WAR MEDAL PRESENTED BY
MR. DAVID GRAY

Through the gift of Mr. David Gray, the Museum has acquired the war medal issued by the American Fund for French Wounded. This medal is the work of Mr. J. Spicer Simpson, the famous English medalist, and a member of the National Sculpture Society.

The obverse of the medal was designed previous to the entry of the United States into the war and contains the crests of Japan, Servia, Belgium, Russia, Montenegro, Italy, France and Great Britain, together with the sword of Righteousness and the motto, "Do right and fear no man."

The reverse was designed by him upon the entry of the United States into the war, and the elements are as follows:

The date, April 6, of America's entry into the war, the quotation from the immortal Lincoln, Stars symbolic of our traditional stand for freedom and the Laurel for Victory.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ARTS

The American Federation of Arts will hold its ninth annual convention in Detroit in May. The Federation is a national art society with a very large annual membership, and 292 affiliated organizations as chapters, reaching into the uttermost parts of the nation and including the art museums, art associations, art departments of universities, public libraries, women's clubs, etc. The Detroit Museum of Art and the Society of Arts and Crafts are chapters.

In the nine years of its existence the Federation has accomplished a great deal, particularly in securing and circulating art exhibits and illustrated lectures on art in small and circumscribed communities. Its influence in obtaining better legislation has been felt, and through its publication, "The American Magazine of Arts," it keeps in close touch with its large and widespread membership, bringing to it a knowledge of the current art activities and community interests. The splendid programs given at the conventions of the Federation attract delegates and members throughout the United States, and these meetings aside from their inspirational value do much to unify the thought and effort of the Federation. This is the only time but one that the annual meeting has been held outside of Washington, and Detroit is to be felicitated upon the acceptance of its invitation.