

teen minute men who have made themselves familiar to the Daughters of the American Revolution by doing escort duty for the president general of the National Society during their annual congress. These minute men in their Colonial uniforms of buff and blue and the scarlet coated men from the governor's foot guard presented that touch à la militaire which gave éclat to the occasion.

From the walls of this historic place Trumbulls, Vandykes, Raphaels, Botticellis, whole categories of artists looked with approval on these brilliant Sons and Daughters.

A unique and charming feature of the reception were the ushers, who comprised twenty-six young women of the chapter, and who represented by badges, the thirteen original states. The badges were of tri-colored ribbon caught with a brooch in the form of seals of the different states. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. Elizabeth Sheldon Tillinghast. An elaborate menu was served.

It was a scene to inspire one. A function not only of great brilliancy and éclat but a halo of purpose irradiated these men and women. They stood for a cause: To make the memories the history of our country perpetual. To evolve and perpetuate an ideal patriotism.—GRACE BROWN SALISBURY, *Historian*.

The Norwalk Chapter (Norwalk, Connecticut).—The regent and vice-regent having refused a second term, a new board was elected at the annual meeting, with Mrs. Jabez Backus as regent.

The officers' reports showed a united membership and a sound treasury.

On motion of Mrs. Samuel Richards Weed, resolutions were adopted on the death of Miss Genevieve Hale Whitlock, who had been a faithful reporter of Norwalk chapter doings for the press and had also dedicated a poem to the chapter on Nathan Hale.

The literary feature of the afternoon was a paper on "Some Westport Finishings and Furbelows," by Mrs. Backus, which was characterized by the winning grace of manner and delicate fancy which always makes Mrs. Backus's papers notable.

At the close of the session Mrs. Gerard thanked the members for their support and gracefully bestowed the regent's brooch on Mrs. Backus, who accepted the office in a cordial little speech, and the meeting adjourned.

About forty members of the chapter enjoyed the hospitality of the Rev. James E. Coley June 4, at his summer home in Westport.

At the door two pretty young girls in white, acting as ushers, welcomed the visitors and conducted them to the library where they were received by Rev. Mr. Coley, his daughter, Mrs. W. G. Staples, Mrs. W. S. Adams and Mrs. Godillot. In the center of the room the new regent of the Norwalk Chapter, Mrs. Jabez Backus, was surrounded by the incoming guests.

Half an hour slipped away in the examination of rare colonial treasures.

Mrs. Arthur Jelliffe and Mrs. L. T. Day then played two Spanish dances on the piano, after which Mr. Coley read an interesting description of Lafayette's second American visit in 1824. A costume of blue crepe and white satin was shown together with a white glove on which was stamped a picture of Lafayette, "the nation's guest," which was worn by Mr. Coley's mother at a ball given in Lafayette's honor.

Among the relics in Mr. Coley's collection are a piece of the fort at Ticonderoga, with bullets imbedded in its surface, a fragment of a pinnacle of the old Christ Church in Boston, where Paul Revere's signal lanterns were hung in Revolutionary days; and, of great interest in a local way, a pewter tankard, carried away by the British in the Compo raid, but afterward found in a brook and restored to its owner, Mr. Coley's grandmother, whose initials were marked upon it.

The refreshments were served on delightful old blue plates. At Mr. Coley's request the guests signed their names in his great book at the hundred-legged table.

Jacksonville Chapter (Jacksonville Florida).—Although the Jacksonville Chapter has sent no message for several months, it is neither dead nor sleeping. On the contrary, the fire of