

PATRIOTIC WOMEN ASSEMBLE IN WASHINGTON TO-MORROW

Record of D. A. R. for Past Year One of Progress, and Officers Can Well Be Proud of the Work They Have Done.

To the average Washingtonian through recent dramatic happenings in the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the annual Continental Congress, which opens here to-morrow with upward of 1,200 delegates from every State and Territory in the Union, speaks a delicious "woman's scrap," and seems to emphasize the oft-spoken remark of masculinity: "Women cannot congregate together in peace, harmony, and happiness."

But internecine strife is by no means general in the society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The great majority of the delegates will have no interest in the seeming vital questions of "constitutionality, rights, privileges, points of order, muck raking, etc.," that will be indulged in, by some of the ardent political leaders, eager either to hold or gain the reins of power. To the delegates, the annual congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a milestone in American patriotic history.

Doing Patriotic Work. Month after month, in their home chapters and communities, they labor to gain new members, to restore graves, awaken patriotism in the hearts of the proletariat, and to upraise ideals of civic and national life that will best commemorate the glorious memory of the men and women of '76.

A higher cause for pride is that now their great memorial hall to the heroes of the past is practically finished. That is the big thing in the congress to them, and it is of such real bigness that the people in general should rejoice with the Daughters of the American Revolution that this marble ideal and dream has at last taken massive, beautiful form.

The events of the congress to the delegate are such that the congressional days are red letter days in memory. These begin with the patriotic greeting from the President of the United States, eager and glad to endorse the work of 6,000 teachers of American patriotism, for such the Daughters of the American Revolution assuredly are. The delegates rejoice in the eloquent, inspiring address of the president general, who in the warm richness of metaphors and oratorical flights, for which Mrs. Scott is justly noted, will welcome them to their own home, Memorial Continental Hall, and give an account as steward of her work in their behalf for the year.

Record a Good One. Well may Mrs. Scott be proud of her record for the past year, for during that period the society has come to occupy its own hall as offices. A series of many thousands a year in office rent has thus been accomplished. In the interest of the society Mrs. Scott has traveled far and wide, speaking and lecturing on the aims and ideals of the society, especially as concerned with the completion of the great hall.

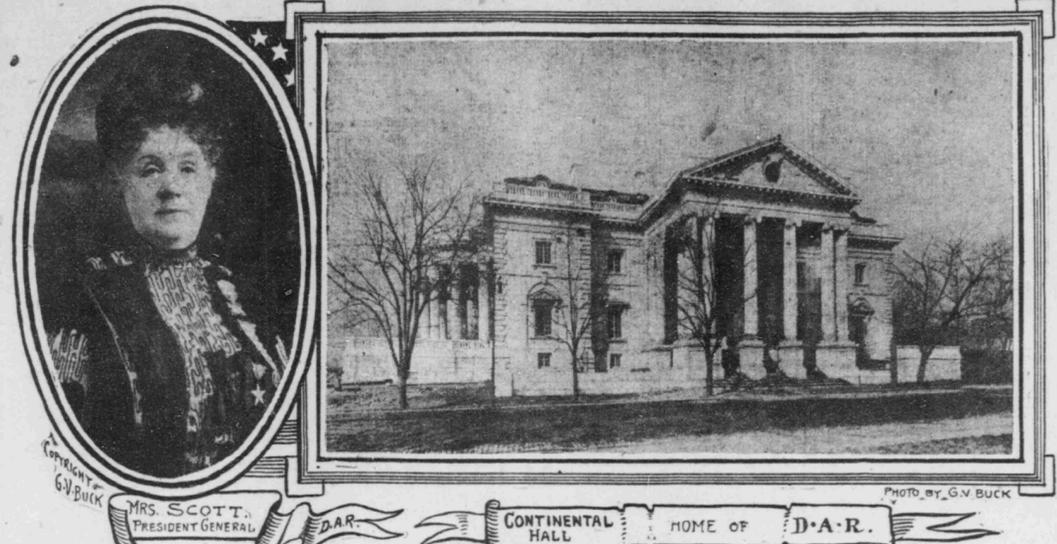
In the management of this great society of nearly 20,000 women, involving a large yearly income and a complex business machinery rivaling many large mercantile houses, Mrs. Scott has demonstrated rare tact, business acumen, and executive ability. While it is always painful to touch on the misfortunes or faults of others, in her splendid action in letting the embezzling woman clerk "go and sin no more" every charitable person must rejoice that a great woman's organization did not seize this opportunity to push a woman further into the gutter. It is the quality of mercy not strained shown thus by Mrs. Scott and the national officers, and no one who believes that womankind should at all times lead the world in the gentler traits of humanity can regret their action.

