requested to wear something to represent either a Colonial person or an event, and the result was a distinguished assemblage of Colonial personages in the quaint costumes of "ye olden time." The contest of guessing whom or what these costumes might indicate furnished much amusement. Following this was a fine programme, the keynote of which was the honor paid Mr. Dawes, the companion of Paul Revere in his famous midnight ride, and the ancestor of Mrs. McCue, one of the Ottumwa members. Besides the other gifts to which reference was made at first, this Chapter has contributed to Reubena Hyde Walworth monument, placed the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE in the public library, and pledged itself to give ten dollars annually to the Continental Hall Fund until the building is finished.

Mrs. E. J. W. Firrell, who has worked so faithfully toward the organization and upbuilding of the Martha Jefferson Chapter (Manchester, '97, Mrs. Lelia P. Holmes, Regent), resigned her regency at the beginning of the year and on January 27th sailed from New York for a prolonged tour through Europe, and from thence to the Holy Land.

The Abigail Adams Chapter (Des Moines, '93, Mrs. Harold R. Howell, Regent,) gave a practical illustration of its present day patriotism when, two years ago, it presented to the Fifty-first Iowa Regiment a beautiful silken flag. This year when the regiment returned from Manila, bearing with them this same banner, the Chapter lent its influence and assistance to the "welcome home" which the city of Des Moines extended to the Iowa soldiers.

The Regent of the Dubuque Chapter, Mrs. N. W. Kimball (Dubuque, '95), reports that the art exhibit and Colonial supper given by the Chapter was one of the most interesting events ever held in Dubuque, and financially as well as socially proved to be a complete success. The Vice-Regent of this Chapter, Mrs. Fanny L. Gibbs, has presented to it a gavel made from a piece of timber taken from the house that once
sheltered Joseph Warren, and in which Dorothy Dix was born. Lexington Anniversary, Memorial Day services, May Day picnic, and Surrender of Cornwallis are the days specially commemorated by this Chapter.

Martha Washington Chapter (Sioux City, '96, Miss Susanna H. Weare, Regent,) has two special fete days—Washington’s Birthday, at which time the Daughters give a banquet to which their husbands and friends are invited, and October 19th, when the Sons of the American Revolution reciprocates the honor by tendering a banquet to the Daughters. The historical study of the year has been based upon Fiske’s Critical Period of American History.

Council Bluffs Chapter (Council Bluffs, '97, Mrs. N. W. Bushnell, Regent,) has the honor of leading all Iowa Chapters, this year, in its contribution to Memorial Hall, and in other ways the Chapter has taken on new life and activity under the leadership of an enthusiastic Regent.

Clinton Chapter (Clinton, '95, Mrs. W. J. McCoy, Regent,) has presented to the public library the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE and “The Spirit of ’76” for the year 1900. This Chapter had the pleasure of entertaining the delegates to the first State Conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Iowa, held October 17th, 18th and 19th. A reception given by the State Regent at her home on Tuesday evening in honor of the visiting Daughters was the opening event, and on the next morning began the regular programme. The Conference was pronounced a decided success.

The Western Chapters, being deprived of the inspiration of locality with which Eastern and Southern Chapters are favored, sometimes find it difficult to maintain Chapter interest unless something of a local nature appeals to them. The State Regent, acting upon this thought, urged the Iowa Daughters to put forth united effort toward securing from our State Legislature the appropriation of a sum of money for the building of memorials at Chickamauga Military Park, in memory of Iowa soldiers. The idea was received with an eagerness hardly expected, and the Chapters have done such thorough work along this line that it is hoped success will crown their efforts.
During the year nine Chapter Regents have been appointed, but unfortunately, owing to adverse circumstances, all have not been successful in organizing full Chapters. To any who may be in doubt as to the best methods to adopt, the Regent feels justified in recommending the indomitable zeal and never failing earnestness displayed by Miss Helen L. Shaw, of Anamosa. Accepting the Regency in June, 1899, she immediately selected twenty-five persons who, if eligible, would form a most congenial Chapter, an essential most requisite. She gave them invaluable assistance in tracing out ancestry and making out papers, and in the early fall a Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter was organized, to which the name "Francis Shaw" was given by its members. In October this very-much-alive Chapter had increased to thirty-three with so many more waiting to join that it was thought expedient to admit no more until June. A carefully prepared Year Book has been issued, which provides for both social and literary monthly meetings; two life-memberships have been taken out and twenty-five dollars sent to Memorial Hall. All honor to Francis Shaw Chapter.

Another new Regent, Mrs. Augusta Dudley Carlisle Paine, has done most acceptable work, which is thus reported by the newly-elected Secretary of the Chapter:

"The history of the formation of the Chapter in Boone is like that of the formation of the hailstone. From fleeting nucleus, by gradual accretions, the perfect sphere is formed. So from one Daughter, the membership has increased slowly but steadily until now the complete Chapter is formed. Our honored Regent was the first Daughter of the American Revolution in Boone, she having joined the Society in 1896 and, by reason of family relationship and ties, holding membership in Lucretia Shaw Chapter, of New London, Connecticut. In 1899, the State Regent wrote to Mrs. Paine that steps should be taken toward the formation of a Chapter in Boone, and requested her to accept the Regency.

Mrs. Paine although reluctant to relinquish her membership in the New London Chapter, yet felt that true interest in the growth and prosperity of the Society demanded that each individual should put forth every effort to "do the duty
which lies nearest," and therefore accepted the position as local Regent. In October, 1899, pursuant to instructions given by the State Regent, she appointed the officers, the membership having reached the number of fourteen, and now as a consummation of her efforts, there is an organized Chapter in Boone, where two years ago there was, so far as known, only one Daughter of the American Revolution.

The State Regent is unfortunate in having lost the report sent in by the Secretary of Cedar Rapids Chapter ('99, Mrs. Chas. H. Cogswell, Regent,) but doubts not that this Chapter will report greatly increased membership and regular meetings during the year, and thus become a flourishing addition to our longer established Chapters.

A State Regent cannot be entirely successful in her work unless she have the hearty cooperation of all Regents, especially those appointed during her administration. This appointment holds good for two years, when, if not successful, it expires by statute of limitation. Will not all newly appointed Regents make renewed efforts to organize Chapters in their respective cities, or if circumstances will not warrant this, notify the State Regent to this effect, and suggest the names of those who are able to take up the work immediately, in order that the State Regent when she retires from office, at the close of this year may leave a record of her work actually accomplished to which the Daughters of the American Revolution in Iowa may point with pride.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA WHALEN ARMSTRONG,
State Regent.

KENTUCKY.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to submit to you a report of the work done by the Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution during the past year.

For several months after I was elected to the high office of State Regent my time was almost exclusively devoted to the work of trying to arouse an interest in the Society in towns
where little or nothing was known of the Daughters of the American Revolution except the name. How far I have succeeded the future will show. I trust, however, that the seeds thus sown have not all fallen upon stony places, but will, in time, bring forth a plentiful harvest. During these first months I also wrote to the Regents who had been trying in vain to complete their Chapters, and strove to encourage them by offering suggestions that I thought might possibly enable them to arouse a greater interest in the Society.

On the 11th of April I was officially notified that I had been appointed a member of the Committee on Continental Hall by our President General, Mrs. Manning. Fully appreciating the necessity of obtaining, at the earliest possible moment, the sum required for the erection of this grand national memorial, I wrote to every Chapter Regent in the State, asking them to bring the subject before their respective Chapters. I furthermore requested that they should make an urgent appeal to the members, asking that a special effort be made by them during the year to increase their subscriptions to the fund—in other words to make it the Continental Hall year, as suggested by our President General. I will here say that, if the contributions sent from Kentucky seem small in comparison with contributions from other States, it has been from no lack of interest on the part of Regents or members. In most instances, at least, I am persuaded that the Chapters have sent, or will send, sums adequate to their means.

During the summer months many who had expressed an interest in the Society and seemed willing to undertake the work of organizing Chapters were away from home, seeking diversion and a cooler climate. My correspondence, however, never flagged. I wrote to towns all over the State, wherever an opportunity presented itself of promoting the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I also wrote an article entitled "The Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution," and had it published in a local newspaper in a town where I was told there were many who were eligible for membership, but were throwing away their birth-
right by neglecting to avail themselves of the privilege ex-
tended to them.

The third State Conference was held at Lexington October
6th. Mrs. William Lindsay, one of the Vice-Presidents Gen-
eral of the National Society; Mrs. E. N. Maxwell, former
State Regent, and thirteen Chapter Regents were present, to-
gether with the members of the Lexington and Bryan Station
Chapters and visitors from other towns. Both the morning
and afternoon sessions were devoted entirely to business.
The only social feature of the occasion was a luncheon given
by the Lexington and Bryan Station Chapters. A full ac-
count of the proceedings of the conference has been sent to
the AMERICAN MONTHLY.

The reports which have come to me from the different
Chapters show, with one or two exceptions, a steady, if not
rapid, growth.

The John Marshall Chapter, Louisville, under the able
leadership of Mrs. Luke Blackburn recently re-elected Re-
gent, is in a flourishing condition, and during the past year
has demonstrated in an eminently successful manner the ob-
jects for which the Society was organized. The 22d of Feb-
uary was appropriately celebrated. Many patriotic Sons and
Daughters were present, and the address made by prominent
men, together with inspiring music, made the occasion a no-
table one. Flag Day was also celebrated and the graves of
revolutionary soldiers in the city and county were decorated.
This Chapter has done much commendable work in bringing
to light and marking a number of hitherto unknown graves.

The most important work, however, undertaken by the
John Marshall Chapter is the handsome monument to be
erected in the near future in memory of George Rogers
Clark, "whose genius and enterprising ability secured to the
United Colonies the conquest and settlement of the entire
northwest, to the lakes on the north and the Mississippi on
the west." The same historian from whom I have quoted the
above says of him: "The description of person and bearing
reminds one of the great Washington, and the unselfish no-
bility of his character, his civic and military genius and his de-
voted patriotism made him, in the obscure field of the mighty
west, a hero only less than Washington by the limited theater of his opportunities."

The Chapter has recently contributed twenty-five dollars to the Continental Hall Fund. The Secretary of the Chapter reports twelve new members, one resignation and one death. This is the largest Chapter in the State, having, according to the last report, one hundred and seven members.

The Lexington Chapter, Lexington, the oldest Chapter in the State, has a zealous, enthusiastic Regent, Mrs. Maria C. W. Lyle, who has worked faithfully to sustain the reputation of the Chapter and to encourage the members to greater endeavor.

The celebration of the one hundred and nineteenth anniversary of the battle of King's Mountain was an important event in the history of the Lexington and Bryan Station Chapters, and was made notable by the presence of many distinguished Kentuckians. The address delivered by Miss Elizabeth Kinkead, a lineal descendant of Governor Isaac Shelby, was an eloquent tribute to her renowned ancestor and the band of brave men who followed him to victory. Miss Kinkead was introduced by Professor James K. Patterson, President of the State College, who, in his introductory address narrated in a concise, masterly way many facts connected with this period of our history, throwing light upon the events which led to the battle of King's Mountain.

The address of the Honorable William Lindsay on this occasion was listened to with profound attention, and called forth remarks of universal approbation. After an eloquent discourse upon the battle of King's Mountain, he introduced a subject which is puzzling the brains of the foremost men of the nation—the Philippine problem. Last, but not least, he paid a beautiful compliment to the Daughters of the American Revolution and spoke of the work being done by the Society in words of praise.

According to the last report, the Lexington Chapter has sixty-one members, showing an increase of nine during the past year. The death of Mrs. Evaline Swope Van Meter, October 7, 1899, was a sad loss to the Chapter.

The Keturah Moss Taylor Chapter, Newport, Mrs. John B.
Taylor, Regent, is in a very flourishing condition and has shown a determination to meet all the requirements of the Society. The Chapter has held regular monthly meetings, when papers of historical interest were read. There were several called meetings during the summer to determine the manner in which they should show their sympathy to the family of Colonel Egbert, the much beloved, gallant officer, who gave his life for his country in the far off Phillipines. The large wreath of oak leaves sent by the Chapter, which was suspended from the water tower at Fort Thomas, the day when the tablet to Colonel Egbert's memory was unveiled, was a fitting tribute to one of our country's heroes.

On the 27th of October an entertainment was given at the residence of the Regent, for the benefit of Continental Hall, from the proceeds of which they donated twenty dollars to the fund. Ten dollars had been previously given, and they have in contemplation another entertainment for the same purpose, showing that the Chapter appreciates the necessity for this grand National Memorial Hall. The Secretary reports a membership of twenty, having added one to the number during the past year.

The Madison County Chapter, Richmond, Mississippi, Miss Sallie Burnam, Regent, has held regular monthly meetings and the interest manifested shows that they appreciate the privilege of being members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. During the past year the literary work of the Chapter, has been a study of the battles of the Revolution.

It was decided, at the last meeting of the Chapter, to contribute twenty dollars to the Continental Hall fund and they hope to do more for the same purpose in the near future, for their main object at present is to devise some means of increasing the contributions to this fund.

The Secretary reports three new members and as they have lost none, the Chapter has now a membership of twenty-one.

The General Samuel Hopkins Chapter, Henderson, Mrs. R. H. Cunningham, Regent, reports that the regular monthly meetings have been well attended and that the members manifest an interest in the object and welfare of the Society. The account of the State Conference, given by the Regent, who was present, had the effect of exciting renewed interest
and zeal, from which good results may be anticipated. This Chapter, together with others, requested our State Senators and Representatives to vote in favor of the bill for an appropriation to repair the Daniel Boone monument at Frankfort, and also signed a remonstrance against the admission to the United States Congress of the Representative from Utah.

On the recommendation of the Regent, Mrs. Cunningham, the Chapter decided to contribute the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Continental Hall fund. At the January meeting of the Chapter, Mrs. Jennie Y. Rudy was elected Regent for 1900.

The Boonesborough Chapter, Richmond, Mrs. Sallie H. Chenault, Regent, is one of the most enterprising Chapters in the State. The erection of the proposed Boonesborough monument absorbs the attention and efforts of the Chapter. One thousand dollars is the sum necessary for the erection of this memorial, and the energetic Regent and equally enthusiastic members are striving in every way to obtain the requisite amount. One hundred dollars have been subscribed by the Chapter members and about two hundred dollars raised by various and divers means. Hoping to add to the fund, the Chapter inaugurated an old-fashioned county fair last summer offering premiums for anything from a handsome baby to a Kentucky thoroughbred. From this source they netted about one hundred and fifty dollars. No more commendable work could be done than the marking of this historic spot by the Boonesborough Chapter, for it was here that the brave pioneers built the first fort in Kentucky and it was in this fort and at Harrodsburg that the first women and children who ventured into the wilderness, as Kentucky was then called, found shelter.

The General Evan Shelby Chapter, Owensboro, Mrs. Rosa Burwell Todd, Regent, reports no special work, but regular meetings have been held and interesting papers contributed by the members. The sketch of General Evan Shelby, for whom the Chapter was named, written by the Regent, Mrs. Todd, and read at a meeting of the Chapter, January, 1899, is a fitting nucleus for a valuable collection of historical
sketches. The present membership is seventeen, three members having been added during the year.

The Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, Shelbyville, Mrs. Elise Todd Sampson, Regent, has held regular monthly meetings. The literary work of the Chapter during the past year deserves the highest commendation and affords valuable suggestions to other Chapters for future work along the same lines. The papers read at the monthly meetings have been altogether on subjects pertaining to Shelby County—the geological formation and geography of the county. Its settlement. Original land grants. Schools of the county, past and present. Places of historic interest. Churches. Newspapers. Men of Shelby in politics. Noted people of the county. Shelby County up to date. The whole ground seems to have been covered, and Shelby County owes a debt of gratitude to the Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter. There has been one resignation during the year, leaving the Chapter with twelve members.

The Elizabeth Kenton Chapter, Covington, Mrs. John W. Hall, Regent, has well sustained its reputation. The sum of three dollars was contributed to the Meadow Farm fund and twenty-five dollars to Continental Hall. Early in the year, two prizes were offered to the public school children, of five dollars each, in gold, for the best essays on patriotic subjects. A number of excellent papers were submitted to the committee appointed to judge of their merit and the prizes were awarded to the two deemed the most worthy.

In June a letter was received from Colonel James Arnold, of Newport, inviting the Chapter to attend the unveiling of the memorial tablets to the heroic dead of the Sixth Infantry Regiment, United States Army, at Fort Thomas, on July 1st. The colonel of this regiment was the gallant Colonel Egbert, already mentioned in my report. Colonel Arnold's invitation was accepted and a committee appointed to make suitable arrangements.

The Secretary, in a recent report of the work done by the Chapter during the past year, says: "The attendance at our regular monthly meetings has steadily increased and we have
derived much benefit, as well as pleasure, from excellent papers read by our members and from addresses delivered before the Chapter, by learned and patriotic men. These meetings have been characterized by a unity of purpose and good feeling, which has promoted a closer acquaintance and added to the harmony existing in our Chapter all of which I am happy to chronicle, forbodes better and broader work for the coming year."

This Chapter has fifty-five members, having added fourteen new names to the list during the past year. I am sorry, however, to report a loss of thirteen members by resignations, transfers to other Chapters out of the State, and one death, that of Mrs. Margaret Chambers Brent Mackey, the Vice-Regent of the Chapter, who died January 5, 1899.

The Bryan Station Chapter, Lexington, Mrs. Shelby Harbison, Regent, has worked conjointly with the Lexington Chapter and the report already given of the latter almost covers the work of both Chapters, for upon all occasions they have worked together in perfect harmony to advance the interest of the Society. One new member has been added to the Chapter in the past year, increasing the membership to seventeen.

The Rebecca Bryan Boone Chapter, Newport, Mrs. I. C. Ellis, Regent, is interested in the commendable work of restoring the Daniel Boone monument at Frankfort, which is in a sad state of dilapidation. The Chapter will endeavor to bring the subject before the Kentucky Legislature this winter and will ask for an appropriation of one thousand dollars to assist in the work of restoration. The original design will be preserved, but bronze panels will be introduced to make it more enduring. Surely the State of his adoption should honor the memory of this hardy pioneer, who braving the perils of an unknown wilderness and a savage foe, gave to civilization the beautiful fertile land beyond the mountains. An old Indian chief said to him, after a treaty had been concluded, "Brother, we have given you a fine land, but I believe you will have trouble in settling it." His words were prophetic.
The Judge Samuel McDowell Chapter, Mrs. Harvey McDowell, Regent, has labored under difficulties, for the members are scattered, several living in other counties, which makes it impossible for them to attend the monthly meetings. Nevertheless the interest in the Society does not decrease.

The grave of a revolutionary soldier, remembered by some of the older citizens, has been located and a committee appointed to select a suitable headstone to mark the grave.

