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STATE CONVENTION U. D. C., S. C. DIVISION

HELD AT GREENWOOD NOVEMBER 21--INTERESTING REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

The following article was submitted to us last week for publication. We regret that it was impossible to publish it sooner:

Madam President and Members of the Williamsburg Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, S C Division:—It affords me much gratification and interest to present to you a report of the proceedings of the State convention of our division.

Before entering definitely upon this subject I desire to express my appreciation of the honor and responsible duty you conferred upon me when I was chosen to act in the capacity of delegate of U D C. The Williamsburg chapter represents the name of a county which has furnished to her patriotic daughters a history of Scottish loyalty and heroism which they shall endeavor to cherish with pride and devotion.

The privilege of attending the assemblage of that organization—a division of noble South Carolina womanhood known as the U D C—cannot be instructive, impressive and inspiring. One feature of the occasion which appealed most forcibly to me was the earnestness and practical manner which characterized the delivery of the reports from various chapters; the work accomplished during the past year was revealed by each chapter with that serenity and confidence of manner which showed reverence for her subject. The sacred and historical truths relative to our beloved and exalted Confederacy were emphasized by many expressions of wisdom and beauty, which were calculated to furnish an incentive to each U D C present to continue to perpetuate the memory of the gallant and brave men who helped to make South Carolina famous.

In discharging the duty which you trusted to my care I endeavored to present to the State division a concise review of the work accomplished during the past year by this chapter. It will be encouraging to you to learn that your report was received with courtesy and manifestations of interest, for the Williamsburg chapter, I observed, is maintaining the excellent standard which has heretofore characterized it. In the execution of its presidential duties and obligations and the systematic and careful work of the registrar's department, it compares favorably with the sixteen chapters of the State.

The 16th annual Convention, S C Division U D C, convened at Greenwood on November 21. The business of the Credential and Executive committees was transacted at Rest Room, City Hall, soon after arrival of delegates. Tuesday evening witnessed the scene of a notable and patriotic gathering in the handsome and spacious auditorium of Lander College. The scene presented there was most impressive, the sight of college girls, wearing the Confederate colors and surrounded by

intellectual and cultured educators, thrilled many of the U D C's with happy memories of college days. The equipment of Lander College and the hospitality which is extended to the guests within its walls bespeak the cultivated taste and refinement of the South Carolinian. As the students' thoroughly trained voices chanted in almost perfect unison, I reflected on the "just pride" which the Daughters of the Confederacy should realize and appreciate. The presence of the honored veterans and all of the surroundings and incidents of the session reminded me of our history of the magnificent war record of our heroes. The sight of the student body suggested another thought, which appealed to the Confederate Daughters, the grand possibilities of perfected womanhood which our State will furnish to continue the work the U D C's have begun, and to adorn the educational, spiritual and physical world of the future.

Welcome addresses were delivered by Mr Kenneth Baker, the Mayor of the city; Capt C A C Waller, Com Camp D Wyatt Aiken, and Mrs Stanmore P Brooks, President of the Robt A Waller Chapter. All of these expressions of welcome were hospitable and appropriate. The U D C's were fortunate in having an opportunity of being represented in public by Mrs Brooks; those who come under the influence of her charming and cultured personality are fortunate.

The response for the division was gracefully delivered with pleasing diction by Mrs St John Allison Lawton, of Secessionville Chapter.

The convention was favored with impressive greetings from Miss Louise Fleming, of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Col Teague, Com S C Veterans, whose remarks were interspersed with many witticisms. Little Miss Lillian Rose of Marion delivered greetings from the Children's Chapter. This department, of course, is one which appeals to all ardent U D C's as being intensely interesting, and the speaker who responded in their behalf was received with encouragement and appreciation.

After the artistic rendition of several beautiful melodies the presentation of the book of records of crosses of honor, prepared by Charleston Chapter, took place. It was presented by Miss Martha Washington of Charleston, a lady who needed no introduction to the U D C's, and whose whose distinguished yet natural and unaffected

mannerism, at once gives the impression that the venerable lady is not unlike her illustrious namesake. The exercises of this evening closed with a reception, which was tendered the convention by President and Mrs Wilson, of the college.

