

## Work of the State Organization, from Conference Reports

In January 1900, when the Daughters of Michigan, assembled in the old Russell House, Detroit, for a meeting of a "State Federation of Chapters," afterward called "State Conference," eleven Chapters had been organized, by Mrs. William Fitzhugh Edwards, and eight sent delegates: Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ann Arbor, Mt. Clemens, St. Clair, Flint and Pontiac. Mrs. Lillian Drake Avery acted as Secretary. Mrs. Donald McLean, President General, was an honored guest.

It was decided that three fourth of the dues should be retained, and one fourth sent for National work. Discussion centered on the wisdom of the work of building Continental Hall, which was contemplated. Ann Arbor was the first to pledge money, \$75.00, and Mt. Clemens gave \$10.00, and so the Chapters began to fall into line. So, not Memorial Continental Hall alone, but beautiful Constitution Hall as well, now stands a Memorial to all Daughters of the American Revolution.

1901—By tacit understanding, rather than by a recorded vote, the semi-annual meetings changed to annual. The report of the State Treasurer, for the year 1901 was brief and simple:

Report of Treasurer	May 16, 1901
Cash received .....	\$68.70
Cash paid to Mrs. Edwards .....	\$68.70

(Signed, Miss Annie Grant)

The Report was unanimously approved.

In comparison, the State Treasurer, Miss Emma Brooks reported for the year, Oct. 1929:

Cash received .....	\$20,280.09
Disbursements .....	\$15,351.22

Balance .....	\$ 4,928.81
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and her itemized statement covered seven full pages of the State yearbook. The first State By-Laws were adopted this year. "To all written appearances these long delayed By-Laws were hailed with delight, and were quibbled over," writes the Secretary.

1903—Lansing Chapter, Hostess. The Secretary, with a touch of humor, remarked on the report of the National meeting in Washington,—“Congress of 1903 was one of the finest and most educational ever held. Beautiful receptions, beautiful decorations, beautiful gowns, beautiful women. Pages were constantly presenting most beautiful flowers to State Regents and to our President General, whose even and amiable, executive ability tided over so many breakers.”

1904—Ann Arbor Chapter entertained State Conference, and seventeen Chapters had been organized. Each reported work on some special line of endeavor, such as are still being carried on. Genesee Chapter was the first to establish a Library for the youth of the city; Alexander Macomb located and marked the first Revolutionary Soldiers' graves; Louisa St. Clair first organized a “Children of the Republic” Club, and Sarah Caswell Angell, the next.

The work went on smoothly, for the next few years, as the Chapters, one by one broadened their activities to include all lines of endeavor suggested by the National organization. Thus we trace the growth of our State work, every phase vital and full of interest.

Many of the women who helped lay the foundation, upon which we, today are building, have been released to a higher work; many are still valued advisors; while others are yet in active work, in National, State, and Chapter.

1912—Ann Frisby Fitzhugh Chapter, hostess. 28 Chapters sent delegates. Adoption of the Revision of the State by-laws.

Office of State Historian created; Mrs. Victor C. Vaughan, elected. Historic Committee reported presentation of the Great Seal of the State of Michigan to the University at Ann Arbor, on the occasion of its 75th anniversary.

1913—Ot-ta-wa-wa Chapter, hostess. Number of chapters reported, forty; number of members reported, 2,732; an increase of 264 admissions for the year. At National Congress in Washington, 1913, nineteen Michigan chapters were represented with thirty delegates and fifty-one visiting Daughters, a total of \$735.48, to Continental Hall Fund contributed.

Children of the Republic Clubs, twenty for boys, and four for girls. In May, a State Conference of these Clubs was held, with the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter, D.A.R., in Kalamazoo. Nineteen clubs sent 150 children. Michigan Room in Memorial Continental Hall, reported fully equipped Resolutions—

“Relative to a uniform set of Flags for the State.”

“Endorsement of the Philippine Scholarship Fund.”

1914—Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter, hostess. Reported that the First Constitution of the State of Michigan had been found, restored and bound.

