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PRESIDENT GENERAL'S INAUGURAL.

Des Moines, Iowa, June 1, 1916.

COMPATRIOTS:

What we most honor in our ancestors who established this Nation is that they did not permit the material to submerge the ideal; they did not base this Government on the principle that "Might makes Right"; that the subject exists for the State. We are proud that we are a nation where the individual is supreme; where all are equal before the law; where liberty is the heritage of every man, but liberty based upon and regulated by the common welfare of society.
The great problem before us today is the Americanization of the millions of our population of foreign birth or alien parentage, to instill deep into their minds the principles upon which this nation was founded, to teach them the rights and duties of true citizenship.

The liberality of our naturalization laws brought into the electorate a greater number of citizens of foreign birth than "the melting-pot" could readily fuse, with the natural result that there have been developed in our midst organizations or groups of different nationalities, bound close by kindred tongues—organizations which tend to delay the adoption of real American ideals and principles and may easily become a menace to the nation.

The Society of the Sons of the American Revolution early recognized the obligation and assumed the responsibility of doing its part toward making thorough Americans of all who come to our shores, and to do it as quickly as possible; to make it clear to them that the Anglo-Saxon tongue should be the Universal language of the people of our Land. Let us be prepared to advance it more rapidly, co-operating with all other agencies toward the accomplishment of complete Americanization of our citizenship.

That Americans treasure their liberties and measure their rights by their duties has been demonstrated in the War for Independence and the War for the Preservation of the Union. The Government established by our forefathers must be and will be defended by this and future generations. Such blood does not run out. As Sons of the American Revolution, our duty is clear. Our influence and our activities in this critical period must be directed to a higher patriotism, a deeper interest in public affairs, a better citizenship.

Wear the rosette of the Society every day in honor of your forefathers and as an evidence of your determination that "A Government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Fraternally yours,

President General.
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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

National Year Book for 1916.—Notice is hereby given that the Year Book for 1916 will be issued about September 15. By direction of the Executive Committee, the usual official distribution of one copy each will be made to the General Officers, including members of the Board of Trustees, to officers of State Societies, one to each local Chapter, to chairmen of National Committees, and to delegates attending the Newark Congress. An extra edition will be printed to supply such State Societies, local Chapters, and individual members as may desire the book, at 20 cents each in paper covers or 25 cents cloth bound (expressage or postage paid), provided orders be placed with the Secretary General not later than August 1.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Congress will be held at Nashville, Tenn., on the third Monday in May, 1917. The members of the Tennessee Society, as hosts of the Congress, are already preparing to make the occasion one of special importance through local functions and visits to historic regions. It is expected that interest in the work of the Society will be greatly stimulated throughout the South.

Observance of Flag Day.—The President General wrote to Presidents of State Societies urging a general display of the American flag on June 14, and especially that every automobile should carry the flag on that day.

Additions to Membership.

From March 1 to April 30 the Registrar General enrolled 209 new members for 29 State Societies, as follows: Connecticut, 5; District of Columbia, 3; Hawaii, 3; Idaho, 4; Illinois, 16; Indiana, 3; Iowa, 6; Kansas, 3; Maine, 6; Maryland, 4; Massachusetts, 38; Michigan, 15; Missouri, 2; Montana, 1; New Jersey, 90; New Mexico, 1; New York, Empire State, 16; Ohio, 10; Oklahoma, 1; Oregon, 2; Pennsylvania, 15; Rhode Island, 3; South Dakota, 2; Tennessee, 1; Utah, 4; Vermont, 2; Virginia, 10; Washington, 22; Wisconsin, 5.

Minutes of Meeting of Executive Committee, May 13, 1916.

A meeting of the Executive Committee, duly called by order of the President General, was held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J., on the evening of May 13, 1916. Present, President General Woodworth, presiding; Mr. R. C. Ballard Thruston, Mr. Albert M. Henry, Mr. Elmer M. Wentworth, Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks, Mr. John Lenord Merrill, Secretary General Clark, and Treasurer General Burroughs. The minutes of the meeting of November 29, 1915, were approved.

The President General outlined the contents of his annual report to be presented to the Annual Congress. He stated that the resolutions adopted at the Portland Congress with reference to the United States Commissioner of Education had been communicated to the President of the United States. In view of the replies received, the committee voted to consider the incident as closed.

The Treasurer General reviewed the financial condition of the Society. He reported cash on hand to the credit of the Permanent Fund amounting to $491.66, and it was voted that from the general fund there be appropriated such additional sum as may be necessary to purchase a $1,000 bond, thereby increasing the Permanent Fund investment to $9,000.

It was voted that an additional appropriation of $146.93 be made for the printing and distribution of the Official Bulletin during the past year.

After informally discussing the activities of the Society and the annual reports of the several National Committees, with recommendations therein, the Executive Committee adjourned.

A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General.
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, MAY 15, 1916.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees, duly called by direction of the President General, was held at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J., at 9 o'clock Monday morning, May 15, 1916. Present, President General Woodworth, presiding; Moses Greeley Parker, M. D., of Massachusetts, Mr. Allen R. Carter of Kentucky, Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks of Illinois, Col. George A. Elliott of Delaware, Mr. Albert M. Henry of Michigan, Dr. George C. F. Williams of Connecticut, Vice-President General Henry F. Punderson of Massachusetts, Mr. Elmer M. Wentworth of Iowa, Rear Adm. C. M. Chester, U. S. N., of District of Columbia, Mr. C. Symmes Kiggins of New Jersey, Secretary General A. Howard Clark, and others.

The minutes of the meeting of the Trustees held at Portland, Ore., July 20, 1915, were approved.

The President General reported briefly on business transacted by the Executive Committee during the year, and it was voted that all action of the committee be ratified and approved.

After some informal discussion on the general welfare of the Society, there being no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 9.30 o'clock.

A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General.


The Twenty-seventh Annual Congress convened at 10 o'clock a.m. May 15, 1916, in the Ball Room of the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J.

There were present at the Congress six General Officers, seven Past Presidents General, and 166 delegates from 27 State Societies, besides a number of alternates and 115 lady guests.

President General Woodworth was escorted into the room and called the Congress to order. The colors were presented and the pledge of allegiance to the flag was pronounced by the President General, the members all standing. In the absence of the Chaplain General, the invocation was pronounced by Rev. Dr. J. Edward Kirby, President of the Iowa Society. The Congress was welcomed to New Jersey by Governor Fielder, and to the city by Compatriot Thomas Lynch Raymond, Mayor of Newark.

President W. I. Lincoln Adams expressed the pleasure of the New Jersey Society in having the privilege of entertaining the Congress and extended cordial greetings.

The President General responded to the addresses of welcome, and after receiving the report of the Credential Committee announced the Congress ready for business.

A motion was adopted that Cushing's Manual govern the procedure of the Congress, and that all resolutions be offered in writing and referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate. Compatriots Pugsley of New York, Bradley of Connecticut, and Wood of Kentucky were appointed the Committee on Resolutions.

The President General presented his annual report, reviewing the activities of the Society and its present condition. He stated that the resolution adopted at the Portland Congress with regard to sentiments reported to have been expressed by the United States Commissioner of Education derogatory of the United States flag had been communicated to the President of the United States, and that the Commissioner had replied through the Secretary of the Interior and the office of the President to the effect that he denied any intended disrespect to the flag and asserted his sacred reverence for that emblem. The Executive Committee had examined the correspondence and recommended that the incident be considered closed.

