

pleasure to be derived from the regular reading of it, thus keeping them in touch with the work of the National Board and also the various Chapters throughout the country.

After this the Regent presented to the Chapter a handsome frame for their charter, the value of the frame consisting in the fact that it was inlaid with wood that had been used by Washington in repairing the mansion at Mount Vernon in 1775. This wood was presented to Mrs. Smith in her capacity of State Director of Children of the American Revolution and it was as such she gave it. A vote of thanks for this valuable gift was extended by Mrs. Edgerton, Vice-Regent, in behalf of the Chapter.

After adjournment refreshments were served by the hostess.
—LAURA MCGAW COWEN, *Recording Secretary*.

NORWALK CHAPTER.—Large quantities of reading matter for the soldiers and sailors on duty in Cuba have been forwarded from New York and other places through the organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution; but, so far as known, very little effort has been made to supply the soldiers and sailors who are with our forces in the Philippine Islands. The Regent of the Norwalk Chapter, not forgetting that the value of reading matter from home is appreciated by our brave boys in proportion to the distances they have traveled, recently started a movement in that direction and addressed a letter to our representative, Hon. E. J. Hill, to learn the most convenient and speediest way of sending such supplies to the Philippines. In reply, Mr. Hill has forwarded an original communication received by him from the Army headquarters, which is as follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT, QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, June 29, 1898.

HON. E. J. HILL,

House of Representatives.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of the 25th inst., enclosing letter from Mrs. Nellie S. Weed, Regent, relative to reading matter for the soldiers in the Philippines, I have the honor to state that the depot quartermaster, New York City, has this date been instructed to receive the same when turned over to him from time to time properly boxed and addressed by the Norwalk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolu-

tion, and ship the property to San Francisco at public expense. The depot quartermaster in San Francisco has also been instructed to forward the reading matter to Manila whenever Government transports sail.

Respectfully,

M. P. LIVINGSTON,
Quartermaster General, U. S. A.

In accordance with the above information it is proposed to send immediately one box of reading matter to New York for shipment to the Pacific coast. I solicit contributions of suitable magazines, periodicals and books (paper covers preferred), which may be left at the residence of Hon. E. J. Hill, 40 West avenue, or at the public library in South Norwalk, at my residence in Rowayton, at the Central Club, West avenue, and also at the Norwalk library. It is hoped there may be a generous response, creditable to the people of Norwalk.

MRS. SAMUEL RICHARD WEED,
Regent of the Norwalk Chapter.

Arrangements have also been made with the New York and Norwalk Steamboat Company to forward the boxes from Norwalk to New York, without charge, as shown by the following letter:

NORWALK, CONN., July 4, 1898.

B. W. MAPLES, ESQ.,
Editor of the Norwalk Hour:

DEAR SIR: Replying to your letter of inquiry, I have pleasure in informing you that the New York and Norwalk Steamboat Company willingly agrees to carry, from Norwalk to New York, free of charge, boxes of literature that are to be sent by the United States government to our soldiers and sailors in Cuba or in Manila, and I further assure you that the greater the number of such boxes delivered to us, the greater will be our pleasure in carrying them.

Respectfully,

GEORGE H. FREW,
Secretary and Treasurer New York and Norwalk Steamboat Company.

It is hoped that the response to the call of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be liberal, prompt, and that the contributions of books will be continued as long as our troops remain in Manila.

BELLEFONTE CHAPTER.—On Thursday morning, June 9, 1898, the members of the Bellefonte Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a few guests drove over to the Old Fort to participate in the erection of a fine granite