An interesting member of the Chapter is Mrs. E. S. Switzer, a Real Daughter, who is eighty-four years of age. When the gold spoon presented by the National Society was given to her at the January meeting of the Chapter, she exclaimed: "I prize it as a tribute to my honored father."

The sum of five dollars has been contributed by the Chapter to the Continental Hall fund. The Secretary reports one new member, one transfer and one resignation, the present membership being fourteen.

At the January meeting the officers for 1900 were elected and Miss Susan Todd Patterson is the present Regent of the Chapter.

The Paducah Chapter, Paducah, Mrs. Julia Dade Vaughan, Regent, is ever ready to promote the interests of the Society. Medals were given by the Chapter, one to a boy and one to a girl, for essays on the Revolution. A contribution was sent to the Walton Homestead fund and at present arrangements are being made for a loan exhibit on the 22d instant, the proceeds from which will be donated to the Continental Hall fund. The Secretary reports that the prospects for the future are encouraging, that the Chapter is on a solid basis, and they hope very soon to have several new members. The present membership is nineteen.

The Valentine Peers Chapter, Maysville, Mrs. C. W. Blatterman, Regent, is not in a very flourishing condition, I am sorry to say. I feel confident, however, that a new interest is being awakened, for I have just heard that they intend to mark the graves of several revolutionary soldiers buried in their cemetery. The Chapter has twelve members, having lost three during the year.
The Susanna Hart Shelby Chapter, Versailles, Mrs. Rebecca T. Hart, Regent, sustained a great loss last month. The beautiful colonial residence of Mrs. Hart was destroyed by fire. It was an irreparable loss to the family for this historic house contained many valuable portraits, silver and other heirlooms, which can never be replaced. It was one of the landmarks of the county and many great men of the past, Lafayette, Madison, Governor Isaac Shelby, Breckinridge, Clay and a host of others connected with our country's history were entertained within its hospitable walls.

Mrs. I. W. Camden, the daughter of Mrs. Hart, is the Registrar of the Susanna Hart Shelby Chapter and all the Daughters of the American Revolution records which were in the house at the time of the fire were unfortunately destroyed. No report of the Chapter work has therefore been made.

The Jemima Johnson Chapter, Paris, Miss Emma Payne Scott, Regent, has always had an important place among the Chapters in the State. During the past year the following subscriptions were made: To the Lafayette memorial, five dollars; to the Reuben Hyde Walworth memorial, five dollars; to the Washington Monument fund, ten dollars. Regular monthly meetings have been held and the interest has not decreased in spite of the resignation of three members. Three new members have been added.

The Margaret Taliaferro Chapter, Winchester, Miss Mary Belle Miller, Regent, sustained a great loss a few months since in the death of Mrs. Betsy Taliaferro Beckner, who organized the Chapter and was the Regent at the time of her death.

A new Chapter, still without a name, has been formed within the past month at Danville. Mrs. I. C. Hogsett, who was appointed by my predecessor and confirmed as Regent May 1, 1897, was unable, until recently, to obtain the requisite number for a Chapter. She organized with thirteen members.

Mrs. H. D. Barker, New Liberty, also appointed by Mrs. Maxwell in 1897, has worked faithfully and needs but two members to complete her Chapter. Mrs. S. A. Edmunds,
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Hopkinsville, appointed about the same time, hopes to complete her Chapter.

The Regents appointed in 1897-98 at Eminence, Georgetown and Middleborough—Mrs. Hattie F. Moody, Mrs. Belville Herndon and Mrs. Leslie Robertson—have met with no success, and have, I believe, abandoned all hope of forming Chapters in their respective towns.

Four Regents have been appointed during the past year—Mrs. M. C. Saufley, Stanford, confirmed as Regent July 1, 1899; Mrs. Frank Henderson, Ashland, confirmed as Regent October 5, 1899; Mrs. I. Juthrie Coke, Russellville, confirmed as Regent January 3, 1900, and Miss Mary Moore Abell, Harrodsburg, confirmed as Regent February 7, 1900.

I have received encouraging reports from Stanford. Mrs. Saufley, a very enthusiastic Regent, has five or six members and in a recent letter stated that she had found over twelve ladies entitled to membership, whom she hoped to enroll as charter members.

From Mrs. Henderson I have favorable reports of the work at Ashland. She has nine members, with the promise of three more, which will complete her Chapter.

Mrs. Coke, recently appointed Regent at Russellville, and Miss Abell at Harrodsburg, are very much interested in the Society and are trying to form Chapters in their respective towns.

With sincere regret that I cannot be present at the Ninth Continental Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Hart Clay,
State Regent.

MAINE.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: It gives me pleasure to report to you an increased interest and membership throughout the State. I regret, however, that I cannot report new Chapters this year but
fell very sure that at least four will be formed during the next few months.

At the State Council meeting, in January, which was entertained by Mrs. Youland, of Biddeford, reports were given by the Regents, which were very interesting and cannot fail to excite enthusiasm among the members.

The Elizabeth Wadsworth Chapter, of Portland, Mrs. A. A. Kendall, Regent, reported one hundred and forty-five members with sixteen about to be admitted. It has six Real Daughters and one to enter. It has presented a flag to Fraternity Hall and placed a framed copy of the Declaration of Independence in the High School of Portland. Its deeds of charity are many—caring for the sick and needy soldiers and their families.

Florence Dighton Williams Chapter, of Bangor, has increased its membership, now forty-six. Miss Charlotte E. Baldwin is Regent. It meets once a month. Historical papers are written and read. These papers are placed on file in the Bangor Public Library for reference. It has published a history of the ancestry of its members.

Koussinoc Chapter, of Augusta, Miss Helen W. Fuller, Regent, celebrates special days with appropriate exercises. Course of study: “Famous Women of the Revolution.” It has given fifteen dollars to Continental Hall fund.

Samuel Grant Chapter, of Gardiner, under the Regency of Mrs. Nora G. Rice, has prospered. The Chapter has one Real Daughter and one honorary member, Mrs. Laura E. Richards, daughter of Mrs. Julia Ward Howe. It has given ten dollars to the Continental Hall fund. In May, Mrs. Rice entertained the State Council. It was a very successful and enjoyable day for the Regents.

Mrs. Josephine Walker, Regent of the General Knox Chapter, of Thomaston, reported an increase of six members. The preservation of the grave of General Knox has been the special work of this Chapter. Course of study: “Lodge’s Story of the Revolution and Parliamentary Law.” Thirty-six dollars have been given to the Continental Hall fund. I have had the honor of signing the Chapter’s charter.

Silence Howard Hayden Chapter, of Waterville, has one
new member. Miss Sara D. Long has recently been elected Regent. Course of study: "Lodge's Story of the Revolution." In October, the Chapter, with Mrs. W. F. Bodge, Regent, entertained the State Council and Mrs. W. P. Frye, Maine's Vice-President General. Mrs. Bodge, in a very pleasing manner, in behalf of the Chapter, presented to the State Regent a marble gavel block with the inscription, "State Council, 1899."

With Mrs. W. H. Youland, Regent, the Rebecca Emery Chapter, of Biddeford, has had a profitable year. It meets once a month and Mrs. Jellison, the Historian, gives an historical paper. These articles, which are of great value, are to be published in book form. As its special work, it is restoring an ancient burial ground, long forgotten by the city. In November, the Chapter welcomed Mrs. W. P. Frye and the State Regent.

Eunice Farnsworth Chapter, of Skowhegan, has twenty-three members. Miss Gertrude Weston has recently been elected Regent. It has six Real Daughters. A prize has been offered to one of the public schools for the best historical essay. The prize to be awarded February 22d.

Lady Knox Chapter, of Rockland, with Mrs. W. S. White, Regent, is interested in its work, viz: Restoration of an ancient burial ground, and aiding the public library.

Lewiston and Auburn, represented by the Mary Dillingham Chapter, Mrs. F. H. Packard, Regent, has taken for its special work the founding of an Historical and Free Public Library. Rooms have been secured and these are open to the public every afternoon. Newspapers and magazines are on the tables, free to all. It has joined a Traveling Art Association and every month one hundred new photographs are on exhibition for two weeks, free to the public. I have visited Portland, Thomaston, twice; Rockland, Bangor, Biddeford, twice, Waterville and Gardiner.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN FRYE WHITE,

State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to report the appointment of two Chapter Regents during the year. A Chapter is in process of formation at Croom which I hope will soon be in operation.

The Baltimore Chapter, Baltimore, Mrs. A. Leo Knott, Regent, offered again, as they have done the last two years, a handsome medal to the pupils of the Female High Schools for the best essay on "Maryland Troops in the Revolutionary War." Forty-two essays were submitted in competition. The medal was awarded to Miss Emma O. Lauchheimer, and presented with appropriate ceremonies. A very handsome reception was given by the Chapter, on the 19th of October, the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the burning of the "Peggy Stewart," to which the officers of the different patriotic societies were invited. Historical meetings and receptions have been held regularly. At the suggestion of the Regent, the Chapter has begun the study of parliamentary law and procedure. Twenty-five dollars was contributed to the Mt. Vernon Association. The Chapter has one hundred and fifty members; three have been transferred to the Chapter, one from the Chapter, and one resignation.

Maryland Line Chapter, Miss Elizabeth Chew Williams, Regent, has thirty members; three have been added and two have resigned during the past year. A garden party, netting $44.00, was given last summer by the Chapter for the benefit of the monument, to be erected in Baltimore, in memory of the soldiers of Maryland, who fell in the Revolution. Thirty-five dollars was realized from a card party, given to raise funds for the Continental Hall.

The Frederick Chapter, Frederick, Miss Eleanor Murdoch Johnson, Regent. Chapter Day, November 23rd, the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the repudiation of the Stamp Act by the Frederick Court, was suitably observed. Regular meetings have been held during the year,
and entertainments are being given to raise funds for the Continental Hall. The Chapter has lost four members: one transfer, one resignation and two dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Four new members have been added. The Chapter has twenty-seven members.

The Peggy Stewart Tea Party Chapter, Annapolis, Mrs. James C. Cresap, Regent, although a little over one year old, has done excellent work. Through its efforts Peggy Stewart Day was celebrated for the first time in Annapolis. Under the auspices of the Chapter, six hundred children of the Public Schools commemorated the burning of the brig, "Peggy Stewart," with her cargo of tea, and established for all time, it is hoped, the custom of observing the 19th of October, on the spot where this revolutionary event took place. Memorial exercises of great interest were held on the 14th of December, when the Chapter gathered together to pay their tribute to Washington, who, one hundred years ago, had passed away, leaving a nation to mourn his loss. Interesting papers were read, and many valuable Washington relics were displayed. Three collateral descendants of Washington were present, and one of these exhibited one of the six original miniatures, given by Martha Washington to her grandchildren. Also the gold watch Washington gave his stepson, Custis, on his marriage. The Chapter has sixteen members.

Respectfully submitted,

CATHERINE G. THOM,
State Regent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: Massachusetts has the honor to bring you most loyal greetings, and reports a year of steady growth and prosperity in the ranks of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The State Regent reports fifty-five organized Chapters; total membership, 3,257. Massachusetts is proud of the daughters of revolutionary soldiers, since, according to the records of the Historian General, we have a membership
of fifty-two, and therefore may we not claim the distinction of being the banner State for Real Daughters? One Regent has resigned her commission during the year; two Regents have been appointed with one yet to organize her Chapter.

The Regent regrets that only brief extracts of the splendid work of the Chapters can be given, as all have done work deserving of the highest praise; showing, as it does, the greatest enthusiasm and patriotic sincerity.

Abiah Folger Franklin, Nantucket.—No report has been received from this Chapter, but the Regent has reason to know that they are interested in historical work worthy of the Society of which they are members.

Abigail Adams, Boston.—Membership, 126. Interested especially in historical research, and has contributed to the Lafayette Fund and other funds of interest to the Society.

Anne Adams Tufts, Somerville.—Membership, 17. Received its charter this year. Has assisted the Somerville Historical Society and been especially interested in active patriotic work, giving personal attention to the relief of the sick returned soldiers.

Betsy Hoss, Lawrence.—Membership, 40. This Chapter reports active work and increased membership. Historical pictures have been presented to the High School in Lawrence. Assistance has also been given to the Betsy Ross Memorial Association.

Betty Allen, Northampton.—Membership, 58, with many applications still to be acted upon. Prizes have been given to the High School for the best essay on revolutionary history. Headquarters of the Chapter have also been established in one of the oldest houses in Northampton.

Boston Tea Party, Boston.—Membership, 88. This Chapter has met with a great loss in the death of their Regent during the year, and yet the work has been finely and carefully carried forward by the members in charge. Monthly meetings and the issue of a bright little paper called "Tea Leaves." Grave of David Decker, Moscow, Maine, one of the original Tea Party, has been marked and money has been contributed to the Continental Hall Fund.

Bunker Hill, Boston. Membership, 88. Chapter in fine
condition, with constantly increasing membership. The 17th of June, the anniversary of Bunker Hill, was celebrated by this Chapter in a most patriotic manner, having a large meeting and a fine oration given in Charlestown under the shadow of Bunker Hill.

Captain Samuel Sprague, Chelsea.—Membership, 14. Regent and Vice-Regent are both accomplished in genealogy and are doing excellent work in that direction, and reports regular meetings to have been of unusual interest to the members.

Colonel Thomas Lothrop, Cohasset.—Membership, 33. Pictures of historical interest have been given to the schools, and held enthusiastic meetings which have been the result of much thoughtful work by the Chapter members, and much credit is due the Regent for her unfailing efforts to increase the membership of this Chapter.

Colonel Timothy Bigelow, Worcester.—Membership, 18. The work of the year has been principally of a literary nature and of locating the graves of revolutionary soldiers in Worcester.

Deborah Sampson, Brockton.—Membership, 66. They celebrated February 22d; have aided the Old Bridgewater Historical Building Fund; presented pictures and flags to the schools, and held the regular monthly meetings.

Dorothy Brewer, Waltham.—Membership, 31. Reports a year of increased interest; contributions to various funds of interest to the National Society and many original papers of great genealogical value have been contributed by the Chapter members.

Dorothy Quincy Hancock, Greenfield.—Membership, 50. Reports a most successful and interesting Historical Loan Exhibition from the proceeds of which were purchased thirteen bronze markers for the graves of revolutionary soldiers.

Fanueil Hall, Wakefield. Membership, 58.—Have placed patriotic pictures in High Schools, and have presented the Melrose High School with a picture of Mount Vernon. His-
torical papers of great interest have been given, especially one by Mrs. Roger Wolcott, our Honorary State Regent. The members have contributed to the Reubena Hyde Walworth Memorial, to the Lafayette and Washington funds and Continental Hall.

Fitchburg, Fitchburg.—Membership, 23. Chapter has been organized during the year and recently received its charter. In spite of the work of organization this young Chapter has assisted in the decoration of the graves on Memorial Day and in the preservation of the old burial ground of their city.

Fort Massachusetts, North Adams.—Membership, 64. Observed seven revolutionary anniversaries and purchased a pennant to mark the site of Fort Massachusetts. Reports active work, great interest among the members, and has been especially zealous in forwarding the work of the Children of the American Revolution in that part of Massachusetts.

Framingham, Framingham.—Membership, 57. These members have presented the High School with an alto relievo of Paul Revere's ride, and on Memorial Day marked the graves of all the heroes of '76 by placing flags and Sons of the American Revolution markers. The chief work of the Chapter at present is the erection of a monument for revolutionary soldiers in Framingham. The town has granted a spot of historic interest for the site of the statue and both town and Chapter will unite toward the erection of this monument. Members of this Chapter are particularly enthusiastic in the work and are inclined also to historical research as well as the more active work.

General Benjamin Lincoln, East Boston.—Membership, 44. The usual monthly meetings of benefit and pleasure to the members; decorated graves of soldiers and a specially beautiful tribute was sent to the resting place of the Chapter hero on May 30th. This Chapter, with a feeling of charming hospitality, sent Christmas greetings to all its absent members, its good will reaching as far as Japan.

General Israel Putnam, Danvers.—Membership, 58. Chapter reports meetings of unusual enthusiasm and a visit on April 19th from Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, that splendid repre-
sentative of American womanhood, who has given to the world that beautiful expression of soul at once patriotic and divine, called the Battle Hymn of the Republic. A most interesting needlework exhibition is reported as one of the successful undertakings of this Chapter.

General Joseph Badger, Marlboro.—Membership, 37. The graves of seventy revolutionary soldiers marked on Memorial Day; presented the American Magazine to the Public Library; gave a lecture on the “American Flag,” to which the school children were invited by the courtesy of the Chapter. Received its charter June 14th.

Hannah Goddard, Brookline.—Membership, 52. During the past year has been especially interested in sending relief to our soldiers in Manila, and by several entertainments have raised, money for a tablet, which is about to be erected, for the soldiers of the Revolution.

Hannah Winthrop, Cambridge.—Membership, 76. Has contributed to the Lafayette Fund and presented eight historical pictures to the Cambridge Public Schools. The retiring Regent has been made Honorary Regent of the Chapter, and also a life member of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Johanna Aspinwall, Brookline.—Membership, 24. Received its charter last May, and is to be congratulated for the faithful, patriotic carrying out of the injunction of Mr. Washington, since their work has been devoted to the patriotic education of children, having given three lectures to the Grammar School and a fine engraving of George Washington and are now bending their efforts towards the presentation of a flag to another school in the town.

John Adams, Boston.—Membership, 78. A most enthusiastic, hard-working Chapter, always united in their efforts towards patriotic achievements. They have assisted in repairing the Old South Church, so closely identified with the first battle cry of the Revolution; have entertained most hospitably officers of the State and members of other Chapters, but their especial work is to raise money for the purchase of a memorial window of John Adams, to be placed in Continental Hall, Washington.
Lexington, Lexington.—The Regent has received no re-
ply to her request from this Chapter, but she knows that
the Regent has suffered a severe loss in the death of her
mother, and is at present absent from her home. We feel
that this Chapter can rest upon its laurels for the good work
that it has done in the past.
Lucy Jackson, Newton.—Membership, 85. Held its
monthly meetings with uniform regularity; papers of his-
toric interest on the thirteen original States have been one
object of the year and lectures have been given by Professor
Fiske and Mr. Mead. This Chapter has contributed to the
Lafayette Fund and Meadow Garden.
Lucy Knox, Gloucester.—Membership, 41. Contributed to
the Reubena Hyde Walworth Memorial Fund; marked the
graves of revolutionary soldiers and held eleven meetings
during the year. This Chapter reports steady growth in
membership and in enthusiasm for the cause.
Lydia Cobb, Taunton.—Membership, 83. This Chapter
has awarded prizes for historical essays; given material aid
in a surgical operation for the restoration of the eyesight of
a revolutionary descendant. Special interest and care is
given to its Real Daughters.
Margaret Corbin, Chelsea.—Membership, 29. Chapter or-
ganized July 1st. By especial efforts of one member, an ad-
touncement of bread, displayed upon our beautiful emblem,
the American Flag, was, according to the statute laws of
Massachusetts, removed from its conspicuous place in the
street cars and shop windows where such desecration was an
eyesore to every Daughter of the American Revolution.
Martha's Vineyard, Edgartown.—Membership, 61. Pre-
sented picture of George Washington to the public schools
of the town; placed Sons of the American Revolution
markers upon graves of revolutionary soldiers; petitioned
the town to preserve the old burial ground. Great interest
has been taken in a memorial to the Rev. Thomas Mayhew,
and have contributed to Continental Hall and Washington
Memorial Fund.
Mary Draper, West Roxbury.—Membership, 45. This
Chapter is interested in the erection of a memorial fountain
in honor of Mary Draper, but they have also generously contributed to the Lafayette Memorial Fund. Chapter reports active and enthusiastic work among the members.