The great advantage to the Society of the organization of The Washington Guard was discussed by the President General. He also urged the formation of more local Chapters as a means of increasing the Society's influence through a greater membership. A continued effort to secure the erection of a National Archives Building in Washington was urged as of supreme importance for the preservation of records now in danger of destruction.

The Secretary General reported on the business of his office, and reviewed the principal activities of the National Committees and of State Societies. The tenth volume of the Official Bulletin was issued in four numbers, aggregating 212 pages, at a cost of $2,366.03 for printing and distribution to every member (and to about 100 libraries), or an expense of 17 cents per capita. The National Year Book for 1915, a work of 402 pages, was printed in an edition of 1,500 copies, at a cost of $1,661.50 for printing and distribution, and the receipts from sales were $254.85.

The Registrar General's Report showed an enrollment of 1,176 new members during the Society year ending March 31, 1916, and 46 members reinstated. The active membership on May 12, 1916, was 14,445.

The deaths during the year numbered 302. The New Jersey Society showed the greatest percentage of actual net increase in membership
and had enrolled 207 new members; it was therefore awarded both the Traveling Banner and the Syracuse Banner. Massachusetts enrolled 155 new members, Illinois 107, and the Empire State 106.

The Treasurer General's Report showed a balance on hand May 14, 1915, of $7,969.42; receipts of the year, $9,279.79; disbursements, $8,916.18; balance May 11, 1916, $8,331.03. To the Permanent Fund there was added by gift of Compatriot Thruston a $1,000 bond, increasing the invested fund to $8,000, with $491.66 in cash to the credit of this fund. On May 13 the Executive Committee appropriated from the general funds a sufficient additional sum to purchase another $1,000 bond, so as to make the investment $9,000. During the session of the Congress Past President General Moses Greeley Parker, M. D., generously donated a $1,000 bond, thus increasing the invested Permanent Fund to $10,000.

Gen. Edwin S. Greeley, former President General, sent his greetings to the Congress, being unable to attend. A telegram of sympathy was sent in reply; also a letter signed by all the delegates.

The Historian General reviewed various phases of the Society's patriotic work.

The Memorial Committee reported progress in the preparation of a memorial volume to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The Committee on Organization, through the chairman of its several divisions on the Pacific, in the West, the Middle States, the South, and New England, reported much progress in arousing local patriotic interest, particularly in the formation of Chapters. Systematic plans for recruiting work have brought very satisfactory results in several States. Visits of members of the Committee to State Society meetings and general correspondence between members of the committee and others have been of much benefit in organization work. Much still remains to be done, particularly throughout the South.

The Committee on Education reported on what the National Society is doing and what is being done by State Societies and Chapters, and submitted certain recommendations for future activities. It is particularly urged that the several Societies and Chapters hold one or two educational meetings each year, to which should be invited those most interested in National, State, or local educational matters, for a full discussion of the best ways and means for the better education of the youth in history and patriotic lines. The dramatization of Edward Everett Hale's story, "The Man Without a Country," has created great

local interest in Chicago as presented under the direction of Compatriot George A. Brennan, a member of this committee.

The Committee on Americanization and Aliens reported on what had been accomplished in the endeavor to inculcate a love of Americanism among naturalized citizens, assisting prospective citizens in acquiring a sufficient understanding of our institutions to enable them to vote intelligently, and investing the legal ceremony of conferring citizenship with impressive and lasting dignity.

Following the reading of the report there was a discussion of this practical patriotic work, concluding with the introduction of the following resolution by Commander John H. Moore, which was adopted:

WHEREAS when an alien becomes a citizen of our country his wife and minor children, if residing in the United States, become automatically citizens; and

WHEREAS the alien in becoming a citizen is obliged to take the oath of allegiance, but there is no provision of law obliging his minor children to take such oath upon their arriving at the voting age and desiring to cast their first vote; and

WHEREAS we now have a large body of automatic citizens voting each year who have not taken the oath of allegiance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution that all citizens should be obliged to take the oath of allegiance before casting their first vote.

[An Act (S. 6288) introduced in the U. S. Senate by Compatriot Dillin- ingham on June 3 requires oath as above.]

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution hereby commends the splendid work of the several Young Men's Christian Associations engaged in instructing aliens to become citizens of the United States, and that we hereby assure those organizations of our hearty co-operation with them in their noble work.

The Committee on Military and Naval Records reported progress and recommended that action be taken to secure the publication of a synopsis of Revolutionary pensioners, showing the name, State, service, and post-office address of the pensioner.

The Flag Committee's Report told of effective work in preventing further desecration of the flag for advertising purposes, the desired end being accomplished in several cases by calling attention to the incident rather than through prosecution under State laws. The committee continues to urge the importance of a Federal law. Forty States, Hawaii, Philippines, and Porto Rico have enacted such laws, but so far there has been no legislation in Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida,
Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Panama Canal Zone, Tennessee, and Texas.

The Committee on Naval Archives Building reported on some progress toward approval of plans for this important building.

Efforts should be directed now, first, to securing the passage in the House of S. 589, to repeal paragraph 4 of section 21 of the Public Buildings Act, approved March 4, 1913; second, urging upon Congress early and favorable action on the report, which will be made by the Treasury Department as soon as that bill is passed, asking an appropriation for the construction of a National Archives Building in accordance with the plans prepared by the Department and approved by the Fine Arts Commission.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on National Archives Building be authorized to take such steps as it may deem advisable and appropriate to secure such further legislation as may be necessary to provide for the erection of such building.

Valley Forge Memorial: The following resolution, introduced by Col. George A. Elliott, President of the Delaware Society, was adopted:

Whereas the site of the encampment of the Continental Army at Valley Forge during the critical winter of 1777-1778 has been taken over by the State of Pennsylvania as a State reservation and park, which is now being beautified by memorials in honor of the heroes of the Revolution; and

Whereas a chapel, known as "The George Washington Memorial Chapel," immediately adjoining the "Cloister of the Colonies," and "Patriots' Hall," is now being erected, in which chapel every object will be a memorial to those who took part in the building up of our nation; and

Whereas many of our State Societies have already taken a deep interest in these memorials and the plans which provide that there shall be placed in the Chapel ceiling handsome oak panels, to be known as the Roof of the Republic, representing each of the forty-eight States of our Union, with the coats of arms and bronze seals of the respective States, the names of the States, the names of the donors, and the names of those in whose honor the memorials may be given: Therefore be it

Resolved, That this Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution, approving of all efforts to establish memorials to those who took part in the great struggle for human liberty and independence, does suggest to our State Societies the appropriateness of being represented in this splendid memorial to General George Washington at Valley Forge.

Pledge of Allegiance.—Resolutions favoring the adoption of a uniform Pledge to the Flag were referred to the Executive Committee, and the committee on May 17 voted to recommend the use by the Society of the following form: I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; One Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

Anniversary of Beginning of the Revolution.—In behalf of the New Jersey delegation, Secretary Weeks submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Revolution will be celebrated in 1925; and

Whereas the Sons of the American Revolution has as one of its objects the perpetuation of the history of our struggle for Independence: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution appoint a committee at this 27th Annual Congress to consider and report upon the feasibility in 1925 and the years following of a proper celebration of all of the important events connected with the Revolutionary struggle.