That the First Flag of Michigan, property of the Brady Guards of Detroit, has been mounted between plates of glass, for preservation. Contributions for the Flag of the Battleship, “Michigan”.

1915—“The Underground Railroad in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor”, by Miss Mary Goddard, was the first D. A. R. paper to be published by the Michigan State Historical Commission.

Marquette Chapter, hostess. Recommendations adopted as follows: “An annual per capita assessment of one dollar for State Budget.” (For division and objects, see “State Budgets.”)

“State-wide celebration of Flag Day, June 14th, each year.”

“Unification of writing of Prize Patriotic Essays, by Students.”  
Office of State Chaplain created; Mrs. William H. Selden, elected.

By-laws amended to admit of the following new committees—

Publication.

Preservation of Historic Spots.

Revolutionary Relics, for Memorial Continental Hall.

International Peace Arbitration.

Genealogical Research.

Seals and Arms.

Charities and Corrections.

Recreations.

Rural Life.

Camp Life in Michigan.

Art and Literature.

Year Book.

Philippine Scholarship Fund.

Liquidation and Endowment Fund.

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1916—Reported, summary:

Present total membership . . . . .	3,243
Active members . . . . .	3,107
Members-at-large . . . . .	131
New members . . . . .	386
“Real Daughters” . . . . .	5
New chapters . . . . .	4
Total no. chapters . . . . .	46

Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter, hostess.

First Endowment Fund given the Michigan State D. A. R. by Mr. Samuel C. Kimberly in memory of his mother, Mrs. Benton Hanchett, Past State Vice-Regent of Michigan.

First steps taken toward incorporation of our State organization.  
 “Endorsement of the 18th Federal Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.”

“Endorsement of the forming of ‘Women of the Republic’ Clubs.”

“State Year-books to be hereafter 5½ x 7½, uniform white covers with blue lettering.”

By-laws amended to create the offices of State Corresponding Secretary and State Consulting Registrar. Mrs. Thomas L. Handy elected to the first and Mrs. William W. Butterfield to the second office.

Ratification of the unofficial action by State Conference, Detroit, May 16, 1901, conferring the title “Honorary State Regent for Life”, on our second State Regent, Mrs. William Fitzhugh Edwards.

Total receipts reported for year 1915-1916, Oct. . . . .	\$4,623.01
Total disbursements for year 1915-1916, Oct. . . . .	4,130.32

Balance . . . . .	\$ 492.69
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Balance in Real Daughters’ Fund.. . . .	21.20
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Balance in General Fund . . . . .	471.49
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Bank Certificate, Hanchett Fund . . . . .	200.00
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Total Balance . . . . .	\$ 692.69
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1917—Saginaw Chapter, hostess.

New Flag Salute adopted, former resolution being rescinded.  
 Resolutions of Loyalty copies to be sent to high Federal and State officials and to National Society, D. A. R.

Recommended that chapters keep and perfect Card Catalogues. That the work among aliens be emphasized.

Reported that the request from the U. S. Navy League for the complete outfitting of the men on the "U. S. S. D. Paul Jones" with needed knitted garments had been fulfilled, letter of thanks read from the commanding officer.

Recommended that the fund for flowers be \$15.00.

Recommended that the Fiscal Year shall be from Sept. 15 to September 15.

Recommended that each chapter send its State Yearbook and State Officers' Reports to the State Regent for binding, the expense to be borne by the chapter.

Recommended that Daughters emphasize the study of Michigan history.

Recommended that at least once a year, each chapter have the Chapter, State and National D. A. R. by-laws read at a regular meeting.

Recommended that it is not wise to hold Annual Elections in March or April on account of complications arising therefrom in credentials to Continental Congress.

1918—Ann Gridley Chapter, hostess.

Total membership reported, 3,592; forty-nine chapters Michigan State D. A. R. sent eight girls to the third National Service School, in Washington, D. C., under the emergency Michigan Division Women's Committee Council of National Defense.

A uniform ruling made, as to life and honorary resident memberships.