Mary Mattoon, Amherst.—Membership, 37. This Chapter has, during the year, held its regular meetings and reports as their work the establishment of the Amherst Historical Society, under the auspices of the Chapter. Rooms in an old house of revolutionary times have been opened and a collection of great historical interest is placed there on permanent exhibition.

Mercy Warren, Springfield.—Membership, 268. This Chapter has the distinction of being the largest in the State, and its work is always in accordance with its membership. The object of greatest interest this year has been the dedication of Chapter headquarters, where many valuable relics are to be found, and much of value promised for the future by the zealous members. The year has been exceedingly prosperous and the membership of this Chapter is still increasing.

Molly Varnum, Lowell.—Membership, 152. The year has been one of great activity and as a result a very beautiful memorial monument was dedicated to the revolutionary soldiers of Chelmsford on June 17th. The meeting was attended by many well known people and much praise has been given the Chapter for their fine work.

Old Bay State, Lowell.—Membership, 14. Regular monthly meetings have been held and historical papers have been given by the members. They have had a prosperous year and success is wished to this new Chapter.

Old Colony, Hingham.—Membership, 51. This Chapter most generously offered its hospitality to the Chapters in Massachusetts and the Annual Conference was held in Hingham, October 5, 1899. The day was a beautiful one and the historic surroundings most inspiring. A most gratifying enthusiasm was evinced by the members who attended. The Conference was honored by the presence of Governor Roger Wolcott, of Massachusetts, General Francis H. Appleton, President of the Sons of the American Revolution, and other distinguished guests, and special mention must be given to
the music, which was one of the features of the day. This Chapter has also placed photographs and plaster casts of historical interest in the public schools; have subscribed to the Washington Monument Fund, Booker Washington Educational Fund and Continental Hall.

Old Concord, Concord.—Membership, 47. Papers of historic value of the ancestry of members have occupied this Chapter during the year; have also given social meetings where guests well known for their interest in the Society have been present. On one of these occasions the Children of the American Revolution gave special pleasure to the Regent.

Old Newbury, Newburyport.—Membership, 57. Presented AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE to the Public Library reading room; contributed to fund of Washington and Lafayette Monuments and held its regular meetings.

Old North Church, Boston.—Received its charter; assisted in decorating the Paul Revere School-house, and has given assistance to other patriotic causes.

Old South Church, Boston.—Membership, 160. This Chapter is devoted to literary and active work. A reception in honor of Washington's wedding anniversary was given by them for the first time in Massachusetts. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Rev. Dr. Barton, Hezekiah Butterworth have been the orators of the meetings of this Chapter. On Decoration Day they decorated the grave of Samuel F. Smith, the author of "America." Washington Monument Fund and other local charities, together with donations to Real Daughters, have been the work of this Chapter.

Paul Jones, Boston.—Membership, 19. Has the distinction of being the only Chapter named for a naval hero, and one of its members has the honor to be the daughter of one of the men who served under Paul Jones. Fourteen meetings have been held—four open meetings of interesting character. Has had many historical gifts, a sea chest from Admiral Belknap and a flag carried by Paul Jones on "Bon Homme Richard." Money has been contributed to Continental Hall Fund. AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE placed in Boston Public Library; portrait of Paul Jones donated to National Society.
This Chapter shows great enthusiasm and promises much work for the future.

Paul Revere, Boston.—Membership, 125. The work of the year has been the establishing in Dennison House of a club for historical study and good citizenship among the unfortunate children of that district, called the Paul Revere Historical Club. Contributions have been sent to Continental Hall. The celebration of April 19th at Old Christ Church was a day ever to be remembered in the history of the Massachusetts Daughters of the American Revolution.

Peace Party, Pittsfield.—Membership, 50. Its work has been principally of nineteen heroes of the Revolution, and also had a large share in the work of placing fifty-five markers on May 30th. Historical papers of great value have been given by members of this Chapter.

Prudence Wright, Pepperell.—Membership, 43. Six regular, three special meetings. Observed February 22d and April 19th. On January 17th visited the home of Colonel William Prescott. Gave Colonial Historical Exhibition; erected flag pole on common on the one hundred and fifty-ninth birthday of Prudence Wright. The Camera Club, which is a special feature of this Chapter, has been eminently successful in its beautiful views of historical spots.

Quequechan, Fall River.—Membership, 80. The principal work of the Chapter has been the erecting of a tablet on City Hall to commemorate the battle of Fall River, and at the unveiling exercises were present the State Regent of Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The graves of revolutionary soldiers decorated on Memorial Day and papers and magazines have been sent to our soldiers on duty at distant posts.

Samuel Adams, Methuen.—Membership, 43. Chapter has received their charter and held organization services on Memorial Day of unusual interest. Chapter is to be congratulated upon the earnestness with which they have entered the work of the Society.

Sarah Bradlee Fulton, Medford.—Membership, 52. Placed in Medford Public Library American Monthly Magazine; decorated graves of revolutionary soldiers; purchased the summer house which stood upon the Royal estate, where
the Council of War was held before Bunker Hill; held a most successful and interesting loan exhibit of historic relics and at present is interested in placing tablet upon grave of Chapter hero.

Sea Coast Defense, Vineyard Haven.—Membership, 51. Held loan exhibit in aid of Chapter headquarters; observed the centennial of Washington’s death, and are at present locating the graves of revolutionary soldiers in that part of the State.

Submit Clark, East Hampton.—Membership, 23. Prizes offered to the pupils of the public schools for best essay on historical subject; erected tablet to Lieutenant Asahael Clark and Submit, his wife, and assumed care of the lot in the cemetery, and are now actively engaged in locating graves of revolutionary soldiers.

Susanna Tufts, Weymouth.—Membership, 14. Just started on work of historic research and patriotic endeavor and has the best wishes of the Regent for their success.

The Liberty Tree, Boston.—Membership, 24. Especially interested in historical research and the Library Association.

Uxbridge, Uxbridge.—Membership, 14. Held an exhibition of colonial relics to raise funds for sending books and magazines to our soldiers in the Philippines. The work of this Chapter is earnest and patriotic, and its membership is increasing.

Warren and Prescott, Boston.—Membership, 100. Has regular monthly meetings from November to April, with papers on revolutionary subjects. Subscriptions have been sent to Continental Hall Fund, to the Lafayette Memorial and Betsy Ross Memorial.

Watertown, Watertown.—Membership, 45. Their work is coöperative with the Sons of the American Revolution in locating graves of revolutionary patriots and of other heroes serving in war up to the present time. Many historical papers have been prepared by the members and read at the meetings.

The united work in which the Chapters, our Honorary State Regent, Mrs. Wolcott, and the Regent have brought forward during the year has been the publication of the list of men and women who gave money to the Federal Gov-
ernment at the time of the Revolution, and for the text of which Massachusetts is indebted to the loyalty and patriotism of Mrs. Amos G. Draper, of Washington. To emphasize the work of the necessity of educating the aliens who come to us, a lecture in Italian to the adult Italian population of Boston was given on February 1st, instructing them in the history of the Revolution from Lexington to Valley Forge, and we were gratified by the presence of five hundred Italians on that occasion. Since then the Regent has received a request from them for more lectures in this line.

The Regent begs to state that she has organized but two Chapters during the year, since it has been her judgment that it would heighten the strength of the Society to increase the membership of the Chapters already formed rather than to form new Chapters, and she has the honor to announce that in spite of the resignations and deaths, which we deplore, that all Chapters report growth in membership.

Five hundred and eight notices sent out, 130 application blanks, 300 Constitutions distributed, 2,048 letters received, 2,237 letters written, 1,000 patriotic songs given to public schools, 62 official visits paid, 5 Regents' conferences held, 5 charters presented and 7 charters signed.

To the coming year we look with anticipation to extending and increasing the work in the cause, and as the years advance may we all take part in the training of good citizens, who shall guide and defend our Republic in its march from glory to glory.

The Regent begs the honor to offer to the National Board thanks for the many courtesies and the unfailing kindness and helpful instruction which it has been ever her privilege to receive from them.

To the Regents and every individual members of Massachusetts she desires to express her gratitude for the faithful interest and enthusiasm which has carried forward the work of the year, and for the charming hospitality and never-to-be-forgotten kindness of which she has been the happy and grateful recipient.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA W. DAGGETT,
State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present the following as the report of the Regent of Minnesota:

Our Chapters have been showing a steady growth and the interest in our work increases. We have eleven Chapters and three on the verge of organization, distributed over our large State, containing 615 members.

At the annual State Conference, held in Minneapolis, June 2d, all the Chapters except one were represented. The meeting was a delightful and enthusiastic one, the Minneapolis and Colonial Chapters entertaining the State Daughters. A full report of this Conference has been published in the American Monthly.

The Minneapolis and Colonial Chapters took an active part in the welcome extended to the soldiers of the Thirteenth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, on their return from the Philippines.

The Chapters are in fine condition and the outlook is all that could be desired.

St. Paul Chapter.—The St. Paul Chapter has at present 156 members, a loss during the year of eighteen members. Mrs. J. B. Beals is Regent. The meetings, which are open to the public, are of a social character and have been largely attended.

The special work of the Chapter during the year has been to honor the flag and to prevent its desecration. On May 4th a beautiful flag was presented to Macalester College, Minnesota, with appropriate ceremonies, conducted by the Chapter.

Minneapolis Chapter.—The Minneapolis Chapter has held thirteen meetings. The growth has been unusually large, twenty new members having been added, the largest increase of any Chapter in the State.

The Chapter has been active and has endeavored to do some practical work and yet not neglect the social side. Christmas boxes were sent to the Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteers, and money to be used in sending home invalid soldiers.
Three notable social meetings were those of January 11th at the home of the State Regent, the Colonial Tea, April 19th, a successful and beautiful occasion, and the meeting on September 6th, held at the home of Mrs. Charlotte O. Van Cleve, in commemoration of the battle of Fort Griswold.

The honored and efficient Regent, Mrs. Henry A. Norton, has represented her Chapter most acceptably for two years at the National Congress. The membership has been limited to one hundred. Ninety-five are now enrolled, and applications for the remaining five have been accepted.

The Chapter has been most prosperous and united, having excellent officers, women of experience who have been faithful in the discharge of all the duties devolving upon them.

Colonial Chapter.—The past year has been one of increasing interest and activity in the Colonial Chapter. There have been nineteen accessions and five resignations since the last report, bringing the membership to the full limit, one hundred and thirty. Four papers are in the hands of the Registrar waiting for a vacancy, and fourteen others whose names have been accepted by the Society.

Nine meetings have been held during the year. Two appointed for special business purposes, four combined business with literary and social entertainment. Two, after a short business session, were given to sociability. On one of these social occasions, Mrs. Adlai Stevenson was the guest of honor. The Regents of the other Chapters of Minneapolis and St. Paul were also guests.

One purely social gathering was held at the summer home of one of the members at Lake Minnetonka.

In the line of patriotic work the Chapter has done little this year in a financial way, "preferring to let our funds accumulate for a year or so in order that we may undertake more important work."

The greatest misfortune this year has been the resignation of the capable and efficient Regent, Mrs. C. M. Loring. The Vice-Regent, Mrs. George H. Christian, will serve as Regent until the time for election of new officers.

Nathan Hale Chapter.—The Nathan Hale Chapter, of St.
Paul, now numbers fifty members, several having been lost through removal or death.

The increase of the fund for the erection of a monument to Nathan Hale goes on. The amount now invested is four hundred dollars.

The work for the year has been the study of the Revolutionary War, and at each meeting a paper relating to that subject has been presented by some one of its members.

A prize has been offered for the best essay on Nathan Hale, to be written by the eighth grade pupils of the St. Paul High Schools. The Chapter is in a thoroughly pleasant and prosperous condition. The present Regent is Mrs. Hascal R. Brill.

Greysolon-du-Lhut Chapter.—The Greysolon-du-Lhut Chapter, of Duluth, reports twenty-one members and has held eight meetings during the year, some purely social and others when valuable and instructive papers on the battles of the Revolution were read. The Regent, Mrs. Coman C. Ames, resigned in May, to move to Minneapolis, and carried with her the love and good wishes of all the members of the Chapter.

At the annual meeting and banquet of October 19th, twelve ladies were entertained at the home of Mrs. W. A. McGonagh and spent a most enjoyable evening. Mrs. J. W. Harbison is the present Regent.

Daughters of Liberty Chapter.—The Daughters of Liberty Chapter, of Duluth, is, as usual, following out a carefully prepared programme for the study of American history. The membership is twenty-six.

Miss Laura Jones, the efficient Regent, has the enthusiastic support of her Chapter in this work, and there are papers written that should be preserved for a larger audience.

Charter Oak Chapter.—The Charter Oak Chapter, of Faribault, has passed a pleasant and successful year. Five members have been added, and one has withdrawn, leaving a present total of membership of sixteen.

Meetings were held monthly, except during July and August. A prize of five dollars in gold has been offered to the High School scholars for the best paper on the history of
Minnesota, from the earliest explorations to the beginning of the Civil War. This prize is to be offered annually, the subject to be selected each year by the Chapter, from early American history.

The Chapter has in contemplation the erection of a monument to Alexander Faribault, the founder of the town, and will devote their energies to this object the coming year.

The charter was presented at a meeting held at the home of its Treasurer, a descendant of Captain Wadsworth, from whose gallant deed the Chapter takes its name, and it is hoped that some time it may be framed in wood from an off-shoot of the historic oak tree. The enthusiasm has been sustained throughout the entire year. Miss Stella F. Cole is Regent.

Wenonah Chapter.—The Wenonah Chapter, of Winona, organized two years ago, has grown from twenty-two to thirty-three members during the year, and reports a corresponding growth in the interest taken in Chapter work. Eight regular meetings have been held of a social and literary character and the systematic study of American history has been undertaken. The Chapter has been well represented at the National Congress and at the State meetings.

In October, 1899, a delightful luncheon was given by the Regent in honor of the Chapter. Mrs. C. M. Loring, Regent of the Colonial Chapter, and Mrs. Henry A. Norton, Regent of the Minneapolis Chapter, assisted in receiving, the occasion being the anniversary of the surrender of General Burgoyne.

In April the Chapter had the honor of admitting to membership Mrs. Harriet Allen, a Real Daughter.

Twenty dollars were contributed to the Lafayette Monument and fifty dollars to the Continental Hall. The present Regent is Mrs. F. A. Rising.

Distaff Chapter.—The Distaff Chapter, of St. Paul, is in a prosperous condition, with a membership of fifty-seven, an increase of seven members during the year.

The number is limited to fifty resident members and fifteen of the members are non-resident.

The Chapter suffered a serious loss in the death of Mrs. Adeline E. Walker, a charter member of the Chapter, and a
member of the Committee of Council at the time of her death. She entered into rest July 25, 1899.

Four Chapter meetings have been held during the year. One of these was an open meeting, with Major Fitzgerald and Captain Ritchie, of the Thirteenth Minnesota Volunteers Hospital Corps, as honorary guests, and numerous officers of the sister Chapters of the State.

Through the generosity of Mrs. John Quincy Adams, a charter member of the Distaff Chapter, one hundred dollars was contributed to the Continental Hall Fund in February, 1899. This was not included in last year’s report, as it was given after the report was presented.

Mrs. Charles E. Smith is Regent of the Chapter.

Fergus Falls Chapter.—The Fergus Falls Chapter was organized January 30, 1899, with a membership of twelve. Since then three have been added, with two applications now at Washington. The Chapter has contributed to the Reubena Hyde Walworth Memorial and the Continental Hall Fund.

This Chapter has aimed to promote patriotism, especially in the raising of flags on school houses and public buildings. The city having a large Scandinavian population, necessary attention has not been paid to these observances. A study of Continental history has been carried on at the semi-monthly meetings. Mrs. James A. Bronson is Regent.

Anthony Wayne Chapter.—The Anthony Wayne Chapter, of Mankato, was organized a year ago with thirteen charter members and now numbers sixteen. Meetings have been held monthly for business and study. The subject so far considered has been the causes and events leading up to the Revolutionary War.

There is an earnestness and enthusiasm manifested by this young Chapter that promises good work in the future. The present Regent is Miss Nettie Severance.

Mrs. R. S. Gale, of St. Cloud, appointed Regent to organize a Chapter, has been at work and will very soon complete its organization. Mrs. O. C. Wyman and Miss Winston, both of Minneapolis, have been appointed by the present
State Regent to organize Chapters, as both of the existing Chapters were limited as to number.

Miss Winston will form a young ladies' Chapter.

Mrs. F. A. Faitoute, of Rochester, has been appointed Regent in the place of Mrs. Stebbins, whose office expired by limitation, as has that of Mrs. Edward Durant, of Stillwater.

With the hope that in the years to come our organization may continue to be a power for good in State and Nation, I submit this, my last report as State Regent for Minnesota.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. TORRENCE,  
State Regent.

MISSISSIPPI.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: In presenting to you my report of the Daughters of the American Revolution work in Mississippi since the last meeting of Congress, I feel warranted in saying that we have made a decided advance and that the outlook for assured success in the near future is brighter than it has ever been.

Notwithstanding the hard times from yellow fever and flood, our members have held bravely together and have borne their burdens with the unselfish, unflinching spirit of their ancestors. I find their interest in all the objects of our organization quick and responsive. The Natchez Chapter of sixteen members offers yearly a prize medal for the best student of American History in their public schools. They sent $5 to help the Chickamauga Chapter in their patriotic work, have furnished a swing to the Day Nursery at Natchez, have paid up all their dues and write me that they expect to send $10 to the Continental Hall fund.