American Flag in Court Rooms.—The following resolution, presented by the Ohio State Society, was adopted:

Whereas it has come to the attention of this Society that there is no provision in the United States statutes requiring the display of the American flag in the respective United States courts, the offices of the clerks of said courts, or in the offices of the United States examiners: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the National Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution petition the Congress of the United States to the end that bills be introduced in both branches of the Congress of the United States, which bills shall duly provide for the furnishing of a suitable American flag for each of the United States court rooms, for each of the offices of the clerks of said courts, and for each of the offices used in proceedings in connection with the naturalization of aliens.

Resolutions on Preparedness were submitted to the Congress and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. The committee recommended the following resolution, and it was discussed and adopted:

Resolved, That the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in Congress assembled, on May 16, 1916, in the city of Newark, N. J., believing that national preparedness is of vital importance to our Republic, urges upon our National government, as well as our several State governments, such action as shall give to our nation adequate, proper, and effective military and naval preparedness.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be communicated to the President of the United States, to both Houses of Congress, and to the Governors of the several States.

(On the first day's session of the Congress recess was taken from 12.30 to 2 o'clock for luncheon, and at 4 o'clock adjournment was had until the next day.)
The Congress reconvened at 9.30 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 16. The colors were received, with pledge to the flag. Dr. Kirby pronounced the invocation.

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS.—President Dutton of the Washington State Society presented the Traveling Banner to President W. I. Lincoln Adams of the New Jersey Society. The Syracuse Banner, the gift of the Syracuse Chapter of the Empire State Society, was presented by President General Woodworth to the New Jersey Society and accepted by Mr. John Lenord Merrill in behalf of that Society.

WASHINGTON GUARD.—The Washington Guard flag, the gift of former Vice-President General Fernberger, was awarded to the New Jersey Society, which had enrolled the greatest number of members during the year. On the evening of May 15, at the reception in honor of the National Society Officers, the New Jersey Commandery of The Washington Guard exhibited the impressive Ritual of the Guard, under the direction of Governor General John Lenord Merrill.

The following resolution, presented by Mr. John Lenord Merrill, was adopted:

WHEREAS the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution seeks to inspire a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers, to foster true patriotism, to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, and to insure for the term "Americanism" the respect of the whole world; and

WHEREAS the future of our nation lies in the quality of patriotism acquired by those now growing up into manhood; and

WHEREAS the duty and obligation of the members of this Society to foster love of country among the young are nowhere more urgent and personal than among our own sons; and

WHEREAS this conviction has found effective expression in the creation of The Washington Guard; and

WHEREAS the splendid public exhibition of its ceremonies and ritual presented by the New Jersey Society and its Commandery of The Washington Guard has strongly impressed the members of this Congress with the power of The Washington Guard to awaken love of our country and promote good citizenship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Sons of the American Revolution, in Congress assembled, hail The Washington Guard as a most effective and inspiring agency in the promotion of the cause of pure Americanism; that we extend to the New Jersey Society, and especially to Companior John Lenord Merrill, profound thanks for the intelligently directed efforts resulting in the establishment of the New Jersey Commandery of The Washington Guard and the splendid exhibition of its ritual; and

be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Congress that each State Society should proceed as rapidly as may be to establish within its jurisdiction a commandery of The Washington Guard, to the end that the sons of our members throughout the land may be given the opportu-

AMERICAN RED CROSS.—The following resolution, presented by Past President General Marble, was adopted:

WHEREAS the work being done by the Red Cross on the battlefields and in the hospitals of Europe especially commends itself to every patriotic citizen; and

WHEREAS membership in the American Red Cross is far less than that of any of her sister nations: Therefore

Resolved, That the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution urges upon its constituent bodies and their local membership to enroll as members of the American Red Cross Society, branches of which are being now established throughout the entire country, and thus aid in placing the American Red Cross on a par with other nations in size and efficiency.

VICE-PRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.—Mr. Curtis announced, in behalf of the Connecticut delegates, that there would be presented at the next Congress a proposed amendment to the Constitution, whereby the country would be divided into five districts or zones, from each of which a Vice-President General would be elected to serve as the personal representative of the President General and be in general charge of the affairs of the Society in such zone, under the direction of the President General.

MEMORIAL TO CLARA BARTON.—The following resolution, proposed by President General Woodworth, was adopted:

WHEREAS an Association has been formed to erect a National Memorial in the city of Washington to the memory of Miss Clara Barton, who was the originator and active head of the Red Cross Society in this country for many years, and whose faithful and unselfish devotion to the wounded and sick Union soldiers during the Civil War, as well as her devotion to relieving humanity suffering from affliction and disease in subsequent years in this country, as well as her work abroad in the interest of the Red Cross Society, is a matter of record and forms one of the bright pages in the history of the United States: Now it is hereby

Resolved, That the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, in Congress assembled, at Newark, N. J., on May 16, hereby records its approval and endorsement of the objects of the Clara Barton National Memorial Association to perpetuate the memory of Clara Barton as an example of a woman faithful to herself, her duty, and in service to humanity.

A COMMITTEE ON LOCAL CHAPTERS was authorized as follows:

Resolved, That the President General appoint a special committee of seven to consider the subject of recommending a uniform system of organization of Chapters for all State Societies.
INVITATION FOR 1917 CONGRESS.—Vice-President General Boardman, in behalf of the Tennessee Society, extended an invitation to hold the Twenty-eighth Annual Congress at Nashville and submitted letters from the Governor of the State, the Mayor of Nashville, and others indorsing the invitation. After remarks by several members commending the selection of Nashville for the next Congress, the invitation was referred, under the rules, to the Board of Trustees.

At a meeting of the Board on the evening of May 16 the Nashville invitation was accepted with thanks. The Vermont Society was thanked by the Board for an invitation, received after Congress adjourned, to meet at Burlington in 1917.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS being in order, President Austin of the Illinois Society nominated Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks of that State, and the nomination was seconded by Commander Moore of the District of Columbia, President Dutton of Washington State, and others.

Mr. Elmer Marston Wentworth of Iowa was nominated by Rev. Dr. Kirbye, President of the Iowa Society, and seconded by President Woodward of Massachusetts, Mr. Turner of Maine, Colonel Penrose of Utah, Major Hyde of Maryland, Colonel Guthrie of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wood of Kentucky, Mr. Palmer of Minnesota, Mr. Henry of Michigan, President Lee of Connecticut, Mr. Baldwin of Oregon, and Mr. Marble of New York.

Before proceeding to ballot for President General, President Ames of the Empire State Society announced that the retiring President General had declined to permit his name to be presented for re-election and presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote with hearty applause and ordered to be engrossed and be presented to Mr. Woodworth:

**Be it resolved, That the heart-felt thanks of the Twenty-seventh Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution be, and they hereby are, extended to the Hon. Newell B. Woodward for the marked ability shown by him and the fair and impartial manner in which he has discharged the duties of his great office, and that we wish him many years of health, happiness, and continued zeal for our common cause, so dear to his heart; and, in the language of the great Washington, "may his future years be as prosperous and happy as his former have been upright and honorable."

Colonel Lauman of Illinois, Mr. Lee of Connecticut, Dr. Kirbye of Iowa, and Judge Remington of New York were appointed tellers.