Resume of the Year. So now when Washington has its own best clothes on these thousands of patriotic women from every nook and corner of the society are gathering here. As one dear old member of the society said: "Please publish something about the good work the society is doing and has done." So here it is. First, and perhaps foremost, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is the only body of women who ever wrought their ideals and prayers, their labors and tears into a great memorial building. The work of building this hall has been as cosmopolitan as the membership of the society itself. The land and building are worth \$500,000, money brought together by contributions varying from \$1 to \$1,000.

It is ideally situated on a site facing the Washington Monument to the east, and looking down the historic Potomac on the south. The new building of the American Republics Bureau and the Corcoran Art Gallery are neighbors. On a direct line to the Speedway, the avenue on which it faces is destined to be the Applan way of the nation.

Description of the Hall. Mrs. Donald McLean, honorary president general of the D. A. R., has recently written the following glowing description of the Hall. She said in particular: "To-day, Memorial Continental Hall stands complete and occupied. It is a perfect specimen of pure colonial architecture, austere yet ornate, complete, in every respect, from the giant monoliths and the fluted and carved columns to the most minute perfection of detail, as evidenced in the cut-glass pineapples surrounding the newel-posts of the winding balustrades of the marble staircases. Terraced grounds surround the glistening pile, whose exterior is of milk-white marble, and the Star Spangled Banner floats from the roof's apex, k-s-p-i-n-g watch and ward over the Daughters going out and coming in, from this time forth, forevermore!"

"Although Memorial Hall is designed primarily as a memorial to the heroes and heroines of the Revolution, it is reared with a view to practical purposes, also. The beautiful auditorium, seating two thousand people, in pure, white relief work, glass-paneled roof, and corridors commodious, white paneled, with leather upholstered chairs, is used for the Continental Congress when the D. A. R. meet in the patriotic convolve, every April, upon the date—the 19th—when was fought the first battle of the Revolution. Hence, why will onlookers continually and tirelessly express surprise



Mrs. Scott, President General

and pained wonder, that the 'Daughters' occasionally exhibit a truculent spirit of their own on such anniversary:

Put to Many Uses. "The auditorium is used, too, for gatherings of a literary and musical nature; charity benefits of a certain peculiarly touching class are held here; entertainments of a patriotic character, or to raise money for patriotic objects, such as the 'Rough Riders' monument, and perhaps the Maine memorials—are at home within its walls. Several times, stirring missionary meetings have gathered under its roof. Of notable interest was that one of the international and inter-denominational missionary movement, held in the autumn of 1909, when President Taft spoke from the rostrum from whence the president general National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presides over the Continental Congress.

A fireproof museum, in which will be placed and cared for the priceless relics daily being presented to the organization, flanks the auditorium to the left of the entrance; and a fireproof library is on the right. It is confidently hoped that the volumes and records in this library, already valuable, will one day be known as the finest genealogical collection in the country.

The entrance vestibule of Memorial Continental Hall is of statue-like, white sculpture marble, in flat pilasters and panels to the ceiling. This vestibule was contributed by the Keystone State. Set in the frieze there are niches around the top of the paneling, in which will be placed marble busts of the statesmen and officers of the Revolutionary period. In this vestibule is now set the rare bronze panel, presenting a composite imaginative has-relief of our early illustrious Americans, as seen by the mind's eye of a famous French sculptor, and presented by his daughter to the Society D. A. R., three years later.