In Oxford the David Reed Chapter of 15 members was organized in August. Their Chaplain is a Real Daughter of the Revolution. They, too, have paid up all dues, including the life membership of their Regent, and have just sent $5 to the Continental Hall Fund. "Despise not the day of small things." These two Chapters are few in numbers, but the spirit that animates them is permeating the State and soon
will "leaven the whole lump." Letters of inquiry from over the State indicate an interest hitherto unmanifested. Columbus will soon have a Chapter and several neighboring towns in the west are looking to a combined organization in the near future.

Your Honorable body appointed me to the Regency of Mississippi when there were not over six scattered members in the State. I accepted the position with trepidation, but filled with the enthusiasm caught from the great central heart of the Society where I lived at the time I undertook the work. It was a hard one, but my heart was in it and I "sowed early and late, beside all waters," working alone. Only once did I call upon the National Board for any supply—one box of paper and envelopes and $5 for stamps.

The work has been a delight, notwithstanding the difficulties that lay in our way, and it is with feelings of sincere regret that I hand in to the State and to this Congress my resignation of the Regency which I have always felt to be an honor, and which has brought me in touch with so many of the noblest spirits of our land.

I had hoped to be present at this Congress to represent my State, as my two Chapters felt that they could not bear the expense of going and help the Continental Fund too, but illness in my family keeps me at home.

Hoping that my successor will find the way somewhat smoothed for her by my having gone before and bespeaking for her the same sympathy and courtesy which the National Board of Managers always manifested for me.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE UPS\’ON SIMS,
State Regent.

MONTANA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present herewith my report, as State Regent of Montana, for the year 1899. I invite your attention to the work done in this far-away State since my election last February. The success we attained is due
largely to the efforts of my predecessor, Mrs Mary De Veny Wasson, whose recent departure from the State is deeply regretted.

While I cannot report the organization of new Chapters as I had hoped to, yet an interest has been awakened by my traveling throughout the State in the interest of the Society and by publication in the various newspapers setting forth its benevolent and patriotic objects. These efforts have brought forth a large number of inquiries from persons wishing to join the Society, and we can reasonably hope for good results for the year 1900.

The membership of the Silver Bow Chapter, of Butte, the only one in the State, is seventeen, with the prospect of six new members. Its officers for the following year are:

Mrs. Walter S. (Jennie S.) Tallant, Regent; Mrs. A. J. Davis, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Elmer (Luella S.) Kern, Secretary; Mrs. A. (Katherine Mason) Wethy, Treasurer; Mrs. C. H. (Jane Hutchins) Moore, Registrar; Mrs. J. H. (Helen P.) Harper, Historian.

Much good work has been done by the members of this Chapter and much more is in contemplation. On the 22d of February, 1900, a fine engraving of General Washington will be presented to the public schools of Butte. A drinking fountain will be erected in memory of the Montana boys who nobly fought and died for their country in the late Spanish-American War. At many of the regular meetings of the Chapter the Continental Hall fund and the American Auxiliary Cuban Provisional Red Cross fund have been freely and earnestly discussed, the results of which will be shown in the near future.

In conclusion I would say that we have a most difficult field in which to labor, and our efforts are retarded by many obstacles, and although the great distance at which we live from Washington will preclude us from the pleasure of often being in the prospective Continental Hall, yet we will be none the less active in our endeavor to help build it.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoinette Van Hook Browne,

State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I take pleasure in presenting to you the report of the Nebraska Chapters for the year 1899.

There are still only two active Chapters in our State, but much interest has been shown and inquiries come to me from many parts of the State from ladies who are searching for records and are anxious to join our ranks.

The Deborah Avery Chapter, of Lincoln, Mrs. Ella K. Morrison, Regent, has been especially prosperous, twenty-one new members having been added during the past year. Two of their members, Mrs. Sarah Fletcher Whitcomb and Mrs. Martha Ann Savin Eaton are daughters of soldiers who served in the American Revolution.

The Chapter has pledged twenty-five dollars for the Continental Hall and twenty-five dollars to the Lincoln Public Library for American History.

Miss Ethel Pearl Erford, class of '99, of the Lincoln High School, was awarded the gold medal for the best essay on the subject, "Educational Standards in Colonial New England." This medal is offered annually to the Senior girls of the Lincoln High School.

Regular meetings have been held monthly. The programs at these meetings were music, historical and genealogical papers, and addresses on patriotic subjects.

A reception was given to Mrs. M. L. Hayward, of Nebraska City, on the anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, the Charter Day of the Chapter.

The Omaha Chapter, under the leadership of its very earnest and capable Regent, Mrs. Elsie DeCou Troup, has grown much, both in strength and usefulness during the past year.

As an incentive to the study of revolutionary history by the youth of Omaha this Chapter last year offered a gold medal to the boy or girl in the eighth grade of the public schools who would present to the Chapter the best essay on "Colonial Manners and Customs." Miss Violet Patten, an orphan girl dependent on her own efforts for an education, was unanimously awarded the medal.
On June 17th a most delightful reception was given at the residence of the State Regent in Omaha, at which the Sons of the American Revolution of Nebraska and the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, were the guests of the local Chapter.

In the month of August the Chapter assisted the Pennsylvania Club, of Omaha, to furnish entertainment for the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment en route from Manila to Pittsburgh, and also when the First Nebraska Regiment arrived in Omaha the Chapter was well represented at the breakfast and luncheon given by the ladies of Omaha to the returning soldiers.

Meetings have been held each month which have been interesting and instructive and a complete historical program for the ensuing year has been prepared and printed.

The December meeting commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the death of George Washington was held at the residence of Mrs. S. D. Barkalow, which was beautifully decorated with flags and paintings appropriate to the occasion.

One of the important features of the work done by this Chapter last year was the beginning of a collection of revolutionary and colonial relics to be placed on exhibition in the public library and museum of Omaha. Among numerous other articles already collected there are many valuable books and manuscripts, rare linen, and old china, of which last the late Mrs. John M. Thurston's valuable collection alone fills a number of cases.

I have recently appointed Mrs. Abbie Leighton Day Regent at Pender, subject to the approval of the National Board of Management.

We hope to be able to report at least two new Chapters another year, as Mrs. Langworthy, Regent, at Seward, and Mrs. Cline, Regent at Minden, are both earnestly at work in their respective fields.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZA BLAKE TOWLE,
State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: New Jersey sends greeting and begs to report for the year ending February, 1900, both continued and newly awakened interest, with fidelity and loyalty to our Society with all its aims and objects.

One year ago we numbered seventeen Chapters, now there are twenty, with four more nearly ready for organization; a membership of about seven hundred, with peace and prosperity within our borders. Two State meetings have been held; one on June 8th, at Morristown, a place replete with interest, for here are the spacious Washington headquarters, supported by the State. Address of welcome by the Chapter Regent, Mrs. Burnham, was responded to by the State Regent, followed by Mrs. W. A. Roebling, New Jersey's Vice-President General, who spoke eloquently of the needs of Continental Hall; other speakers followed. A bountiful luncheon was served, and the headquarters with its wealth of relics inspected.

We then adjourned to the spot where Washington partook of Communion in the open air in mid-winter (the churches being used for the sick soldiers), now the grounds of Mercer Hospital, where a memorial sun dial was unveiled with appropriate services.

On November 16th the fall meeting was held at Camden, welcomed by the Regent, Miss McKeen. A few words from the State Regent and then followed some of the most helpful and inspiring addresses ever delivered by bright, cultured women, Mrs. Roebling, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Griscom, with a cordial “All Hail” from Mrs. Craven, President of the Colonial Dames. After the usual luncheon we repaired to Independence Hall, so fittingly restored by the Philadelphia Chapter.

In accordance with the request and by the invitation of the State Regent, the Chapter Regents have met twice for conference and business, followed by a social hour. The benefit and helpfulness of both State and Regents meetings is unquestionable; the former literary and social, teach us to know, understand and love each other as is quite impos-
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sible without personal contact; the latter is essential to a perfect understanding of State and Chapter Regents. I earnestly commend both to all sister States.

A full report for the Smithsonian Institution was prepared by the State Regent, and sent with photographs of various historic places. Many of the Chapters visited with an earnest endeavor to keep in touch with everyone. Courtesies received from and extended to other States.

The Boudinot Chapter, Mrs. Putnam, Regent, reports placing a tablet on the Boudinot Mansion with this inscription: "The Boudinot Mansion, in which General Elias Boudinot entertained General Washington at luncheon, April twenty-third, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-nine, on his way to his inauguration in New York as First President of the United States. Erected by the Boudinot Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, April twenty-third, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-nine." The house is now an Old Ladies' Home.

Broad Seal, Mrs. Hook newly elected Regent, reports five dollars per capita to the Continental Hall fund.

Buff and Blue Chapter, Miss Garnett, Regent, report the gift of an old mahogany tea-table, set with quaint English lustre ware, to Rocky Hill, Washington Headquarters.

Continental Chapter, Mrs. Smith, Regent, reports work with a view to placing a tablet on Washington Rock. Had a lecture, "Lexington to York," by Ellsworth, to which we invited the school children, to whom we give prizes for patriotic study.

Camp Middlebrook.—Mrs. Dunham, Regent. No special report; thirteen dollars to Continental Hall.

Captain Jonathan Oliphant, no report; Mrs. Oliphant, Regent.

Report of Eagle Rock Chapter, Mrs. Woodward, Regent, for year ending December, 1899:

Number of members, 47; number added during year, 11; marriages, 0; deaths, 0; transferred from Chapter, 1; transferred to Chapter, 2; two prizes (1st, $5 in gold; 2nd, $2.50 in gold), given in public schools for best written essay on patriotic subject selected by committee from the Chapter.
Picture presented to eighth grade pupils. Fifteen dollars sent to Cuba for children of reconcentrados in hospitals (Mrs. Estes G. Rathbone's work).

Room in present library of Montclair papered and partly furnished. Reception given to teachers of Montclair.

General Frelinghuysen Chapter, Mrs. Hardwicke, Regent, reports having held nine regular meetings and one special meeting.

The Chapter experienced a great loss, and also a great honor, when its founder and Regent, Miss E. E. Batcheller, was elected State Regent of New Jersey.

The members wishing to give our former Regent some token of love and appreciation had her Daughters of the American Revolution pin handsomely jewelled with diamonds. The Chapter has contributed constantly to "Wallace House." A tea was given, the proceeds of which was used to furnish a room in the "Wallace House" known as the General Lafayette Room; have given toward the furnace soon to be purchased and put in the house. Had a letter of General Frederick Frelinghuysen's framed in plate glass, and had photographs taken of house and rooms for the "Smithsonian."

Total: Contributed five dollars to the statue of General Lafayette. Purchased the three additional Lineage Books then published. Sent subscriptions to Somerville Public Library for the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE, and the "Spirit of '76." Also presented the library with a copy of "Jersey City and its Historic Sites." Two entertainments were given in January to increase fund for Continental Hall, total, $35.00. Annual election of officers as usual.

General David Forman, Mrs. Moses, Regent, reports that owing to illness they have done very little beside a reading by Mrs. Huxton and a generous contribution to Continental Hall fund.

General Lafayette Chapter, Miss Doughty, Regent, reports two meetings. Five dollar prizes to the public school children for the best essay on Lafayette. Contributed to Continental Hall. One Real Daughter died.

Haddonfield, Mrs. Moore, Regent, reports that they are
raising funds to place a tablet on Temperance House, where the first Legislature of New Jersey met.

Jersey Blues, Miss Deshler, Regent, reports "Most excellent work, still contributing to Wallace House, Washington's headquarters in 1778-79, furnishing a room beside giving twenty-one dollars; gave a yearly entertainment to raise funds for patriotic work."

Morristown, Mrs. Burnham, Regent, reports that their efforts have been mainly confined to erecting the "Sun Dial."

Trent Chapter, Mrs. Jamieson, Regent, reports continued contributions to the Rocky Hill headquarters, and suggests that the Daughters build a home for the widows and orphans of our army and navy.

Nassau Chapter, Miss McKeen, Regent, reports that on April 12th "We made our annual pilgrimage to Washington Crossing. We learn revolutionary history delightfully and impressively by each year visiting some famous place."

Nova Caesarea, Mrs. Tracy, Regent, reports two meetings of Nova Caesarea Chapter were held during the past year; one on April 19th, the other on October 19th, 1899. The Chapter is composed of one hundred and thirty-nine members; since last annual meeting nineteen have withdrawn either to help form new Chapters, or to join Chapters already in existence; one member, a Real Daughter, Miss Eliza Sanford, we have lost by death. There have been four additions to our Chapter, two by transfer, two by admission to membership. In March last, one of our Vice-Regents, Mrs. J. D. Bedle, of Jersey City, withdrew to form a new Chapter, the "Paulus Hook," taking with her twelve. Mrs. Yardley also withdrew to form "Essek Chapter" in East Orange, taking seven members. We have contributed twenty-five dollars toward the Washington statue and fifteen dollars toward the Lafayette statue, and are about to erect a suitable stone to mark the last resting place of Miss Eliza Sanford.

Twenty-seven packages, weighing twenty pounds each, have been shipped to Manila for our sick and wounded soldiers in the Philippines; three packages contained pajamas, books, writing material, pencils, etc. We have held six
Board of Management meetings, with an average attendance of twelve.

Princeton, Mrs. Swann, Regent, reports frequent meetings, continued interest in Rocky Hill Washington headquarters, and gift of one hundred dollars to Continental Hall fund.

Paulus Hook, Mrs. Bedle, Regent, the first Chapter 1, as newly-elected State Regent, had the pleasure of organizing on April 20th, "Reports that it is not our desire to obtain large membership rapidly, but to grow in a natural helpful way. At present the Chapter is a parlor Chapter, but we anticipate opening the doors to those whose descent proves their eligibility and who meet the requirements and whose influence will be felt for the good of the Chapter. With such an efficient corps of officers and such membership our influence should be strong. We had twelve charter members and now number twenty. We have held three meetings and six Board meetings, contributing sixty-six dollars to Continental Hall."

Colonel Lowry Chapter, Mrs. Deats, Regent, the second Chapter, organized June 22d, enthusiastic and earnest; their first offering is to the Continental Hall fund, thirty dollars.

Essex of the Oranges, Mrs. Yardley, Regent, organized late in the fall, is growing rapidly.

Tempe Wicke, Mrs. Ogelsby, Regent, has the requisite number of charter members, as has the Monmouth Chapter, Mrs. White, Regent.

The Peggy Warren, Mrs. Schultz, Regent, and one unnamed Chapter, Mrs. Stult, Regent, are nearly ready for organization. New Jersey is inspiring ground, the battlefield of the Revolution, and its Daughters are awake to its interests, realizing the blessings of their heritage.

Our Vice-President General, Mrs. Washington A. Roebling, needs no words of praise, her unfailing devotion speaking eloquently.

And to you, our honored President General, we renew our fealty, with full appreciation of your worth.

Respectfully submitted,

E. ELLEN BATCHELLER,
State Regent.
Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: One of the most valuable phases of our Society work is the patient, faithful, diligent, searching out of spots of real historic worth and rescuing them from fast gathering oblivion. The debris of more than a century is concealing some, while the cruel fingers of decay are destroying others. Ere long all trace of them will be lost forever and only historic error or permanent silence remain in their stead. This work of rescue is commendably prominent in New Hampshire Chapters, but by no means does it interfere with or overshadow educational and patriotic features.

The large number of cultured women who form the membership of the Molly Stark Chapter, of Manchester, makes certain a valuable literary feast each month. They continue to pursue with unabated loyalty the study of subjects appertaining to the Society, but variety in their combination and presentation creates a pleasurable anticipation and ensures largely attended meetings. The spirit of helpfulness, which is so important a factor in all good work, prompted the Chapter to invite the pupils in the city schools of fourteen years of age and over to attend a lecture given under its auspices by the noted historian John Fiske. This was done for the purpose of stimulating their interest in the study of American History and to give them an opportunity not only to hear, but also to meet the man who wrote the books they study. Other lectures of merit and hospitality extended to neighboring Chapters have been welcome breaks in the usual routine. A liberal gift of books has been sent to the National Society's library in Washington.

The Molly Reid Chapter, of Derry, is an earnestly active one, ever in search of something to do which shall be of value to posterity. Its latest move in that direction is the erection of a granite monument suitably inscribed, marking the birthplace of Molly Woodburn Reid, for whom it is named. The unveiling exercises were of a high order and of an ennobling, patriotic influence. While thus looking into the future the present is never neglected, and the marked musical talent within its midst has been encouraged and
gratified by the purchase of a supply of books of song, so music combined with papers of excellent literary merit creates a warm interest in the meetings. Much pleasure has been derived from visits to other Chapters within and without the State, and a goodly number have come into its ranks within the year. But a heavy affliction overshadowed all when lovely Maria M. Parsons, the Treasurer, entered into eternity. In her honor a memorial gift was sent to the Continental Hall fund.

The Milford Chapter, of Milford, rejoices in its increase not only in members, but also in appreciation of the value of the advantages to be derived from being identified with an organization of such rare worth. It is a united band and has reverently continued the work of placing substantial markers at the resting places of revolutionary heroes within the town until twenty-seven in all have been searched out and cared for.

The Ashuelot Chapter, of Keene, gives rich confirmation of its belief in permanent proofs of its zeal. Its latest achievement has been to secure the perpetual ownership and care of the oldest cemetery in town, where lie the remains of a revolutionary soldier and of the first dwellers in "Upper Ashuelot." As soon as possible a large boulder is to be appropriately marked and placed therein. The funds for the Continental Hall, the statue of Washington for France and the Lafayette memorial have been generously remembered, and a spirit of active usefulness abounds. At recent meetings much amusement as well as profitable reflection has been derived from anecdotes and family traditions given by members about their ancestors.

The Margery Sullivan Chapter, of Dover, has been heavily afflicted. "The reaper who comes so silently, and whose hand may not be stayed," first took away its dearly beloved founder and first Regent, Mrs. Chas. H. Sawyer, whose aid was ever ready in every worthy cause; then another interested member, Miss Mary Sawyer. Illness and removal from town still further reduced its forces and for a while interrupted its work, but the sweet tact and faithful efforts of its Regent have been met with appreciative response and a most
healthy activity is aroused. It is eagerly engaged in plans for procuring sufficient funds to mark the site of the first church in New Hampshire, which was established in 1633 at Dover Point, and a speedy accomplishment is anticipated.

Notwithstanding that the Anna Stickney Chapter, of North Conway, lies apart from its sister organizations, nestled down in this charming summer resort among the White Mountains, its enthusiasm is such that its meetings are held twice each month. A roll call opens them, then excellent original papers follow, supplemented by reading from the lives of the Presidents. A series of "sociables" are being given whose proceeds will be used in aid of the North Conway Public Library, and a strenuous effort has been inaugurated for the reclamation of an abandoned graveyard, the earliest burial place in Conway. May success attend them.