The ballot for President General resulted in Mr. Wentworth's receiving the majority vote, and on motion by Mr. Jenks the election of Mr. Wentworth was declared unanimous. The President-elect was escorted to the chair by Rev. Dr. Kirbye of Iowa and Mr. Turner of Maine.

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Trustees, May 16, 1916.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees elected at the Twenty-seventh Annual Congress, duly called by the President General, was held in the ball-room at the Robert Treat Hotel, Newark, N. J., on the evening of May 16, 1916. Present: President General Elmer M. Wentworth, presiding; Vice-Presidents General Orison J. C. Dutton, Frederick E. Emerson, Philip F. Turner, and William K. Boardman; Secretary General A. Howard Clark, Treasurer General John H. Burroughs; Mr. Philip F. Larner of District of Columbia, Hon. Cornelius A. Pugsley of New York, Col. George A. Elliott of Delaware, and Mr. George T.
Wood of Kentucky, members of the Board of Trustees; also President Louis Annin Ames of the Empire State Society, Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks of Illinois, and others.

Vice-President General Boardman presented an invitation from the Tennessee Society to hold the Twenty-eighth Annual Congress at Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1917.

The Secretary General announced that since the adjournment of the Congress an invitation had been received from the Vermont Society to hold the Congress of 1917 at Burlington, Vt.

On motion, it was voted that the invitation of the Tennessee Society be accepted with the thanks of the Board of Trustees, and that the Twenty-eighth Congress be held in the city of Nashville on the third Monday in May, 1917.

It was also voted that the thanks of the Board be extended to the Vermont Society for its courteous invitation to hold the Congress at Burlington.

It was voted that the usual contribution of $500 be authorized to be paid by the Treasurer General toward the expenses of the Nashville Congress in 1917.

The President General nominated the following members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees approved the same under the provisions of Article V, section 4, of the Constitution: The President General, chairman; Newell B. Woodworth of Syracuse, N.Y., Mr. Albert M. Henry of Michigan, Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks of Illinois, Mr. John Lenord Merrill of New Jersey, Mr. Lewis B. Curtis of Connecticut, Mr. Louis Annin Ames of New York City.

The President General announced that he had under consideration the appointment of an Advisory Committee to serve in cooperation with the Executive Committee, and his suggestion was favorably indorsed by the Trustees.

An appropriation of $2,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was voted for printing and distributing the OFFICIAL BULLETIN during the present Society year.

An appropriation of $1,600, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was voted for the publication of the National Year Book for 1916, under the usual editorship of the Secretary General.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be, and is hereby, empowered to make appropriations for such expenses as may be proper to be incurred in furthering the work of the Society.

It was voted that the Executive Committee be, and is hereby, empowered to act on such matters referred to the Board of Trustees by the Congress, or such new business as in the judgment of the President General may not require the action of a meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Trustees then adjourned.

A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
MAY 17, 1916.

A meeting of the Executive Committee, duly called by direction of the President General, was held on May 17, 1916, when the members of the Twenty-seventh Congress were the guests of the New Jersey Society on a special train visiting Princeton and Trenton. Present: President General Elmer M. Wentworth, presiding; Mr. Newell B. Woodworth, Mr. Albert M. Henry, Mr. Chancellor L. Jenks, and Mr. Louis Annin Ames of the committee; also Treasurer General Burchoughs, Secretary General Clark, Vice-Presidents General Boardman, Dutton, Turner, and others.

Appropriations for maintenance and for carrying on the patriotic work of the Society were voted as follows:

For the Committee on Americanization and Aliens, $750.

For miscellaneous expenses of National Committees, $150.

For continuation of the preparation of a memorial volume on the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, as authorized by the Executive Committee November 20, 1914, $150.

For salary of Secretary General and Registrar General and necessary office expenses, including clerical assistance, as during the last year, and for necessary traveling expenses of the Secretary General in attendance at the Annual Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and Trustees, subject to the approval of the President General.

The Secretary General was authorized to have printed the usual edition of 800 copies of the National Year Book for 1916 for the customary official distribution; also such additional number of copies as may be subscribed for by State Societies, Chapters, and individual members, at 50 cents per copy in paper covers and 75 cents cloth bound (postage or expressage prepaid), provided that orders be placed prior to August 1, notice to such effect to be issued by the Secretary General.

The Secretary General was authorized to insert advertisements in the OFFICIAL BULLETIN, if the plan prove feasible and advisable, at such rates as he may deem advantageous.

Vice-President General Boardman of Tennessee was authorized to carry out a plan for publicity throughout the South without expense to the Society.

Mr. Woodworth and Mr. Jenks were requested to secure information
with a view to adopting a distinctive standard marker of the Sons of the American Revolution for the graves of soldiers and sailors of the War of the Revolution, and to report thereon at the next meeting of the committee or at the Nashville Congress.

The committee considered the question of adopting a uniform Pledge to the Flag referred by the Congress, and it was voted that the following "Pledge of Allegiance," widely used in the schools of the United States and in the Philippines, be recommended for general use by State Societies and Chapters: I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; One Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.

It was suggested that the principal moving-picture news services be communicated with, to the end that films of special interest to Sons of the American Revolution be brought to the attention of State Societies and Chapters.

The Secretary General was authorized to secure a supply of standard application blanks for the use of The Washington Guard and to issue a circular to State Societies and local Chapters calling attention to the Guard; and an appropriation of $100, or so much thereof as may be necessary, was voted for these purposes.

There being no further business, the committee then adjourned.

A. HOWARD CLARK, Secretary General.

SOCIAL AND OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Many of the delegates gathered informally at the Robert Treat Hotel on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 13. The President General entertained the Executive Committee at dinner, after which the committee was in business session until about midnight. On Sunday afternoon the delegates marched to the Trinity Episcopal Church, where special patriotic services were held, with a sermon by Bishop Edwin S. Lines, Chaplain of the New Jersey Society. In the evening patriotic exercises were conducted by Rev. John Edward Kirby, D.D., of Iowa, when Past President General Thruston delivered his address on the "History and Evolution of the United States Flag." Monday, during noon recess, the lady guests were entertained at luncheon. From 4 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon a reception was given to delegates and ladies by Past President General Franklin Murphy, former Governor of New Jersey, at his home. On Monday evening an elaborate reception and ball was held in the ball-room of the hotel in honor of the Officers of the National Society, with exercises by The Washington Guard. On Tues-

day afternoon there was an automobile ride to Washington's Headquarters at Morristown and to Eagle Rock.

A banquet at the Robert Treat Hotel on Tuesday evening was attended by about 450 members of the Society and lady guests. President W. I. Lincoln Adams presided as toastmaster. The principal address of the evening was made by Mr. Job Hedges of New York. Addresses were made by President General Wentworth, Past Presidents General Murphy and Woodworth, Mrs. Wm. Cumming Story, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and by Mrs. Everitt M. Raynor, President General of the Daughters of the Revolution.

On Wednesday, May 17, a special train conveyed the delegates and guests to Princeton, where they were received by the officials of the University in historic Nassau Hall, and a visit made to the tomb of John Witherspoon and other historic men. The party then proceeded by train to Trenton, and, under escort of the Cadet Corps of the Bordentown Military Institute, marched to the Revolutionary Barracks. After luncheon there was unveiled, with appropriate ceremonies, a tablet presented to the New Jersey Society by Mr. Thruston, and in turn accepted by the Mayor of Trenton. The tablet bears an inscription commemorating the sense of justice displayed by Washington in returning to its owners the property taken from the people of the surrounding country by the Hessians and later retaken by Washington. The party then returned to Newark and functions of the Congress were ended.