Gifts of Individuals. "A fountain will flow, in rippling cadence, to cool the heated brow—or discussion—upon the opposite side of the marble wall. Great bronze memorial doors, three pairs, give entrance to this Mecca of the true patriot. These doors are gifts of an individual D. A. R., and of a State famous in the sisterhood of commonwealths.

"Many of the sovereign States of the Union have contributed the necessary thousands to build, finish, and furnish rooms, to be known by the names of the various States, respectively, and to be used by many business departments of the society as offices.

"The world could not contain the volumes were each room to be adequately described; but to that staunch State, small in territory, but of magnitude in history and its battles—New Jersey—must be given the palm. The D. A. R. of New Jersey conceived the entirely original idea of raising the submerged 'Augusta,' sunk in New Jersey waters for well over a century, its associations redolent of our victories on water as well as on land, and its wood colored and hardened by time and tide. A dark silvery-grained effect was brought out by polishing, and the hand-carver discovered the wood to be of a substance almost as durable as quarried granite. From this wood were made panels from floor to rafters roof, and furniture of tables, 'settle,' and high-back chairs, in absolutely correct design for the early period, represented and elaborately hand-carved. This Room, for it deserves a capital R, is a gem of such 'purest ray serene' that a visit to the room to see it alone would be more than rewarded.

"The room of the president general is furnished by the combined gifts of Indiana, the State of the first president general, Mrs. Benjamin Harrison; and of a New York City Daughter of the American Revolution, who presented a large sum for the purpose, through the president general from 1866-1909—the present writer.

Attractive Surroundings. "The wide 'French' windows are hung with lace curtains and canopy-colored brocade, in colonial design; the doors are broad, with double portiers of the same brocade, with heavy cords and tassels; the 'Martha Washington' winged chair is covered similarly. A rug to harmonize will cover the center of the room, and a fine tiger skin, gift of a Chicago Daughters, is before the open fire-place. A superb, tall chime clock is placed in the room, by the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter; and the remainder of the room is in handsome mahogany.

"The 'board room' is so exquisitely elegant in its gleaming white enamel finish and crystal electrolites that it would be worthy the seating of even trust magistrates; in fact, it does so harbor the magistrates of the undying trust in American patriotism, unbuyable, not for sale, paying 100 per cent on a genuine investment, none on bogus sentiment as stocks; and warrant-free from any or all forms of governmental investigation and subsequent action!"

But it is in the chapter work of the D. A. R. that patriotic endeavor is at its best. This work varies in detail from teaching the immigrant child the principles of American citizenship to giving costume balls on George Washington's birthday.

Work of the Chapters. A resume of recent chapter activities is not only instructive, but interesting. Havana Chapter (Havana, Cuba)—For the third time the Havana chapter made

a pilgrimage to the Maine and memorial services were held under its auspices on the anniversary of the explosion of the battle ship Maine in Havana harbor—a catastrophe which hurried into eternity 266 men while sleeping peacefully in a friendly port, on that fatal night, February 15, 1898, thrilled the civilized world with horror, and brought on the war with Spain.

Maria Jefferson Chapter (St. Augustine, Fla.)—The Villa Zoraida was the scene of the delightful Washington's birthday tea given there by the Maria Jefferson chapter. This pretty affair was enjoyed by a large number of the members of the local chapter and many visitors in the city.

Rebecca Parke Chapter (Galesburg, Ill.)—Prizes have been given to the colleges, Knox and Lombard, to the four classes of the high school, and to the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools, for essays, the subjects and conditions regulated according to the capability and experience of the essayist.

Under the direction of the patriotic committee an enthusiastic boys' club, called the Capt. James Lawrence Club of the Children of the Republic, holds regular meetings every month. This club is the proud possessor of a fine flag made by one of the chapter ladies who, though long since deprived of her eyesight, is noted as an exquisite needle-woman.

A flower fund maintained by private subscriptions carries loving tributes to the sick, needy, or sorrowing. Nor are those who have particular cause for rejoicing forgotten in this graceful mission.

