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MRS. MARY D. S. WALROND.

Past Grand Matron of Indian Territory.

The ancestors of the subject of this sketch were from Great Britain and Ireland, and settled in Virginia; thence they removed to Kentucky. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, reside upon a farm in the latter state, near Caverna, in Hart county, where she was born and reared. In neighborhood schools and in the seminaries at Caverna and Glasgow she received an academical training. She was then a teacher until her marriage to Z. T. Walrond, of Osborne, Kansas, late Grand Patron. She was a charter member of and filled different points of the Star in the O. E. S. Chapter organized at Osborne. Upon the appointment of her husband to the United States attorneyship in the Indian Territory in 1889, they removed to Muskogee where they now reside. She was the first Worthy Matron of Astrea Chapter, No. 14. In 1893 she was chosen Associate Grand Matron by the Grand Chapter and the following year promoted to the Grand East, surrendering the gavel in 1895 to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, of Atoka. In her home town Mrs. Walrond gives attention to other work. She is a member of the Christian (Disciple) Church, the Woman's Relief Corps and is secretary of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mr. and Mrs. Walrond have but one child, Miss Ludie, a student of Kendall College at Muskogee.

FAULT-FINDING.

Nothing is easier in this world than criticism. With some it seems to be a natural talent. In fact it is about all the talent they

construe their purposes. With some, unless they can know all the inner life of those about them, they are ever surmising something wrong. They cannot understand why some people can show such an amount of disinterestedness in the welfare

of others. They cannot see why one, more than another, should be more intensely interested in the promotion of good.

In fact there is an immense amount of selfishness in this world, and when one appears who has thrown off the old crust of sordidness, and sees in suffering humanity the image of a divine nature, and feels the love of Christ constraining him, he at once becomes singular in the eyes of the world, and by a certain class is regarded with suspicion. If we each would remember, we ourselves are human, and equally subject to criticism; if we would take a little time for self-examination we should probably better understand the words of the Master: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

Let your charity be of that nature that suffereth long and is kind; that seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked, and thinketh no evil; that rejoiceth in the truth; and labors for the uplifting and good of all.—Masonic Journal.



MRS. MARY D. S. WALROND.

have, if we may dignify such characteristics as a talent. It requires very little brains to stand around and find fault with other people's work, or impugn their motives and mis-

A great system of evening up is going on all the time. The only way to escape its unfavorable adjustments is to give that which we wish to get.

OLD GLORY'S DAY.

[Isabel Worrel Ball, in Washington Star.]

June 14 is Flag day!

How many people can tell why it should be singled out from all other days for such honorable distinction?

How many who read this could make the simple statement that it is the birthday of Old Glory? Not one in twenty, in all probability. And far fewer than that number would be able to state that is the one hundred and nineteenth birthday of the flag, and that on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, then sitting in Philadelphia, as Congress now sits in Washington, passed the memorable resolution "that the flag of the United States be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

It was thus the flag was born.

When you relate stories of the flag, are you well enough acquainted with its history and the history of the flags of other countries to tell the little ones that the star-spangled banner is the oldest flag in the world of nations? Old England, the mother country, has a flag that was changed to its present form in 1801. The French tri-color was adopted in 1794. The German and Italian flags are no older than the existing regimes of those countries. The Spanish flag was established in 1785. Even the Chinese flag, the emblem of a nation which claims to have the oldest civilization on earth, is quite half a century younger than the American flag.

The English star is six-pointed, a reminder of the rowel spurs of heraldry. The American flag has five pointed stars. How many of you could tell why this happened? Betsy Ross, Washington's shirtmaker, who was the first flagmaker also, loyal woman that she was, refused to sew a British star on an American flag, even at Washington's suggestion, and snipped a five pointed star out of a piece of paper to show how much prettier it would be. Her suggestion was adopted.

Not many know either, that for ninety years the American flag was made of English bunting imported expressly for the purpose. Not till the 23d of February, 1896, did a truly American flag float on the breeze of the western world. That flag was a present from Benjamin F. Butler to the United States Senate, and was made from bunting manufactured at his own bunting factories. It was 21 feet fly by 12 hoist, and was the first real American flag to be unfurled above the Capitol of the United States.

Another note of interest about the flag is the fact that sixty-four different banners represented the young nation on land and on sea, up to the time that the Continental Congress adopted a national design. Counting the President's flag, the whole number of American flags, colonial and all, number sixty-six. When the children ask you what the President's flag is like, what will you tell them? Its ground is blue, and almost square. On it is the coat of arms of the United States.

The coat of arms is the spread eagle, with arrows in one talon and olive branch in the other, thirteen stars above and the "E pluribus unum" pennon caught in the beak. Its chief use is found at sea, when that flag flying at the masthead designates the presence of the President of the United States. It was designed by Chester A. Arthur when he was President.

There is so much for Americans to learn about the flag that it is small wonder that the great multitude of our foreign population, whose native flag is to them only a symbol of serfdom, should be heedless of the beauty of ours or that they should wantonly desecrate it. Men do not treat tenderly a thing that they do not venerate, and it is only those who know the full significance of the words "privilege" and "responsibility" as applied to citizenship, who are possessed of the intelligent patriotism which comprehends the content that comes of love of country and idealizes that country's flag. How should one love liberty who does not understand the meaning of the word? How shall he become enthusiastic over the free schools, who knows nothing of their purpose and work? Why should he be willing to die for the flag, who knows nothing of its history or significance?

These questions presented themselves to the mind of Col. George T. Balch, who was a resident of New York city, where the full effect of the unpatriotic foreign born population was felt in the public demonstrations on holidays, and on days of public rejoicing, among the foreign-born when they celebrated their national anniversaries, and he set himself to solve the very difficult problem how to overcome the un-American customs.

His first work was in the free industrial schools and the free kindergartens. In these schools are gathered, through the aid and influence of philanthropists, the children of every race and color, of school age, who from extreme poverty, irregular hours caused by working for a living, or because of speaking only a foreign language, are not admitted to the public schools. There are twenty or more of these schools in New York city, the hot bed of, the propagating house, for this patriotic movement, and the attendance is close in the neighborhood of 15,000.

In June, 1891, Col. Balch visited every one of these schools, and by dint of much talk and persuasion got enough Americanism hammered into them to get them to properly salute the flag after a little formula arranged by him.

The salute is simple in its requirements, and the tiniest child can learn it. There is a color bearer, ordinarily the "honor" pupil of the room, the one who has been the best boy of the week in his studies and deportment. The color-bearer takes his place upon the platform at the teacher's side, at a given signal, and the children all rise. To music, if possible, or without, if not to be had, the children suiting the action to the word, say

in unison: "We give our heads and our hearts to God and our country. One country! One language! And one flag!" As the first sentence is uttered the color bearer dips the flag in salute, and holds it thus till the last word is uttered, and then restores it to its position.

The work has gone on and on, gaining in effect and influence, till that simple flag salute is used in every state in the Union and in the territories.

Colonel Balch exhausted his private fortune in his work in New York city, but Charles Loring Brace, founder of the Children's Aid Societies of New York, became much interested in the patriotic work and joined with him in pushing it in every direction. The result of their labors in the metropolis is more directly seen in the absence from the rooms of the schools mentioned of the foreign flags that used to displace Old Glory on days of public rejoicing or mourning, and the general desire to elevate the stars and stripes on all occasions.

Illinois was the first to take up the idea, after New York, and from a gathering of a few thousand in 1891, the 14th of June is now a state holiday, and in every city in the state the schools have their patriotic exercises.

In Chicago the parks last year were inadequate to hold the vast crowds that swarmed there, the man, woman, or child without a flag or a bit of red, white and blue being marked for jeers and uncomplimentary comment. The reports that were sent in to the national committee on patriotic teaching, which is a committee of the Woman's Relief Corps, show that at the very least calculation a million and a half of school children throughout the whole United States, to say nothing of the adults engaged, observed "Flag day" last year with appropriate ceremonies.

The Balch salute is not the only one that is used, though it is preferred above all others by the committee.

This revival of interest in the flag and in patriotic instruction has been so general that people have scarcely noticed it, and yet it has already become a tremendous force. The work has been fathered by the Grand Army of the Republic, and mothered by its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Still, it recognizes no sectional lines, it has no creed save its motto: "One country, one language, one flag," and joins hands at all times with those who advocate loyal red, white and blue principles.

The result of its work in the various states has been the raising of the flag above the school houses during school hours, both north and south.

In the district of Columbia the work has progressed without hindrance. The movement to place flags on the school houses has been taken up with renewed activity by the committee on patriotic teaching in the W. R. C., and now the flag floats from every one of the eighty-three school houses in the District. There is no provision, however, for replacing.

the flags when they are worn out, so a bill was introduced in Congress by the committee asking for an appropriation of \$1,000 to purchase flags for the schools. The item is in the sundry civil bill, and it is more than probable that it will become a law. The flag salute is used in nearly all the graded schools, and a renewed interest is evidenced in the study of American history, and of our civil institutions everywhere.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1897.

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter convened in Y. M. C. A. Hall, Worcester, May 13, and was opened in due and ample form at 10.30 A. M., with all the Grand Officers present, except Grand Esther, Grand Martha and Grand Electa, whose stations were filled respectively, by Sisters Mattie F. Partridge, Maria C. Walker and Nellie T. Hosmer.

The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, with palms and flowers forming a veritable hedge around the platform. Although for the first time in its history, the weather was unfavorable to the Grand Chapter—this being a very rainy day—yet over two hundred members and sixty-three visitors were present, nearly every Chapter being represented either by members or visitors.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Associate Grand Matron, and Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, Grand Matron of Rhode Island, being present, were received with the Grand Honors and seated in the East.

By vote of the Grand Chapter, the first three officers of Chapters Under Dispensation were admitted to the floor and allowed a vote. Also, R. Emily Little was elected Assistant Grand Secretary.

At this juncture, Brother Daniel L. Bickford, Worthy Patron of Priscilla Chapter, with a few well-chosen words, in behalf of his Chapter, presented the Grand Matron and Grand Patron each with a beautiful bouquet, which was accepted in the same pleasant manner.

The following Grand Representatives near this Grand Chapter were introduced and received with the Grand Honors: Effie M. Carson, Grand Matron, for Connecticut, Colorado, Indian Territory, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Hampshire and Ohio; Hattie E. Ewing, Associate Grand Matron, for Rhode Island and Vermont; Mary A. Stebbins, Past Grand Matron, for Indian Territory and R. Emily Little for Arkansas and New York.