Ruled by a change in the State by-laws, "that the State Vice-Regent shall be Custodian of the Susan E. Hanchett Memorial Record Book, and the Mrs. James P. Brayton Record Book, and that she shall have them both brought up to date before the meeting of National Congress each year.

Ruled that the State by-laws be brought up to date and printed every two years when deemed necessary.

State Auditing Committee reported total receipts for year, Sept. 25, 1917 to Sept. 25, 1918, \$24,839.43; Disbursements \$23,934.84. Leaving a balance of \$904.59; General fund, \$511.92, Tilly.

State Consulting Registrar reported Card Catalogues from twenty-five chapters.

At this session of State Conference, Mrs. William Henry Wait, of Ann Arbor, retiring State Regent, was endorsed as candidate

for Vice-President General from Michigan, and made Honorary State Regent for life.

1919—Lansing Chapter, hostess.

Total number chapters, fifty; membership, 3,618. Michigan D. A. R. now ranks ninth in point of membership in the National society.

Michigan D. A. R. ranked sixth in point of gifts and service during the war period. (See National War Report).

Recommended that Americanism be stressed this coming year, i.e., that "America be interpreted to the 'Newcomer'".

Michigan D. A. R. reported 100% on Liberty Loan by the National Treasurer.

State Consulting Registrar reported all chapters' Card Catalogues in.

State Historian appointed as Reporter for the Smithsonian Institution.

A valuable old Muster Roll, of Michigan troops of 1812, reported found; placed in the Burton Collection, Detroit.

Emphasized research for founders of Michigan cities and towns and old county boundary lines.

Recommended that the following left-over funds be placed in the General Fund, viz., the War Emergency Fund, the Michigan State Troops Fund, the Valley Forge Fund.

Endorsed the Weissert Bills, of the Michigan State Legislature, 1919 for the appropriation of a sum not to exceed \$200.00 by the Board of Supervisors of any county, . . . for furthering the historical interests of that County. Endorsed Federal Suffrage Bill.

1920—Sophie de Marsac Campau Chapter, hostess.

Total membership, 3,736.

Urged that special emphasis be placed on the State Budget, which is optional with the chapters. All the objects named are carefully investigated by the State Board, before announcement.

Mrs. Henry Bourne Joy was appointed to the Chairmanship of a newly-formed Committee on Finance.

State Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,974.95 in the General Fund.

State Treasurer reported a deficit of \$78.10 in the Special Funds.

Deficit ordered paid from Emergency Fund Budget.

Chapters are requested to have all reports and all data typewritten.

For the first time, a bugler called the State Conference together; this custom has been continued.

Recommended that all State officers and State committee chairmen render itemized bills to the Finance Committee for action. That a sum not to exceed \$500.00 be allowed the State Regent for expense fund.

That the expenses of the Official Stenographer be paid by the State.

The Regent asked for a membership drive for 300 new members, in celebration of the Pilgrim Ter-Centenary Anniversary. The Patriotic Education Committee was instructed to confer with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, relative to the "American's Creed" in the Public Schools.

Recommended that a petition be sent to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction requesting him to call to the attention of our law-makers, that no compilation of the number of labor permits granted to children of school age is kept in the State of Michigan, and ask the passage of a remedial law.

Endorsed observance of Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, each year. Adopted an official marker for Revolutionary patriots, and Real Sons and Daughters.

Resolved to ask the Government to secure and return the Moultrie Standards—if still extant—and to place them either in the National Museum, or in Memorial Continental Hall in Washington, D. C.

1921—Louisa St. Clair Chapter, hostess.

Fifty-three chapters; 4,262 members in Michigan. 426 members net gain for year in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims.

Chapters have this year observed the Centenary of the Chicago Treaty.

Endorsed the Towner-Sterling Bill (replacing the Smith-Towner Bill), providing for a broader policy of public education.

Appointed a State Committee on Better Films.