DOINGS OF STATE SOCIETIES AND CHAPTERS.

The California Society held its annual meeting, at the Clift Hotel, San Francisco, on April 19, and elected the following officers: President, Rawlins Cadwallader, M.D.; Senior Vice-President, Ernest J. Mott, LL. B.; Junior Vice-President, Thomas M. Earl of Berkeley; Secretary and Registrar, Thomas A. Perkins, A. M., LL. B., Mills Bldg., San Francisco; Treasurer, Col. John C. Currier; Historian, Edmund D. Shortlidge, M. D.

On March 6 the Society adopted a resolution protesting against the hoisting of any foreign flag over or in front of any official public building on any occasion.

The Delaware Society held its annual meeting and dinner, at the Wilmington Club, on April 15, and elected the following officers: President, Col. George A. Elliott of Wilmington; Vice-Presidents, Robert H. Richards of Wilmington, James H. Hughes of Dover, and Edwin C. Marshall of Lewes; Secretary-Treasurer-Registrar, Harry J. Guthrie of Wilmington; Chaplain, Rev. Wm. Henry Laird of Wilmington.
Appropriations were made toward a statue of Caesar Rodney, to be erected in Wilmington, and for the maintenance of Americanization night schools. Addresses were delivered by State Attorney General Robert H. Richards, former Mayor Harrison W. Howell, M. D., of the Governor's staff, and Col. William D. Denney of Dover, each of whom laid great stress on the necessity for a state of readiness by the United States to protect itself against foes and the upholding of the country's honor and liberty.

The District of Columbia Society, on March 15, listened to an address by Compatriot Claude N. Bennett on "Personal Observations on National Administrations." On April 19 President General Woodworth addressed the Society on "Idealism as a Defensive Force." Compatriot F. C. Bryan recited Emerson's "Concord Hymn" and Compatriot George H. Moses, former U. S. Minister to Greece, made a short address. On the evening of April 18 the officers of the Society entertained Mr. Woodworth with a dinner at the Army and Navy Club, when the general welfare of the organization and its activities were informally discussed. The President General addressed the Daughters of the American Revolution at the opening of their Congress, in Memorial Continental Hall, on April 17.

The Empire State Society held its annual election on April 18, when officers were chosen as follows: President, Louis Annin Ames, 90 Fulton street, N. Y.; First Vice-President, Norman P. Heffley, 1350 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Second Vice-President, Martin S. Allen, 81 North Moore street, N. Y.; Third Vice-President, Hon. Horace S. Van Vost, Schenectady, N. Y.; Secretary, Jesse H. Clute, 220 Broadway, N. Y.; Treasurer, James de Ia Montanye, Bed ford avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Registrar, Teunis D. Huntting, 99 Broadway, N. Y.; Historian, Dr. William K. Wickes, Syracuse, N. Y.; Chaplain, Rev. Frank O. Hall, D. D., 4 West 76th street, N. Y.

The Cornelius Van Dyck Chapter, on April 5, was addressed by William T. Hanson, Jr., on "Schenectady's Part in the Revolution." A resolution was adopted requesting citizens to show their belief in preparedness by displaying the American flag on Patriots' Day, April 19. A flag 5 by 8 feet was presented to the Chapter by President Moon and a portrait of Col. Christopher Yates was given by Secretary Robison for the Chapter headquarters.

An audience of about 2,000 assembled in the State Armory at Schenectady on April 5, at Americanization Day ceremonies, when fifty men took the oath of allegiance to the United States. Stirring addresses were delivered by Compatriot Charles S. Whitman, Governor of New York, and Mayor George R. Lunn, who welcomed the new citizens. County Clerk George C. Moon, President of the Cornelius Van Dyck Chapter, presented the certificates of citizenship. During the ceremonies a committee from the Sons of the American Revolution presented each of the new citizens with an American flag, and a committee of the "Daughters" presented flags to their wives.

At its monthly meeting, on May 3, the Chapter listened to an address by James H. Callanan, in which he discussed the evils of "destructive criticism" by agitators. An address was also made by Gen. Charles L. Davis.

The first annual meeting of the Chapter at Schenectady was held on June 6, preceded by a dinner at the Mohawk Club. The officers were re-elected. The Chapter is to present a flag (18 by 27 feet) to Union College and a flag to the high-school auditorium. Past President General Woodworth, President Louis Annin Ames of the State Society, Robert R. Law, and James H. Callanan delivered addresses.

The Huntington Chapter, on April 11, adopted resolutions indorsing any proper method of securing a National Archives Building, and also any proper system of National Preparedness.

The Florida Society tendered a dinner to former President General Thruston on his visit to Pensacola, where on March 30 he delivered his flag address before the Pensacola High School.

At the annual meeting, on April 19, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. F. G. Kennshaw, Pensacola; Vice-President, R. M. Cary, Pensacola; Secretary, John Hobart Cross, Pensacola; Treasurer and Registrar, F. F. Eingham, Pensacola; Chaplain, Rt. Rev. Edw. G. Weed, Jacksonville.

The Illinois Society, at its quarterly meeting, on March 24, at the City Club, Chicago, had an illustrated address on "The United States Naval Training Station," by W. A. Moffett, U. S. N., commander of the station at Great Lakes, Ill. A dinner, on April 19, to commemorate the 141st anniversary of the Battle of Lexington, was attended by about 250 members and guests. President Austin presided as toastmaster. Addresses were made by Hon. John D. Shoop on "The Schools and Patriotism" and by Dr. W. S. Sadler on "The Boy Problem."

The Iowa Society held its annual business meeting and banquet at Des Moines on April 19. Resolutions indorsing preparedness were passed unanimously. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. John Edward Kirby, D. D., Des Moines; First Vice-President, Dr. Edward Elisha Dorr, Des Moines; Second Vice-President, Hon. Ed-
ward David Chassell, Wyoming; Treasurer, William E. Barrett, Esq., Des Moines; Secretary, Capt. Elbridge Drew Hadley, Des Moines; Registrar, William G. Hamlin, Esq., Des Moines; Historian, Prof. Ezra C. Potter, Ames; Chaplain, Rev. William B. Sandford, Des Moines.

Eighty-four members and lady guests attended the banquet. Addresses were delivered by President Kirbye on "The New Nationalism," Rev. W. B. Sandford on "Nathan Hale, an Ideal Patriot," Mr. Harry Herndon Polk on "Unprepared," and Mr. J. B. Weaver on "The Outlook of America."

The Louisiana Society has elected Col. Elmer E. Wood as President. Early in April former President General Thruston spent some time in New Orleans and conferred with officers of the Society about its patriotic work. He delivered his address on "The United States Flag" at the Tulane University; also at the State University at Baton Rouge and at other places.

The Maryland Society celebrated its 27th birthday and also the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington on the evening of April 19, at the Hotel Belvedere, Baltimore. Gen. Lawson Riggs, President, presided. Annual reports were made by the Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and Historian, covering the work of the Society for the year. Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, recently elected Attorney General of the State of Maryland, delivered an address.