The Branch Organizations. Sarah Barlee-Fulton Chapter (Medford, Mass.)—It is our custom during the winter to meet in the afternoon and after an early supper, followed by a

business meeting, and a period of social intercourse, to return home at an early hour which does credit to our New England training. We are proud of our housekeeping in the colonial mansion which is our headquarters. The branch organization, the Children of the American Revolution, are also doing a splendid work. The statement below about the activities of a New Jersey children's chapter, is in the main applicable to other chapters.

Its chapter regent says: "The earnest study of American history which has continued through all the succeeding years of uninterrupted work has developed a great interest in all that pertains to patriotic education. A framed copy of the Declaration of Independence was placed in the public school of Bound Brook by this society on June 1, 1894. At the dedication of the Washington School building in Bound Brook, September 11, 1898, a set of ten volumes of Harper's Encyclopedia of United States History was presented to the school by Nathan Hale Society, the presentation address being made by George Oakley Smalley, a charter member of 1888. At the expense of the society, also the Rev. Mr. Rose, of Newark, N. J., gave a stereopticon lecture on Paul Jones in the assembly room of Lafayette school, Bound Brook, February 3, 1909.

Throughout the country the D. A. R. is a power for good, an inspiration to civic righteousness, and patriotism. Their good deeds shine out in the annals of American womankind, their membership is made up of the highest type of women, educated, accomplished women far beyond the ordinary. It is a pleasure for Washington to welcome yearly such a fine set of women, and every citizen should know and appreciate the lasting influences of good these women represent.

MEMORIAL CONTINENTAL HALL (described to Mrs. M. T. Scott, President General)

By ELISABETH ELLICOTT POE. Your sleeping seed has blossomed now, That with the smiles of yesterday, You planted with the hope of growth To stir the patriot's heart away. In memory of your noble sire, Whose deeds the pearl of victory won, It is a temple spacious, A witness of the battles done.

Your marble poem, writ in love— And lofty principles of right, Enshrine your sacrifice and toll, Keeps vernal e'er the memories bright. Your loyal hands have shaped its growth, Your gentle hearts are nobly true; And we, who stand without your gates, Rejoice in your success with you.

The inspiration of the wife, The mother, sweetheart, sister dear, Is secret of the soldier's power, His solace and his constant cheer. The heart of woman is the shrine Where flaming fires of holy truth Guide to an "Amor Patriae." The steps of men and those of youth.

Where others have forgotten, you Remember, green with laurel wreath And flag they gave their lives to free You garland graves in the belief— That memory is life's fairest flower, And rich with fragrance that allures, "Memorial" is eloquent In this fair monument of yours.

SETTLEMENT FUND BOOSTED. Philanthropists Come to Aid of Negro's Social Condition. As a result of the meeting at the residence of Mrs. Herbert Wadsworth, 1821 Massachusetts avenue, on Wednesday, in the interest of the negro social settlement, \$1,000 has been received from Mrs. John Hay.

Philanthropists of Washington realize the effective teaching of morality, improved home-life, industry, thrift, and wholesome self-support can be taught by the social settlement method more effectively than by any other. With this gift just received, there remains but \$2,350 to be raised before the new settlement house recently erected will be free of debt.

LITERARY SOCIETY MEETS. Capitol Hill Students Hold Debate on Suffrage. The Capitol Hill Literary Society met Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Frear, 223 Eighth street northeast, with a good attendance. The programme was opened with a vocal solo by Miss Mary C. French, accompanied by Mrs. E. V. Carr on the piano, after which a debate was held, the subject of which was, "Resolved, That woman should have equal rights with man."

Those on the affirmative side were Mrs. Sanborn, Mrs. Gordon, and Gordon H. Lyle, and those on the negative side were Mr. Walport, Maj. Lawrence, and Dr. McKee. Others who spoke during the evening were Jesse Tull, A. H. Frear, Newton R. Donaldson, Capt. Hart, and Mrs. Walport.

Prof. E. C. Kenney entertained the society during the evening with solos on the authorship. After a vote of thanks to the host and hostess the meeting adjourned.

