

can Revolution, can no more fitting or inspiring words be said, than those addressed to the "Johnstown Chapter" in the closing lines of its Regent's beautiful poem :

"Work then bravely, oh! ye daughters!
By the memories of our Sires!
By the deeds of noble women,
In the Past and in the Present,
Make a history for the Future
Which can never be forgotten!"

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NORWALK CHAPTER.—Thursday, September 21, was a red-letter day in the calendar of the Norwalk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, the program being of notable interest. The assembly room of the Central Club was well filled with members of the Chapter at the first meeting of the season. The platform was adorned with vases of golden rod and lilac and purple asters from the fields, which happened to blend very pleasingly with the costume of violet and white foulard worn by the Regent, making a charming picture.

Mrs. Samuel Richard Weed, Regent, presided and made an earnest little speech on the work of the Chapter and alluded to the day as the anniversary of the death of Connecticut's young hero, Nathan Hale, who was executed September 21, 1776. She then announced Miss Pinneo's paper on "Nathan Hale as an Inspiration," saying that, though Hale's name shines by its own lustre, if anything could be said which would add to its brightness, Miss Pinneo was the one to say it. All who heard the paper read felt that the remark of the Regent was justified, and that Hale's name was more glorious than ever, in their minds, as Miss Pinneo analyzed the personality of the young hero and held up an ideal of character and achievement as the result of such an example, in a beautiful and feeling manner. Miss Helen Quintard recited a poem relating the story of Nathan Hale's errand and execution very effectively. After a piano duet by Mrs. F. H. Quintard and Miss Cole, Mrs. Weed introduced the guest of the day, a descendant of the Hale family, Mrs. John R. Creevy, of New York. Mrs. Creevy spoke in regard to her relationship to Nathan Hale as follows :

My mother's parents were first cousins and were the nephew and niece of Nathan Hale; my grandfather, David Hale, being the only son of Nathan Hale's youngest brother, Rev. David Hale, and my grandmother being the only daughter of Nathan's brother Richard.

I remember my grandfather but slightly, as his home was in New York city, and he died in 1849. I remember very much more distinctly his mother, who was, of course, the sister-in-law of Nathan Hale, and who spent the last years of her life at my mother's house in Rockville, Connecticut. She and her husband must have been some ten or twelve years younger than Nathan Hale, as she had no recollection of ever having seen him, though it is possible that she may have done so, as her home was in New Haven, and she was a girl of some ten years of age when he graduated from Yale. Nathan and his elder brother Enoch (the latter being grandfather of Dr. Everett Hale) graduated in the same class of 1773 from Yale, and my great-grandfather, Rev. David Hale, graduated in 1785. On the death of Deacon Richard Hale, the father of Nathan, in 1805, the homestead at South Coventry fell to my great-grandfather, Rev. David Hale, and on his death in 1822 passed to my grandfather, David Hale, but was sold by him to strangers a considerable time before his death in 1849. The house in which Nathan Hale was born had been replaced by a larger one during the life-time of his father, Deacon Richard Hale. When last visited the homestead the house was in very bad repair and the farm appeared to be neglected.

Out of a family of, I think, twelve children of Nathan Hale's parents, there are descendants, so far as I know, of only one sister and the three brothers Enoch, Richard and David.

The only articles in my possession which date back to Nathan Hale's time are a small cherry tea table in my house in Brooklyn, which belonged to the parents of Nathan Hale, and at which, without doubt, he often sat; and one silver table spoon, which belonged to his brother Richard.

There is, or was a story connected with this tea table and with the drawer in it, which I heard in my childhood, but which I but dimly remember, and it cannot now be verified. So far as I recall it, it was, that during the latter years of the Revolutionary War, a party of British soldiers, under Tory guidance, visited the Hale homestead and searched for papers and documents which were supposed to be secreted there, that being apprised of their coming, the papers were hastily put in a drawer of this table and then the cloth spread and the dishes placed upon the table. The search was fruitless.

Mrs. Weed said she had another guest with her, known to all as a writer of verse, Mrs. Margaret Sangster, and, at the request of the officers of the Chapter, she asked Mrs. Sangster to address the ladies, and she very graciously responded.

Mrs. Sangster said that the thought had come to her, as she was driven over the road on which Washington had traveled, and as she listened to the program of the afternoon, that this world was always the theatre of heroic opportunities. Long ago the heroes of the Revolution played their part, later the Civil War called out the flower of the Nation's youth, and only yesterday the war with Spain aroused the young men of this generation; and so the world would go on after we had gone. Most of the world's heroes had been young men. With advancing years we grow too cautious to be bold. Let us, therefore, keep in touch with youth, in sympathy with its spirit, and foster in the younger generation the instinct of noble self-sacrifice to high ideals which inspired the hero of the afternoon's program, Nathan Hale.

A resolution was introduced during the meeting by Mrs. Backus, that the marking of the place from which Nathan Hale embarked from Norwalk on his fatal errand to Huntington with a suitable memorial. A committee will be appointed by the Regent to carry out the project. A letter was read from Rev. G. M. Selleck concerning it.

Photographs were shown of the monument to Hale on the site of the place where he was arrested—now the home of George Taylor, who has named it Hale-Site; and also of a drinking-fountain in the town of Huntington erected in Hale's memory.

Tea was served by Mrs. Van Buren, Mrs. W. H. Weed and Miss Scott, assisted by Miss Sanford and Miss Helen Quintard.

GENESEE CHAPTER.—The first meeting in the third year of the life of Genesee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution occurred on September 14. By a special meeting called during the summer vacation, by a majority vote, the day was changed from the second Friday to the second Thursday of each month. The Chapter met with the Regent, Mrs. Thompson. The attendance was good. After the business transactions were over, the program for the hour was taken up. It was a question to be responded to by each member of the Chapter, "In what way can a Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution accomplish the most good." Four