The following officers were elected: President, John Milton Reifsneider of Westminster; Vice-Presidents, T. Murray Maynard, Charles E. Saddler, and James D. Iglehart; Secretary, J. Frank Supplee, Jr.; Treasurer, Ira H. Houghton; Registrar, Edward F. Artlurs; Historian, James E. Hancock; Chaplain, Rev. Henry Branch, D. D. Judge Henry Stockbridge was nominated for Trustee of the National Society.

At a meeting of the Board of Managers, on June 8, a resolution was adopted calling upon members and all other citizens to display the American flag on June 14, and especially requesting all owners of automobiles to display the flag upon their machines on that day.

The Massachusetts Society held its annual business session at the Old South Meeting House, Boston, on April 19, after which the members, led by Captain Bagley, marched to the American House for the usual annual dinner, which was attended by about 200 members. All the officers were re-elected for another year. The annual reports showed the Society active in every patriotic line of work and increasing in membership and influence. Former Lieut. Governor Louis A. Frothingham delivered a stirring address on "Preparedness," "Patriotism and preparedness go hand in hand."

The BOSTON CHAPTER held its 162d meeting on May 20 and elected the following officers: President, Capt. Charles Brooks Appleton; Vice-President, Marshall Putnam Thompson; Secretary, Charles Clement Littlefield; Treasurer, Frank Runrill; Historian, Brig. Gen. Philip Reade.

The Malden Chapter entertained the President and Board of Managers of the State Society at the City Club, Boston, on April 5. Hon. Arthur H. Wellman presided as toastmaster, and short addresses were made by Hon. Arthur Lord, President of the Pilgrim Society, Plymouth; President Woodward, Vice-Presidents Field and Read, and Gen. Philip Reade.

The Francis Lewis Chapter of Walpole, on Decoration Day, visited several old cemeteries and decorated the graves of 135 patriots. The Chapter has organized a Post of The Washington Guard.

The Michigan Society held its annual business meeting and banquet at the Detroit Club on May 10. The officers elected were: President, Clarence M. Burton; Vice-President, Jacob S. Farrand, Jr.; Secretary, Raymond E. Van Syckle; Treasurer, Frank G. Smith; Registrar, Franklin S. Dewey; Chaplain, Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D. D.; Historian, Charles Moore. Over 100 members attended from Detroit and from Chapters throughout the State. President Albert M. Henry presided as toastmaster.

The Presidents or other representatives of local Chapters told of success in arousing patriotic interest, particularly through lectures and the exhibit of historic pictures. Moving pictures were shown at the banquet illustrating life in the army and navy. Col. G. R. Cecil, U. S. A., described conditions in Mexico, and Gen. Charles A. Coolidge, U. S. A., told of advances in military science and transportation. General Harrah, Colonel Barlow, and Lieutenant West discussed phases of army life. Lieutenant Utley and Commander Lewis discussed naval conditions.

The DETROIT CHAPTER, on March 17, met at the University Club and listened to an address by Capt. Frederick M. Alger on "Preparedness and National Defense," followed by a discussion by General Coolidge, Lieutenant West, and Lieutenant Rosevar. The Chapter has published a Year Book containing record of meetings, lists of committees and members, and an account of Chapter organization in the State by Secretary Van Syckle.

The Washtenaw Chapter, at Ann Arbor, on May 1, was addressed by Prof. Claude Van Tyne on "The Personal Side of the Diplomacy of the Revolution."
The Missouri Society, on April 19, held its annual banquet at The Buckingham, St. Louis, celebrating the Battles of Lexington and Concord. President Robert E. Adreon presided. The principal address was made by ChancellorL. Jenks, former President of the Illinois Society and member of the National Executive Committee, on "Our National Organization."

The New Jersey Society entertained the Twenty-seventh Annual Congress, as described elsewhere. The Society was awarded the Traveling Banner for making the greatest percentage of increase in membership, and the Syracuse Banner, for enrolling the largest number of new members during the year; also The Washington Guard Flag for the greatest enrollment in that organization.

The Ohio Society held its annual business meeting, at Cleveland, on May 6, and elected the following officers: President, George E. Pomroy, Toledo; Vice-President, Hermon A. Kelley, Cleveland; Registrar, W. L. Curry, Columbus; Secretary, E. M. Hall, Jr., Cleveland; Treasurer, Stimpson G. Harvey, Toledo; Historian, Joseph B. Doyle, Steubenville; Chaplain, Dr. William F. Peirce, Gambier.

Resolutions were passed in favor of a National Archives Building and following out the preparedness resolution adopted at the Portland Congress in July last, and instructions were given that copies of these resolutions be sent to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Ohio Senators and Representatives.

In the evening there was held the annual banquet at the Hollenden Hotel. Hon. James H. Hoyt presided as toastmaster. The program included: Invocation, by Chaplain E. W. J. Lindesmith, U. S. A., retired; welcome, by Edward L. Howe, President Western Reserve Society; response, by C. C. Pavey, President Ohio Society; address, by Hon. Newell B. Woodworth, President General, and address, "If Washington were President," by Dr. William F. Peirce.

Mr. Woodworth reviewed the work of the National Society and of the State Societies in their various patriotic activities. Dr. Peirce delivered a carefully prepared address, in which he told of Washington's attitude toward the momentous problems of his day, quoting from letters and documents of great interest at this time. In the course of his address he said:

"Of Washington's attitude toward theorethis pacifism we cannot be in doubt. His Revolutionary example is a convincing proof of his willingness to sacrifice property and life itself that principle might triumph. Six years before the Revolution he wrote: "That no man should scruple or hesitate a moment to use arms in defense of so valuable a blessing as 'the liberty which we have derived from our ancestors' is clearly my opinion. Yet arms, I would beg leave to add, should be the last resource, the dernier ressort. And again, when the first shot had once been fired, he wrote: "Unhappy it is to reflect * * * that the once happy and peaceful plains of America are either to be drenched in blood or inhabited by slaves. Sad alternative! But can a virtuous man hesitate in his choice?"

Washington's earnest regard for national preparedness speaks from every paper, public or private. Each of his eight annual messages as President speaks out boldly. I quote at random: From the first message, 1789: "Among the many interesting objects which will engage your attention, that of providing for the common defense will merit particular regard. To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace. A free people ought not only to be armed, but disciplined; their safety and interest require that they should promote such manufactories as tend to render them independent of others for essential, particularly military supplies." From the third message, 1791: "The safety of the United States, under divine protection, ought to rest on the basis of systematic and solid arrangements, exposed as little as possible to the hazards of fortuitous circumstances." From the United States fifth message, 1793, when war had already broken out: "The United States ought not to indulge a persuasion that, contrary to the order of human events, they will forever keep at a distance those painful appeals to arms with which the history of every other nation abounds. There is a rank due to the United States among nations which will be withheld, if not absolutely lost, by the reputation of weakness. If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known that we are at all times ready for war."

Washington's program for the national defense was simple and definite. First, the navy; second, a militia of trained citizens, the true safety of the nation; and, third, a military academy to educate the officers for this national army in military science and discipline.

The Anthony Wayne Chapter of Toledo, on February 22, elected the following officers: President, Hon. Horace N. Allen; Vice-President, S. O. Richardson, Jr., and J. Kent Hamilton; Secretary, F. W. Whittlesey; Treasurer, Col. Simpson G. Harvey; Registrar, Dr. Edward D. Gardiner; Historian, Judge Herbert P. Whitney; Chaplain, Nathan N. Clark.