READY FOR RALLY. Ladies of the Maccabees Drill Teams Arrange Feature. Arrangements are completed for the rally which the Ladies of the Maccabees of the World are to have Tuesday afternoon and evening, at National Rifles Armory. Enthusiasm has been aroused in local Maccabee circles, and as a result about 100 new members will be presented publicly to Mrs. Emma S. Olds, great commander for Ohio, on the evening of the 19th.

Several guard teams have been practicing for weeks, and their fancy drill will be an attractive feature of the evening programme. Visitors will be present from several neighboring cities. There are now twelve live Ladies of the Maccabees in this city, with a membership of 1,100, and an earnest effort is being made to increase the membership so the District may have a representative of its own at the next supreme live convention.

Independence Hive, No. 4, celebrated its anniversary by giving a birthday party. Each member brought as many pennies as she was years old. A birthday cake and dancing were the features of the evening. Mrs. Anna Hoff was chairman of the evening.

National Hive, No. 1, drill team is composed of the following: Annie M. Hoiler, captain; Mamie Daley, Nellie Peed, Mamie Snyder, Elizabeth Corking, Margaret Dickhaut, Carrie Hansen, Phoebe Helven, Marion Helbert, J. Louise Knight, Loretta Lowenstein, Sarah Lowenstein, Clara Morton, May C. Miles, May Poore, Virginia Prather, Alice Rippon, Daisy Reichert, Lillie Fitzgerald, Jessie Moler, Grace Cardwell, Elizabeth Taylor, Goldie Dougherty, Mary Shoneberger, Mary Shephard, Carrie Colman, Torey L. Wright, Helen Burke, Margaret Dunn, Elizabeth Grizzell, Tracy Ordorf.

OAK HILL LILACS.

Written for The Washington Herald. How quiet they are, each star serene, Sheltered and loved by their leaves of green; Born of the south wind and sun's warm flame, A message from heaven to earth, they came.

Sweet white lilacs, has an angel been there, Still and quiet, and his soul laid bare? Did God send him back this April day To sweeten and glorify thy way?

Did he come with flutter of unseen wings And kiss you into sweet star-like things? Was it his hopeful smile and merry shout That brought your pure white blossoms out?

Did his soul stand open, his eyes unsealed? Did he, white lilacs, his love reveal? Did a laughing face and a merry spell Deep in the heart of his spirit dwell?

Or did you spring up from death's dark room And for love of him burst into bloom? Sweet white lilacs, bending o'er his grave, Don't tell him I am neither strong nor brave.

Sweet white lilacs, in your cups divine, Do you hold the kiss that once was mine? Here where there's naught but the quiet of death, Close on your lips have you felt his breath?

Sweet white lilacs of springtime, alive with the pulse of years, Pure as the down on a dove's wing, watered in dew and tears, Thy raiment bears love's odor and the color the angels wear, The wind flaps faint when near thee, so sweet thou art and fair.

Sweet white lilacs of love time, the flowers he used to know, Here in this graveyard garden how pure thy blossoms blow Under the oak tree's shadow, close to the fullness of death, Thine the triumph of living, the earth made sweet with thy breath.

Lilacs of the springtime, when love is at its height, When the world is glorified all the day and night, Hath God told thee a secret? I hear thy low melody, And there in the heart of thy blossoms I see His love-lit eyes.

Sweet white lilacs, dropping and shaking thy plump shaves, Is it love or death that whispers among thy glossy leaves? What is the wind a-singing, a blessed song of peace, Or a far-away love tune that will never, never cease?

Lilacs, pure white lilacs, is his spirit near? Whisper thro' thy fragrance, let my sad heart hear, Thro' the oak trees' shadows, out of the curtained gloom, Did you bring him with you, away from death's dark room?

White, white spirits of springtime, alive with happy breath, Out of the cradle of nature, out of the blackness of death; Born of the rooking soil, but pure in beauty and bloom, Unspotted as the Master's robe, springing from out the tomb.

Out of death's dark chamber, flowers with white souls bare, Indefinite, alive, beautiful, blossoming in the sunlit air, Rapturous, sweet, and transient, and to my soul it seems White lilacs bloom to bless me and bring love back to my dreams!