The well attended meetings of the Reprisal Chapter, of Newport, have sustained their previous high standard of literary excellence. One of its members is a "Real Daughter," who resides in California, and her responses to the roll call are of necessity transmitted by mail, but they are a charming inspiration to the exercises. In January, Mrs. Ann Richards Chase passed on to the higher life, a cheerful, courageous woman, who will be held in loving memory. The Chapter has been doing praiseworthy memorial work in searching out and identifying the location of over twenty revolutionary soldiers' graves. Only two are without stones, the old marbles and slates being in a remarkable state of preservation. A remittance has been sent for the Continental Hall.

A steady growth and commendable diffusion of pure patriotic influences has characterized the Buntin Chapter, of Pembroke. The special line of study has been the thirteen original States and events historical. Music holds its enlivening place, and the custom of proposing five questions at each meeting, to be looked up at leisure and brought forward for open discussion when next they come together, is so popular that it has been continued. It is the life and peculiar charm of the afternoons. The hospitality of other Chapters has been accepted and returned with pleasurable profit and the Continental Hall fund has been well remembered.
A most encouraging increase in membership places the Matthew Thornton Chapter, of Nashua, second in size in the State. It is an earnest, enthusiastic Chapter, and varies its meetings so as to ensure vigorous and sustained interest. Among them may be mentioned a lecture on Lafayette, a delightful visit to the home of a member in Pelham (an annual pleasure); the presentation of the charter by the State Regent, followed by a charming reception, outings to historic spots in and around the city, which includes a visit to the house where lived John Lovewell, once an ensign in Cromwell's army, and the father of famous Capt. John Lovewell. This was the first house reached by Hannah Dustin after her escape from the Indians at Penacook in 1697, bringing with her the scalps of ten Indians whom she killed to gain her liberty. A committee has been appointed to obtain information concerning the earliest churches and their location. Another committee has charge of ascertaining the cost of recutting and restoring the gravestones in the Old South and Lowell Road Cemeteries.

The outlook for the Samuel Ashley Chapter, of Claremont, is most encouraging. Meetings with music and literary exercises, receptions, a lecture on Iceland and a picnic at lovely Lake Sunapee, with a trip across the lake as guests of the Regent, have combined to make up an enjoyable year. Two prizes each have been offered to the pupils of the Stevens High School, and the A class in the grammar school, for essays. The subject for the former is "Burgoyne's Campaign," and for the latter, "Washington at Valley Forge." Several new members are reported.

The Exeter Chapter, of Exeter, is to be congratulated upon the accessions to its membership. Its meetings are valuable because of the carefully prepared literary programmes and the spirit of patriotic devotion which pervades them. A colonial party on February 22d and the annual outing upon "Bunker Hill day" were occasions of refreshing enjoyment. A committee on village improvement has been appointed to report upon a plan of work, and the Chapter's collection of revolutionary relics has been increased by several interesting and valuable articles. Bell's History of Exe-
ter has been presented to the library of our Society in Washington.

The Eunice Baldwin Chapter, of Hillsborough, composed largely of young ladies, again issued a program for the year’s literary work, most daintily clothed. The selections for each meeting are judiciously chosen and carefully arranged, and eager enthusiasm inspires them. A most uniquely beautiful and valuable old history of Hillsborough, long since out of print, was donated to the National Society’s library. The places where the revolutionary dead lie buried in town are being searched out in order to designate them substantially.

The Rumford Chapter, of Concord, is but a little more than a year old, but its growth is constant. Upon the first anniversary of its organization a lecture which vividly pictured the intense and absorbing interest which centered upon the memorable 21st of June was given at the home of the Regents, followed by a delicious luncheon. Measures for usefulness and the best methods for their accomplishment are being considered and the future is full of promise.

The Elsa Cilley Chapter, of Nottingham, is largely a family party. The greater portion of its members are descendants of the one whose name it bears, and their homes are scattered through this and a neighboring State, but it is their custom to return to the ancestral grounds for the summer months. For that reason no meetings are held during the winter, but all through the vacation season of other branches of this organization joyous activity reigns supreme here. With the eagerness of vital interest they have undertaken to consummate the long-talked of project of erecting a handsome monument at the burial place of Captain Joseph and Elsa Cilley. Confidence in a happy realization is universal.

It was expected that a Chapter would have been organized in Tilton before the opening of Congress, for more than the requisite number had received the supreme approval, but a combination of unforeseen obstacles interposed and held the exercises in check. Much wise, loving work has been done, and this delay only gives opportunity for an addition of three to the initial membership, with no diminution of interest.
A Chapter in Littleton is well on the way to completion. Interest has been aroused with preliminary steps inaugurated in several localities, and the general outlook is most flattering. The closing year has been favored by an unusually large increase in membership, and the spirit of perfect harmony and friendliness which has hitherto existed in New Hampshire Chapters continues unabated with an especial satisfaction because of the election of Mrs. T. C. Cheney to the Vice-Presidency, an honor most worthily bestowed.

The State Regent gave herself the pleasure of inviting the officers of all the Chapters in the State to her home for a day in September, and was gratified by the large attendance. The officers of other patriotic societies and also friends were included.

This report would not be complete were I to omit mention of my grateful appreciation of the warm loyal helpfulness which is always extended to me by all members of my Chapters. It transmutes my labors into pleasures.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGIA B. CARPENTER,
State Regent.

NEW YORK.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor of submitting my second and last report as Regent of the State of New York.

On the authority of the Registrar General the gain in membership for the year 1899 is 520; 656 were added during the year 1898. The gain for the two years is therefore 1,176, and the total number in New York State at the present date is between 4,000 and 5,000. The exact number, including members at large cannot be obtained until after Congress adjourns. New York State is again the banner State.

Three Chapters have been formed during the year: Israel Harris, Granville, New York; Onwentsia, Addison, New York; General James Clinton, East Springfield, and therefore New York State has 59 Chapters.

The following Regents are forming Chapters:
Mrs. John D. Fay, Malone, appointed 1899.
Mrs. Albert Gladding, Norwich, appointed 1898.
Mrs. Sherwood, Cortland, appointed 1899.
Miss Kate Foote, Delhi, appointed 1899.
Miss Ruth Lawrence, Lawrence, appointed 1898.
Mrs. Wilmot T. Cox, Oyster Bay, appointed 1898.
Mrs. Rosalia Barker, Madison, appointed 1899.
Mrs. Wm. P. Adams, Cohoes, appointed 1897, re-appointed 1899.
Miss Flora Broadhead, Jamestown, appointed 1898.
Mrs. Chas. A. Spaulding, Saugerties, appointed 1898.
Miss Harriet Briggs, Penn Yan, appointed 1898.

Chapters are also forming in Amsterdam, Geneseo, Baldwinsville and Bridgehampton. We lay some claim to Daughters of the American Revolution work in Manila, as the new Regent was appointed from New York State, and through a letter received from Miss Mary Rust before her appointment as Regent, many Chapters became interested in our army in the Philippines and several thousand pounds of necessities and luxuries were forwarded in January.

The following towns have been communicated with in relation to forming Chapters:

More than nine hundred letters have been received and over two thousand letters and communications written and sent out.

The Fourth Conference, held in Buffalo, Tuesday, June 6, 1899, was most successful. Seventy-six delegates represented forty-two of the fifty-six Chapters. The State was honored by the presence of the President General, Mrs. Daniel Manning. Too much cannot be said of the hospitality of the Buffalo Chapter. In answer to roll call brief reports of Chapter work were given by delegates. Conferences are
of the greatest importance in stimulating enthusiasm and keeping the Chapters in touch with each other.

The work of the Chapters has been earnest and varied. Monuments and tablets have been placed, historical prizes given, supplies sent to our soldiers at Manila and funds sent to Cuba and Puerto Rico. It would be impossible in a short space to give in detail an account of the accomplished work of the Daughters of the American Revolution in New York State for the past year.

A very brief and inadequate report of Chapter work will be given in the following list, arranged according to date of organization, which is interesting as a matter of history.

It will be noticed that New York State places special stress on Article II, Section 2, of the National Constitution, and in this connection a reciprocity bureau for the exchange of historical papers has been started. There are already a hundred and sixty-two papers which may be obtained at once.

This system of exchange has been carried out satisfactorily in Connecticut.

The New York City Chapter. Organized April 19, 1891.—The first Chapter organized in the State chose for its date of formal organization April 19, 1891. During the year 1899 it entertained the commanding general of the United States Army, General Nelson A. Miles; made the first contribution to the fund for the permanent naval arch, $100 was given to the Continental Hall fund in memory of Reubena Hyde Walworth, $700 has been added to the Mrs. McLean scholarship fund of Barnard College.

Extract from Dean’s report of Barnard College, 1899: “The New York City Chapter has taken constant interest in Barnard College, furnished us with lectures on American History before we were able to do so ourselves, and presented us on the eve of the Cuban war with a handsome flag. Finally, they have given to us the scholarship to encourage patriotic studies.”

Buffalo Chapter, Buffalo. Organized May 16, 1892.—The special work for the year has been a series of illustrated historical lectures in Italian and Polish, delivered to the adult Italians and Poles of Buffalo. These have been so
popular and of so much benefit that the Chapter has been urged to arrange to loan these lectures to manufacturing towns throughout the United States. As one editorial in a prominent paper said: "If the Daughters of the American Revolution never do any other work, this will prove their reason for being."

Wiltwyck Chapter, Kingston. Organized October 11, 1892. —Has established a public library, gave $200 and many books, besides calling a mass meeting, which resulted in a library association, and there is now a large circulation and a paid librarian. Historical prizes. Restoring and preserving the old stone houses.

Oneida Chapter, Utica. Organized June 19, 1893.—This very large Chapter is one of the most progressive in the State, and its year book is one to be proud of.

Seneca Chapter, Geneva. Organized July 4, 1893.—To this Chapter we are indebted for the Calendar of the American Revolution. It also contributes to many worthy objects besides giving historical prizes.

Quassaick Chapter, Newburgh. September 4, 1893.—Has contributed to many objects, but its chief work this year has been the erection of a bronze tablet to mark the site of the first Lutheran Church on the old Glebe land.

Irondequoit Chapter, Rochester. Organized February 15, 1894.—Is one of the largest and most active Chapters in the State. The State Regent was honored by being its guest during the meeting of the State Federation of Clubs in November. Although no Chapters are members of the Federation, the courtesy of the hall was extended the visiting Daughters for an informal meeting. Mrs. Roebling, Vice-President General; Mrs. Walworth, a founder of the Society, and the State Regent made short addresses.

Mah-wen-a-wah-sigh Chapter, Poughkeepsie. February 19, 1894.—This Chapter is making a brave effort to retain the Clinton House, which had a heavy mortgage. It is believed that under the able management of its officers this will be accomplished.

Mohegan Chapter, Sing Sing. June 5, 1894.—Is deeply in-
interested in the monument to be erected on the battlefield of White Plains.

Otsego Chapter, Cooperstown. July 6, 1894.—Historical study.

Saratoga Chapter, Saratoga. September 6, 1894.—On the 19th of October, just a year from the day Reubena Hyde Walworth died, this Chapter received into its loving care the beautiful monument erected to the memory of the brave girl who laid down her life for her country.


Cayuga Chapter, Ithaca. December 20, 1894.

These Chapters have given much time to historical study and the last mentioned Chapter recently contributed $25 to the Continental Hall fund.

Onondaga Chapter, Syracuse. January 28, 1895.—So many members of this Chapter were friends of Miss Rust that when her appeal for the soldiers at Manila was sent out through the Associated Press all other work was stopped for a time and the entire Chapter resolved itself into a war relief committee. Other Chapters responded at once and twenty-two hundred pounds of necessaries and luxuries were forwarded at Government expense by the transport which sailed from New York in January.

It is hoped that a bal poudre, to be given February 22d, will provide funds to erect a tablet to the revolutionary soldiers buried in the county and also a memorial to be placed in the Women’s and Children’s Hospital to the memory of Clara Ward, the nurse who died at Fort Meyer of typhoid fever.

Mohawk Chapter, Albany. January 29, 1895.—Educational and historical work.

Keskesklick Chapter, Yonkers. June 12, 1895.—The White Plains monument is the object of interest at present.

Saranac Chapter, Plattsburg. February 12, 1895.

Tuscarora Chapter, Binghampton. October 12, 1895.

Are always interested in educational work and are generous in their contributions.

Melzingah Chapter, Fishkill. November 14, 1895.—Interested in marking historic spots.
Hendrick Hudson Chapter, Hudson. December 26, 1895.—This Chapter has had the gift of a Chapter house. The book which it published last year still brings an income. A free library is also to its credit.

Astenrogen Chapter, Little Falls. December 31, 1895.—Historical study.

Swekatsi Chapter, Ogdensburg. January 9, 1896.—This Chapter presented to the city of Ogdensburg the monument erected at Fort la Presentation.


Sa-go-we-watha, Seneca Falls. February 20, 1896.—A study Chapter and has accumulated a library.

Owahgena Chapter, Cazenovia. March 5, 1896.—An exceedingly active Chapter, which gave liberally to the Manila relief work and Continental Hall.


General Nicholas Herkimer Chapter, Herkimer. October 28, 1896.

Contributed to Continental Hall besides doing local work.

Camden Chapter, Camden. November 16, 1896.—Erected a monument to the revolutionary soldiers.

Mary Washington Colonial Chapter, New York City. November 28, 1896.—Has placed a memorial tablet and is interested in restoring Frances Tavern.

Fort Greene Chapter, Brooklyn. December 3, 1896.—Interested in educational work, prison ship monument, Continental Hall and many objects.

Philip Schuyler Chapter, Troy. December 15, 1896.—Historical prizes and war relief.

Chemung Chapter, Elmira. January 14, 1897.

Baron Steuben Chapter, Bath, January 16, 1897.

Educational and historical work.

Knickerbocker Chapter, New York City. January 25, 1897.—Interested in the Nathan Hale house and historical prizes.

Cherry Valley Chapter, Cherry Valley. January 28, 1897.

Fort Plain Chapter, Fort Plain. February 4, 1897.

Historical study.
Vassar College Chapter, Poughkeepsie. February 16, 1897.—A study Chapter.

Oneonta Chapter, Oneonta. February, 1897.

Washington Heights Chapter, New York City. February 18, 1897.

Interested in preserving historic places. Continental Hall fund.

Owasco Chapter, Auburn. April 27, 1897.

Catherine Schuyler Chapter, Belmont. June 26, 1897.

Deeply interested in historical matters and contribute to patriotic purposes.

Des-on-ga-wa Chapter, Batavia, November 11, 1897.

Mary Weed Marvin Chapter, Walton, November 4, 1897.

Gansevoort Chapter, Albany, November 17, 1897.

Kanestio Valley, Hornellsville, December 11, 1897.

Olean Chapter, Olean, January 6, 1898.

Willard’s Mountain Chapter, Greenwich, January 27, 1898.

Munroe Chapter, Brockport, February 8, 1898.

Bronx Chapter, Mt. Vernon, February 16, 1898.

Patterson Chapter, Westfield, May 24, 1898.

Mohawk Valley Chapter, Ilion, September 22, 1898.

Deborah Champion Chapter, Adams, October 25, 1898.

Manhattan Chapter, New York City, November 5, 1898.

Gouverneur Morris Chapter, Gouverneur, January 10, 1899.

Johnstown Chapter, Johnstown, January 25, 1899.

Jane McCrae Chapter, Fort Edward, January 27, 1899.

Benjamin Prescott Chapter, Fredonia, January, 1899.

Israel Harris Chapter, Granville, April 27, 1899.

Onwentsia Chapter, Addison, October 14, 1899.

General James Clinton Chapter, Springfield, December 20, 1899.

Have all done good work on the lines of our National Constitution. If I have emphasized the work of one Chapter more than another it is because the knowledge of the special work has been brought before me. Notwithstanding the long list of towns given in this report there is a great portion of the State which has not been touched. If the State could be divided in sections and each section placed in the tem-
porary care of a Chapter already formed; the Regent of that Chapter appointing a committee to canvass the towns; that committee to find the best women for Regents; to see that those women become members at large, then to send their names with a recommendation to the State Regent, two results would be obtained. The membership and Chapters would multiply and the individual Chapters would feel responsibility outside of their personal work. This method, I am convinced, from my experience of two years as Regent of the State of New York, would be practical and efficacious.

May I take this occasion to thank the members of the National Board and the Chapters of the State of New York for the unfailing courtesy and kindness which has been accorded me during my two years in office.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSIE VAN ZILE BELDEN,
State Regent.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: Our growth of Daughters is slow in these far Western States, and North Dakota has not come up to my hopes and expectations the last year. Our hearts and hands have been full with work for our dear ones who have been called to distant shores.

I have visited many towns throughout the State and written many letters and forwarded several sets of blanks to those hoping they may be able to secure proof of those ancestors' service that will enable them to join our ranks, and an interest has been awakened which will soon be followed, I am sure, by our gathering these widely separated "eligibles" into Chapters.

The William Mason Chapter, of Fargo, still stands as the only fully organized Chapter in the State. Grand Forks has one nearly ready for its charter, with Mrs. Standish as its able Regent, and while I very reluctantly send in my report without it, I feel that 1900 opens hopefully for us, although our gains have been few. I have secured three members this
first month of the year, from Ft. Meyer, Virginia, but they do not add to the numbers for North Dakota.

William Mason Chapter has four honorary members. A Real Daughter, Mrs. Camp, of Reynolds, North Dakota; Mrs. Francis Wolley, ex-State Regent, Bismarck, North Dakota; Mrs. Hewit, from St. Paul, Minnesota, and has lost three who have been made Chapter Regents, Mrs. Cochran, Grand Forks; Mrs. Lockwood, Rugby; Mrs. McLain, Jamestown.

At our Yearly Chautauqua grounds at Devil’s Lake I meet many of the representative ladies of the State, and distribute all the Daughters of the American Revolution reading matter I can get, and a great deal of interest is shown. We did no Red Cross work this year as a Chapter, but all worked together with our State Red Cross and Woman’s Relief Corps organizations, for our loved ones that went to the front.

We hold meetings every first Tuesday in each month, from October till July. While we lack the interest that arises from living on or near historic ground, yet our women are of the best; faithful, patriotic and true.

I wish to sincerely thank the National officers and their assistants for the many courtesies shown me.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH B. LOUNSBERRY,
State Regent.

OHIO.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: In looking back over the official year beginning with February, 1899, and closing in February, 1900, the State Regent feels that there can be no such showing as in the full, crowded, busy war times of 1898, when all our Ohio Daughters so generously and patriotically gave of their best, in some instances “the best” representing father, husband or brother, and then as now served with time, work and money. But all this has been accorded to State and Chapters, and is
among the "have beens," and report of another line of work now has to be chronicled.