The Grand Matron appointed the following Committees:—

On Credentials—G. C. Fiske, Sisters Mary A. Blake, and Josie A. Crane.

On Finance—Sisters E. C. Chamberlain and Josephine K. Rice, Brother W. W. Wallace.

On Jurisprudence.—Sisters Louise J. Provin, Brothers Warren M. King and Joseph W. Barnes.

On Unfinished Business.—Sisters Clara F. Hart and Fannie M. Ditt, and Brother Walter A. Atwood.

On Appeals and Grievances.—Sisters Mary A. Stebbins and E. J. Graham and Brother Willard H. Gordon.

On Constitution and Laws.—Wm. A. Farnsworth, and Sisters Eliza F. Talbot and Ann M. Hooker.

The address of the Grand Matron showed the past to have been a very busy year for her. She commenced by saying: "Another year has gone with all its possibilities used or neglected, with its joys or sorrows, with the record of its days filled, perhaps with good deeds done, with friendly feelings expressed, or perhaps, with neglected opportunities."

She then expressed a cordial greeting and welcome to all present, remembering kindly all who were detained by sickness, or any cause; then paid a touching tribute to our honored dead—making especial mention of Brother H. A. Goodenough and Dr. Hendrickson, who were members of this Grand Chapter. Of Brother Goodenough she aptly says: "A man beloved by all and faithful in all positions he was called upon to fill," then quotes these fitting lines

"Such was our friend, formed on the good old plan,
A true, and brave, and downright honest man."

She kindly remembers all members of subordinate Chapters who have been called, saying: "Thus are we made more sensible of the relation existing between ours and the Chapter on high."

She granted fourteen dispensations, mostly for change of time or place of meeting, or to receive and ballot on petitions out of time. She rendered four decisions—three of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence and adopted by the Grand Chapter. She visited nearly every Chapter in the jurisdiction and says: "The work of the Chapter throughout the State is of a high order." She compliments the Chapters for the pains taken to make the halls beautiful for her reception, and for their thoughtfulness for her comfort, and gratefully acknowledges souvenirs received. She constituted four Chapters and installed the officers of four others. She speaks of her correspondence as having consuming much time, yet being a source of pleasure and says: "I shall greatly miss the silent messengers that have come to me, in many cases being an inspiration to exert myself still more to promote the welfare of our Order." She closes with compliments for her associates and best wishes for the advancement of the Order.

The Grand Patron expresses regret that ill health has prevented him from visiting as much as he desired, but he tried to accomplish in other ways what he was unable to do in that. About the first of January he sent a personal letter to every Masonic Lodge where there was not a Chapter of the Eastern Star in the same city or town, and two Chapters have been organized as the direct result of

his letters. These, with four others, have been organized since January first, thereby adding between two and three hundred members to the Order in this jurisdiction thus swelling the membership to over six thousand at the present time. Seven petitions for new Chapters are now out, five of which he expects to see at work in the very near future. He wrote nearly six hundred letters and sent out two hundred circulars, besides postals, telegrams and telephones.

He passed one decision on an appeal—Grand Patrons in Massachusetts are divested of the power to pass a decision otherwise—which was sustained by the Grand Chapter. In closing he speaks of the pleasure and benefit he has derived from his term of service as Grand Patron as "a veritable oasis in the desert of existence."

The Grand Secretary reports fifty-two Chapters in this Jurisdiction with an aggregate membership, January first, of 5,783—a net gain of 573 during the year. Forty members have passed "beyond the smiling and weeping of earth," to whom he pays a kind and fitting tribute, making especial mention of our Past Associate Grand Patron, Brother H. A. Goodenough.

The report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance of \$686.24.

The salary of the Grand Secretary was increased to \$400; that of the Grand Treasurer to \$100.

Stella Chapter, of which he is a member, presented the Grand Patron with an elegant Past Grand Patron's jewel—the presentation being made by the Worthy Patron, Brother Harvey T. Buck.

The following officers for the ensuing year, with the exception of Grand Martha, were ably installed by the retiring Grand Matron, Sister Effie M. Carson, assisted by her associate officers, Amos M. Parker, Grand Patron, Helen A. Atkins, Grand Chaplain; and Lizzie M. Dewey, Grand Marshal:

Isadore Forbes, Grand Matron, Westboro.
Frank A. Noyes, Grand Patron, Somerville.
Lena W. Lamb, Associate Grand Matron, Orange.

Wm. W. Wallace, Associate Grand Patron, Springfield.

Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester.

Lona L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer, Easthampton.

Hannah L. Knowles, Grand Conductress, Malden.

Isa R. Gallup, Associate Grand Conductress, North Adams.

Josephine K. Rice, Grand Chaplain, Hopkinton.

Ada J. Jackson, Grand Marshal, Westboro.

Sarah V. Westgate, Grand Adah, Melrose.

Alice M. Blossom, Grand Ruth, Boston.

Eather A. Parker, Grand Esther, Worcester.

Nellie M. Frye, Grand Martha, Marlboro.

Eleanor M. Martin, Grand Electa, South Framingham.

Maria C. Walker, Grand Warder, Greenfield.

Charles M. Wood, Grand Sentinel, Upton.

The Grand Chapter was closed in due form at 8.20 P. M., after a very pleasant and harmonious session.

R. EMILY LITTLE.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA, 1897.

The Nineteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the city of Litchfield, May 12 and 13.

The Grand Patron being absent his report was read by a brother and the meeting presided over by the Grand Matron.

The Grand Patron reported having organized eleven Chapters during the past year, four of the petitions having been handed over by his predecessor.

Although many of the Grand Officers were absent, there was a large attendance of delegates and members of the Order.

The usual routine of business occupied the first day, and in the evening Alpha Chapter, Brainard, exemplified the Ritual Work, and Granite Chapter, of St. Cloud, gave the Floral Work, both doing themselves great credit.

A pleasant exemplification of "our fraternal love" was the presentation of a Past Grand Matron's jewel to Sister Louise Lyon Johnson. It was a beautiful gift, exquisite in workmanship and design.

The first order of business on the second day was the election of officers, with the result as follows:

Mrs. Flora A. Pattee, Grand Matron, Minneapolis.

W. B. Patton, Grand Patron, Duluth.

Mrs. Addie Bissell, Associate Grand Matron, Litchfield.

P. H. White, Associate Grand Patron, Faribault.

Miss Eleanor Young, Grand Secretary, St. Paul.

Mrs. Sarah Milham, Grand Treasurer, St. Paul.

Lillie Wescott, Grand Conductress, Albert Lea.

Blanch Hand, Associate Grand Conductress, Willmar.

The appointive officers are:

Amy Bowler, Grand Adah, Bird Island.

Julia Wright, Grand Ruth, Hastings.

Olivia I. Morris, Grand Esther, Faribault.

Mary McFadden, Grand Martha, Brainard.

Mary La Barr, Grand Electa, Lansing.

Mary McGindley, Grand Chaplain, Duluth.

Helen Hubbard, Grand Marshal, Lake City.

Elizabeth M. Ross, Grand Warder, Litchfield.

Jean C. Fisher, Grand Sentinel, St. Paul.

Helen Aling, Grand Organist, Blue Earth.

A. D. Countryman, Grand Lecturer, Appleton.

Agnes Savage, Correspondent, Osseo.

Litchfield is a pretty, attractive little city, and too much cannot be said in praise of the kind and hospitable manner in which the Litchfield Chapter and the citizens generally entertained the Grand Chapter.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be at St. Paul, after which the annual sessions will alternate between the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS, 1897.

The Twenty-first Annual Session of the Grand Chapter was held in the First Congregational Church at Emporia, May 12-14.

The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and palms and long before the hour for opening, nearly every seat was tak-

en and there was a busy hum of voices. Nearly four hundred were present. The Grand Matron, Sister Ellen A. Kenner, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form at 8 p. m., May 12. The Grand Officers were all present except the Associate Grand Patron and Grand Ruth; the former's place was filled by Brother D. C. Battey, while Sister Olmstead served as the latter.

Sister Rosa L. Harris, Grand Matron of Missouri, was received, introduced and seated in the Grand East; Sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; Sisters Mary A. Hepler, Mary J. Buck, L. J. Becker, Myra Mottram, C. A. Stevenson, Emma W. Port, Rinda E. Chesney, Elizabeth Magie, Lettie Trouslot, Phebe B. Colton, Lottie Young, and Helen B. Farnsworth, Past Grand Matrons, and Brothers J. J. Buck, J. C. Postlethwaite, George M. Clark, and D. C. Battey, Past Grand Patrons were seated in the East.

Sister Belle C. Harris, Worthy Matron of Miriam Chapter, Emporia, welcomed the Grand Chapter and its visitors, and Sister Della Bennett, Associate Grand Matron, responded for the Grand Chapter.

An invitation was received from President Taylor of the State Normal School to attend Chapel exercises Thursday morning.

The Chapter then called off to attend the reception at Masonic Hall, given by Miriam Chapter, where a most enjoyable evening was spent meeting old friends and greeting new members. Light refreshments were served.

The next day was given to business largely. The Grand Matron's address gave evidence of a busy year. Her first duty was signing the fifteen Charters granted last session; granted thirty-one dispensations to waive time, receive reports, ballot on candidates, elect and install officers out of time; instituted four Chapters; made thirty-three official visits; wrote eight hundred and fifty letters; rendered thirteen decisions; made several excellent recommendations and reports the Chapters in general, a few exceptions, flourishing and harmonious. She was appointed Grand Representative from Illinois, Ohio, District of Columbia, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Indian Territory, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Connecticut, Massachusetts, North Dakota and New Jersey, near the Grand Chapter of Kansas, and presented her credentials.

From the Grand Patron's address we learn something of the history of the Kansas Grand Chapter. It now has 163 chartered Chapters and 14 Under Dispensation. He has issued fourteen Dispensations, signed fifteen charters and thirty credentials for Grand Representatives, installed officers of three Chapters, assisted in the institution of one and visited eight.

The Grand Secretary reports \$3,714.38 receipts, \$3,546.86 disbursed and a balance of

\$167.52. Four Chapters surrendered their charters, eight failed to report. She instituted one Chapter, organized another, visited a third and installed officers in two more.

While waiting for Committee reports, Sister Harris, Grand Matron of Missouri, gave a very interesting talk. Sister Mary H. Buck read a paper reviewing the work and progress of the O. E. S. in Kansas during the last twenty-one years, which was so excellent it was ordered printed with the Proceedings. Sister Emma W. Port read the report from the Masonic Home at Wichita.