Sweet white lilacs of love time, so pure each star-shaped flower, Soft and still as the passing of sleep, born and dead in an hour; But I had the sweet of these living, and in thy passing it seemed The light and glory of loving was only a dream half dreamed.

ALICE SHARPE BAILEY. APRIL, 1910.

PRESS WOMEN IN SESSION. Delegates Elected to the District Federation Convention. The Woman's National Press Association met last Friday evening at 1917 K street northwest, with its president, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, in the chair.

Following are the delegates elected to the District Federation convention, to be held May 4: Mrs. J. O. Esterbrook, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, Mrs. Georgiana Rogers, and Miss Ellen B. Foster. The paper of the evening was given by Mrs. Emma S. Brinton, on Oberammergau. She was present at the passion play twenty years ago, also ten years ago, and was able to answer the many questions asked.

Mrs. Emma L. Newton gave an interesting talk on "The American Woman's League," which has its headquarters at University City, St. Louis, Mo. Its plan is co-operative between leading magazine publishers. A chapter home is built and maintained by the league.

Edward Daniels, for years editor and practical newspaper man, gave many reminiscences of pioneer days. Mrs. Nellie B. Van Slingerland, a member of the W. N. P. A., also founder of the Joan of Arc Woman Suffragist League, of New York City, was present, and at the close of the meeting a local league was formed. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jacobs, Mrs. M. Ferguson, Proctor, Miss Hattie Stine, and Miss K. M. Dabney.

VATICAN RECOGNIZES ORDER. Archbishop Falconio to Officiate at Knights of Columbus Service. Archbishop Falconio will bestow apostolic benediction upon the Knights of Columbus of the District this morning at St. Paul's Church. The ceremony will be preceded by a special service, in course of which the Archbishop will deliver a sermon.

The service is held under the auspices of the Keane Council, or which the chaplain, Rev. Thomas A. Walsh, will assist the papal delegate in officiating at the annual holy communion of the order, this being the first papal recognition given to the order by the Vatican. All of the other councils of the order will attend.

The councils will be headed by their grand knights, in the order of their seniority, as follows: George R. Rowett, of the Washington Council; Charles W. Darr, representing Keane Council; John H. Pellen, representing Carroll Council; William P. Normoyle, representing Spalding Council, and Dr. William B. Daly, of the Potomac Council. The service will also be attended by the state deputy, Thomas J. Donovan, and all the officers of the state council.

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SMOKERS ARE EXEMPT. Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis Rarely Attacks Users of Tobacco. London, April 16.—Smoke and you will be tolerably safe from cerebro-spinal meningitis, or spotted fever, as it is often called. That is the view of Dr. Rene de Kermabon, a French army surgeon, who has just published the results of his observations, which cover a period of two years, during which he has treated forty-three soldiers suffering from that disease. Of these nineteen were non-smokers, thirteen occasional smokers, and only eleven regular devotees of tobacco. Of the nine men who succumbed to the malady four were non-smokers, four smoked very little, and only one was a confirmed smoker.

Excelsior Club Entertained. Mrs. Trouty entertained the Excelsior Literary Club last Tuesday at her home. The secretary notified the club that the librarian of the Public Library had granted the members all of the privileges of the library. Miss McCree read an instructive and interesting paper on "Life on an Iceland farm." Mrs. Parker told a story of the domestic animals of the island, and Mrs. Trouty read Steadard's account of the "Midnight Sun." After refreshments the club adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 19, with Mrs. Ferren, 27 T street northwest.

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Slender young girls will look charming in the very attractive model here presented (3275), which is as suitable for summer silk and nun's veiling or other lightweight wool goods as it is for lawn, Swiss, orxandy and linen. As shown it is made of blue and white foulard, with yoke and gaudnet cuffs of allover embroidery. The attached plaited skirt is in one piece. The sleeves may be in full or three-quarter length. The pattern is in 4 sizes, 12 to 15 years. For a miss of 15 years the dress requires 6 1/2 yards of material 36 inches wide, with 1 yard of allover embroidery 15 inches wide.

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