The annual banquet was held at the Toledo Club on April 19, when the principal speakers were W. S. Walbridge, S. O. Richardson, Jr., and George W. Stevens.

The Oregon Society gave a dinner at the Hotel Marion, Salem, on April 19, in celebration of the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord. Compatriot Winthrop Hammond presided. Sixty-seven covers were laid. The speakers were Hon. Theodore E. Burton, ex-Senator from Ohio; Gov. James Withcombe, Judge William Galloway, H. O. White, Mayor of Salem, and President Wallace McCamant. The paper of the evening was read before the dinner by F. S. Gannett,
principal of the Junior High School at Salem. The dinner was preliminary to the organization of a Chapter at Salem.

Professor Gannett dealt with the social and economic causes of the Revolution and the various acts of shortsightedness of the English government which finally brought the American colonies into rebellion, although at first they had no thought of separation from the mother country.

On June 5 the Society celebrated the 25th anniversary of its organization with a dinner and reception to Gen. Thomas M. Anderson, U. S. A. President McCamant gave a sketch of the life and public service of General Anderson and Judge Williams. Greetings were received by telegram from President General Wentworth.

The Salem Chapter, the second Chapter in Oregon, was formally organized on May 24, at a meeting in the Commercial Club, with fifteen members signing the application for a charter. Winthrop Hammond, who has been largely instrumental in the establishment of the organization in Salem, was elected president by a unanimous vote.

The other officers elected were Frank J. Miller, First Vice-President; R. E. Greene, Albany, Second Vice-President; George M. Post, Secretary; F. S. Gannett, Treasurer; W. F. Foster, Treasurer.

The Pennsylvania Society commemorated the ride of Paul Revere by holding a dinner at the Fort Pitt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on the evening of April 18. There was a large attendance of members with their ladies. President Thomas Stephen Brown presided as toastmaster.

Dr. Theodore Diller read a paper on "Washington's Trips to Pittsburgh." It is proposed to erect an heroic statue of Washington in that city.

The Shenango Chapter was formally organized, at Sharon, on April 19, with 14 charter members. The following officers were elected: President, A. C. McLean, Sharon; Vice-President, G. E. Boyd, Fredonia; Secretary, Guy Thorne, Greenville; Treasurer, W. D. McCartney, Sharon; Registrar, L. D. Runser, Sharpsville; Historian, Capt. W. A. McCormick, Mercer.

The Chapter indorsed preparedness and recommended observance of Flag Day. Addresses were given by A. C. McLean, President; Col. R. W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh, Past State President; Thomas S. Brown of Pittsburgh, State President; J. Boyd Duff, Col. J. S. Dur Shane, and Major Gagely of New Castle.

The Philippine Society celebrated Washington's Birthday, in company with the Daughters of the American Revolution, at Caffacoa, when about 60 members and guests enjoyed a dinner, presided over by Mrs.

Elser, Regent of the Philippine Chapter of the "Daughters," and President Frank Lee Strong of the "Sons."

President Strong acted as master of ceremonies. Miss Mary Helen Fee made the introductory address for the Daughters in eulogy of the hero of the day. Dr. Louis S. Snow of the university spoke of the dreams of the early patriots as reaching only to the Mississippi River and of the great territory of the United States today. Professor Craig talked of the tendency to magnify heroes so as to make an attempt to emulate them almost impossible, and that we should remember that they were only men, though men of great deeds. Judge Newton W. Gilbert made an address on the subject of American patriotism and of the duty of all Sons and Daughters to instruct their countrymen as to preparedness for war, though that did not necessarily mean war, but was essential to national respect as opposed to pusillanimous peace. President Strong closed with many references to the influence of women in inspiring the male population to fight—in fact, they were the real cause of most wars—and now he considered it most fitting that the women of the country advocate the securing of necessary armament and men to fight, if need there be.

The Rhode Island Society held its customary Memorial Day exercises on May 30, at Hopkins Park, Providence, with the following program: Invocation, Rev. C. Fremont Roper, Chaplain of the Society; introductory address, President Frederick D. Carr; "The Star Spangled Banner," Branch Avenue school children; recitation, school children; salute to the flag, school children; placing of the flag on the grave of Commodore Hopkins, Melinda Lille; song, Kipling's "Ressessional," school children; address, Mayor Gainer; placing of wreath on the statue of Commodore Hopkins, Stephen Achilles; "America," by all present; benediction, Rev. Anthony Bove.

The Tennessee Society, on May 5, presented an American flag (15 by 9 feet) to the Hume-Fogg High School at Nashville. As the flag was raised a thousand high-school boys and girls joined in singing the "Star Spangled Banner." Hosp. John H. De Witt made the presentation address and the flag was accepted by Comptroller Leeland Hume in behalf of the Board of Education. Mr. Joseph T. Howell traced the history of the United States flag, its ideals which it stands for and the principles it represents.

The Utah Society commemorated Paul Revere's Ride on the evening of April 18 by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" from ocean to ocean over the transcontinental telephone line, joining with the Empire State Society assembled in banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City and with members of the California Society in San Francisco.
Responding to the greeting of President Ames of the Empire State Society, former Mayor Samuel C. Park, Vice-President General of the Sons of the American Revolution, told the New Yorkers how Utah was planning to observe Patriots' Day by the universal display of the American flag.

Attorney General A. R. Barnes, President of the Utah Society; J. W. Bishop, Vice-President; C. P. Overfield, Judge M. L. Ritchie, George Jay Gibson, George Albert Smith, Joseph Kimball, Markham Cheever, Prof. Levi Edgar Young, and A. B. Cudebec, members of the Society, also participated in the occasion.

On the occasion of the Conference of Governors, to be held in Salt Lake City, June 27, the Society will entertain about thirty governors at a banquet at the Hotel Utah. Gov. William Spry will serve as toastmaster. President General Wentworth has been invited to attend.

The Banquet Committee is Chauncey P. Overfield, chairman; Joseph Kimball, vice-chairman, and Gordon L. Hutchins, secretary. Transcontinental telephonic communications will be arranged from the banquet hall between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and the President of the United States will be asked to send a message to the assembly.

The Wisconsin Society held its annual meeting at Milwaukee on May 29 and elected the following officers: President, Hon. James Harney Stover, 744 Van Buren street, Milwaukee; Vice-President, W. H. Bishop; Secretary, Hon. Charles C. Benson, City Hall, Milwaukee; Treasurer, William Stark Smith; Registrar, William W. Wight; Historian, Herbert N. Laflin; Chaplain, Rt. Rev. Wm. Walter Harney May 29 and elected the following officers: President, Hon. James Harney Stover, 744 Van Buren street, Milwaukee; Vice-President, W. H. Bishop; Secretary, Hon. Charles C. Benson, City Hall, Milwaukee; Treasurer, William Stark Smith; Registrar, William W. Wight; Historian, Herbert N. Laflin; Chaplain, Rt. Rev. Wm. Walter Webb. Following the business meeting a banquet was held at the Hotel Pfister, attended by forty-two members.

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**IN MEMORIAM.**

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N. T. Ankenley, Pennsylvania Society, died December 18, 1915.

Olney Arnold II, Rhode Island Society, died March 5, 1916.

Anderson Avery, Connecticut Society, died April 19, 1916.