In the evening Miriam Chapter exemplified the work in a very creditable manner. Then the Floral Work was conferred on the new sister with Grand Patron Anderson, Sisters E. R. Bristow, Grace Anderson, Carrie Cossett, M. L. Rudolph and Smythe, of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, serving respectively as Worthy Patron, Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress, Associate Conductress and Organist, while the other stations were filled by members of Miriam Chapter.

Then followed an "Organ Recital" by Mrs. Flora Bate-Kenner, assisted by Miss Emma Viets, Miss Jennie Perley and Mrs. Belle C. Harris which was delightful.

Next day was largely devoted to routine business. Sister Harris, of Missouri was elected an honorary member of the Grand Chapter by a rising vote, and made a farewell speech. As a token of regard for their Senior Past Grand Matron, Mary J. Hepler, ten dollars a month was voted to her for the coming year.

Sister D. Byington, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented the retiring Grand Matron, Ellen A. Kenner, a beautiful ring "as a token of the endless chain of our love and esteem for her." Sister Kenner responded in a few well chosen words.

The following officers were installed, Past Grand Matron Elizabeth Magie serving as installing officer and Sister D. Byington as Grand Marshal:

Mrs. Della Bennett, Grand Matron, Hutchinson; Bro. Edd Hays, Grand Patron, Wellington; Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, Associate Grand Matron, Kansas City; Bro. Albert Sarbach, Associate Grand Patron, Holton; Mrs. Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, Ft. Scott; Mrs. Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary, Ottawa; Mrs. Eva Wheeler, Grand Conductress, Norton; Mrs. Belle C. Harris, Associate Grand Conductress, Emporia; Mrs. Etta Main, Grand Marshal, Parsons; Mrs. Belle Stimpfle, Grand Chaplain, Sabetha; Mrs. Lizzie Nees, Grand Adah, Independence; Mrs. Alice Nicely, Grand Ruth, Ossawatimie; Mrs. Lillian Veal, Grand Esther, Oxford; Mrs. Lizzie Page, Grand Martha, El Dorado; Mrs. Esther Hoseman, Grand Electa, Ellsworth; Mrs. Mary Rappie, Grand Warder, Stafford; Bro. T. J. McDermott, Grand Sentinel, Liberal; Miss Emma Veits, Grand Organist, Girard.

Sister Smythe of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, was tendered a vote of thanks for the music during installation ceremonies.

The Grand Matron re-appointed Sister Emma W. Port a member of the Board of Directors for the Masonic Home. Sisters Elizabeth Magie and Ellen A. Kenner and Brother Anderson, Masonic Home Committee. The Grand Chapter closed in form to meet next year in Topeka.

Miriam Chapter should certainly be proud of its success in the entertainment of the Grand Chapter. Everything was done that was in its power to make the guests welcome, and all seemed to enjoy their visit.

RINDA E. CHESNEY.

AUNT BELINDY'S VIEWS.

[Lydia Hoyt Farmer, in Boston Ideas.]

'Pears like folks were sot on distance,
In their pictur's of reform;
Nearby needs escape their notice,
As sum far-off fort they storm.
Africy is quite the fashion,
Fer philanthropists to seek;
Never takin' note, I reckon,
Of black folks to hum, who're weak.

Chiny comes the next in favor,
With the Japs to help it out;
Every sister yearns to hasten
To the yellow folks, an' shout.
Hindoo heathens claim attention,
'Fore the heathen jest next door;
Some one else's babe calls louder
Than one's offspring on the floor.

Sum folks can't see blood relations,
If they're allin' an' need help;
Some one else's kith an' kindred
Must be looked to;—or sum whelp
Must be petted, fed an' fondled;
Even though sick babies cry;
Heart-sore fer a mother's tendin',
With the love-light in her eye.

Plain hum duties ain't so soundin'
In the world's ear as sum fad,
Fuss an' feathers, club or lectur',
Gossipin' tea or social gad.
In these days of public duties,
Rushin' there an' rushin' here;
There's danger in this whirl an' skurry,
Missin' what's most dear an' near.

Distance kinder lends enchantment
To a scene or to a chore;
What's to hum ain't so invitin'
As sum field on foreign shore.
Strange! folks don't think in this fashion
'Bout the distant life to cum;
Heav'nly Mansions don't attract 'em,
Like their dwellin's here to hum.

THE LOST FORTUNE.

It was a cold, stormy night, the wind whistled and moaned through the trees. A covering of bright, fleecy snow mantled the earth. Everything seemed to have lost its familiar hue, and nothing but the wide unbroken sheet of white greeted the eye. The weather was intensely cold and bitter, and those so fortunate as to have a cozy home and not compelled to toil through the long, dreary day, preferred remaining at their fireside with their friends. But there was one family that knew not the pleasure and happiness that comes from having an unbroken and loving family circle. The home of a family on Clark street in the city of B—— was fast becoming a prey to the wild and devastating ravages of winter, and a passer-by would hardly think that the family that lived within was once classed among the most prominent of the neighborhood. But sickness and its ally, death, had wrought havoc with the family of John Wallton. One by one they had succumbed to a dreaded epidemic, until now, out of a once healthy and robust family, only three remained. The father was among the first to pass over the unseen river of death, leaving the mother to care for and protect those who survived the sickness.

On the night to which I refer, the house was dimly lighted, and those within appeared to be in a state of expectancy, and seemed to be awaiting the coming of some one. Their anticipation was at last gratified by the appearance of a young man who wore a look of privation and disappointment. Upon the entrance of the boy, those within—a woman and a fair-faced girl—came forward and embraced him.

"Well, my son," said the mother, "what success have you had in searching for work this morning?"

"Mother dear," replied the lad, "the same as yesterday; no chance for securing employment. Wherever I go I am told that they do not need any help, and that they cannot trust many of the boys who come to them for work. I am getting discouraged; day after day have I searched for work, but in vain. Surely they do not believe me dishonest?"

"Do not be disheartened, Frank, my son; your efforts will at last be crowned with success. The Father above has ever been our guide, and to him we will ever look in our hour of destitution and trouble. Though our misfortunes have been many and our trials severe, we will not relax our faith in him; for I see a light breaking in through our sorrows and afflictions. Each day dear Nellie and I have asked God to help us and direct us in the path of right; and perhaps before many days you can secure work and we will be happy once more."

Silence fell over the little group, and was only broken by the soft sobs of the little girl who, seeing tears gathering in the eyes of her brother, threw her arm around his neck and tried to console him. The prospect for them was indeed gloomy. Mrs. Wallton, though of middle age, had fast grown gray and feeble under the load of care and anxiety incident upon watching at the bedside of her family that had departed from her forever, and now she could only do light and easy work, and in this way managed to support her little family.

Frank had formerly been employed in a factory, but at its failure he was thrown out of work, and thus the task of providing the necessities of life fell wholly upon his mother, whose health was becoming impaired under the constant toil and sleepless nights. Frank, though but a mere lad, had seen a great deal of the world and he resolved to tramp the streets and make every possible effort to secure work and thus lighten his mother's labor. Early the next morning he was on his way to the city, determined to make one more effort to find employment, for he knew that his mother was wearing her life away and could not toil and support himself and sister for a much longer time. He walked moodily down Clark street. The snow was falling in great flakes and the atmosphere was heavy. The rattle and clanking of the passing cars hardly reached his ear, so muffled was the sound on the air.

The voices of the pedestrians as they passed him had a far-away sound that was almost grotesque, and their forms appeared to him as being of gigantic height in the uncanny grayness. He experienced great difficulty in walking for so dense was the snow that a man could only be seen at the distance of a few feet.

At last Frank decided to seek shelter in some doorway, and thus escape a part of the fury of the storm. Seeing an inviting hallway in a large office building he entered and surveyed his surroundings. The hallway was of medium width and extended quite a distance back. On one side were several doors, over which was the number of the room and the name and business of the occupant. On the other side were a number of chairs and benches, and these looking inviting, Frank seated himself in one. Hardly had he done so when his eye caught sight of a small black object lying on the seat nearest him. Picking it up, he was astonished to find it was a well-filled pocketbook. His first impulse was to open it, but on second thought he decided to hasten home and make his mother acquainted with his discovery. "But why not surprise her?" he thought. "If I can find the owner perhaps he will reward me, and then what would mother and Nellie say?" Having decided to act upon the latter plan, he proceeded with all possible haste toward his home. Entering, he found his mother busily engaged with her work, but upon seeing him, she laid aside her work-basket and approached her son, who had seated himself by the fire, and was apparently engaged in deep thought. Laying her hand on his arm, Mrs. Wallton said: "Frank, have you heard that Mr. Dudley, the banker, prize her when he received the reward which has lost a fortune? The Times printed an account of it in glowing headlines this morning, and it has caused great excitement."

It was well Mrs. Walton could not see the look that overspread Frank's face. A look of almost deathly whiteness was stamped in every feature, and he was evidently greatly excited. Why not tell his mother all that had occurred? Perhaps she could tell him what to do, and how to proceed to find the owner of the purse. A dreadful suspicion flashed through his mind, and almost caused him to cry out for relief from the position in which he was placed. What if the object which was causing all this misery and which he had in his possession was the missing fortune of Mr. Dudley? But he did not like to confide in his mother, for he wished to surmise thought would be offered for the recovery of the pocketbook. Frank learned from his mother that the amount of the loss was nearly \$25,000, in banknotes and checks, and several valuable papers. He felt almost certain that he held in his possession the property that had been the cause of the great excitement. But the night was too far along now to make a search for the owner. Trou-

bled and weary, he sought his little couch, but not to sleep—Macbeth had murdered sleep. He tossed to and fro on his bed throughout the long, silent hours of the night, and dreamed of fabulous wealth hidden in the dark, deep recesses of far-away lands.

The morning after the exciting events of the previous day found Frank up with the first blue streaks of day. After a hasty breakfast, his first act was to examine the contents of the pocketbook. Repairing to his room, where he thought he would be alone, he produced the purse and prepared to examine it, and in this way find some clue as to its owner. Opening it, he was almost amazed at the sight that met his eye. There before him—in his hand—were crisp bank notes, gilt edged checks and other valuables in such quantity as he had never seen before. Hardly stopping to count or compute the value of the articles, he thrust the purse into his pocket and rushed from the house.

