

Sharon, Connecticut; was promoted to sergeant November, 1778, and served in Colonel Elisha Sheldon's Light Dragoons. His field of service was on the east side of the Hudson, along the West Chester front. In 1778 the regiment was on the Hudson, and in the Fall formed a part of General Charles Scott's Light Corps on the line at West Chester. Mrs. Allen was present at the meeting at which she was admitted to the Chapter. She is bright and active and in the possession of all her faculties. She is now in receipt of the souvenir solid gold spoon which is presented by the National Society to all "Real Daughters."—MARY DAVIS DYAR, *Historian*.

NORWALK CHAPTER (Connecticut).—The annual meeting was held May 18th. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Samuel Richard Weed as Regent and Mrs. James L. Stevens, Vice-Regent, by unanimous vote. The Recording Secretary presented the following report:

An annual report extending over eighteen months is certainly most unusual, but the closing years of the nineteenth century are noted for happenings unusual, unexpected—indeed the almost impossible. If any one had dared eighteen months ago to predict that before another annual meeting of the Chapter we would have turned aside from marking historical places and glorifying our Revolutionary ancestors, to devote several meetings to plans for raising and sending supplies to our soldiers, fighting against Spain; or that, in the year 1899 we would have an opportunity to found Chapters under the palm trees of the Philippines of the United States of America, such a one would have received the pity of all for an unbalanced mind.

As we glance over the records for these months we note first that we are a very large family of one hundred and twenty-six members. Seventeen have been added in this year and six months. Fifteen gatherings have been held, each preceded by a management meeting. Two special meetings were held to determine the best way to do our part as a Chapter for our suffering soldiers. Two open meetings have been held, one in May, when the lilac-wreathed rooms were filled with mem-

bers and their invited guests. It was a happy occasion for all. Mrs. Frances Lee Pratt and Mrs. Kate Upson Clark greatly interested the audience. The second was in November last when the members of the Clubs of Norwalk were invited and Mrs. Alice Morse Earle was the guest of honor.

We have had three outings, a pleasant reception last July at the hospitable home of our Regent, where we were enthused by Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. Alexander, and others, to more patriotic giving. We were delightfully entertained; the afternoon will long be remembered with pleasure.

With all the brightness to us found in our glance backward, we note, also, shadows on the picture. Two beloved and valued members, Mrs. Charles Olmstead and Mrs. Andrew Thompson, have gone from us, to the mansions above, leaving vacant places hard to fill. On the records we find that they contributed to our enjoyment by pleasant reports, by bright papers, and that they shared with us their quaint heirlooms.

All honor and praise should be given to those members who introduced and carried out new methods for entertainment during the social hour, as in the unique display of "Old Pewter" and "The Lights of Other Days." Honorable mention should be made of those who during the oppressive summer days gave out patterns and work with such patience; who opened their homes to receive and dispatch supplies for our soldiers.

Grateful, loving mention should be made of our Regent who, by her generosity, enthusiasm and untiring effort, did so much to make the relief work accomplished by the Chapter something to be proud of. Our meetings the past eighteen months have been well attended and the programs interesting and instructive. Our social intercourse has been pleasant and helpful; our business gatherings marked by harmony and good will. With such a retrospect may we not look forward to the future hopefully, and expect, as individuals and as a Chapter, not only enjoyment, but inspiration and power to give out to our own community and to the children in our schools fresh impulses for courageous, patriotic living.—JANE HYDE MERVIN, *Recording Secretary*.