

The exercises closed with a poem by Mrs. Shoup, which thrilled her audience with its high thought, stirring imagery and splendid diction. The new Regent, Mrs. Tredway, is a very graceful presiding officer. The Chapter applauded enthusiastically her inaugural address. Mrs. Tredway said:

"Ladies, let me thank you for conferring upon me the highest honor it is in your power to give to one of your Chapter members. With gratitude and with sense of the grave responsibility I will try with your help and counsel to keep up the interest in our noble organization and to make it a power for good. Let us work together striving to promote the success of the great ideas for which the Society was organized, that of emulating self-sacrifices, that of preserving patriotism, that of keeping alive a flame of liberty in our native land.

"Let us honor those 'who labored yesterday that we might live to-day,' by always remembering their brave struggles for the independence of this 'sweet land of liberty,' and

"May we all be made strong through the deeds our fathers have done.

"And meet for the heritage, heroes have won.

"It has been said 'that we ought to walk in their light and to pass on their torch to future generations.'

"May it be our constant aim to make national life purer and nobler and in emulating the example of those whose lives and deeds are a constant inspiration to us, may we be true Daughters of the American Revolution."

NORWALK CHAPTER.—The club women of Norwalk enjoyed an afternoon with the Norwalk Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, November 1st, at the Central club house. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion; tea was served in the members' room and the room adjoining was devoted to the "pewter show," which contained many interesting pieces loaned by the members, and the entire collection belonging to Dr. J. Milton Coburn, the local antiquarian. Lighted candles shed a mellow light on these relics of the olden time.

The literary program was of unusual interest. It consisted of a paper on "Old Pewter in America," read by Mrs. George B. St. John, which conveyed much interesting information on the subject, followed by a talk given by Mrs. Alice Morse Earle, the well-known author of "The China-Hunter in New England" and other books about colonial topics of interest to collectors of antiquities. Mrs. Earle said that pewter was

not sufficiently appreciated by the people in general, yet a shining collection of pewterware might be very attractive; and, while many mistakes are made regarding the period to which china pieces belong, we may be certain that pewter pieces are really old. Its use was common in country localities down to 1830-40. She related several entertaining stories about some of her own choice specimens of pewter which were found in humble uses. She said the place to search for was not in the china closets and kitchen of country houses, but in the wood sheds, barn lofts and under the attic eaves. Careful inventories used to be made of all household articles, and old wills contain as explicit bequests of pewter as of plate, showing its high esteem in early days. What are called porringers in American lists appear as bleeding-pans in England, a reminiscence of old-time medical treatment.

Miss Katherine Sturgis, of Wilton, read a charming descriptive paper called "The Wedding of a Norwalk Belle a Century Ago," that of Susan Rogers, a niece of Governor Thomas Fitch. Miss Sturgis' vivid imagination and charming literary style carried her hearers back as interested spectators of the ceremony, at which all the aristocracy of Norwalk, 129 years ago, assisted.

Candles brought from England in 1812 were lighted in handsome old silver candlesticks on the piano. Mrs. Earle extinguished these when she ascended the platform, saying it was a pity to burn them now they had been kept so long.

Tea and light refreshments were served after the program was concluded, by Mrs. John H. Ferris and Miss Mary Cunningham, assisted by some of the young ladies of the Chapter.

The cloth of Mrs. Ferris' table was spun and woven by her husband's great grandmother. Candlesticks which also belonged to her were used in lighting the table.—ANGELINE SCOTT, *Historian*.

WAU-BUN CHAPTER.—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Flanders the newly chartered Wau-Bun Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, made its first public appearance as a Society. It was the occasion of a reception given by Mrs.