But where was he to go? In his excitement at finding so much money in the pocketbook, he had forgotten to look closely for some thing which might throw some light on the matter as to whom it belonged. Upon further examination he discovered a small aperture in one side of the purse. Thrusting his hand he brought forth a small gilt edged card on which was stamped in gold the following: "Mr. H. P. Dudley, 2481 N. Bond St." Everything was now clear to Frank Wallton; he knew that he held in his hand the missing property of Mr. Dudley, which was causing such great excitement and for the recovery of which a good sized reward had been offered. With thoughts and feelings of fear and anxiety Frank hurried on in the direction of Bond street. He knew the location of the bank of which Mr. Dudley was president, and towards this he sped. Hastily mounting the steps, he nervously rang the bell, and was told to "come in." Entering the room, he requested the pleasure of speaking to Mr. Dudley. The clerk, observing the nervous manner of the boy, asked the object of his visit, and was told the matter was of the utmost importance and demanded immediate attention. Whereupon he was ushered into a well appointed room and directed to a middle aged man who sat behind a desk in one corner of the room.

Introducing himself, Frank said: "Have I the honor to address Mr. Dudley?"

"I am that person," said the gentleman addressed; "what can I do for you?"

With self possession born of the moment Frank told the story of the finding of the money, and apologized for not returning it before. The face of Mr. Dudley was a picture of fatherly love and admiration as he listened to the words of the lad. Grasping his hand he pressed it warmly and tried to express his appreciation of the honesty and manliness of the young man. He examined the troublesome purse carefully and then said: "My lad, I can not thank you enough for what you

have done; but I can appreciate honesty in any form, and you shall be rewarded for your conduct. Call at my office tomorrow morning at nine o'clock and I will meet you here."

The next day found Frank on his way to Mr. Dudley's office. At the appointed hour he was ushered into the private office of that gentleman, where he found him seated in a chair enjoying a cigar. Mr. Dudley, noticing the lad, grasped him by the hand and welcomed him. Bidding him to be seated, Mr. Dudley said: "Mr. Wallton, I have use for an honest, energetic young man here in my office, one in whom I can place confidence and can trust. Would you like a position of that kind?"

"If you can trust me, sir, and think me capable, I would gladly accept your kind offer," said Frank. "It would gladden my dear old mother's heart, and I could assist my little sister in obtaining an education."

"I can trust you, and will be glad to do so," replied Mr. Dudley. "You need have no fear concerning your mother and sister; they will be well cared for." So saying, Mr. Dudley placed a roll of crisp bills in Frank's hand and told him to be at the office the first of the next week. The essence of joy and happiness seemed to have pervaded the home of Mrs. Wallton that night. Nothing of the old sorrow and distress was visible now; those days had passed, and joy and peace had returned.

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On one of the most fashionable streets of an eastern city lives a happy and contented family. Within all is joy and gladness; the merry laughter of innocent children lend an air of home-like pleasure to the place, and the musical strains of the piano are an accompaniment to the soft and subdued voice of a fair young lady within. The time of the happy father is divided between the home and a well-known bank of the city. The president of the bank is Mr. Frank Wallton, whose deeds of love and charity have won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him.

R. NAYLOR GUTHRIE, JR.

Nashville, Ind.

Tennessee Centennial, Nashville, Tenn., May 1 to November 1, Big Four Route. The great southern exposition has created great interest throughout the country and applications are being made as to the best route to reach this great southern city. The "Big Four" has the best line from the East with through train service to Cincinnati from New York, Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland and Columbus; from Detroit, Toledo and Sandusky to Cincinnati; and from Chicago and Benton Harbor to Cincinnati and Louisville. Direct connections are made with the Q. & C. Route and the L. & N. Ry. Full information will be cheerfully given upon application.

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in the work of our Order did not come near enough to us very often to admit of our attending them. Sister Louise Mathews, P. M., as delegate and myself as a visitor from Arbor Vitae Chapter, Fremont, left at 8:35 a. m., reached Omaha in good time, were met and escorted to the beautiful hall where every courtesy was extended to visitors, and the bright faces and hearty hand clasp of the sisters and of Bro. Hedges, W. P., who was ever present and helpful, made us forget the gloom outside. Very soon the sun was shining brightly and not another cloud was seen during our stay, neither out door nor in the Chapter room, and I am sure that the ones who were so fortunate as to be there will never regret the effort they made. At 3 p. m. the officers of Adah Chapter took their stations. Sister Mathews, P. M., acting as G. Mar. escorted Sister Helen H. Stires, G. M., to the East where she received the Grand Honors, and G. Marshal declared the Convention formally opened for business. Other distinguished visitors present and seated in the East were Angelina Whitney, P. G. M.; Eleanor Dailey, G. Sec.; Bro. E. Davis, G. T.; Winnie Wallace, W. M., a number of P. M's. of Omaha and others. Sister Lila Babcock, W. M. of Adah Chapter, extended a very cordial welcome to all, and every member exemplified it in their manner toward us. There was a brief but heartfelt response from Sister McKinney of Fremont. How she did wish that she could collect her scattered wits and say something "befitting the occasion." After a short talk by the G. M., Adah Chapter gave the "Chapter of Sorrow" in a beautiful and impressive manner, as was attested by the moist eyes of the audience; each member was so earnest and so perfect in the work that we knew their hearts were in it, and felt that to see that work alone was well worth all the effort we had made to be there; the marching was perfect. Then questions were asked which the G. M. answered in a very clear, concise manner. She never seems to lack words to express her meaning. At 6 p. m. the meeting called off, supper was announced and it seemed as if we were ushered into fairy land. Ropes of evergreen, potted plants and lovely cut flowers decorated both hall and supper room, and the tables were laden with good things to which all did full justice. Afterwards a punch bowl was brought out whose contents, with delicious cake, were free to all during the evening. At 8 p. m. Adah Chapter exemplified the Ritual work, a real candidate being initiated; the officers wore robes and the work was very fine indeed. Then Vesta Chapter gave the Floral Work in a manner which all enjoyed. After a short talk by the G. M., some P. G. O's. and others upon "the good of the Order," the Convention was declared closed in due form, and members, delegates and visitors parted with mutual congratulations and good wishes hoping that we might all meet again at G. C. Ida H. McKinney.

OKLAHOMA.

Sister Carrie M. Perkins, G. Sec'y, has recently organized a Chapter in Mangum, Greer Co., Oklahoma. This county has long been the subject of litigation between the Government and Texas, but the Supreme Court has finally decided that it belonged to Oklahoma, and it is expected the rays from this bright young Chapter will soon draw others there. Chapters have also been organized at Glenn and Berwyn, Chickasaw Nation, I. T., and in Shawnee, Okla., making 16 new Chapters thus far this year, with prospects for two or three more.

OREGON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—We have communications from only a few Chapters, most of them doubtless thinking that we will soon see each other in G. C., it is unnecessary to write. Sister Helm, G. M., has just finished a series of visits among the Chapters in the southern part of the state. The oldest, Alpha, Ashland, was the first one visited. This the home Chapter of Sister Crocker, P. G. M., and though she was unable to be present on account of the illness of her daughter, everything was in order and the work well rendered. Sister Helm called on her and found her looking quite well.

Adarel Chapter, Jacksonville, had P. G. M. Miller to formally welcome the G. M. In spite of a stormy night a large number was present, "to give honor to whom honor is due," with cordial greetings. The work was exemplified satisfactorily and everything found in good condition. Having friends here, the G. M. remained three days, meeting quite a number of the members again.

Josephine, of Grant's Pass, was next in line. The work was creditably done and a drill and instructions given at members' request. This Chapter has some of the most energetic members in the Order, their motto seeming to be "Excelsior."

Roseburg, being the home of P. G. M. Abrahams and the present G. Sec. speaks for itself. Sister Conkling accompanied the G. M. to Cottage Grove, where they were met by Mrs. Allen, D. D. G. M. This was the first visit from G. O's and the greetings and entertainment were most cordial. They have the Floral Work well put on and are very proficient in Degree work.

Last on the list was baby Evangeline. She was found well, growing, and will be strong enough to receive her charter in June.

All the Chapters received the G. M. most cordially and proved themselves quite Masonic in one thing—giving banquets. Sister Helm has made a most acceptable G. M. and should she be chosen for a second term it would not be surprising.

Martha Washington, Portland, had something of an innovation by devoting one social to the children, the entire program being rendered by them and the refreshments such as delighted them—dainty little cakes, popcorn,

oranges, and lemonade. The enjoyment of their elders proved that "we are all but children of a larger growth." Three candidates and six petitions were received at the following meeting. One of the prettiest incidents in the life of the Chapter took place at the last meeting in Apr. The W. M. was absent and P. M. Hall was called to preside. The lovely, gray-haired mother conferring the degrees upon the young daughter made a most pleasing picture. They have received the visit of D. D. G. M. Bryan. It is needless to say she was received with all courtesy and that everything was found in perfect order. This Chapter has expended about \$1200 in charitable work this past winter.

Myrtle, Portland, continues the good work, alternating her social and degree nights with utmost regularity. It so happened that the visit of the D. D. G. M. Bryan fell on a social night. This, however, except as a matter of form, could make no difference for every one knows that their work is perfect. Apr. 24 Sister Bryan made her official visit to Camelia, Portland. The work was exemplified in a successful manner. Sister Bryan gave them a good talk and then all were invited to the banquet room, where ample refreshments were served.

Occidental, Bandon, shows that there have been wise heads and energetic hands at work. It is constantly enrolling new members and devising ways to interest those already belonging. This is a windy town so it is not always possible to have natural flowers. One of the sisters has made artificial flowers which are Chapter properties and answer the purpose very well. They have a full set of robes also, which they made, each wearer furnishing her own robe. They serve lunch after every initiation. Selections are often read in Chapter from THE EASTERN STAR. Sister Palmer is a moving spirit in all that pertains to Chapter work and is especially kind in sending items of interest for our paper.

Chadwick, Salem, is still prospering. May 4 they held their regular communication. It was a most enjoyable meeting, D. D. G. M. Biddle, being present, accompanied by several members from her home Chapter and witnessing the work, which was done in a very creditable manner. She complimented the officers and her remarks and suggestions were received with rapt attention. After Chapter a delicious luncheon was served and toasts given by Brothers Gatch, Pearce, Burnett, and Richardson, interspersed with songs and music. A most enjoyable time was had by all. Since their last G. C. report they have initiated 24 which is a good showing.

We found the last number of the STAR very interesting, but indeed it is always so. We were glad of the faces presented of our far-away sisters, and especially Sister Ransford, whom we have learned to love and honor for her work in the Order. May the work of our beloved Order prosper and bring her fair fortune also.

Very fraternally,

JENNIE G. MUCKLE.

TEXAS.

