

the sufferers at San Francisco. Able papers have been prepared by the members of our chapter and others, among them an admirable paper on General Hull was read by Mr. Frederick Cogswell. That fascinating subject, "The Missions of California," was treated by Mrs. Albert Holt, and a valuable account of the Lewis and Clark exposition was given by Mrs. George Crittenden. The year has been marked by gifts to the living and tributes to the dead, and a virile chord has been struck in the future work of the Daughters of the American Revolution toward patriotic education.—GRACE SALISBURY, *Historian*.

Norwalk Chapter (Norwalk, Connecticut).—The annual meeting of the Norwalk Chapter took place May 18, in the Historical House. The reports of the secretary, Mrs. J. H. Fallow, and the treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Stearns, showed a successful and delightful year's work and entertainment for the members. The southern girl whose tuition is paid by the chapter in Maryville College, Tennessee, sends creditable reports of her progress.

The local work among the foreign citizens was reported by Mrs. A. J. Donley. The reading room has been open each evening from 7 to 9 o'clock, from October 9 to May 16. In that time 3,625 persons have used the reading matter provided at the room and 1,064 books were loaned for home use, 368 of which were in Hungarian or Italian.

Three traveling libraries were borrowed from the Connecticut public library committee and the chapter owns over 100 books in English and Hungarian. Gifts of magazines for the reading room were much appreciated. The increased use of the library was noticeable in contrasting the previous year's statistics with this report: Attendance, 1,903 last year; 3,265 this year. Books loaned, 679 last year; 1,064 this year.

The business was followed by an address on the recent Continental Congress by Mrs. E. J. Hill, the chapter delegate, who was in attendance with the regent, Mrs. C. Swartz. Mrs. Hill had attended all the sessions of the Congress since 1892 and spoke as a veteran versed in all the politics of that lively body.

The election of officers resulted in the retention of last year's board.

Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter (West Hartford, Connecticut).—When Rev. Thomas Hooker in 1636, with a band of cultivated and resolute men and women journeyed westward from Newtown seeking a desirable location for a new colony, he traversed the fair valley of the Connecticut with its broad, fertile meadows and forest-crowned hills, and purchasing from an Indian sachem territory bounded north and south by Windsor and Wethersfield, and from the Connecticut west several miles to the wilderness, here located.

The colony flourished and when at the time of the Revolutionary War the need of aid came, West Hartford was not backward in responding to the call for troops.

Thomas Hart Hooker, of the fifth generation in direct line of descent from the Rev. Thomas Hooker, was among the first to enlist, in May, 1775. Freeing his slaves before leaving home, saying, "I will not fight for liberty and leave a slave at home," he bravely fulfilled his duties, and died in Revolutionary service the following winter.

His wife, Sarah Whitman Hooker, a descendant of one of the first settlers, was born at West Hartford, February 27th, 1747, and married February 1st, 1769, Thomas Hooker for her first husband.

She was a woman of strong, independent character, beloved for her gentleness and kindness, and nobly assisted in various ways the work of the patriotic cause.

Several years after Thomas Hooker's death she married Captain Seth Collins, of the same place, and lived to the good old age of ninety years, esteemed and revered by her townspeople, and was buried in the old cemetery, January 5, 1837.

A chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was officially organized in West Hartford by the Connecticut state regent, Mrs. Sara T. Kinney, on January 27th, 1906. This chapter was called the "Sarah Whitman Hooker Chapter," in memory of the wife of Thomas Hart Hooker, while the regent and registrar elected were direct descendants of this noble