



Beauceant News

As part of celebrating the outstanding history of our order, the following article will hopefully bring to mind the stories of our success and pay tribute to our fourth supreme worthy president. It is once more written by Laura Lee Novack.



Fourth Supreme Worthy President Adah B. Duff
1923-1924

“How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word!”

On October the 9th and 10th, 1924, at Kansas City, Missouri, the “Gateway of the West,” Adah B. Duff met and led the Supreme Assembly at its fourth great meeting.

Tulsa, Oklahoma; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Santa Monica, California; Hollywood, California; and Long Beach, California, joined the ranks of the Beauceant Supreme to increase the membership by 540, and the assets by \$945.84.

The general tone of the Supreme Assembly for this fourth year is summed up in the conclusion of Mrs. Duff’s *Supreme Worthy President’s Annual Report*:

“For the longer I live, and the more I see of the struggle of souls to the heights above, the stronger this truth comes home to me that the universe rests on the shoulder of love; a love so limitless, deep, and broad that men have renamed it and called it God.”

This energetic leader made each day count for good this great fourth year. Her creed for every day’s duty was given in her report: “We live in the present. The future is unknown. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is all that we can claim our own.”

It is interesting to note that Mrs. Duff’s advisory answers to questions and recommendations were all approved.

An influence, far-reaching from this Supreme Assembly and the whole year in general - still showing its effect – is for cooperation between commanderies and Beauceant assemblies.

Just what the Beauceant means to “Adah B” is summed up in these words of hers:

“The emblem of our order; unfading thru the years,
Reminds us of our fleeting life, with all its hopes and fears.
Then when kneeling at the altar, the solemn vows I took,
One hand upon my heart – the other on the holy book;
How can we take these vows and lightly cast aside
The memory of those moments, just as a straw cast on the tide?
It means the broadening of our life through sacrifices made;
So, when we hear those vows again, let’s write them in our heart,
And never, in our darkest hours, from their holy in part.”

And her ambition for the future:

“These coming years I’d like to be a friend to everyone.
I’d like to feel each day well spent at setting sun.
I’d like to be the kind of person everyone will love.”

“Beyond estimation has been the ennobling influence of the order during the years gone by; only our Heavenly Father knows how far and how wide its future power and helpfulness may become, if all are faithful, for it is founded upon faith, loyalty, and love in all of life’s relations.”

So closed the Supreme Assembly of this strong Adah B. Duff, active in the organization of many assemblies throughout the country.

With love her banner,
Loyalty her creed,
Like the Master before her,
She is a friend indeed.

