

ten members of the Union Feminina de Ibero Americana of Mexico City, also members of the Round Table of that City, and the Good Will Tour delegation from Central and South America, and representation from all the Pan American Round Tables of Texas.

It is indeed a pleasure to relate that the Mexican Government gave us complete cooperation in all respects, and sent to us thirty original Mexican costumes, typical of those worn in the various states of that Republic, and which may well be classed as museum pieces and which are indeed kept by the Mexican Government for posterity. These wonderful gowns were displayed at the banquet honoring the delegations from Mexico, Central and South America given on the evening of October 17th, Rainbow Terrace, St. Anthony Hotel, attended by 365. This was a beautiful affair; among our guests were representatives of foreign governments, including three ranking army officials from the Republic of Colombia, two from the Republic of Mexico who were then stationed at Randolph Field; also our city officials, ranking army officers, and prominent members of society.

One of the outstanding luncheons during this Conference was sponsored by the Army Members of the San Antonio Round Table, Sala Panamerica, noon, October 18th. Attendance 200. The Commanding Officer of the Eighth Corps Area, Gen. H. J. Brees, sent to us an official interpreter who was with us not only for this luncheon but during the entire Conference, Capt. Young, a most efficient and pleasing gentleman. Reception held same day at the Woman's Club was also a delightful affair.

Thursday, October 19th, was University Students' Day, and proved

interesting and instructive to the many guests. At this luncheon a student from the University of Texas requested that we send histories of the United States to the universities of Central and South America, as they do not have these for reference work, and the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

"WHEREAS, there exists almost a total absence of United States History books in the various national and university libraries of the Hispanic American countries; and

WHEREAS, we feel that the circulation of such books in the countries of Hispanic America will bring about closer cultural and spiritual ties:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, we, the members of the Pan American Round Table see that such books on the history of the United States and on the history of the State of Texas be sent to the various national and university libraries of the countries of Hispanic America.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E.C. Rach
Mrs. Stone J. Robinson "

Steps have been taken to put this resolution into effect.

On the same day it was a pleasure to have Miss Fletcher Ryan

Wickham, founder of the "Pan American Student Forum" , of Dallas, address us on the work of the Forum.

During the Conference many courtesies were extended our guests in the homes of the resident members, and it is pleasing to repeat that always we had the complete cooperation of the organizations in San Antonio, especially from the San Antonio Board of Education, principals of schools and scholars therein.

It is a noteworthy fact that this is the first time in the

history of Texas that such a Conference has been held.

Program of the Conference is attached to this report, and to the copies prepared for the Round Tables in Texas.

GIFTS AND PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Minister of Guatemala sent to us THE WHITE BOOK, which is a history of British Honduras and gives an accurate account of the manner in which England acquired that territory from Guatemala. I suggest that it will be well for each Round Table to make close study of that question.

A history of Cuba has been sent to us through the courtesy of Miss Mercedes Guerra, who was a member of the Good Will Tour Delegation. In sending this book she gives the information that it was compiled by her father, Dr. Guerra.

From the Secretary of Foreign Relations of Peru we received complete report in Spanish of the Pan American Conference which convened at Lima, Peru, in 1938. The State Department of the United States forwarded to us a copy of the final report of this Conference, which, of course, is in English. This report should receive thoughtful consideration by each Round Table so that we may be informed as to the transactions at these Conferences.

The Chile-United States Cultural Institute sent two copies of the ANDEAN MONTHLY, containing many interesting articles. This Cultural Institute is non-political, non-religious and non-commercial and has for its objective the improving and clarifying of reciprocal understanding between the citizens of Chile and those of the United States of America. There is

in the Andean Monthly a report of the Student's Contest, the object of which is to encourage student writers on subjects relating to the life, history, customs and folklore of South America. Inasmuch as the Pan American Round Table of San Antonio has been featuring an essay contest for the past fifteen years we are arranging to send copies of the essays entered by students in our contest for this year to the Andean Monthly. (Later. These copies of essays were sent air mail on April 11th, 1940.)

Letters have been written to Hon. Ernesto B. Jarpa, President, and to Senora Alicia C. de Errazuriz, Vice-President of the Executive Committee of the Chile-United States Cultural Institute, Santiago, Chile, telling them of our essay contest.

THE HABANA POST, published daily in Havana, Cuba, is sent to the Pan American Reading Room, and is on file there. (I mention this particularly to call attention to the fact that as National Director I have written the various publications in the Western Hemisphere asking that they honor us with copies of their newspapers).