On Wednesday the session was held in the hall of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs August Kohn, the retiring President, conducted the exercises with her usual capability and that womanly, dignified demeanor which has distinguished her as a leader among U D C's. This exercise consisted of various reports and announcements and was followed by adjournment for luncheon, which was tendered us by Star Fort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Historical Lesson, one of the most interesting features of the convention, had been scheduled for Wednesday evening and was anticipated with genuine eagerness, as Dr S C Mitchell, President of South Carolina University, was to deliver the address. The distinguished educator chose for his subject: "The Vicarious Element in Lee's Character." I would that I could present to you only a portion of the excellence, inspiration and chaste style of that master-piece of English as he revealed to us the marvelous military genius of the revered and immortal Lee. Dr Mitchell's address penetrated into deep research, as regards the sacrificial element in the Southern war hero, whom history delights to honor by recording him as "the greatest of his illustrious race."

Thursday's meeting was devoted to conferences, reports and a great variety of important business. Everything in the way of decoration which could inspire patriotism, enthusiasm and artistic beauty had been arranged in the halls where the meetings were conducted. The portraits of the Confederate heroes, the U D C's delight to keep fresh in the memory, adorned the walls and the Confederate colors were in evidence continually to remind us of sacred and hallowed memories.

The next luncheon was graciously tendered by the "Catechee Club." This was an appropriate and graceful courtesy extended by that well-established club, for the entertainment of the U D C's.

Thursday afternoon reached the climax of interest, for that was the date fixed for election of State officers. Mrs C E Graham, who has so efficiently filled the important office of Registrar, succeeds Mrs Kohn.

Mrs Graham's capabilities are well known to the club women of the State, as has already been evinced by her administration as State Registrar, which was characterized by patience and methodical work. She will prove a worthy successor.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy have developed into such a large and important organization that it consists now of different departments; the educational activities therein connected are under the management of that indefatigable worker, Miss Poppenheim, whose intellectual attainments have won a high position for her in the world of "club work." Some of you have become acquainted with her through the columns of "The Keystone," the journal devoted to women's work. Her report stated that scholarships had been and were now offered to deserving and ambitious boys and girls. An amount was pledged by various delegates to appropriate scholarships for one boy to receive an education at Carolina and a scholarship for one girl at Winthrop.

The retiring president's recommendations were read and one I noted was the resolution to appropriate \$50 for president of the division, to be used to cover the expenses incurred by making visits to each chapter of the State. Mrs Keitt, of Clemson College, proposed that a memorial drinking fountain be donated to Clemson and requested aid from U D C. Mrs McWhirter, of Union county, gave a splendid description of the Richmond convention, where the South Carolina Division was well received and admirably represented. A discussion which aroused much enthusiasm and interest was that of the effort which will be put into execution by the U D C in regard to establishing the custom of using fair and impartial histories written by Southerners, in the graded schools. It was resolved that the U D C confer with county Superintendents and veterans on this matter.

The brilliant reception held at the palatial residence of Mrs Annie C Durst, chairman of the hospitality committee, was a fitting close to the convention, which has been so hospitably and successfully entertained in the beautiful little city of Greenwood. At Mrs Durst's reception were assembled a coterie of many beautiful women (suggesting Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women"): "Divinely tall and most divinely fair," whose accomplishments and intellect contributed brilliance to the occasion.

MAUDE Z LOGAN,
Recording Secretary
Williamsburg Chapter, U D C.
Kingstree, S. C. December 8, 1911.

DEATH OF ELI J SMITH

A Highly Respected Citizen Passes In to His Final Rest.

Mr Eli J Smith died at his home 210 North Church street this morning at 5 o'clock. Mr Smith has been a sufferer for about two years. His health failed shortly after he moved from Williamsburg county to Florence, and for the past six months he had been afflicted with a cancer. His body will be taken to Kingstree tomorrow and laid to rest in the Williamsburg cemetery beside other members of the family.

Mr Smith was about 58 years old. He leaves a wife and nine children, six boys and three girls. Two brothers and one sister, Mrs Amons of Marion county, survive him. The two brothers are A N Smith of Marion county and W H Smith of Cades.

—*Florence Daily Times, December 16.*

The truly brave are soft of heart and eyes.

Pension Notice.

I will be in the county Auditor's office on each and every Saturday in January, 1912, (D V) prepared to fill out pension blanks for new applicants. Those pensioners, both men and women, who have been cut off and annexed to Florence county, upon request can obtain transfers to that or other counties to which they have removed. Blanks will be sent out only to those who are physically unable to appear before board. Notice will be given later of any changes made in the pension law of our State.

H H KINDER,
Pension Commissioner.
Kingstree, December 11. 12-14-2t

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