Appointed Mrs. James H. Campbell to investigate all histories and locations of all Flags, Banners, Pennants, Ensigns, lost and won between the United States and Great Britain, during the wars of the Revolution and of 1812.

Resolution to co-operate with the S. A. R., in the marking of graves of Real Sons of the Revolution.

Suggested that all chapters arrange for the suitable observance of all patriotic holidays.

Suggested that all chapter members acquaint themselves with the objects of the D. A. R. Society, the Flag Salute, Flag Etiquette, Michigan State Flag Laws, the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Michigan, and the American's Creed.

1922—Battle Creek Chapter, hostess.

Recommended that all chapters ask for the display of the United States Flag at all polling places at every election.

Recommended that this Conference endorse the name of the Hon. William Austin Burt for the Hall of Fame at New York University, and so inform the secretary of the Hall of Fame. Mr. Burt, who was an early surveyor in the State of Michigan, invented the typewriter, the solar compass, and the equatorial sextant.

Recommended that the State D. A. R. request of the State Highway Commission that some important part of some State highway bear the name of Father Gabriel Richarde, painter, patriot, musician, member of Congress, and advocate of good territorial roads.

Special memorial service was held for Mrs. William G. Doty, a past Regent of Sarah Caswell Angell Chapter, of Ann Arbor, who passed away suddenly while attending this session of State Conference.

Reported that the graves of Madam La Framboise, the first fur-trader in the Grand River Valley, and that of her daughter, had been located under St. Anne Church, Mackinac Island.

1923—Genesee Chapter, hostess.

Sent message to the Michigan State Department of Public Domain, asking that in the necessary re-naming of the lakes in Michigan, names of pioneers in counties where the lakes are located, be used. In reply, Mr. R. A. Smith, State Geologist gave it as his opinion that the names of Indian characters, associated with early local history, would also be quite appropriate. Reported that a room in Roosevelt Memorial Hospital, furnished by the State D. A. R., had been dedicated on May 8th, in honor of Mrs. William Henry Wait, Past State Regent.

State Treasurer reported a total of \$14,133.52 received, \$11,762.22 expended, leaving a balance of \$2,371.30.

Fifty-eight chapters reported.



A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. James H. Campbell, for a silk State Flag to be used, with the U. S. Flag, at our State Conferences.

Resolved: "That in the future, the names of deceased Daughters be read at the Memorial Service of the State Conference."

At the request of Ruth Sayre Chapter, D. A. R., State Conference took under advisement the matter of having the National Magazine of the D. A. R. listed and indexed in the Readers Guide and in similar Guides, thus making its valuable material accessible to the general public.

1924—Algonquin Chapter, hostess.

State Corresponding Secretary reported the sending out of 1,577 pieces of mail, stating that her duties had been "simple and well-defined".

The State Consulting Registrar urged the necessity of collecting all available Michigan Vital Statistics prior to 1867, at which date the official state tabulation was begun.

The Daughters were reminded, by the State Historian, that it is a loss to our State and its records, if the only copy, or the original copy of a valuable book or manuscript, is allowed to go out of the state. A photostat copy should always be made for such uses.

A new library plan, suggested by the Librarian-General, was adopted, i.e., money contributions from chapters.

The disbanding of Copper Country Chapter was announced.

It was reported that a collection of book-plates is being made by the Librarian-General, and all Daughters are asked to contribute private plates. Michigan was reported as second in the number of books sent to Washington. A large silk American Flag was presented to Conference from the State Board, accepted by the Regent, and the Salute given by the Daughters, led by the Vice-Regent.

The title, Honorary State Regent, was conferred on retiring State Regent, Mrs. Cornelia Peirce Seydel.

1925—Sarah Treat Prudden Chapter, hostess.

The Regent stated that from National Congress, 1924, to Congress 1925, Michigan chapters had expended on Americanism, patriotic, historical and welfare work, more than \$28,000.00. While during the past three years, over \$80,000.00 has been given for these worthy objects.

“Our Silver Anniversary”, was an interesting resume of the beginnings of our State D. A. R. organization in Detroit, given by Mrs. Heatley Green.