In last May a visit was paid to the Cincinnati Chapter, the largest in the State numerically, composed of bright, intelligent, representative women, who proved themselves royal entertainers as well, giving on the evening of May 4th a charming social function, to which "the Sons of the Revolution and their wives, the Regents and Vice-Regents of the State were invited," who generally responded. It was said to be one of the most notable and brilliant of their many delightful receptions. During that visit they one and all by their kind expressions of loyalty and helpfulness, inspired their guest with courage to face what was then an unknown work and future.

The Cincinnati Chapter has published a book embodying the lineage of their members, which they call the "Record of Ancestors," it also giving their By-Laws of June 9th and general information as to their different lines of work, which they are extending in broader and more comprehensive directions. One of the proposed changes this Chapter hopes to make, and to present through a committee to the Ninth Congress is a change in application papers, namely:

First. There should be endorsements with blanks to be filled outside of the folded paper.
Second. There should be a printed form of an oath to be made by the applicant.

This Chapter has printed 10,000 copies of a very attractive Book of National Songs for Chapter use. They have given 4,000 alone for use in Cincinnati parks, and have sent sample copies to the National Board and every State and Chapter Regent in the country.

In response to an invitation from the State Regent and Muskingum Chapter of Zanesville, directed to the Regents and Vice-Regents or representatives, two in number to each Chapter of the State, on June 8th and 9th, of 1899, the first State Conference was held. It was a regret with the Chapter, only numbering about twenty-five, that they were not able to make the invitation more general. Thirty-six responded, including the Regents generally. A large social
reception was given the evening of the 8th at the home of the State Regent, and the conference proper was held the following day. The evening of the 9th another social reception was given by Colonel and Mrs. Spangler, the Colonel being a Son and Mrs. Spangler a Daughter and officer of Muskingum Chapter. During the conference some interesting papers were read, much exchange of views and sentiments expressed, and discussion as to advisability of a yearly conference held. It was decided that the votes of two-thirds of the Chapters of the State must decide this question. There was also discussion as to advisability of a State Fund, and a committee was appointed by the chairman on Historic Sites, which had been suggested by Miss Laws at the Eighth Congress. A report of all the proceedings has been published by the Muskingum Chapter and sent to each Chapter of the State. It was all most harmonious, and it was the unanimous expression of those present that the result was beneficial and helpful. As it was the first attempt at a State Conference, and the “entertainers” were one of the smaller Chapters, it was felt, that if nothing else, they were not lacking in courage to venture on such an undertaking.

Last May, the Columbus Chapter was organized at an enthusiastic meeting in the home of Mrs. James Kilbourne, who had been made Regent by Mrs. Rathbone. This Chapter starts with the large charter roll of thirty-four members, and promises to rank the third in the State, following bravely in the wake of its two older sisters, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

The Western Reserve (Cleveland) Chapter published a revision of By-Laws in December. It has sent in a full, complete and fine report of its educational and patriotic work, which tells of “moneys” expended, prizes given in public schools, revolutionary graves cared for, chair of American History founded in the College for Women,” etc. But as the report has also been sent to the Treasurer General and is partially published in the book of reports of the Daughters of the American Revolution, published in Washington by the Government Printing Office, space forbids giving it in full. It was the privilege of the State Regent to meet this large and influential Chapter for a few minutes of informal
talks in the autumn, and she was impressed with their earnestness and general capability and knowledge of their different lines of patriotic work.

The Ursula Wolcott Chapter, of Toledo, with a membership of over 50, under the guidance of its efficient officers and Regent, Mrs. Dimick, is having a very successful and delightful career, a bright literary spirit being all prevailing. This Chapter took an active part in the Continental Carnival of the summer of 1899, and at its expiration turned into the treasury a larger sum than any of the 50 other clubs and societies. They are also using influence to foster patriotism in the public schools. They have published their Year Book with Chapter work and By-Laws. The State Regent enjoyed meeting them last autumn, listening to some extremely interesting papers, feeling their strong individual mentality, and ensemble as a Chapter.

The Martha Pitkin Chapter, of Sandusky, with Mrs. Moss as their Regent for so many years, and at whose home all their meetings are held, is small in numbers, but who are a “power unto themselves” and others, and are not weary in well doing in all patriotic work. They have purchased the nine “Lineage Books” published, and at a delightful little reception last autumn, given by Mrs. Moss, the State Regent, by request, presented them to the Library Association through the Librarian, Mrs. Mack. They also, as a Chapter, gave a notable welcome to the return of Company B at the close of the Spanish-American War, decorating a fine carriage with flags, bunting and flowers, in which rode five of the Daughters, all of which was heartily appreciated by the citizens and returning soldiers.

The Urbana Chapter, with Mrs. Jordan, Regent, seems to be “up and doing,” and its report shows well planned and organized work. They have, like so many other Chapters in Ohio, started the beginning of an historical and reference library, with a “Daughters of the American Revolution Alcove” all their own in the Public Library. Their interest is keen, and they are adding new members.

The Muskingum Chapter under the guidance of Mrs. Brush, its Regent, who has served faithfully and well so many
years, has held its own in every way, responding to all calls for help from different committees, meeting monthly, reading papers on colonial history, and lately having a varied repertoire of music, art talks and readings. There have been three resignations and some additions of new members, and in December they were compelled to accept the resignation of their Regent, who felt obliged for many reasons to sever the tie that had held them together so long. It was a matter of great regret, although Mrs. Brush assured the Chapter of her interest and willingness to do what she could in the future. Through the kindness of the trustees of the Zanesville Atheneum, the nine Lineage Books were presented to the Chapter, and space given them in the library for other books in that line.

The report from the Painesville Chapter, Mrs. Viall, Regent, shows steady work with an increase of membership, including one "Real Daughter."

Year Books have been received from Washington Court House Chapter Regent, Miss Ogle; Wilmington Chapter Regent, Mrs. Wire, and Dayton Chapter Regent, Mrs. Stillwell.

Throughout the State, as gathered by the Regent from various reports, the interest in the Daughters of the American Revolution organizations of all kinds has been kept up. There have been some resignations, but more new members, and it is gratifying to record the appointing of six new Chapter Regents, making thirty-three in all. It is hoped these six new ones will soon materialize and "increase and multiply," and in the near future that Ohio may follow after the "Banner State," which State was the home of so many of our ancestors.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY HOYT GRANGER,
State Regent.

OREGON.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: The State Regent of Oregon has to report but one Chapter in the State. The Multonomah Chapter has 41 mem-
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bers, is in a prosperous condition, and holding monthly meetings. They have taken up the study of the history of the Revolution. At each session papers are read upon topics assigned at a previous meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. C. CARD,
State Regent.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor of reporting for the State of Pennsylvania 36 Chapters in full working order with an approximate membership of over 2,000, of which about one-twentieth represents Daughters belonging to the National Society, residents of Pennsylvania, but not attached to any Chapter.

One new Chapter has been organized during the year, at Brookville. This Chapter together with two others organized just prior to the Eighth Continental Congress, February, 1899, viz: Cavadohta Chapter, Titusville, and Independence Hall Chapter, Philadelphia, have received their charters since that date, making three signed by me during the year. I have appointed the following Chapter Regents: Mrs. A. W. Cook, Brookville; Mrs. Charlotte Maurice, Athens; Mrs. A. D. Hoffer, Pottstown; Mrs. James W. Piott, Tunkhannock, and Miss Jennie Morgan, Newcastle. Brookville has made a fine start, and the other four are in course of organization. The State Conference was held in Lancaster under the auspices of the Donegal Chapter, November 22 and 23, 1899. There was a large and almost general representation of the Chapters. The meetings were harmonious and enthusiastic. The heartiness and thoroughness were remarkable. The guests of the occasion were two of the National officers, Miss M. I. Forsyth, Vice-President General from New York, and Mrs. Washington A. Roebling, Vice-President General from New Jersey. These ladies spoke earnestly and effectively for the claims of the National Society and the Continental Hall Fund. Between the sessions a meeting of Chapter Regents was held to consider the report of the Julia K. Hogg testi-
monic, which was made by the State Regent, as chairman ex-officio of the temporary committee in charge, consisting of the Chapter Regents of Pennsylvania, of whom but six declined their appointment to serve. The committee, after some discussion was finally unanimous in recommending that the money be invested in a fund the interest of which is to be given as an annual prize for the best essay on American history from the students of the women's colleges in Pennsylvania. Thus the Daughters of the American Revolution of the State set the example of combined effort in the cause of patriotic education. The committee reported to the conference and was discharged. Later the State Regent appointed the following permanent committee to take charge of this movement, viz: Mrs. Joseph L. Rothrock, Mrs. Edward Jungerich Smith, Mrs. Francis Jordan, Mrs. Samuel Ammon, Mrs. James Mellon. Mrs. Ammon was made treasurer, and with Mrs. Mellon formed a sub-committee on investment of the testimonial fund.

The Chapter reports for the year 1899 are most interesting and contain a large amount of information as to preservation of historical spots, the raising of monuments, tablets, &c., in commemoration of the past revolutionary days, as well as the offering of prizes in the cause of patriotic education on the lines of a thorough knowledge and application of the principles and practice of those same heroic days to the civic needs of the present generation. Could these Chapter reports be printed in pamphlet form they would form a helpful manual for the use of Chapters which are seeking guidance, as well as for the promotion of a healthy esprit-de-corps in the State. In this connection it is fitting to acknowledge with gratitude the gift of the Wickersham Printing Company, Lancaster, in April last, through Mrs. J. Harold Wickersham, Regent of Donegal Chapter, in presenting to our Chapters in pamphlet form the reports of the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution for 1898, which includes in full the relief work done during the Spanish-American War, amounting to more than $17,000.00; thus putting into tangible form the historic present of Pennsylvania's Daughters.

The conference treasury is increasing in such measure that
the expenses of the next State Conference should be met in full by its funds, and if there is a surplus it would seem that the publication of the Chapter reports for 1899 in similar form to be paid for out of this surplus is well worthy of the consideration of the next State Conference, which is to be held in Wilkes-Barre, on October 19, 1900.

The following conference officers have been elected for the ensuing year, who, in connection with the State Regent, form the executive committee for conference work during the interval between its sessions: State Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Rice; State Conference Secretary, Miss Emma L. Crowell.

I have visited the Chester County, Donegal, Delaware County (twice), Wyoming Valley, Independence Hall and Philadelphia Chapters during the year, and regret very much to have been obliged to decline many other cordial invitations owing to illness in every instance. I have attended five sessions of the National Board in Washington, as well as several committees connected with the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH H. B. ROBERTS,
State Regent.

RHODE ISLAND.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to present to you the following report: The year just passed has been uneventful as far as the accomplishment of any especial work has been concerned. The interest has been kept up in the Chapter work by the usual number of meetings, and by the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Washington.

There have also been courtesies acknowledged from the Chapters in the State, as well as from Chapters in the neighboring States.

At the beginning of the year, a gavel was presented by Chief Engineer Gardner C. Sims, of the repair ship "Vulcan," for the use of the Rhode Island State Regents. The gavel was made of Cuban iron wood, a species of mahogany, taken
from a Spanish block-house at Camp McCalla, Guantanamo Bay.

In June, the Daughters in the State were particularly honored by a visit from their President General, Mrs. Manning. A reception was given in her honor by the State Regent on "Flag Day," June 14th. The following day was celebrated by a special Rhode Island feast, a clam bake, arranged by Gaspee Chapter. The visit was most successful and the attractive personality and cordial manner of our President General will long be remembered by her Rhode Island Daughters.

The Sons of the American Revolution of Rhode Island have united with the Daughters of the American Revolution to place a statue of General Nathaniel Greene in the new State House. The committee has been in existence for three or four years, but no active work has been undertaken until this year. The committee feels satisfied that much of the money necessary will be raised during the coming year.

Following are the condensed reports of the Chapters:

Bristol Chapter has a membership of seventy-three. There has been systematic study of revolutionary history during the entire year. The anniversary of the death of Washington was observed, and a fund has been started for the statue of General Greene, which it is hoped will be placed in the new State House in the near future. Ten dollars has been given to the Mount Vernon Association.

Gaspee Chapter has reported a membership of two hundred and eighty-eight. The Gaspee prize was awarded on Commencement day to Miss Gertrude Millard, of the Senior class, in the Women's College connected with Brown University. The subject was "The Diplomatic Relations between France and the United States from 1775 to 1783."

One hundred dollars was contributed to the Lafayette Monument fund.

The Chapter held commemorative exercises in honor of the death of George Washington.

Pawtucket Chapter has reported four Real Daughters. The interest in the work of the National Society has been kept up by the regular meetings every month, and also by
gatherings of a more social nature. The Chapter united in honoring the one hundredth anniversary of Washington's death with the Flint-Lock and Powder-Horn Chapter and the Grand Army of the Republic.

A contribution has been made to the Mount Vernon Association.

The Woonsocket Chapter has had the usual number of meetings and one contribution has been made toward the Reubena Hyde Walworth Monument.

Narragansett Chapter has continued the study of patriots of the Revolution. Five dollars has been contributed to each of the monument funds, the Washington and the Lafayette, and ten dollars to the Continental Hall. This Chapter reports two Real Daughters.

General Nathaniel Greene Chapter, of East Greenwich, is very proud of its new room in the old Kent County Court-House, which the members have furnished.

A prize was given for the best essay on the Spanish-American War to a member of the Senior class in the Grammar school.

The Chapter also honored the memory of Washington by holding commemorative exercises on the anniversary of his death.

Twenty-five dollars has been voted for the Continental Hall.

William Ellery Chapter, of Newport, has devoted its effort to educating a young lady. She is a descendant of one of the old Newport families, and this was offered to her, not as charity, but in the memory of those who in their time had sacrificed themselves for others.

Phoebe Greene Ward Chapter, of Westerly, has forty-three members. Twenty-five dollars has been contributed towards the Continental Hall, and ten dollars to the Lafayette Monument. A prize of five dollars was awarded to the girl in the High school who wrote the best essay on revolutionary history. The graves of six soldiers have been marked.

The Flint-Lock and Powder-Horn, the youngest Chapter, having as yet celebrated only one anniversary, has had a successful year. Several entertainments have been held to in-
crease the Chapter treasury. A number of interesting relics have been presented. This Chapter united with the Pawtucket Chapter and the Grand Army of the Republic in commemorative services in honor of the death of Washington.

There are in the State over six hundred and eighty members and eight Real Daughters.

The State Conference was held Thursday, February 8th, in Providence. There was a large attendance from different parts of the State in spite of the rain. The meeting was successful. Such gatherings must necessarily be successful, as Chapters and State Regents are brought in closer relationship. The reports are read of what has been accomplished in different lines of work, and a more intense feeling of loyalty manifested in the work of the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH C. THORNTON,
State Regent.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: The great holy city of Islam lies in a sterile valley, so the geographies tell us, and also the Koran; but what a contrast is this to our beautiful Mecca of the West, Washington—a name that stands for the greatest among men and one of the fairest among cities! The region of country through which we approach her spacious areas, and noble buildings, and lofty monuments, is full of the charm of sparkling waters and green pastures, and sloping as the rivers flow, is highly agricultural, as well as picturesque and historic. With a climate akin to the vale of Cashmere, the very mountain tops of this garden spot of the world are rich in veins of gold, being neither snow-capped nor barren, but clothed in forest trees and clad in verdure. Thus our "Mountain of Light," which is likewise a sanctuary for many tribes and a place of yearly pilgrimage. Not in great overland caravans from Cairo come these pilgrims, but in great droves from the
mighty kingdom of States; not by camel marches, but in steam flyers; not in search of the black stone of fanaticism, but the white stone of remembrance; and in lieu of embroideries from Delhi, jewels from Golconda, brocades from Benares, rare merchandise dear to the Arab heart, we bring the votive offering of the spirit, an oblation upon the altars of Liberty, dear to the American heart. *Amor Patriae!* And these are its pilgrims; for every sect must have its Mecca, every faith its Bethel. The 22d of February is but one day in three hundred and sixty-five days, but every day in the year shares the impulse given to our cause by the natal day of Washington spent in the city of Washington. We come to our first Congress thinking we know just how things ought to be and return home seeing them as in reality they are. We come with our crude ideas all ungraded, so to speak, and go back to our wonted place with some knowledge of road building, having learned how to go around a hill and even through it, but never over it, which is said to be the first point gained on the high road to success. How important it thus becomes for every good Daughter of the American Revolution to attend at least one Continental Congress.

Turning now to the consideration of my State work, my design, first of all, is to show that my Chapters, having passed the experimental stage, have now begun truly to magnify their birthright and are better qualified for their work, more compact in form and in better working order than ever before in their history. The Cowpens and the Columbia have each issued attractive Year Books. A course of historic reading has been carried out at the regular monthly meetings. Such is the case with Catawba, the Cateechee and the Esther Marion, and while I have no splendid war work to report of the Rebecca Motte, as was the case last year, the members of this Chapter have not spent the twelve months in idleness. They are at present interested in placing a tablet on one of the old revolutionary buildings in the city of Charleston. The King's Mountain Chapter is busying itself with the fathers of the Republic—Jefferson, Madison, and so on, and this is well, since every right start begins at the bottom. A more distinctly favorable sentiment has developed toward our cause
in the State at large during the past year. Some people in South Carolina used to look at us askance and shake their heads solemnly, and absolutely shudder at the thought of what so many thousands of deluded women banded together might, could and probably would do. “As time went by and we didn’t do anything dreadful, they still expected us to go down in the vortex of disputation, or drift bodily into chaos. We were not long for this world in any case, so they went to work to dig our grave and even got our tombstone ready. But having declined to be gathered to our ancestors, and continuing in robust, not feeble health, we have wrung from them the tribute that worth must ever win in the long run. There are two classes of persons that greatly aid every cause, the ardent admirer and the faithful friend, both outsiders. They differ, you know. The province of one is to gild the pill; of the other, to give it in cold water and non-sugar-coated. In another respect, also there is a difference between them, as that gifted member of our own sex, Madame de Staël, found out once on a memorable occasion in her own life and her country’s history. An ungrateful king had dismissed Neeker, the great financier, and without a word of adieu to his idolizing daughter he had fled from Paris; her husband was—she knew not where, and a delirious mob was raging and seething in the streets of the finest capital of Europe. Then it was that the author of Corinne raised her eloquent dark eyes to heaven, pressed her trembling hands to her throbbing heart and exclaimed: “How desolate I am in spite of my brilliant position!” Her genius called forth profound admiration, but she had no faithful friends near by, ready and anxious to tell her what to do.

