

occasion was the installation of those national officers who were not installed at the recent convention at Detroit, and a reception to the officers of the national body by the officers and members of the District of Columbia auxiliary and the five local auxiliaries. The hall was gaily decorated with flags, bunting and flowers, and music was furnished by Pistorio's Orchestra, refreshments being served at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

The national officers installed were: Mrs. Harriet Dunbar Couden, chaplain general; Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, judge advocate general; Dr. Ida Heiberger, surgeon general; Miss Cornelia Clay, treasurer general; Mrs. L. M. Huyck, national guard; Mrs. Matilda Sprague and Mrs. Agnes Wilkinson, members of the council of administration.

Mrs. Henry A. Castle, president of the District auxiliary, presided during the opening ceremonies, with Mrs. Lizzie Calver as acting senior vice president. After the audience had joined in singing "America," with orchestra accompaniment, Mrs. Flora A. Lewis, president general, was called to the chair, and the other national officers took their respective stations. Hearty applause greeted Mrs. Lewis' appearance. The pretty ceremony of installing the officers was then gone through with, Mrs. Lewis being assisted by Mrs. E. Gertrude Mitchell, national conductress; Mrs. L. M. Ferguson, national color bearer; Miss Agnes I. Little and Mrs. Hoyt A. Holton, national secretaries.

Mrs. Celynda Werner Ford, president of Mary Sherman Miles Auxiliary, on behalf of that organization, presented the president general with a ~~board of greetings~~ ^{board of greetings} to the new national officers and predicted a successful year's work for them. Mrs. E. Gertrude Mitchell, national conductress, and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson, national color bearer, holding aloft a silken flag, then formed the national officers in receiving line for the reception, while the orchestra rendered a spirited march. The reception continued until nearly 11 o'clock. A number of Spanish war veterans attended the functions, their uniforms of blue and gray contrasting prettily with the gay colors of the ladies' costumes.

The committee of arrangements was as follows: From Mary A. Babcock Auxiliary—Miss Little, Mrs. S. Clifford Cox and Miss Lewis. From Mary Sherman Miles Auxiliary—Mrs. Hyer and Mrs. Fannie Parker. From Edith K. Roosevelt Auxiliary—Miss Maud Thomas, Miss Ferris and Mrs. Katie Wood. From Lillian Capron Auxiliary—Mrs. D. V. Chisholm, Mrs. Kate M. Meyers and Miss Meyers.

The Organization.

There are some distinguished names on the membership rolls of the ladies' auxiliaries to the Spanish War Veterans. These include Mrs. Edith K. Roosevelt, the first lady in the land; Mrs. Mary Sherman Miles, wife of the lieutenant general commanding the army; Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. Henry A. Castle, wife of the sixth auditor; Mrs. Henry W. Lawton, Mrs. Lillian Capron, whose gallant husband, Capt. Allyn K. Capron, was killed while leading his troop of Rough Riders in the charge up San Juan hill; Mrs. Flora A. Lewis, whose son, First Lieut. Lewis of the 9th U. S. Infantry, was killed at the head of his company at San Juan; Mrs. George H. Harries, Miss Cornelia Clay, Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey and others of like prominence.

The first auxiliary was organized Tuesday, January 15, 1901, pursuant to a call from Miss Harriet E. Hawley, sponsor of Henry W. Lawton Command, No. 38, Spanish War Veterans, of this city. The organization meeting was held at the residence of Gen. Alfred C. Hawley, father of Miss Hawley, 1136 25th street northwest. There were thirteen ladies present, Mrs. Ruth M. G. Pealer, Dr. Ida Heiberger, Mrs. Chastina Hawley, Miss Harriet E. Hawley, Mrs. Nellie Hooper Barrett, Mrs. Emily Lee Sherwood, Mrs. Mary F. Case, Miss Rachael C. Levy, Mrs. Virginia Simmons, Mrs. O. L. Bell, Miss Sarah McMenimin, Mrs. Adelaide C. Hersey and Mrs. R. Isabelle Saers.

The result of this meeting was the formation of Auxiliary No. 1, which was named