The Resolutions Committee offered special resolutions on the death of Mrs. Clara Hadley Wait, Honorary Vice-President General for life, Honorary State Regent and Nominee for President-General, a special memorial service being held later. Also a resolution was adopted that a suitable memorial in her honor, be placed in the new Auditorium in Washington; the State Board to perfect the plan.

1926—Lucy Wolcott Barnum Chapter, hostess.

Number of chapters, fifty-eight. Over 100 members, representing fifty-seven chapters, were at last National Congress.

State Treasurer reported

Receipts .....	\$84,358.63
Disbursements .....	82,110.19
	\$ 2,248.44

Suggested that chapters try to keep their activities more nearly balanced, and not over-emphasize one part of the work, to the detriment of other duties just as important.

In observance of the Sesqui-Centennial, chapters were asked to make a study of the Revolutionary period with the signing of the Declaration of Independence the central date and theme. Also a biographical study of the lives of those most closely connected with the times.

At the last Congress, Michigan was signally honored, in the election of Mrs. Grace H. Brosseau as President General, and Miss Alice Louise McDuffee as Historian General.

Voted to include the Library Fund in the State Budget.

Special memorial services were held for Miss Edith M. Runnels, Ex-State Consulting Registrar, and Ex-State Director, and for Mrs. James H. Campbell, whose activities were unceasing in the cause she loved.

1927—Hostess Chapters were Hannah Tracy Grant, Mary Marshall, and Charity Cook, the sessions being held at Albion.

On behalf of the State Executive Board, the State Vice-Regent presented an illuminated insignia, “whose light will recall to future Conferences the interest and loyalty of this corps of officers.”

Special tribute was paid to the revered memory of Mrs. Harry Burns Hutchins, State Chairman on the Correct Use of the Flag.

The State Regent announced the disbanding of the Jeremiah Jencks Chapter, membership having fallen below the requisite number for retaining the charter.

By-laws amended to read, "No member is eligible to office, who is not a member in good standing, of a Michigan chapter, and a resident of the State. No two officers shall be from the same chapter."

To read, "\$1,000.00 be allowed the State Regent each year for expenses incurred in performing the duties of the office."

Our retiring Regent, Mrs. Lucius Ellis Holland, was made Honorary State Regent and a memorial is to be placed in the Michigan Room, in her honor.

Mrs. T. M. McFarland, past State Historian, presented a valuable gift, a compilation of the "Biographies and Photographs of our Past State Regents."

Another gift was the Fourth Volume of Oakland Co., Cemetery Records, from General Richardson Chapter.

The State Regent announced her gift of a chair to Constitution Hall in honor of the State Executive Board of 1925-1928.

Amendments to seventeen Articles of the State by-laws were acted upon for which see State Yearbook, for 1927, p. 119-122. Voted to print the by-laws as amended.

Voted to print Volume II of the Report of Gifts.

1928—Ypsilanti Chapter, hostess.

Sixty chapters; 5,230 members.

375 subscriptions to the National D. A. R. Magazine reported. 13,169 trees planted during the past year; 500 shrubs at Roosevelt Hospital.

Chapters urged to stress familiarity with the leading questions of the day; the Nicaraguan situation, conditions in China, Russian affairs, International relations with Mexico, and to assist in securing the Ratification of the Kellogg Peace Pact.

Urge the preservation and the appropriate decoration of the living, out-door Christmas tree.

The disbanding of Emily Virginia Mason Chapter was announced. New chapters organized, bring the total number now active to sixty and counting the three now disbanded, for lack

of numbers, we have had a total of sixty-three chapters in the state.

A new Michigan State Flag was presented at last Congress to the National Society, D. A. R.

Michigan D. A. R. has now four Potential Donor gifts, of \$1,000.00 each.

Our total bond subscription for Constitution Hall, was \$71,454.73.

State Corresponding Secretary reported sending out 2,711 pieces of mail.