Not so, your representative, occupying the brilliant position of State Regent in the Palmetto State. She has knocked against many hard walls of difficulty, and been confronted more than once with an unhappy conjuncture of circumstances, but through thick and thin the friends of the cause have stuck to her. They have rallied around and given her all the advice she wanted—more, too—and have they ever charged a single cent for it? Not one. Such kindness deserves to be appreciated—and is. The only person in the
State to whom she does not feel indebted for some assistance is the indifferent one. Since indifference neither pulls down any faults nor builds up any virtues it is but a dead reckoning in the calculus of forces.

As a member of the Continental Hall Committee I have striven to impress upon the South Carolina Chapters the great importance—nay, the imperative necessity of its speedy construction. For sometime we have had a castle in Spain; now we want a dove-cote in America. Could I have my way it should be as beautiful as St. Sophia, as regal as the Taj Mahal. The world has waited nearly nineteen hundred years to see it, and in all conscience that is long enough to wait for anything. And on the other hand—

"Somewhere waiting for its birth
The shaft has been in the stone."

This house is bound to be a remarkable house whatever the style of its architecture, inasmuch as it will be the outcome of a peculiar product just developed in humanity—the house-builder in petticoats. Grand withal it must be, embodying the best of the architect’s art and the mason’s handicraft, of a fabric peculiarly graceful and elegant, with touches of prettiness amid its grandeur, as becomes the home of femininity. The old Norman barons refused to hold their estates under a distaff, but to show you how civilization has advanced, that is just where we shall hold ours—under a distaff. Then, and not until then, Daughters of the American Revolution, we shall fully establish the sphere of our influence; then, too, and not until then, we shall be chez nous in the National Capital. I love to think of that time; I sometimes meditate upon it in the twilight and dream over it in the night watch. We can come to Washington often then, and stay long, and bring our knitting with us, and talk over our affairs at our leisure; also gossip a little about other things, such as the facts in relation to the transmigration of the soul, the humanitarian and socialistic movements of the day, the sex problem, and so forth; smiling and good natured all the while, because we will have no big rent to pay! So may our hearts, but especi-
ally our pocket-books, be directed to this most desirable end with the steadiness of the needle to the pole.

As a member of the Revolutionary Relics Committee, I bring to you this year from South Carolina a framed interior and exterior of old Fort Granby, still standing, where, in May, 1781, a revolutionary battle was fought and the British forces capitulated to Colonel Lee, of Marion's brigade. Also a photographic copy of the original roster of one of Marion's companies. These are the gifts of the Columbia Chapter. I have my eye on a number of charming relics of most peculiar interest, but until the opening of our own museum in the Continental Hall have little hope of securing them. The Cowpens Chapter, Spartanburg, has perhaps as rich a collection of relics as any in our great union of Chapters, and at my request they kindly had a photograph of the same taken for Mrs. Darwin, to be used as one of the illustrations to her Smithsonian report.

The proposed monument to be erected by the South Carolina Chapters to Emily Geiger, the heroic eighteen-year-old girl who ate the dispatch General Green entrusted to her care for General Sumter, rather than have it fall into the hands of the enemy, and who, when released by the British, pushed on to Sumter's camp and delivered the message verbally, has assumed the form of a Mural tablet in the rotunda of the State Capitol at Columbia.

At the request of the State Regent of Georgia, I have endeavored to find out the present condition of the homes of Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., and Arthur Middleton, signers of the Declaration from South Carolina. This is one of those seemingly easy undertakings which turn out to be just the contrary. But there is a lex scripta for all such cases—"Keep on trying." As searchers into history, American history, you will be interested to know that very recently a mass of historic documents in relation to early colonial and revolutionary times has been brought forth from an obscure hiding place in the State-house in Columbia, and I await their being placed in such form as will make them available for examination with great eagerness.

At the request of the Board I have investigated the causes
of the resignations of all Chapter members, and also examined the by-laws of the various Chapters and reported to the chairman of the Committee on Chapter By-Laws that nothing at variance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the National Society is contained in them.

I have received from the Regent of the Hampton Chapter a communication in regard to the bill now pending before Congress "To employ trained nurses in the United States Army." As I have had no opportunity to weigh this matter, I have not as yet sought to influence the Senators and Representatives of this State in regard to their attitude towards it.

The American Monthly has ever been a pet hobby of mine. It is the one and only authoritative conspectus of our organization, and while we may regularly, each year in Congress assembled, discuss the advisability of dispensing with its services, if that measure ever passes we will have committed, to my thinking, a grave error. The best account of the battle of Hastings was that wrought in colors by Matilda's hand, and why may not the best account of Freedom's battle be chronicled by the Daughters of the American Revolution in the pages of our Magazine? It will improve as we improve, grow as we grow.

Permit me, Madam President, to express a lively concern in the committee recently appointed by you on the history of Real Daughters. We have a number of Real Daughters in this State, the Columbia Chapter alone boasting of five, and such a history, interestingly put together and attractively published, will make a charming addition to our literary gathering.

In concluding this report, I regret to state, Madam President and ladies, that I have brought three disappointments with me to the Ninth Continental Congress. One disappointment is considered enough, but when it comes to three at a time they are hard to bear. Three new Chapters in South Carolina, I had fondly hoped to have organized before this meeting—the Cheraw Chapter, under the regency of Mrs. Waddill; the Chester Chapter, under Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, and the Gamecock Chapter, in Sumter, under Miss Edith de Lorme. They are in sight of land, but alas! still too far
from shore to add lustre to this report, or to become this
year's jewels in the crown of our Vice-President General in
Charge of the Organization of Chapters. But 'ere long, God
willing, they shall be presented to her by my successor in
office.

Respectfully submitted,

MALVINA S. WARING,
State Regent.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Con-
gress: Despite the scattered population and scarcity of libra-
ries in South Dakota, the Daughters of the American Revo-
lution have increased in numbers. Five members have been
added during the year and interest is growing. The limited
membership thus far preventing the formation of local Chap-
ters, the State organization is known temporarily as the Hot
Springs Chapter. The outlook is now encouraging for a full
local Chapter at Hot Springs. The Daughters have con-
tributed creditably to the Continental Hall Fund and their
effort secured a contribution from the veterans of the Sol-
diers' Home of Hot Springs; a sum somewhat extraordinary
from that source. The amount collected throughout the
State and otherwise is largely due to the thrilling appeal of
Mrs. Manning in the National Magazine of July, 1899. Solici-
tation of funds for other objects seemed useless. The vari-
ous local orders with the personal demands absorbed the
finances of every woman. But Mrs. Manning's appeal stirred
the State Regent of South Dakota to supreme effort. It
touched the heart as well as the head and from highways and
byways small sums, veritable widow's mites, came in answer
to the voice of our President General.

The Daughters of the American Revolution being an or-
organization founded on sentiment and pride of ancestry more
time and patience are required for success than in a work
appealing to present and practical needs. The immense dis-
tance from libraries retards the tracing of records and the
stress of pecuniary matters is another appalling difficulty with
many who would be our noblest members. For we must
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remember this is an order founded on deeds and patriotic memories and not money. Throughout all the difficulties of the new west we continue to recall the valor and energy of our forefathers and we faithfully work on, even as they fought on, winning victory against odds.

MRS. ANDREW J. KELLAR,
State Regent.

TENNESSEE.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: As Regent of the "Old Volunteer State," I have the honor to submit to you my second annual report. It gives me pleasure to say that the patriotic work accomplished by the various Chapters in the State during the past year has been satisfactory; last year we gave a full report of the unusual opportunities that were presented to us in caring for the soldiers who were encamped in our State; large numbers being sick, with insufficient hospital accommodation, all of which was fully reported to the War Committee.

During the past year all of the Chapters have been diligent in historical research, making a thorough study of the history of our country. Chickamauga Chapter, Chattanooga, Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain, Regent, is always in the lead in patriotic work. I suppose every member of the National Society who keeps up with the Daughters of the American Revolution work knows of the great things accomplished by this Chapter during the war with Spain. They also contributed liberally this year to the Continental Hall Fund.

Bonny Kate Chapter, Knoxville, Mrs. Charles Perkins, Regent, has given two prizes for original historical work to students of the University of Tennessee; also, a handsome memorial to Lieutenant Valentine Nelson, of the flag ship "Olympia," for bravery during the attack on Manila; they also contributed nurses' supplies to the military hospitals at Knoxville and Atlanta.

Hermitage Chapter, Memphis, Mrs. Rebecca Scruggs, Regent, has been supporting a worthy Daughter of the American Revolution in the Old Women's Home of that city.

Watauga Chapter, Memphis, Mrs. Luke E. Wright, Re-
gent, has taken the initiative in a movement to establish and maintain a public park and drinking fountain on the river front, which will be called in honor of some Tennessee patriot.

Commodore Perry Chapter, Memphis, Mrs. Charles M. Bryan, Regent, full of energy and enthusiasm in good works, is a newly organized Chapter of which much is expected in the future.

Cumberland Chapter, Nashville, Mrs. George W. Fall, Regent, contributed, with other patriotic societies of the city, a most bountiful dinner to the First Tennessee Regiment, upon their return from the Philippines in November last; they have also taken the initiative in the movement to restore Polk Place, the home of President Polk. It is their idea to use the house for a home for all patriotic societies of the city, and the grounds for a city park.

Campbell Chapter, Nashville, Mrs. James M. Head, Regent, continues the good work of placing portraits of the heroes of the Revolution of '76 in the public schools of the city. The Regent has recently received a letter from the colonel of the First Tennessee Regiment, giving a very interesting account of the travels of the handsome banner presented by this Chapter to them previous to their departure for the Philippines; they assisted in entertaining the regiment upon their return home. They also contributed liberally to the Continental Hall Fund.

Margaret Gaston, Lebanon, Mrs. B. F. Tarver, Regent; Jane Knox, Columbia, Mrs. William Morgan, Regent; Old Glory, Franklin, Mrs. Louisa Perkins, Regent; Count Pulaski, Pulaski, Mrs. J. S. Wilkes, Regent; Shelby, Shelbyville, Mrs. Philip Scudder, Regent, are all small Chapters, but are doing fine work and hope to increase their membership during the present year.

The Tennessee Chapters hope to enlist the Daughters of the American Revolution of the whole country in the movement to return the Jackson relics to the "Hermitage," the home of the great General and President. There are many valuable relics that can be purchased and the opportunity should not be lost. The "Hermitage" is in charge of the Hermitage Association and they hope to enlist the interest of
all in their work of restoring the beautiful home, so that it will be furnished just as it was during the life time of General Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET CAMPBELL PILCHER,
State Regent.

TEXAS.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to report that this has been a progressive year in the Daughters of the American Revolution work in this State. Since my appointment as State Regent, last February, another Chapter has been added to our roll. During the past year a more earnest and wide-spread interest in our Society has been manifested, and this interest I have endeavored to foster.

In a report of Chapter work it is perhaps fitting that the first organized should be first mentioned. I had the honor to organize the George Washington Chapter on June 17, 1895, with fourteen members; it has now a membership of forty-eight. The work of this Chapter has been gratifying indeed. They have given to the Mount Vernon Association for the State of Texas, $140.00, besides their war work, which has already been reported. They contributed $10.00 to the Reubena Hyde Walworth fund as a slight tribute to the memory of a brave and gentle woman. This Chapter is now deeply interested in the National University movement, and propose when the time is ripe to add its mite to this magnificent work. Mrs. Thomas Jared Groce is now its capable Regent.

The Jane Douglas Chapter, of Dallas, with Mrs. John Lane-Henry, as Regent, was organized on the 19th of October, 1895, with twenty-six members. This Chapter has done much to arouse patriotism in that part of the State; it has given a medal and prizes of books to the best scholar in American history in their public schools. At the beginning of the late war they gave a flag to the First Texas Regiment, which was taken to Cuba by Colonel Mabry; sent boxes of pajamas, shirts, pillow cases, towels, etc., to the Hospital
Corps, sent a floral offering to Mount Vernon on the hundredth anniversary of Washington's death. They propose at present to make a contribution to the Continental Hall fund and to the Texas Gate at Mount Vernon.

The Mary Isham Keith Chapter, at Fort Worth, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Bell, Regent, was organized under many difficulties; soon after their organization one of their members, a lovely young girl, died; one moved to Mexico, one to Tennessee, and another to the Philippines, thus leaving a Chapter of only seven in Fort Worth. Their faithful Regent, Mrs. Bell, writes me that their prospects are much brighter; they having been promised several additions of prominent persons. This little Chapter will make a contribution to the Washington Statue in Paris.

The Thankful Hubbard Chapter, at Austin, Mrs. Ira H. Evans, Regent, has a membership of sixteen. This Chapter although quite young furnishes a worthy example in hospitality and good-fellowship in calling a State Conference to discuss matters connected with the welfare of our order in Texas.

The Lady Washington Chapter, of Houston, our baby Chapter, was organized the 14th day of November, with fourteen members, under the management of Mrs. Seabrook Sydnor, the Regent. It bids fair to do honor to its illustrious name, having in its ranks women of intellect, zeal and courage.

I have recommended the appointment of three Regents: Mrs. Sampson, of Alvin; Mrs. Sydnor, of the Houston Chapter, and Miss Annie Yocum, of Angleton, Texas.

Our work in Alvin has been delayed owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever which prevailed there during the past autumn; since that time two of the ladies who were eligible have moved away and two have been disappointed and delayed in getting their data. Notwithstanding these obstacles we hope yet to establish a Chapter in Alvin. Miss Yocum was appointed at the last meeting of the Board and has good prospects of organizing a Chapter.

I am a charter member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and was, I have reason to believe, the first per-
son from Texas to join the organization. I have watched
the growth and progress of our Society with the deepest in-
terest. The Daughters of the American Revolution work in
this State has been difficult and tedious. Texas having no
revolutionary history we are, therefore, devoid of the incen-
tive from the old historic landmarks which abound so richly
in some of our sister States. We are learning, however, the
higher, nobler work of true patriotism and loyalty to our
American institutions.

With grateful appreciation of the universal kindness and
courtesy extended to me by the Board of Management and
Texas Daughters of the American Revolution during the
past year this report is respectfully submitted.

JULIA WASHINGTON FONTAINE,
State Regent.

UTAH.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Con-
gress: The Daughters of the American Revolution have pro-
gressed steadily, though slowly, during the year of 1899. The
Spirit of Liberty Chapter reports seven new members. There
has been a growing interest in the organization in the State,
and we confidently expect that in the near future Chapters
outside of Salt Lake will be formed. A very large number of
women are engaged in looking up family records and will by
another year be able to prove their eligibility to membership
in the Society.

The Daughters of the American Revolution in Utah are
loyal citizens, and took strong grounds against the admission
of a polygamist to Congress. They filed their protest im-
mediately after the election of B. H. Roberts, with the proper
committee in Congress, and used every means to inform
eastern citizens of the true situation. We rejoice at the out-
come of the controversy, believing that a great moral victory
has been achieved, as important as any which has been won
with shot and shell. Now that the contest is over we beg
sister Daughters to remember that Utah contains many citi-
zens loyal to the highest ideals of our Republic. In the
future, as in the past, we shall support all good causes to the best of our ability.

We have offered prizes in the public schools of Salt Lake for the best essays on subjects relating to American history. We shall continue to do this from year to year, enlarging our efforts as we are able to include the pupils of the whole State.

The Spirit of Liberty Chapter has held monthly meetings at the homes of its members. Very interesting programmes have been presented. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition and expect by the end of another year to report much definite work.

CORINNE M. ALLEN,
State Regent.

VERMONT.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: The "Old Green Mountain State" is still flourishing and growing in membership. It is the first Congress I have not been with you to answer to the roll-call, and I wish to extend my loyal greetings and wishes for a successful and harmonious meeting of the Congress. My great desire is to see the Continental Hall in readiness for our Congress, and rooms for the great work you are doing. Vermont has given two hundred and eighty-six dollars, and more is pledged. I hope the Vermont delegates will see for themselves the great necessity for a hall and will contribute more another year toward it.

We have at present five hundred and eight Daughters in the State; seven Real Daughters. We have lost by death nine Daughters this last year—five Real Daughters; four transferred to other States; one resigned. We have fifteen organized Chapters. Vergennes has not as yet the required members, on account of the severe illness of the Regent. I have started a new Chapter in Peru since September, but too late to organize for this Congress.

The Brownson Chapter, Arlington, intends to place a tablet or marker around the well dug by Ethan Allen while he lived in the town in revolutionary times. It is quite near
the house where Governor Chittindon lived and where the view was taken for the "Seal of Vermont."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. Burdett,
State Regent.

VIRGINIA.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: I have the honor to submit to you this my second annual report as State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Virginia. During the past year I am more than gratified at the earnest and ever-increasing interest throughout the State in our great and glorious organization. The principal event of the year was the State Conference which met in Staunton, October 25th, and where the members were the guests of the Beverly Manor Chapter, and right royally were they entertained. The report from the Chapters showed an increased interest and was most inspiring. The delegates returned to their homes with greater zeal and courage. The social features were delightful—receptions, tally-ho parties and an excursion to Old Stone Church, the most historic spot among those grand mountains of the State, filled every moment after the business hours of the conference.

Every Chapter in the State except two was represented by the Regent and a delegate, or their alternates, and the Chaplain General, Mrs. Smoot, graced the conference with her presence and opened the business meetings with prayer. It was suggested at this meeting, and very favorably received, that each Chapter devote itself to some definite local work, such as the marking of historic spots and promoting patriotism in the schools; and that as a State Virginia should work as a whole for the purchase of Temple Farm at Yorktown for a National Park, and that as a national organization it should give its best efforts to the Continental Hall.

The Chapter reports in detail are as follows:

Albemarle Chapter, Charlottesville; Mrs. Frank Massie, Regent.—Membership, 33; special work, marking the site of Jefferson's birthplace. It has had the most interesting and
instructive papers read at the meetings and a delightful lecture by Dr. R. H. Dabney on “John Randolph,” when Miss Randolph presented an autograph paper of her great-grandmother, Martha Jefferson Randolph.

Blue Ridge Chapter, Lynchburg; Miss Ruth H. Early, Regent.—This Chapter has increased its membership more rapidly this year than any other since its organization, having now thirty-three members and one Real Daughter. It has had a most interesting and instructive programme of historic papers, besides delightful articles on the unwritten history of Lynchburg and its legends. It has also given two medals each year to the graduates of the High School who write the best essays on American history, and has contributed liberally to all calls for assistance, both State and national.

Beverly Manor Chapter, Staunton; Mrs. James R. Taylor, Regent.—Has increased its membership during the year and carried out faithfully a course of study on the formation of the counties in the State and the historic homes of Virginia. It gave a beautiful representation of the “Mistletoe Bough,” which was most successful in every way, and contributed to the Continental Hall, besides entertaining the State Conference, as referred to in the first part of this report.