Frank Braiker, Connecticut Society, died March 6, 1916.

Andrew W. Bray, New Jersey Society, died April 16, 1916.

Samuel Oliver Breed, Massachusetts Society, died March 26, 1916.

George Russell Brown, Arkansas Society, died May 27, 1916.

Eugene R. Bryant, California Society, died December 30, 1915.


John Paschal Charlton, District of Columbia Society, died December 26, 1915.

Dr. Clarence R. Cockrum, Colorado Society, died February 11, 1916.


Corwin Worth Cornell, Iowa Society, died January 11, 1916.

Elmer L. Cortbell, Empire State Society, died May 16, 1916.


Frederick William Crowell, California Society, died March 21, 1916.

Richard Harding Davis, Empire State Society, died April 11, 1916.

Abram C. Denman, New Jersey Society, died May 9, 1916.

Andrew F. Debes, New Jersey Society, died November 19, 1915.


Hon. Thomas Ireland Elliott, Maryland Society, died December 15, 1915.


Walter R. Gilbert, Empire State Society, died March 6, 1916.

Roger Tahey Gill, Maryland Society, died December 15, 1915.

Samuel Granger, California Society, died December 8, 1915.


Allston D. Guernsey, Massachusetts Society, died February 3, 1916.

Jonathan Elephas Hayward, Massachusetts Society, died June 7, 1916.


Samuel Young Hyde, Wisconsin Society, died March 9, 1916.

George O. Jenkins, Massachusetts Society, died March 31, 1916.


Joseph Harris Johnson, Rhode Island Society, died April 3, 1916.


Dr. Edward Balch Knight, Rhode Island Society, died May 8, 1916.

Eogar Cullen Lane, Iowa Society, died March 18, 1916.


Charles F. Mills, Illinois Society, died December 9, 1915.

Dr. Irving O. Nells, Empire State Society, died March 8, 1916.


Jonathan Franklin Prince, Wisconsin Society, died April 13, 1916.


Osgood Plummer, Massachusetts Society, died April 2, 1916.


Leodot B. Ramoell, Massachusetts Society, died April 8, 1916.


Robert Sedgeon Reed, Illinois Society, died December 5, 1916.

Sylvanus Ver Noo Reynolds, Empire State Society, died February 14, 1916.

Francis H. Rice, Massachusetts Society, died January 15, 1916.


Alpheus K. Rodgers, Kansas Society, died March 16, 1916.


William Savige, Massachusetts Society, died May 9, 1916.

Francis E. Sayer, Massachusetts Society, died March 1, 1916.

America Shattuck, son of Revolutionary soldier, Massachusetts Society, died March 9, 1916.

Charles H. Sherman, California Society, died April 1, 1916.


Edward Barton Thomas, Ohio Society, died January 7, 1916.

Benjamin F. TruJl, Massachusetts Society, died December 26, 1915.


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JAMES WIRT BOWLES, Richmond, Va. (28496). Great-grandson of Knight Bowles, private Virginia Militia.


JAMES BEARDSLEY BRINSMADE, Derby, Conn. (27965). Great-grandson of Abraham Brinsmade, Member of Committees of Observation and Inspection, private Conn. Volunteers at Danbury Raid.


HAMILTON MILLER DAWES, Montclair, N. J. (28498). Great-grandson of Benjamin Kercheval, private Eighth Virginia Regt.


MUNSON GOLINE DOREMUS, Newark, N. J. (28613). Great-grandson of Thomas Doremus, private New Jersey State Troops.


ARTHUR CHESTER FUSSELL, East Orange, N. J. (28618). Great-grandson of William Fussell, private Sixth Artillery of Chester County, Penna.


JOHN GOODWIN HERNDON, Captain Virginia Militia.

NOAH HAMILTON GRADY, Chattanooga, Tenn. (22902). Great-grandson of Jacob Persinger, Corporal, Major Nevell's Virginia Regt., pensioned.


MARK EDWIN GUPTAIL, North Yakima, Wash. (28559). Great-grandson of Benjamin Fuller, private, Col. John Durkee's Conn. Regt.


CHARLES SUTHERLAND HAMNER, Elizabeth, N. J. (28577). Great-grandson of Robert Davis, private Sixth Maryland Regt.


CLARENCE SPAETH JOHNSON, Orange, N. J. (2867). Great-grandson of Elias Beach, private New Jersey Militia, prisoner.


LESLIE SPENCER JOHNSON, Newark, N. J. (2881). Great-grandson of Elias Beach, private New Jersey Militia.


FREDERICK HAROLD KEMP, Kokomo, Ind. (27714). Great-grandson of John W. Kemp, private, Captain Dame's Company Queen Anne's County Maryland Militia.

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DONALD McBRIE, Cleveland, Ohio (28628). Great-grandson of George Harris, private, "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion Continental Army.

MALCOLM LEE McBRIE, Cleveland, Ohio (28627). Great-grandson of George Harris, private, "Light Horse Harry" Lee's Legion Continental Army.


WALTER BEACH MARTIN, Milwaukee, Wis. (27073). Great-grandson of Robert Hunkins, Captain Vermont Militia.


HOWARD LOVEJOY PENFIELD, Hannibal, Mo. (25394). Great-grandson of Peter Penfield, of, Captain Sixteenth Conn. Continental Regt.


GEORGE H. RENTON, Newark, N. J. (28388). Great-grandson of Aaron Biddle, Captain First Salem County Battalion New Jersey Militia.

GEORGE H. RENTON, Jr., Newark, N. J. (28506). Great-grandson of Aaron Biddle, Captain First Salem County Battalion New Jersey Militia.


JAMES SMART ROLLINS, Grinnell, Iowa (28202). Great-grandson of Nicholas Rollins, Captain New Hampshire Militia.


HARRY B. SALMON, Newark, N. J. (28615). Great-grandson of Peter Salmon, Captain Western Battalion Morris County New Jersey Militia.

JOSHUA RAYMOND SALMON, Mountain Lakes, N. J. (28620). Great-grandson of Peter Salmon, Captain Western Battalion Morris County New Jersey Militia.

WILLIAM CASKENY SALMON, Boonton, N. J. (28478). Great-grandson of Peter Salmon, Captain Morris County New Jersey Militia.

LAWRENCE WITSELL SANDERS, Montclair, N. J. (28617). Great-grandson of John Sanders, Lieutenant, Captain Snipe's Company South Carolina Militia, prisoner.

ORVILLE SANFORD BRUMBACK, Toledo, Ohio (27730). Great-grandson of Charles Walworth, Signer of New Hampshire Association Test, 1776.


STEPHEN MOORE SMITH, East Orange, N. J. (28341). Great-grandson of Isaac Smith, Captain Essex County New Jersey Militia; great-grandson of Timothy Meeber, Sergeant Essex County New Jersey Militia.

WALTER C. SMITH, Cambridge, Mass. (28171). Supplemental. Great-grandson of Warren Snow, Member of Committee of Inspection and Correspondence of Chesterfield, N. H.

HAROLD CLARK THOMPSON, Orange, N. J. (28192). Great-grandson of Peter Snyder, Corporal First Cumberland County Battalion Penna. Militia.


ROBERT HOLLAND WHEELER, Towson, Md. (28566). Great-great-grandson of Ignatius Wheeler, Colonel Harford County Maryland Militia.