Among all the brilliant galaxies of stars shining in the constellation of our beloved Order, it is reserved for far distant Texas to give an example of a "Chapter Room on Wheels." April 29, the unveiling of the grand and imposing monument erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy as a tribute of love and veneration to the heroes of "The Lost Cause," took place in Dallas, Texas, and a street parade of unequalled magnitude preceded the ceremonies. Among the secret societies which occupied the third division of the grand pageant, conspicuously shone our Eastern Star, unrivalled in beauty and first in the hearts of its members. There were nine carriages and a large float, built expressly for the occasion. A beautifully decorated trap came first, the wheels covered in large floral stars formed of all the emblematic flowers in the five colors, the whole forming a beautiful throne, on which sat our presiding officers, clothed in regal purple. Then followed the "Chapter-room on Wheels." The tables and seats of the five heroines of our order were placed at their respective points, and each officer, in Grecian robes of white, with their respective colors, occupied the chairs. In the center of the star was a very handsome emblematic lily, made by Sister Rene Mitchell, and standing in the lily in the place of its stamens was little Sister Rene proudly clasping the staff of the elegant banner of the Chapter on which is inscribed "Presented to Dallas Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., by Dallas Camp, No. 1, Daughters of the Confederacy." Proudly that banner waved and equally proud were the "Stars," for they won it last year for being the most beautifully decorated organization in the parade of the "Daughters," when, for the first time in the history of the Order in Texas the Chapter was invited by our Masonic brothers to assist in the laying of the corner stone of the grand monument, whose completion is a great source of joy and pride to them. The float was followed by Sister Leddy, A. M., in her little flower bedecked phaeton, then Bro. Bowman, G. P., with Brother Garrison, P. G. P. and wife, followed by several carriages filled with members, all most tastefully and beautifully ornamented, while, keeping watch and ward over all, our young marshal rode by on a spirited steed, and among the thousands who lined the streets the "Eastern Star" was voted to be an order unsurpassed in every respect.

M. A. MAYNARD,
Press Correspondent.

B. Y. P. U. Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 15th to 18th. Big Four Route. For the Baptist Young People's Union of America to its annual convention "The Big Four Route" will name rate of One Fare for Round Trip from all points on its system. From the East through trains run to Cincinnati, making direct connection with the Q. & C. Route and the L. & N. Ry. in Central Union Depot. From the North a choice of routes is offered via Cincinnati or Louisville. For rates, routes and full information call on any representative of the Big Four Route.

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Please remember and get items to the office
as early as the 20th of the month.The Grand Chapter of Oregon will hold its
eighth annual session, June 14 in Portland.Begin your subscription with Volume X, if
your name is not already on THE EASTERN
STAR list.The Grand Chapter of Nebraska meets
June 1 in its twenty-second annual session at
Omaha.The fifth annual session of the Grand Chap-
ter of Colorado will be held in Denver, June
2. The Grand Matron will preside.The Grand Chapter of New York holds its
twenty-eighth annual session in New York
City, June 7-9.Agents are wanted in every Chapter to so-
licit subscribers for THE EASTERN STAR, to
whom a liberal commission will be paid.The Grand Chapter of Washington holds its
Ninth Annual Meeting at Seattle on Thurs-
day after the Grand Lodge meets in June.THE EASTERN STAR appreciates the word
of commendation given it by Grand Matron,Ellen A. Kenner, in her address to the Grand
Chapter and echoes the wish that more gen-
erous support were given to Eastern Star
periodicals.The little slips that were enclosed in the
last issue meant that we desired your renew-
al and we shall greatly appreciate your early
acknowledgment. True, it is a small matter
to you and one that can be put aside or post-
poned but when several put aside or post-
pone it, it means to us serious inconvenience.The "Child Garden" for May is full of the
joyousness of flowers and children, and de-
cidedly helpful in its mother's department.
We wish every young couple could have more
training along these lines before becoming
parents; the world would thus receive a won-
derful uplift and impetus towards right think-
ing and good living.The picture of the officers of Queen Esther
Chapter that was given in the May number
has called forth many compliments and sev-
eral have expressed the wish that others
might follow their example. THE EASTERN
STAR will be glad to give space to any who
will send the material with which to produce
such a result. Who will speak first?We are indebted to Mrs. S. A. Vaughan and
to Brother E. T. Parker for invitations to at-
tend the dedication of Masonic Temple, at
Logansport on May 19 and exceedingly regret
our inability to be present. The kind remem-
brance is appreciated. Some more conven-
ient season we hope to enjoy a meeting of
Fidelity Chapter in its new quarters.Sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy
Grand Matron, has changed her location and
friends now address her at 1434 Mississippi
Ave., St. Louis. The new home is a lovely
one, opposite Lafayette Park, east side, and
the Park just coming into bloom gives a most
pleasant view. Brother Snedden is suffering
from rheumatism which calls for regrets
mingled with our congratulations.Apropos of the sixtieth anniversary of the
reign of Queen Victoria, the June number of
McClure's Magazine will contain a series of
life portraits of the Queen, the earliest show-
ing her, a child on her mother's lap, at the
age of two years; the next at four; the next at
five and so on, year by year, down to the
present day. The reproductions will be, in
most instances, directly from the originals
and by the finest process. No such series has
ever been published before.To those of our Chapters who want some-
thing new in the line of drill work, we com-
mend "Little's Tactics for the Nezah March,"
which has just been issued. It was designedby Sister R. Emily Little, of Charlestown,
Mass., and published by the editor of THE
EASTERN STAR. It consists of sixteen emblems
and letters used in Masonry and the O. E. S.
and is said by those who have witnessed it to
be very beautiful. The directions are plain
and we gladly recommend it for Chapter use.A recent article in one of the magazines
suggests that there be some mode introduced
of dis-introduction—a minor lack in modern
social life which many feel but few dis-
tinctly recognize. The whole trend of mod-
ern civilization is towards a superfluity of
acquaintance. Civilization itself may be
with some accuracy defined as the process of
introducing more and more people to more
and more other people. When at last some
proper form of dis-introduction is evolved, it
will be conceived in a spirit of "malice to-
ward none and charity for all."A letter from a friend gives a more extend-
ed account of the last few months of the life
of Brother V. V. Smith, formerly Lt. Gover-
nor of Arkansas, an honored member of De
Vaughn Chapter, Waldo, Arkansas, and Dis-
trict Deputy Grand Patron of the Eighth
District. He was a handsome, talented man,
held high positions in all the Orders of which
he was a member, and was at one time U. S.
Minister to West Indies. He was a very
charitable man and died comparatively poor.
The Knights Templar and De Vaughn Chap-
ter took charge of and performed the burial
services. To the grief stricken widow we
extend our sincere sympathy and condolence.We quote the following from the address of
George E. W. Stivers, Grand High Priest, at
the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in
New York: "Official visits create a better
feeling, a closer interest and a clearer under-
standing of our ritual and degrees. They
make better Masons of us all, more interest-
ed officers and members. The beauties of
our system, the grandeur and deep import of
the lessons taught, are better understood. I
could write pages of our experiences, and I
know that these visits have developed and
brought out talent and effort that were dor-
mant; and that they inspired earnestness and
impressiveness in the work, and suggested
the avoidance of carelessness and frivolity in
its delineation." The same is true of the East-
ern Star and the official visits of its Grand
Officers.With this issue THE EASTERN STAR begins
its tenth year. Nine years since it began its
voyage on the sea of journalism. Regularly
has it gone forth with its freightage of Glean-
ings from fields far and near, and to many it
has been a welcome visitor. When it began
it was a field into which no sister had en-
tered and the thought was that to give to the
Order a periodical all its own and the work of

sisters would be so appreciated that the sisters especially would immediately rally to its support. It is no easy task to place a periodical of whatever nature—and particularly a fraternity paper—upon a substantial footing financially. Hope often holds bright visions which experience does not verify. The EASTERN STAR has received the very generous endorsement of many Grand Chapters and has been made the official organ of quite a number. In all undertakings there must be those who make ready the soil and plant the seed. This work has been done by this pioneer in Eastern Star Literature. It was the first paper published and devoted to the interest of the Order. Only one masonic paper had an Eastern Star department in charge of a sister. Two other Masonic periodicals published Eastern Star news. To day beside THE EASTERN STAR there are three papers devoted to the interest of the Order and in charge of sisters, and Eastern Star news find its way into many Masonic papers and magazines. THE EASTERN STAR however, has its own workshop. The compositors are women and no busier place can be found about this time each month than the little room where the paper is made ready for the press. We wish it were possible for our readers to step into the home of THE EASTERN STAR and see what is required to make it ready each month for its journey. May we hope that the tenth year may be its most prosperous?

GREETING.

[Sister Mamie Conrad, Grand Matron, sends a fraternal greeting to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction. We give it in full.]

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 3, O. E. S.

We have entered upon the duties of another year, and as your Grand Matron, I desire to show my appreciation of your preference, by coming in close touch with the members. This can only be done through the medium of the pen, as a personal visit to every Chapter will be impossible. I trust that this may be a successful and prosperous year. It is my especial desire to lend a helping hand to Chapters that may need my aid. With the hope that together we may labor for the advancement and usefulness of this Order dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness under the guidance of the Star Bethlehem, I am,

Fraternally,
MRS. MAMIE CONRAD,
Grand Matron.

FUNERAL OF MRS. M. A. BATES.

The funeral of the late Mary A. Bates, widow of the late Henry L. Bates, who for the past sixty years resided at No. 1, Blossom St., West End, took place from the residence of her son, 250 West Newton St., Boston, Mass. A large number of relatives and friends attended the exercises which were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Waldron, and the Temple

Quartette rendered appropriate and impressive vocal music. The floral tributes, whether of affection or respect, were many and beautiful ones. From the children of the deceased, Florence Bates Qualters and Geo. H. W. Bates, a magnificent cushion and lyre of mixed flowers; from Mrs. Avilla F. Bates, roses and sheafs of wheat; from her brother, Pliny Whitney, a large and beautiful piece with calla lilies; from the Hon. H. H. Atwood, Easter lilies; from F. R. LeCount, sheafs of wheat and violets; from F. P. Stone, a hand some wreath; from lawyer S. W. Trowbridge, bunch of pinks, from E. R. Kimball, bunch of lilies; from the Hon. J. M. Aguayo, pond lilies; from Queen Esther Chapter, O. E. S., of which the deceased was an honored member, a floral stand of roses and pinks; from Mrs. Martha Lavers, bunch of roses; from Geo. H. Sawtell and James Brown, sheafs of wheat.