Dorothea Henry Chapter, Danville; Mrs. James G. Penn, Regent.—This Chapter is the second largest in the State, having two representatives at the National Congress. Its business and social meetings are always charming. It has had several additions to its members this year, three of whom are descendants of ancestors who came over in the “Mayflower.” The meetings were well attended and members enthusiastic for the objects of the Society, which is shown by the papers read at some of the meetings on historic subjects. It celebrated Flag Day by an entertainment; the rooms were decorated with the State and National colors and a very charming paper was read on “Our Flag,” and a character representation, “The Women Famous in American History,” was given. The costumes were beautiful and true to the period, and the whole celebration was one which will long be remembered by all who were present. It made the largest contribution to the Continental Hall of any Chapter in the
State—one hundred dollars. The Chapter has offered a gold medal in the public schools for the best essay on the “American Revolution.”

Fort Nelson Chapter, Portsmouth; Mrs. Charles R. Nash, Regent.—Held regular monthly meetings which were well attended and at which most interesting historical papers were read. This is a most energetic Chapter and its special work is to pray the proper authorities to build a battleship at the Navy Yard and have it named “Virginia.” It prepared a programme which was carried out in the public schools of the city to commemorate the anniversary of the death of Washington.

Great Bridge Chapter, Norfolk; Mrs. James R. Hubard, Regent.—This Chapter has materially increased its membership and has one Real Daughter. The meetings have been well attended and much work is planned for the year. It will mark the cannon-ball in Old Saint Paul's Church fired by Lord Dunmore January 1, 1776, by a mural tablet; will give a gold medal for the best essay on some revolutionary subject written by a scholar in the public schools; and this Chapter will work to secure, through the United States Congress and by the help and aid of all the Daughters throughout the country, Temple Farm, Yorktown, one of the historic spots of the United States, for a National Park. On January 21st it gave a most beautiful colonial ball, where the costumes of the guests and of the Roger de Coverly with its graceful dancing of young men and maidens created universal applause.

Margaret Lynn Lewis Chapter, Roanoke; Mrs. Samuel W. Jamison, Regent.—Has thirty-three members, and is earnest and active. Its special object is to mark the grave of Andrew Lewis, the hero of Point Pleasant, and who served on Washington's staff. The meetings have been well attended and most interesting. It gave a pantomime of “Mistletoe Bough” with great success.

Massanutten Chapter, Harrisonburg; Mrs. John Paul, Regent.—This Chapter has had most interesting meetings when historic papers have been read. It has also contributed
to the Continental Hall, and during the year each member will prepare her own ancestral paper.

Montpelier Chapter, Orange; Mrs. W. W. Harper, Regent.—This is a most enthusiastic Chapter; it has at its meetings most interesting historical papers read; several new members have been added, among them two Real Daughters; a large tablet is already secured and will be inserted in a rock to mark the birthplace of Zachary Taylor, and this Chapter will strive to make the spots in its locality made sacred by those who gained our inheritance of freedom.

Mount Vernon Chapter, Alexandria; Mrs. E. W. Hunter, Regent.—Has increased its membership and the interest is greater than ever before. It gave a flag, at the request of Mrs. Shaw, Vice-President of Washington's Headquarters Association, to float over Rocky Hill, New Jersey, Washington's last headquarters. It is a facsimile of the one used at that period and is 10x16 feet in size. This Chapter contributed to the Walworth Monument fund and the "Sesquicentennial of Washington's survey of Alexandria."

Old Dominion Chapter, Richmond; Mrs. Benjamin L. Purcell, Regent.—This Chapter numbers one hundred and fifteen, with three Real Daughters. It contributed to the Continental Hall, and gave, together with the George Washington Memorial Association, a most brilliant ball. The proceeds were divided between the George Washington Memorial Association and the Continental Hall. This is one of the most active, as well as the largest, Chapters in the State, and the mother of us all, being the first organized in Virginia. The special work will be the preservation of Jamestown.

Stuart Chapter, Wytheville; Miss Withers, Regent.—Has increased its membership. Interesting papers were read at the meetings which have been well attended and the interest has greatly revived during the year. It had a most charming lecture by Mr. John Roach Stratton, and gained thereby funds for the treasury. It will have a "Loan Exhibition" of revolutionary and colonial relics.

Betty Washington Chapter, Fredericksburg; Mrs. Goodrich, Regent.—This Chapter has just been formed and has
much work planned for the year, and in such an historic city will have plenty for willing hands to do.

Hampton Chapter, Hampton; Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, Regent.—This is the youngest Chapter in the State, but is already in line and with an active Regent and enthusiastic members will soon have a record of its own. It has offered a gold medal for the best essay on American history in the public schools.

Respectfully submitted,

SALLIE NEWTON PAGE,
State Regent.

WASHINGTON.

*Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress:* Once more it becomes my duty to give you an account of the work done by our Society during the past year in the State of Washington. I hope to assure you that progress has been made and interest assured, even in a State so far removed from the Capital.

Our pioneer Chapter, the Mary Ball, of Tacoma, having reached the number of sixty-four members, thought it wise to form a second. Accordingly, six members left the present Chapter and with the addition of some new names the requisite number has been secured and a Chapter named the Virginia Dare, Mrs. Blanche Burnett Parker, Regent, has been formed, which has been properly accepted by the authorities in Washington, and thus it takes its place as third Chapter in our State.

Since a majority of the members are young people they have announced as their future work the study of American history, especially the study of American women of the revolutionary period.

The most important work of the year has been done by the Mary Ball Chapter, which has been instrumental in placing a drinking fountain in the public city park. Financial aid was given the Chapter by our civic authorities and also by the school children, whose penny contributions aided the cause. The fountain is named for a missionary who was killed by the Indians whom she came to teach—Mrs. Narcissa
Prentiss Whitman. Brass tablets on the sides of the iron fountain tell her sad story.

The Rainier Chapter, of Seattle, has, in connection with the Sons of the American Revolution, held memorial services in honor of the soldiers who have died in Manila. On the return of the soldiers from the Philippines about three thousand were entertained by the Daughters of the American Revolution, acting in concert with the Red Cross Society. Invitations from the Rainier Chapter to the Mary Ball Chapter were accepted and a very delightful day, both in weather and good cheer, was spent at Lake Washington one day in June.

In Spokane, the eastern part of the State, a Chapter will soon be reported, Mrs. Augusta Plummer Foster having been appointed to take this matter in charge.

During the present week, on the evening of Washington’s birthday, all members of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution are invited to meet at the Tacoma Hotel—the Sons of the American Revolution as hosts. Addresses, songs, the minuet, and a repast will give occasion for a proper observance of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha A. Griggs,
State Regent.

Wisconsin.

Madam President and Members of the Ninth Continental Congress: After eight years service as State Regent of Wisconsin there is a keener realization of the sameness that necessarily pervades the annual report, varied a little by the conditions of the year, as 1898-99, in Wisconsin, was specially marked by active work in behalf of the soldiers and hospitals as a result of the Cuban war; while the past Daughters of the American Revolution season has shown a return to the general condition before prevailing, with some attention to the relief of the Porto Ricans and a certain amount of effort in behalf of Continental Hall, etc.

The work of the Regent has differed somewhat from that of previous years; for while there has been an unusually
heavy correspondence on individual lines and with Chapter Regents, a system of circular letters was adopted relating to the National University petitions, the annual report for the Smithsonian Institute, appeal for aid to Porto Ricans; also to awaken interest in a State Conference as applied to Chapters, while last January a circular letter was prepared in the interest of Continental Hall and over four hundred copies sent to the Daughters of the American Revolution (whether in Chapters or members-at-large) in the State.

It may be well to speak of the general work before passing on to Chapters. It had been realized that with the most strenuous effort the past Daughters of the American Revolution year, there could not be an adequate result, owing to the unusual activity in woman's club work throughout the State (with a view to producing a great effort in behalf of the G. F. W. C. Biennial, to be held in Milwaukee June 4th to 8th, inclusive, 1900), and events have proved the correctness of this impression; also the testimony of Chapter Regents who had hoped to have organized Chapters before the Congress, themselves prominent club women.

The State Conference, held at the residence of the State Regent, October 18th and 19th, certainly bore some fruit, and the Chapters have reported an increase of interest. The attempt had been made two years previous, but was only partially successful; this year most of the Chapters were represented and the business session, as well as the social feature of a large luncheon, were voted a success.

The Regent has visited several Chapters and had complimentary functions tendered her. Three Chapters have been organized since the last report and four Chapter Regents have been appointed: Mrs. W. D. Bacon, Waukesha; Mrs. P. B. Castle, Black River Falls; Mrs. George L. Field, Ripon; Mrs. Fred. Dennett, Sheboygan. There is a nucleus for future Chapters at thirteen places, and at several Regents sometime since appointed, their names having been previously reported. A number of Daughters of the American Revolution in the State have preferred to belong to the flourishing Milwaukee Chapter, rather than assume local responsibility. Considering the obstacles, however, that attend
the development of interest on patriotic lines in non-colonial States, without the aid of historic spots and revolutionary associations, and the further obstacle of the very alert woman's club movement, twelve organized Chapters is not without some merit.

A brief review of these, with the data at hand from Chapter secretaries, will give the "filling in," the order being that of the date of these organizations, the list of officers of each being included where a change is reported.

Milwaukee Chapter is the oldest, and numbers about two hundred members, with the following officers: Regent, Miss Josephine Hastis; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Thomas H. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. W. V. Flint; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. William E. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. Edmund C. Gray; Registrar, Mrs. J. B. Johnson; Historian, Mrs. F. T. Day. There have been the usual monthly meetings, except during the vacation season, with the usual exercises. No specific work has been taken up until in August last, when, in response to a stirring appeal from the National Colonial Aid Society, at New York, a large quantity of clothing, material, books and $72.00 were sent to the suffering Porto Ricans. The important work, inaugurated three years since, to prevent desecration of the flag, has been carried on under the leadership of Mrs. Walter Kempster, also the chairman of the National Flag Committee. The Chapter having already contributed $200.00 to the Continental Hall fund, individual contributions were this year recommended, and in response to an appeal of the State Regent $85.00 was thus received. An entertainment on patriotic lines was, however, projected, and the proceeds devoted to a local memorial building association of some years standing. Taken altogether, the Chapter record of previous years has been sustained.

The Janesville Chapter has ever sought to interest the general public in the work of the Daughters of the American Revolution, so added to the regular meetings for members, public occasions, usually choosing April 17th, with its Lexington associations. Last April there was an address on the "Flags of all Nations." A gold medal is also yearly offered to one of the grades of the public schools for an essay on
some patriotic subject, the last presentation occurring the evening of April 17th.

The Chapter also contributed to the relief of the Porto Ricans, in response to the request sent to Chapters by the State Regent, the Milwaukee Chapter having taken the initiative. In January last the State Regent was invited to read a paper for the benefit of the Continental Hall fund, at the residence of Mrs. Jeffries. This was followed by a reception. The Chapter has recently sent $50.00 to the above fund.

The following officers were elected in October: Regent, Mrs. Clara Jackman; Vice-Regent, Mrs. Etta Loomis; Secretary, Mrs. John Barlass; Treasurer, Miss Kate Fifield; Registrar, Mrs. George G. Sutherland; Historian, Mrs. O. H. Feathers.

The Secretary of the Kenosha Chapter briefly reports the year closing as of unusual interest. The membership is about thirty and the meetings have the original feature of following a luncheon, the study of American history filling a portion of the afternoon. The State Regent had the pleasure of attending one of the luncheons, etc., and can testify to the success of the plan for a small Chapter which meets at the home of its members. Owing to a missing letter, Mrs. W. W. Strong was not reported as the Chapter Regent for 1898-1899. The present officers are as follows: Regent, Mrs. James Cavanaugh; Vice-Regent, Mrs. O. M. Pettit; Secretary, Mrs. Eliza Bond; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Ripley; Registrar, Mrs. Z. G. Simmons, Jr.; Historian, Mrs. W. Rowe. The Chapter sent supplies to Porto Rico; contributed to the Reubena Hyde Walworth Monument fund, to the Lafayette Monument fund, and has pledged $25.00 to the Continental Hall fund.

The election of the Beloit Chapter occurred in September: Regent, Mrs. E. F. Hansen; Vice-Regent, Mrs. R. J. Dowd; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Todd; Treasurer, Mrs. P. B. Yates; Registrar, Mrs. W. C. Merrick; Historian, Miss Eliza Sherwood.

The Secretary reports the usual number of meetings, and some special occasions; assisting in the Memorial Day exercises, celebrating the Fourth of July by a patriotic picnic at
Afton (in which the Janesville Chapter took part), and com-
memorating Washington's death in December. January
15th, at a semi-public occasion, Miss Satliff, President of
Rockford College, gave a paper on "How France came to
recognize the Independence of the United States." The
Chapter has recently voted to offer a prize to a class in the
public school; also to contribute American histories to the
free traveling libraries.

But little data has been received of the recent work of the
La Crosse Chapter, but the great work carried on the pre-
vious year for soldiers in hospitals is being carried on, one
thousand books and magazines having been collected to send
to Manila. The regular meetings have been devoted to his-
torical papers on revolutionary subjects. A prize of $5.00
has been offered to the girls of a certain grade in the public
schools for the best essay on one of three subjects. Supplies
were sent to Porto Rico, and $25.00 has been contributed to
the Continental Hall fund. The present officers are: Regent,
Mrs. James McCord; Vice-Regent, Mrs. S. B. Scherer; Sec-
retary, Mrs. D. S. MacArthur; Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Bunce;
Registrar, Miss May Conant; Historian, Mrs. G. W. Scott.

The Oshkosh Chapter numbers fifty members, and the
regular programme of meetings on patriotic lines includes
essays, readings, recitations and music, with occasional social
features.

The Chapter is to be congratulated, as it has several com-
modious rooms in the Government building; this being due
to the efforts of the long-time Regent, Mrs. Edgar P. Saw-
yer. The Chapter assisted in the effort for Porto Rico, and
contributed $25.00 to the Continental Hall fund, and is about
furnishing a corner in the new public library.

The newly elected officers are: Regent, Miss Edith L.
Russell; Vice-Regent, Miss Rose C. Swart; Recording Secre-
tary, Mrs. Minnie H. Harmony; Corresponding Secretary,
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trar, Miss Emma Wait Davis; Historian, Miss Mary E.
Forbes; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary J. De Long.

The Fay Robinson Chapter, of Reedsburg, is among the
younger Chapters. It holds its meetings quarterly, the pro-
gramme being of a patriotic character and ending with a social hour; the Chapter has sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. A. L. Harris, who had been associated with the Regent, Mrs. R. P. Perry, in her earliest efforts. The Chapter numbers only fourteen, but has shown an interest in various objects, contributing five dollars to the Porto Rico sufferers; five dollars to the Continental Hall fund and appropriated fifteen dollars for a historical work to be presented to a new public library. No change of officers is reported.

The Stevens Point Chapter, with Mrs. G. E. McDill as Chapter Regent, numbers seventeen members. The meetings of this Chapter are devoted to the study of American history, with readings from the American Monthly and "Spirit of '76." Ten dollars has recently been contributed to the Continental Hall fund. No change of officers is reported.

The Waubun Chapter, of Portage, also numbers seventeen members, with the following officers: Regent, Mrs. E. H. Van Ostrand; Vice-Regent, Mrs. William M. Edwards; Secretary, Mrs. C. W. Latimer; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James Older; Treasurer, Mrs. M. F. Alverson; Registrar, Mrs. L. A. Holden; Historian, Mrs. Sarah H. Low.

The Chapter meetings are for study, and great interest is reported. The special Chapter work is to aid in the restoration of old Fort Winnebago cemetery which contains the graves of soldiers of several wars and is of historical interest. An effort is being made to secure aid from the Government. Supplies were sent to the Porto Ricans and five dollars has been contributed to the Continental Hall fund.

The three new Chapters of the year are: The Racine Chapter. This was organized at the residence of the Regent, February 22, 1899, with twelve charter members. At the March meeting the Regent presented the Chapter with the charter, and the following spring meetings were devoted to a consideration of the By-Laws, with informal conversations on subjects allied to the early history of the country. In the early autumn a generous response was given to the appeal for aid in Porto Rico, the supplies of clothing and material being estimated at $312.00.

The State Regent having been abroad when the Chapter
was organized, her first meeting with the Chapter was in October, the business having been preceded by a luncheon given by Mrs. Erskine. The December meeting was memorable as having been held at the residence of Mrs. Emerson, who, in her ninetieth year, gave a fine paper, and in like manner Mrs. Crosby also proved hostess and essayist at the January meeting. The following officers were appointed: Regent, Mrs. D. A. Olin; Vice-Regent, Mrs. W. H. Crosby; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Vincent Stone; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Clement; Treasurer, Mrs. P. S. Fuller; Registrar, Mrs. Frank M. Fish; Historian, Mrs. Henry Hurlbut.

The Fort Atkinson Chapter was also organized February 22, 1899, with Mrs. L. B. Caswell as Regent; the remaining, in part, newly-elected officers: Vice-Regent, Mrs. Edward Rankine; Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Schreiner; Treasurer, Miss Grace Rogers; Registrar, Mrs. G. A. Pratt; Historian, Mrs. F. J. Perry. Much benefit was derived from the experience gained by Mrs. G. L. Cole as organizing Regent of the Beloit Chapter, now a resident of Fort Atkinson.

The plan of having commemorative exercises on special occasions was adopted as a means of cementing the interest, as follows: April 19th, Lexington; June 17th, Bunker Hill, etc. A colonial tea, in August, at the residence of Mrs. Ogden, included the husbands of the members; the next meeting was devoted to a discussion of the National Flag bill, National University, and Continental Hall.

In November the State Regent met the Chapter, the occasion including a luncheon given by Mrs. Edward Rankine; Mrs. Talcott, State Regent of Illinois, being also a guest. The Chapter promptly responded to the call for Porto Rican aid, and in December gave a colonial reception, the net proceeds, $25.00, being given to the Continental Hall fund. The above details show much activity on the part of so young a Chapter.

The Fond du Lac Chapter was organized in January by the State Regent, at the residence of the three years' Chapter Regent, Mrs. Virginia Foulkes, who declined to serve longer in that capacity. The following officers were elected from a
membership of fourteen: Regent, Mrs. H. T. Sackett; Vice-Regent, Mrs. P. B. Haber; Secretary, Mrs. George Giddings; Treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Haskins; Registrar, Mrs. Virginia Foulkes; Historian, Mrs. R. A. Johnson.

The Chapter voted to make their meetings instructive on patriotic lines, hoping later to take up some special work, but at once devoted five dollars to the national object, Continental Hall. The afternoon closed with a collation and social features.

The conclusion is unavoidable, that with the increase of Chapters in the State it will in future be unwise to attempt to include the list of officers as many details of Chapter work and it is feared the present report has exceeded the appointed limit.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen M. H. Peck,
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