Also on file in the Reading Room is complete report from the Standard Oil Company on their difficulties in regard to the oil question in Mexico, and likewise we have a report from Mexican authorities giving us their views on this subject.

Another important gift is a copy of the REVISTA IBERO AMERICANO, which is the only complete panorama of Latin-American literature in existence. This also is on file in the Pan American Reading Room.

The Secretary of the Department of Education in Mexico sent to us a copy of GUIDE DE L'HISTOIRE DU MEXIQUE, by Alfonso Teja Zabre, written in Spanish.

A magazine published and directed by Senorita Emilie Enriquez de Rivera for women, EL HOGAR, has come to us from Mexico City.

A magnificent gift of twenty consecutive volumes, giving the entire life and history of Eugenio Maria de Hostos, that great promoter of democracy, in Puerto Rico, came to us from Emilio del Toro, president of the de Hostos Centenary Commission, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Frequently there come to us many magazines, articles and letters from throughout the Western Hemisphere; this leads me to believe that our work is becoming internationally recognized.

LETTERS RECEIVED AND WRITTEN.

I have exchanged letters with Dr. F.M. Kercheville relative to organizing a Round Table in Albuquerque of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mrs. W. L. Brown of El Paso was appointed by me to assist in this work. I thankfully acknowledge the encouragement of her enthusiasm and interest in carrying out this work.

Dr. Charles E. Qualia, Department of Foreign Languages, Texas Technicological College, Lubbock, has written concerning organization of a Round Table for Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo, and this is receiving attention.

Several letters have been sent to Cuba, fourteen to Puerto Rico, five to Panama, ten to Brazil, two to Argentina, approximately eighty to

Mexico. In these are included a letter to Mrs. Lucia de Paula Fonseca, concerning the organization in Brazil; letters to the Cultural Relations Commmttee in Chile. We received a letter from Mr. Ricardo Villafranca of Costa Rica setting forth his qualifications as a lecturer and asking if our organization would be interested in having him appear before us. Mr. Villafranca has been Costa Rican Consul in Colon, Representative of Panama, a college professor at Liceo de Costa Rica, Spanish teacher at Panama Canal Zone High Schools and holds a B.S. degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Many letters have been exchanged with Mr. Leo S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union, Washington, and with Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, and with all the Round Tables of Texas.

Of course you realize that all letters sent to the other Republics must go by air mail, and that this is an additional and very considerable expense; you also know that your National dues constitute the only source of revenue for the National

PUBLICITY.

As National Director General I was invited by the President of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce to attend a conference held in Beaumont and to appear on the program with other speakers to discuss the furthering of commercial interests with the Republics to the South. At an afternoon session of the conference a round table discussion was held and many favorable references were made to points brought out in my address. I had called their attention to the fact that England became great by coordinating the businesses of shipping, banking and insurance, and made the suggestion that it might

be well for our nation to do likewise and thus control these enterprises in the Western Hemisphere. I recommend that each Round Table secure a copy of the Congressional Record for April 25th, 1939, which will give full information concerning the islands and territorial possessions of European countries in the Western Hemisphere.

I was invited to Cotulla, and there I addressed the Parent-Teacher Association and faculty of the schools on Pan American affairs. This was a most happy occasion.

Each day brings some bit of interesting work for the organization, but for the sake of brevity I have only attempted to touch on the outstanding features of the year's work.

I must not omit mentioning that I was asked to assist in the organization of a Round Table in Beaumont, and that this was done in strict accordance with the Constitution and By-laws, and that this group is functioning in a most satisfactory manner. I am proud indeed of this newest Table.

We have been very slow in our growth, but it is encouraging that as National Director I can state with confidence that I am finding an increase of interest in our work. This is particularly evidenced by the numerous letters and other literature already mentioned as coming to us.

In conclusion, I express with deep gratitude my real appreciation of your help, and I sincerely hope that at all times I may enjoy your confidence; that you will believe that in all things I am actuated only by

the desire to further Pan American activities and the friendship that should exist between the Americas. Also please understand that always I am interested in hearing from you, and that I welcome your advice.

One last thought to leave with you. The picture of amity will be complete when the women of Canada join hands with the women of the United States, who in turn will reach across the border and touch hands with the women of Mexico, So on, ever southward, until there will be forged, link by link, an unbroken chain binding together the womanhood of the Americas in a spirit of understanding. "Who can resist an America united in heart, submissive to law, and guided by the Torch of Liberty?"

Respectfully submitted,

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