Sister Bates was a sister of the late Frank C. R. Whitney, who was the popular chief engineer of the San Francisco fire department, well known and esteemed by the firemen of this city. The deceased was a ready and entertaining conversationalist, a good friend, and a kind and affectionate parent. She will be missed by a large number of relatives, and also of friends, who were justly proud of her acquaintance. Peace be with her!

And now, that the will of our Heavenly Father has been accomplished, the spirit has gone to its Maker, and the angel of peace has cast its mantle upon earthly scenes, and pointed his finger towards the dark shadows of the valley of death, all that remained of the woman who in life had been a model of propriety to the world, of inexpressive loving kindness towards her own family, and of untold good will towards her fellowmen, was taken to Mt. Auburn cemetery for interment in the family lot, followed to her eternal resting place by those who mourned and loved her. May the earth fall lightly over her remains! May her soul be at rest in the Kingdom of Heaven!

J. M. A.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Our city contains a Bloomer Academy for boys and a Knickerbocker Hall for girls!

I'm sure the small girl but expressed tersely our own feelings when she replied to her father: "Papa, don't say must to me; it makes me feel won't all over."

This being the month of the year, only rivalled by its fall competitor, October, in the crop of weddings, recalls Sidney Smith's definition of marriage. He says it resembles a pair of shears so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions yet always punishing any one who comes between them.

Mrs. Dana, in her book containing talks

about flowers, says that when we learn to call the flowers by name we take the first step toward a real intimacy with them. She speaks of a friend, an eager sportsman, who had just become interested in this direction, having hitherto felt toward flowers as the charity-boy did about his alphabet, "he knew the little beggars by sight, but he couldn't tell their names."

Lincoln told a story which was apropos of a brilliant man whom his fellow lawyer had claimed as being unable to distinguish between thinking and talking. Lincoln said the minute he opened his mouth, his mental operations ceased and he was not responsible. He was like a little steamboat Lincoln had seen on the Sangamon River when he was engaged in boating there. This little steamer had a five-foot boiler and a seven-foot whistle and every time it whistled it stopped.

To prove that plants travel far by the unconscious agency of man this story is told. A little island in Terre del Fuego was found to be almost covered with a growth of "Shepherd's purse, a weed well known to English farmers. It seemed impossible to account for this green stranger. A naturalist at last found that the weed had its headquarters around the grave of an English sailor who had died aboard a passing vessel and had been buried by his messmates on this lonely island. The weed must have descended from a seed or seeds which had clung to the spade used in digging his solitary grave.

Where does Cleopatra's body rest? Scarcely a layman who would not answer, "Why, in Egypt!" After her cajoleries, her wiles, her life of intense, if not very exalted loves, Cleopatra was laid in one of the loveliest tombs that have ever been fashioned by the hand of man. But what a change 2,000 years has brought about! To-day an ugly mummy, with an emblematic bunch of decayed wheat and a coarse comb tied to its head—a mere roll of tightly swathed dust—lies crumbled in the hideous glass case at the British Museum. It is Cleopatra, the once great queen, a Venus in charm, beauty and love.—Golden Days.

On the wall of Senator Chandler's committee room hangs a little sheet of paper with some epigrammatic sentences in the Senator's own handwriting. Here they are:

"Fulfill existing promises before making new promises.

"Pay your own debts before borrowing money to lend to others to enable them to pay their debts.

"Bear your own burdens first; after that try to help carry those of other people."

Senator Chandler says that in these three sentences is bound up pretty nearly all the philosophy a man needs in life.

GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Bro. R. R. Lewis, G. P., writes of his visits to Greenwood and Hackett Chapters where he had a most enjoyable time. At the former two candidates were initiated and ten more await the next meeting; there was a good attendance and the Star officers and Conductress have been provided with new robes, which adds to the beauty of the work. Sister Neal is the spirit of progress embodied, and all think what she says and does is right. Hackett Chapter is getting on well, some new members at each meeting.

Huntington Chapter, Mansfield, met May 17, when five received the degrees. One of them had been elected by Barbee Chapter, St. Louis, but before he could receive the degrees was transferred to the station at Mansfield, and the Chapter was requested to do the work for Barbee Chapter, which they were glad to do. Usually the ladies furnish refreshments but on this occasion the brothers surprised them with ice cream and fruit.

The death of Miss Ethel Harris, Grand Adah, has been a sad blow to all who knew her, for she was greatly beloved. Almost her last words were: "Mother, tell Sister Hopkins I did as she said and had my part of the work perfect, so as to make no mistake in exemplifying the work next fall." An earnest, active worker here, she has gone to strengthen our chain in the Grand Chapter above.

CALIFORNIA.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—There will be no better time than the present to fulfill my promise to write a letter from Sacramento and tell about the local Chapters. On Monday night, May 10, Columbus Chapter entertained Mrs. Ella T. Hall, G. M., and Mrs. Annie S. Blowers, D. D. G. M., of the sixth district of Cal., in their official capacity.

Two candidates were initiated and the work was exemplified almost faultlessly. Rituals are not used in the Chapter room, and one is greatly impressed with the grace and depth of feeling which characterize their work. The brother Masons gave the use of their beautiful blue room for the work, and the exquisite decorations were evidence that there are artists in the midst of Columbus Chapter.

Grains, grasses and delicate flowers were used with most charming effect. A series of arches extended the entire width of the hall in front of the dais, reaching from the floor to within a few feet of the ceiling. These were formed of hoops, and covered with oats and wild mustard. At the points of the star, instead of the regulation small stand, there were flower holders made of bamboo and of most novel designs. Lark spurs, yellow and white marguerites, ferns and scarlet geraniums, were used to represent the colors, and half veiled with graceful oats and grasses, the effect can easily be imagined. After

the work the D. G. M. made a few suggestions on minor points which were kindly received. Under the good of the order, the G. M. made a fine speech very happily expressing the thought that the decorations fitly represented the beauty and stability of our beloved Order. Several hearty addresses were made and the Chapter closed. A pantomime of "The Mistletoe Bough" was given in the balcony, the minuet being a pleasing feature. Mrs. Sedler, P. M., gave the lines in her usual charming and spirited manner.

A banquet was served in the north hall. The evening was very warm and the decorations in green and white were refreshing and beautiful. Potted ferns and palms were used on the long tables and heaped up dishes of bright red strawberries added a charming bit of color. The guests did full justice to the dainties spread before them and departed feeling that they had been a part of a great family gathering.

Naomi Chapter celebrated her eighteenth anniversary by entertaining the G. M., Mrs. Ella T. Hall, the D. G. M. of this district, Mrs. Annie S. Blowers, several P. G. officers and representatives of surrounding Chapters. Four candidates were initiated; no rituals were used and the work was exceedingly well done. The blue room was used, and the decorations were entirely different from those of Monday night previous. A large arch of calla lilies and asparagus stood in front of the Matron's station. Suspended from the center of the arch was a large star with No 36 in the center, formed of tiny gas jets. Several white doves were poised above the lilies, the effect being very chaste and beautiful. From the back of each chair at the points of the star a bamboo rod extended to the center chandelier, forming five arches, which were beautified with pink and white sweet peas and asparagus ferns.

The pretty white tables were twined with smilax and held crystal vases filled with flowers appropriate to the several points. Calla lilies were used in great profusion, on the pedestals, in the balcony and the windows.

After the work was finished and the criticisms of the Grand Matron given and taken with the greatest good nature, the Chapter was closed. Mrs. E. B. Willis favored the company with a lovely vocal solo, and Miss Bonnie Waggoner recited "Douglas, tender and true," with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Willis, which was very much appreciated.

The grand march was then formed, leading to the banquet hall where a typical California feast gladdened the eyes of all. The tables were laden with fruits and flowers, beside all the substantial one could wish for. The guests devoted themselves with undivided attention to the repast, after which they were highly entertained by toasts and speeches from various members.

All present felt that Naomi Chapter was to be congratulated on attaining her majority and that she had celebrated it in a worthy manner.

A friendly rivalry exists between the two Chapters which is a source of great benefit to each. A visiting brother or sister from any part of the world can be sure of a hearty welcome at either Chapter, as I can testify by experience.

Many pleasant and familiar faces greet me this month from the first page of THE EASTERN STAR. Why should not other Chapters follow the example of Queen Esther and make each number of our little paper a souvenir? With best wishes for your success. H. E. H. Sacramento, Cal., May 15, 1897.

INDIANA.

The entertainment given by Shiloh Chapter, Ft. Wayne, May 7, was delightful. "The New Woman," a farce in one act, was presented by a number of ladies, Mrs. Perry Zimmerman as President, who acted their parts to the thorough enjoyment of all present. A literary and musicale followed after which there was a dance program of twelve numbers. The hit of the evening was the specialty by Owen and Reece Straight, who sang and danced a number of negro melodies.

Shiloh Chapter, Ft. Wayne, is still flourishing. During the month of April four candidates were initiated and eight petitions received. The Ladies' Auxiliary gave an informal reception in honor of Dr. C. B. Stemen, G. P. After some work and a few remarks from our G. P., refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mrs. Lena Strass, W. M. of Flat Rock Chapter, Monroeville; Mrs. Burns of Wilshire Chapter, and Mr. and Mrs. Crue of Pleiad Chapter, Madison, Neb. Our W. M. announced that our Chapter would soon celebrate its anniversary. Our secretary was "surprised" on the evening of her birthday, her sister having invited the ladies of our Chapter to their home. A very delightful evening was spent and we all did justice to the delicious cake and cream.

At the close of the regular meeting of Noble Chapter, Kendallville, May 4, an informal and very delightful reception was tendered Sister Cawley, W. M., by the other officers of the Chapter in recognition of her recent appointment as Grand Electa. The hotel parlors just below the Chapter rooms were used for the occasion. Refreshments were served and the affair was a very pleasant one to all concerned. Noble Chapter is in a prosperous condition, 124 being its present membership.

The entertainment given by Naomi Auxiliary, Friday evening, April 29, was a success in every way. A large audience listened to the program, especially enjoying the music of Thaddeus Rich. The rendition of "Dr. Cure-all" was so excellent that there is a general desire for its repetition, and June 1st has been decided on as the time. The net gain was something over \$85.

At the April meeting Petersburg Chapter received three petitions. There was an unusually large attendance of the sisters, as

they expected some sort of a surprise from the brothers in retaliation for the button hole contest we tendered them, but as they had prepared nothing, they were conspicuous by their absence, only two, our Patron and Sentinel, having courage to face the crowd, but they let fall a hint that what they were preparing would keep us at work till after midnight. At our May meeting two petitioners were elected and one petition received. We had a most excellent report of G. C. from Lulu B. Read, W. M., who is well posted and is making every effort to have our work not fall below the mark we set at our organization—perfection. George E. King, W. P., was deputized to institute the Chapter at our neighboring city of Washington, May 26, and our entire corps of officers accompanied him to exemplify the work.