A Boys Club, of more than 1,000 members reported by Menominee Chapter. Judge Stiles wrote, "Juvenile delinquency in Menominee has decreased 80% since the organization of the Boys' Club, thirteen years ago."

Thirty-eight chapters reported owning 2,098 volumes of D. A. R. Lineage Books, twelve chapters having complete files to date. General Richardson Chapter has preserved 32,000 cemetery records. Lansing Chapter, the marriage records of Avon, New York, over a period of ten years.

The Librarian stated that 10,000 Vital Record Blanks had been mailed to chapters. Many have been filled and returned.

Endorsed our National Society's resolution concerning speedy ratification of the Kellogg Peace Pact.

Voted the purchase of a book unit, for the Library of Constitution Hall, as tribute to Mrs. Lucius Ellis Holland, Honorary State Regent.

Conference made statement of approval of any future action of the National Society, for a National Student Fund.

Voted to finance the Organizers' Memorial project, through the regular channels of the State Budget.

Courtesy resolution tendered the officials of the Lincoln Consolidated School for the instructive hours as their guests.

1929—Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter, hostess.

Sixty chapters.

Americanization Schools sponsored by the D. A. R., are the American International College at Springfield, Massachusetts; The School of Practical Arts; Northland College; Schaufler School.

306,048 trees have been planted during the year past; wild flower pledges to all school children.

Eighty letters reported written the members of the Judiciary Committees of U. S. Congress, urging the passage of Resolution No. II, pertaining to the Correct Use of the Flag.

Total membership reported, 5,064 Michigan Daughters.

Fifty-seven chapters reported as having 400 subscriptions to the D. A. R. Magazine.

Michigan D. A. R. now has to its credit the sum of \$18,000.00 in Student Loan and Scholarship Funds, approximately.

State Chairman of Historical and Literary Reciprocity called the attention of the Daughters to the fact that the Lending Library contains more than 2,750 papers. Michigan chapters are also urged to send to this committee any outstanding papers written by members.

The receipt of eighteen such papers last year brought to Michigan honorable mention at Congress.

Number of Manuals for Immigrants distributed last year was 4,605, in seventeen different tongues.

"Guide Book to Historic Places," by Mrs. McFarland, was presented to the National Society last April.

In the contest for "The most historic spot", the vote stood as follows—

279 votes for Sault Ste. Marie,  
 458 votes for Island of Mackinac,  
 355 votes for Old Detroit.

Reported one Book Unit, honoring Miss Alice Louise McDuffee; other gifts in honor of Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, Mrs. James P. Brayton, and Mrs. L. Victor Seydel.

Vital Records reported sent to the State Library, Lansing, also to the Burton Collection, Detroit.

An honored guest of Conference was Michigan's one remaining Real Daughter, Mrs. Helen Van Dolson Barrett, aged ninety-eight years on May 19, 1929.

The high-lights of the 1929 Conference were the fine history of the State Flag of Michigan, by Mrs. William C. Geagley; the relation of their experiences at the Boy Scouts' World Jamboree, in London, in July, by two representatives of the order, and the address of Professor Smith Burnham, of Western State Teachers' College, on "Origin of the Constitution of the United States".

Resolutions were passed as follows—That the D. A. R. forest project be financed through the State Budget.

That the by-laws be amended providing for State Conference meetings to be held in March, instead of in October.

That a committee be appointed by the State Regent to formulate plans for interesting other patriotic organizations in co-operating with Michigan D. A. R. in financing a Michigan bell in the carillon at Valley Forge.

That a Committee be appointed to present to the State Legislature a bill providing that all teachers in any of the public schools of the State or in any university or normal school supported in whole or in part by public funds shall by oath or affirmation agree to support the Constitution of the United States of America and of the State, and to promote respect for the flag and the institutions of the United States.

That Michigan chapters be asked to meet the State obligation for Constitution Hall, by a contribution of seventy-five cents per capita, in place of fifty cents, as heretofore expected.

That we continue to finance the three National Causes; National Defense, Immigrants Manual, Ellis Island, during 1929-1930.