

## WORK OF THE CHAPTERS.

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**Norwalk Chapter** (Norwalk, Connecticut).—The historian of the chapter opened her annual report given in May just past with these words:



Mrs. Jabez Backus, Regent,  
Norwalk Chapter.

"We have endeavored this year to link our patriots of history and their heroic deeds to the needs of the present generation, by educating the living in American ideals of good citizenship and true patriotism."

Carrying out this plan, two lines of educational work were decided upon. In November, 1903, the chapter voted to "adopt" a Daughter from among the Mountain Whites of Tennessee.

A scholarship was taken in Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. Miss Henry, professor in

the college, selected a bright, ambitious girl, eager for knowledge, but who after a term at school had been obliged from lack of means to go back to the poverty and misery of the mountain home. Word was sent to her that she might return the first of January, that her tuition had been paid, and that she had been adopted by the Norwalk Chapter. Her letters sent to the chapter were most touching in their gratitude and their expression of earnest purpose to make the very most of this opportunity for an education. A box of summer clothing and dainty ribbons and stocks and such little articles as all girls love, was sent to her

before the spring commencement, for surely we wanted *our* "Daughter" to look just as well as any *other* daughter on this crowning occasion of the year. We expect that the work will widen in influence, as later this girl goes back to teach in her native home. They are *our own*, these people of the mountains; descendants of Revolutionary soldiers who fought heroically and sacrificed as much as our own honored patriots of the north. They need *us* to-day; we may need *them* to-morrow.

More than a year ago the members of the chapter were aroused to the need of doing educational work among the foreign population of our town. A committee of three was appointed to see what could wisely be undertaken. Local conditions were studied. It was decided that two illustrated lectures be given for the benefit of our foreign citizens. The first, in Italian, was delivered in the evening of the 22nd of February by Dr. Luigi Roversi of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. About fifty adult Italians were present. The lecture was attended by two hundred men and boys. The pictures of George Washington and the American flag brought forth hearty applause. It was voted to invite the other chapters in the state to contribute towards the purchase of books for a foreign library, this library after being used one year in Norwalk, to be passed on wherever desired. Twenty-five attractive books in English were borrowed from the Connecticut library committee. Twenty books in the Italian language and twenty in the Hungarian were purchased, and these books were placed in a shop on a much frequented street in the foreign district of the town, and made free to all applicants who wished to read them. We found our foreign citizens quick to appreciate the advantage we offered, and eager to acquaint themselves with American history and literature. A bookplate in each Italian and Hungarian book bears this inscription:

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"Foreign Citizens' Library.  
Presented by the  
Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution."

We pledge allegiance to our Country's flag and the Republic for which it stands; "one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

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Our year's work will close with the unveiling and presentation to the town of Norwalk of a memorial stone marking the historic Grumman's Hill, from the summit of which General Tryon, commanding the British army, sat and watched the burning of Norwalk on the 11th of July, 1779.

And so, commemorating the historic past, and striving to mould the character and thought of future American citizens, who, in the days not far distant, will shape the destiny of our beloved country, we have endeavored to follow out the instructions contained in the national constitution of our organization:

"To cherish, maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."—  
MARGARET E. BACKUS, *Regent*.

**Sabra Trumbull Chapter** (Rockville, Connecticut).—The members have been quietly working to raise money for the Continental Hall fund and other patriotic objects. The members have held a fair and food sale, a charming military whist and also presented a delightful little play, "Joint Owners in Spain," all of which have been liberally patronized by the public, the attendance being limited only by the capacity of the hall in which the various functions were held.

In October, 1903, the chapter tendered to the townspeople a complimentary lecture by Mrs. Grace B. Salisbury, of New Haven, which was much enjoyed.

The season of 1903-4 has been marked by able and interesting papers written by members of the chapter upon original and acquired possessions of the United States. These papers led to a lecture, "The United States as a World Power," given by Miss Annah May Soule, of Mount Holyoke College, which was greatly enjoyed by those present.

In January of this year the chapter offered two prizes of five dollars each to be contested for by the boys and girls of