L. T. H.

MINNESOTA.

May 4, Naomi Chapter, Sauk Centre, celebrated its 4th anniversary. The families of the members and a few friends were guests. A Character Game, where the words given were descriptive of the person and initials of the name, caused much amusement. Two of the young sisters having every answer correct were given a test and Miss Katherine Norris became possessor of the prize, a silver mounted thermometer. At 9:30 a bountiful supper was served in the banquet room. Before leaving the table two readings were well rendered by members, after which the hall resounded until a late hour with merry laughter caused by amusing games, chief among them being the fun-provoking "Pillow Dex."

I. W. L.

MASSACHUSETTS.

April 20 was a red letter day for Signet Chapter, Cambridge, it being the day selected for celebrating the 9th Anniversary of the Chapter. Blue Hill Chapter, Hyde Park, was the especial guest for the occasion, although 6 Chapters and 2 G. Jurisdictions were represented. The guests were invited for the afternoon, during which a game of progressive whist was enjoyed, from which Mrs. N. F. Dadman won the first gent's prize, a bon-bon plate, and Mr. W. H. Flanigan, the second, a very beautiful violet holder. Mrs. Alice Packard secured the first ladies' prize, a china snarl box; Mrs. G. H. Marks, the second, a china hair pin box. During the afternoon the company was entertained several times by the well known whistler, Miss Ella J. Chamberlain.

At early evening all were invited to the banquet hall, which was very prettily arranged for the occasion, and a bountiful repast was served. The tables were set in the form of a five pointed star, an immense palm forming the center, and were adorned with crepe paper on which wisteria vines, in full bloom were printed, with bouquets and napkins to match.

Returning to the Chapter room the follow-

ing entertainment was enjoyed: Master Albert Power sang "Over the Rolling Sea;" Miss Rice from Emerson's School of Oratory, recited "She would be a Mason," and on encore "Birdie in Delsarte;" Master Donlan sang "Hozanna," and later the "Ecstasy Waltz;" Miss Stockwell sang "Past and Future." Bro. Frank A. Noyes, A. G. P., being present, was called upon and made some very interesting remarks befitting the occasion. Again Miss Rice, who is a sister from Trenton, Mo., recited this time "Old Mother Goose," and "Mama's Little Boy." Later she recited "A Fashionable School Girl," and "Little Pigs Went to Market." Masters Eaton and Couran sang "In the Starlight," and Miss Stockwell, "My Beautiful Irish Maid." After the entertainment the time was spent socially until the good byes were obliged to be said, all wishing that Signet's anniversary came more than once a year.

One petition was received, one candidate elected, and three initiated by Chrystal Chapter, Malden, April 22. A large number of visitors were present, 8 Chapters being represented. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, after which a concert was given.

April 22, Friendship Chapter, was organized at Amesbury with 67 charter members, Stella Chapter of Worcester, conferring the degrees. Elizabeth M. Frisbee is W. M.; Emmons H. Babb, W. P.; Abbie M. Babb, A. M.

Priscilla Chapter, Reading, received one petition April 21. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the formal presentation to the Chapter of a ballot box and gavel by Sister Ella A. Bigelow for securing twelve subscribers to her paper. At the close of the meeting a short entertainment was given by members of the Chapter, consisting of a piano solo by Sister Taggart; song by Mrs. Davis; Mrs. Grace L. Twombly then read "She Would be a Mason," in a very expressive manner. Bro. Grimes sang "Better times are coming by and by;" Bro. Shackford closed the entertainment by singing "The Sailor's Return," after which all were invited to the parlor where a dainty lunch was served. A large number of visitors were present, 10 Chapters and 2 G. Jurisdictions being represented.

Although heavy showers darkened the evening of the beautiful day which had been enjoyed May 10, a goodly number braved the rain to attend the meeting of Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, three Chapters being represented. A committee was appointed to perfect arrangements for a "Children's Day" on June 14, which is always a red letter day for Ruth.

Weetamos Chapter was organized at Fall River, April 15, with 37 charter members. S. Adelaide Armstrong is W. M.; Chas. E. Baker, W. P.; Jane W. Brown, A. M.

A very pleasing and successful whist party was given by Keystone Chapter, Boston, in the Chapter room, after a short business meeting, April 27. Twelve Chapters were represented, beside outside friends who came

in to enjoy and assist on this pleasant occasion. Miss Maude Sweetland took home a very beautiful salt set in remembrance of being the most successful player among the ladies. Miss Ella F. Savory, who ranked next, a candle stick and candle. Mr. Chas. Sawyer was the most successful gentleman and received a puff-box and puff; Mr. Maybie, who ranked next, received a dainty candlestick; Mrs. Mabie took the gentleman's consolation prize, a McGinty thermometer, and Mrs. Gay the ladies', a match box, representing an old shoe.

May 3, will long be remembered by the members and friends of Mystic Chapter, East Boston, among the pleasantest of its gatherings. Only one thing marred the pleasure of the evening, we missed the sweet face of Sister Mary Stevens, who always had a kind word for every one, and whose genial nature won her many friends among her associates. Since the last meeting she has been called to add one more shining link to the Golden Chain above. This was gentlemen's night to entertain, and at an early hour the ante-rooms were well filled with members of this and other Chapters, casting anxious and expectant glances toward the banquet hall, where the brothers were to serve a banquet "complimentary to our ladies." At 7 p. m. it was served, and it is needless to say that no one left the table disappointed in the bright anticipations formed of what was in store for her. In Chapter, two petitions were received, five candidates elected, and seven initiated. A large number of visitors were present, 11 Chapters and 2 G. Jurisdictions being represented.

Three petitions were received, eleven candidates elected and twelve initiated in Blue Hill Chapter, Hyde Park, May 4, the work being well rendered. A large number of visitors were present, 5 Chapters being represented. Refreshments were served.

The 11th anniversary of Electa Chapter, Waltham, was very pleasingly celebrated May 5. For a long time the anniversary of this Chapter has been set apart for "Children's Day." The hall was very beautifully decorated with flowers for their reception, and no pains spared to imprint on their memories lasting and pleasing impressions of Freemasonry. At 4 p. m. the little ones began to arrive and soon were enjoying all sorts of games. On one side of the hall stood a large curious looking box, covered prettily with pink and bespangled with gilt stars, at which they peered cautiously, but the mystery was solved at 6 o'clock, when they formed in couples and marched around the hall, for Jack continuously bobbed up the cover and showered them with Barnum bonbons. At 6:45 a banquet was served. Returning to the Chapter room, Sister Martha Frisbe, W. M., in a few well chosen words, extended a kindly greeting and welcome to all, after which a very pleasing entertainment was presented, consisting of a piano duet by Ma-

tion Mitchell and Laura Archambeau entitled "Minstrel's Serenade;" Master Earl Jackson recited "One, Two, Three;" Miss Mabel E. Richards sang "Good Bye;" Miss E. A. Moor, from Emerson's School of Oratory, recited "A Basket of Flowers" and later "Up Primrose Hill;" Mrs. Blanche Tufts sang "My Dreams," and Master Conrad Goodrich appeared twice with a banjo solo. Every number received a hearty encore. Pretty programs were the souvenirs of the occasion.

Melrose Chapter received two petitions, elected one candidate and initiated one, May 14. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the anniversary June 11.

Roxbury Chapter held a very pleasant meeting May 7, received one petition, elected eighteen candidates and initiated seventeen. This Chapter has been organized only about one month and the number of candidates initiated at this meeting is indicative of the good workers of which it is composed, betokening a brilliant future. May 21 was devoted to an "Apron and Necktie Party" for the benefit of the treasury.

Wenona Chapter was organized at Dorchester, May 8, with 76 charter members. Mrs. Mary J. Telford is W. M.; Joseph I. Stewart, W. P.; Mrs. Fannie C. Sawyer, A. M. By invitation of the Grand Patron, Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, conferred the degrees upon sixty-four candidates for the organization of this Chapter, the officers of Vesta taking their paraphernalia with them to perform the work. Although this Chapter started with so large a membership, there is plenty of material still waiting for the opportunity to join. A large number of visitors were present 17 Chapters and 2 G. Jurisdictions being represented.

At the regular meeting of Vesta Chapter, Apr. 28, two candidates were elected and initiated, 6 Chapters were represented. Refreshments were served at the close of the Chapter and a social hour enjoyed.

At the close of a short business meeting, during which one candidate was elected, May 17, Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, gave a very pleasing entertainment consisting of selections by Lewis' Home Circle orchestra; recitation by Miss Ella Lavers, "My Horse Ace," who on encore gave "A Dude From Chicago;" violin solo, Miss Angelina Lewis; comic song by Mr. Graves; cornet solo by Master Lewis; Mr. Myers closed the entertainment by reciting "The Face on the Bar-room Floor," and on encore gave several comic selections. All were then invited to the banquet hall, where a genuine New England supper was served, which was greatly enjoyed, after which the time was spent socially until a late hour.

NEW JERSEY.

One of the mother Chapters of the O. E. S. is Martha Washington, of Paterson, which was organized in July, 1873, and is therefore

nearly a quarter of a century old. May 13 the G. O's paid it their official visit, and a large number were present. The members had made preparation to give their guests a royal welcome, and the large chapter room was richly decorated with the inaugural hues of white and gold, interspersed with the colors and emblems of the Order and a profuse display of flowers and foliage, both cut and growing. A large emblematic star overtopped with the word "welcome" surmounted the canopy in the east. The new regalia of the officers and the dressy attire of the ladies made a scene of beauty and brilliancy. This annual visit of the grand officers is looked forward to with considerable pleasure, not alone for the fact of their presence, but because it is an occasion when delegations from sister Chapters gather in numbers to fraternize with the one visited, enjoy its hospitality, make new friendships, renew old ones and witness the work of the Order, knowing that in the latter particular the officers will exhibit as perfect a rendition as possible, and Martha Washington's officers received the most unstinted praise from everybody there. It was possibly the largest gathering in a subordinate Chapter that has ever been held in New Jersey; all the available space in the room was occupied and many were in the ante-rooms. At close of Chapter committees served refreshments of coffee, sandwiches, cake and cream to all present. Of the Chapters represented there were Radiant, Newark; Esther, Charlotte and Acacia, Jersey City; Caroline, Hoboken; Germania and Miriam, Paterson; Star of Bethlehem, Haledon; Stella, Passaic; Delta, New York; and Stella of Brooklyn. During the work the officers performed some new and intricate marches and figures, which as on several former occasions were given particular attention by the visitors for future use in their own Chapters. It was, notwithstanding the bad weather, the most successful official visit of the series, and fresh honors were added to many already won by the officers of this Chapter. Four new members were added and eight petitions for membership were received.

