

NEWTON CHAPTER can now count in its number a "real" Daughter, Mrs. Martha May Guild Kimball, whose father, Jacob Guild, of South Dedham, enlisted in the Revolutionary Army at the age of 17 and served through the Burgoyne campaign. On Saturday, October 30, a delegation from the Newton Chapter called on the venerable lady at her home in Medway and presented her with a golden spoon which the National Society gives to all real Daughters. The delegation consisted of Mrs. Benjamin W. Hackett, of Auburndale, the Regent of the Chapter; Mrs. William H. Gould, of Waban, Vice-Regent; Mrs. Edward A. Ellis, of Newton Centre, Registrar, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Walworth, of Newton Centre, Mr. Walworth being a grand-nephew of Mrs. Kimball. They found Mrs. Kimball, who is in her 95th year, looking quite bright and smart; her mind is as clear as ever and her memory something wonderful, not only in scope but in accuracy. Having taught school until fifty years of age, she has always been noted for her precision of dictation and statement, which does not fail her in her old age. Mrs. Hackett presented the spoon with a short address as follows:

*"My Dear Madam:* The Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution embraces a circle of women rising twenty thousand in num-

ber. Within this great circle lies a smaller group, an inner circle, as it were, of less than one hundred members. This inner and more charmed circle are the 'Real' or 'True Daughters' of the American Revolution. As the jewel to its setting does this "True Daughter" compare with her descendant, the Daughter of the American Revolution. To each one of these Patriot's Daughters, it is the pleasure and privilege of the National Society at Washington to present a souvenir of a golden spoon, and as Regent and representative of the Newton Chapter, of which you are an honored member, I beg you to accept this spoon in grateful memory of your patriotic father, Corporal Jacob Guild, for his services in the establishment of American Independence."

Mrs. Kimball thanked the donors in due form and said that she considered herself highly honored by receiving so beautiful a token from the National Society at Washington, and she especially requested the delegation to convey her thanks to the other ladies of the Newton Chapter. She then entertained the delegation with reminiscences of stories told by her father and grandfather, Major Aaron Guild, for he was also in the Revolutionary Army, as well as in the French War of 1754. She said she used to get tired of hearing their old tales, but now she wished that she had paid closer attention. She told how her father, when a mere lad, fought at Stillwater and Saratoga and witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne, and how she had heard him say that the music on that occasion was the most delightful and enjoyable that he had ever heard. She also told an interesting story of Ticonderoga in the French and Indian War as related by her grandfather, Major Guild: A foraging party was attacked by Indians some two miles from the fort and all were killed except one man named Fairbanks. The officers at the fort heard the firing and noted the time on their watches. Fairbanks ran for his life towards the fort, reserving his fire; when the savages came too close he would turn and level his gun and they, knowing it was loaded, would drop flat on the ground, thus the runner would get a fresh start. He finally reached the fort, his tongue hanging out of his mouth like a dog's, absolutely exhausted. The officers looked at their watches; but he had run the two miles in nine minutes. Mrs. Kimball remembered this Mr. Fairbanks perfectly well as a frequent visitor at her grandfather's. Her

grandfather, Major Aaron Guild, died February 3, 1818, at the age of 90, and her father, Corporal Jacob Guild, April 6, 1837, at the age of 79, having received a pension in his old age. Both are buried in the old cemetery at Norwood, Massachusetts, formerly South Dedham, and the Major's four wives lie beside him. The Corporal's widow lived on the old place, opposite the Congregational Church in Norwood until March 26, 1848, and it was there that Mrs. Kimball was born September 10, 1803. She was a school teacher in Dedham and Walpole for many years, and married in middle life the late Rev. Caleb Kimball, a Congregationalist minister and graduate of Andover, whom she has survived seventeen years. She is of a deeply religious character and never fails to read the Holy Scriptures twice daily, while she keeps thoroughly posted on topics of the day through the newspapers, which are read to her by her devoted niece and care-taker, Miss Abby Collins. All in all she is a noble representative of her patriotic ancestors, and the Newton Chapter is to be congratulated upon having in its number so worthy a one of the 110 real Daughters now enrolled in the Daughters of the American Revolution.