A few weeks ago an enthusiastic worker and skillful organizer was invited to a conference at Passaic, and his advice that "the proper way to start a Chapter was to start it" was accepted as the proper solution of the problem which those interested in had for several months been working upon. It was started and Stella Chapter became another link in the growing chain. The officers of Martha Washington Chapter, Paterson, brought its paraphernalia and regalia and conferred the degrees upon several brothers and sisters in a manner which admitted of no criticism whatever. Their perfect rendition of the work tended greatly to win the friendship for the Order of several of the doubtful ones who were present and witnessed the rites for the first time. The Grand Officers then organized the new Chapter, and ap-

pointed Mrs. Ida M. Seymour, W. M., Edwin Jones, W. P., and Mrs. Mabel Rhoads, A. M. Several instructive and encouraging addresses were made by the G. O's and prominent members, and then the 150 O. E. S. members and Masons were hospitably entertained in the banquet hall by the new Chapter. Delegates were present from Chapters as follows: Esther and Acacia, Jersey City; Martha Washington, Miriam and Germania, Paterson; Radiant, Newark; Caroline, Hoboken; Charlotte, Jersey City Heights; Star of Bethlehem, Haledon; and Mecca, of the Palisades. It is expected that Stella chapter will meet regularly on the first and third Monday evenings in Masonic hall. It starts out with the very best prospects of success. The members are among the brightest, most active and intellectual in the city, and should soon push the Chapter to a front rank in the constellation of Eastern stars. The order has made most astonishing progress in the past decade. It first found root in New Jersey in 1868, but for several years advanced slowly. At long intervals Chapters were organized. About four years ago five Chapters were organized in one year. Last year another one was started and this year two have been set at work, and there is a prospect of yet another at Dover. While there may be some changes in the personnel of the corps of office-bearers of the new Chapter, the following selections have been made by the W. M.: Miss M. T. Friedel, Sec'y; Mrs. Nancy H. Van Schott, Treas; Mrs. Ruth E. Stanley, Con.; Miss Ida Mae Cameron, A., Mrs. Anna G. Johnston, R., Mrs. B. H. Jones, Es., Mrs. Harriet Alston, El.; Mrs. Alice Driscoll, War.; Duncan Kelley, Sen.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Matron of New York is pleased with the fact that during the present year 17 Chapters have been organized.

Architect Chapter, New York City, at its meeting May 7, conferred the degrees and rendered the Floral Addenda in such a manner as to receive merited praise. There was a large attendance.

Golden Link Chapter, New York City, spent a pleasant hour together, May 3, and began arrangements for the celebration of their 5th anniversary. The candidates did not appear so Chapter closed early and the members visited Hope Chapter where they were cordially welcomed.

The coming meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in the Commandery room of the Masonic Temple, New York City, on June 7, 8 and 9; The meeting will be an important one as very many matters of business need attention, but absolute harmony will prevail.

Brother Alonzo J. Burton, author of the Sisterhood degree, has issued a charter to certain members of Massachusetts to organize a circle of this Order. It will be known as Quaboag Circle, No. 1. The ladies are actively engaged in the rehearsals, and the initial ex-

emplification will occur at an early date. It is now likely that any State can obtain the degree upon proper application.

Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, devoted the session May 1 to conferring degrees. The exemplification, and the figures and marches of the ten ladies in the Floral Work elicited marked applause. Several petitions were received.

Orient Chapter, Brooklyn, had an unusually large gathering May 9, when Miss Anna L. Brooks, G. M., accompanied by her associate officers, made her official visit. Every available space was occupied. The Floral Addenda was given in a pleasing manner, after which a number of speeches were made by the visitors and others. The Grand Matron was presented with a handsome gold watch and chain. Refreshments were served at close of Chapter.

Hope Chapter, New York City, met May 3 in their new rooms in Lexington Opera House, which are so pleasant the members regret they did not secure them long ago. Members of various Chapters were out in full force to bid them God speed in their new home. The G. Lecturer made his official visit and was fraternally greeted. The degrees were conferred, and a number of encouraging addresses made. Refreshments followed.

Woodbine Chapter, Yonkers, held a pleasant meeting April 23 when the degrees were conferred. The G. Lecturer made an official visit and complimented the various points on their proficiency. The attendance was good; visitors from Golden Link and Delta Chapters, New York City; Mecca of Hoboken; Stella of Brooklyn and others were present and a number of them made pleasant remarks.

Beacon Light Chapter, West New Brighton, received an official visit from the G. M. May 5. The Chapter room was beautifully decorated with flags and plants, and was crowded to its utmost capacity. Fifty or more from New York and Brooklyn were present and received a cordial welcome. A pleasing program of music and recitation was presented by talent of a superior quality, and the evening delightfully spent. The G. M. was presented with a handsome basket of flowers and the G. T. with a beautiful bouquet.

For several weeks the official visits of the Grand Officers have been in progress. They were well attended and in every instance the Grand Matron, Sister Anna L. Brooks was the recipient of elegant presents. At the present time her person is adorned with gold watches, diamond rings, brooches, and her home has the appearance of a jewelry store. Our sister has given the Order a most successful fulfillment of the correct manner of discharging the duties of Grand Matron, and the above testimonies are some of the evidences of appreciation.

Day Star Chapter, Brooklyn, received the visit of the G. O's May 4, with a large and enthusiastic meeting. The room was beauti-

fully decorated with festoons of bunting, growing plants and flowers. Representatives from nearly all the Chapters in greater New York were present, besides a large delegation from Evangeline and other Chapters nearer home. After the formal greeting to the G. M. the degrees were conferred in a specially impressive and excellent style. The Floral Addenda was also given in good form. Addresses were made by many. The G. M. was presented with a handsome silver and glass berry bowl. Mrs. Emma T. Smith, P. M. of Day Star received two floral tokens, a silver card receiver and a lace handkerchief from her Chapter friends. A pleasant hour of refreshment followed.

May 13, Sister Brooks, G. M., made an official visit to Esther, Brooklyn, her home Chapter. It was an ovation. Loving hands had been busy during the day, and had turned the Chapter room into a bower of beauty. Flowers hung in festoons from the four corners of the room, and fairly formed a canopy above the heads of the crowd of visitors present. Flags were gracefully hung in the east and about the room. Growing plants, palms and roses were in abundance. The degrees were conferred upon four candidates. The work was well done. During the evening a number of presents were made, the principal one being a beautiful set of diamond earrings to the Grand Matron from the members of her Chapter, and a large jardiniere and growing palm from her resident associate officers. The A. G. P., Dr. E. F. Barnes and his good wife presented her with a loving cup filled with a beautiful bouquet of fragrant flowers. Mrs. Maria Cane was presented with a certificate of her appointment as Grand Representative of the G. C. of New Jersey, near the G. C. of New York. Pleasing remarks were made by the G. M.; Dr. E. F. Barnes, acting G. P.; Mrs. Alice B. Raymond, acting A. G. M.; James T. Walker, acting A. G. P.; Miss Daisy Buttrick, G. C.; Mrs. E. J. McKissock, G. T.; Miss Annie Demarest and others. After the meeting refreshments were served.

April 24, Laurel Chapter, New York City, received the official visit of the Grand Officers. All were cordially and loyally welcomed. The room was beautifully decorated with palms and flags, and a profusion of flowers filled the air with their perfume. Many were obliged to stand although every camp chair in Carnegie Music Hall was brought into use. The degrees were conferred upon three ladies and two brothers. The work was admirably done; each officer seemed conscious of the importance of her position and strove to render her part as impressively as possible. The G. M. was presented with a handsome diamond ring and a certificate of honorary membership in this Chapter. Bro. A. E. Bosse, of Eureka Lodge, said that a band of kinship existed between his Lodge and Laurel Chapter and the brethren desired that bond to be strengthened, and in their behalf he presented the W. M. and the wife of the W. P. (who

is Esther) each a handsome basket of flowers. The W. P. being an honored member of Eureka they desired in every way to honor the Chapter, and for his wife they wished that to the honors now hers might be added others, and as the shining of the north star was unerring, so might the fidelity of those with whom she was associated prove equally true. After work a collation was enjoyed in the banquet room. Each G. O. carried away a souvenir of the occasion and recollections of a very pleasant evening.

NEBRASKA.

Sister Helen H. Stires, G. M. of Neb., held her 6th Dist. Con. with Acacia Chapter, in Masonic Temple, Apr. 26 and 27. The Chapters comprising this Dist. are those from McCook, Elwood, Holdredge, Juniata, Red Cloud, Blue Hill, Aurora, Alma, Harvard, Sutton, Clay Center, Nelson, Superior, Hebron, York and Oxford, and were fairly represented. These Conventions are held for the instruction of members and the promotion and welfare of our beautiful Order; and the enthusiasm and instruction gained at this time is of lasting benefit. At the afternoon session the Ritual work was exemplified by the officers of Mt. Olivet Chapter, Juniata, in a pleasing manner. This was followed by a banquet prepared by the hospitable members of Acacia Chapter. At 8 p. m. the G. M. called the Convention to order and gave instruction in the secret work. She is deserving of credit for putting so much before the delegates that might be of benefit to them. The Convention closed with a business session in the morning and we repaired to our homes feeling that it had been good to be there.

SARAH W. WILDISH.

The 4th District Convention was held in Lincoln, April 22, with Electa Chapter. There were in attendance Helen H. Stires, G. M., Columbus; David B. Howard, A. G. P., Lincoln; Carrie E. Wright, A. G. C., Schuyler; Jessie Goodell, G. Es., Wilber; and twenty-five or more delegates from Chapters located at University Place, Crete, Wahoo, Beatrice, Fairbury, York and Elmwood. A most profitable and enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent. Delegates from the various Chapters were requested by the G. M. to exemplify the work in the afternoon, receiving from her valuable instruction thereon. In the evening Electa Chapter rendered the ritual work of initiation and the Floral Addenda in addition to the opening ceremonies, in a very impressive manner, highly pleasing to their visiting sisters and brothers. Our Grand Matron is making a great effort to secure uniformity of work in the Chapters throughout our State. The interest shown in the work is manifest by the large number attending these conventions.

C. E. W.

DEAR SISTER:—As one who had the pleasure of attending the District Convention called at Grand Island, April 20, by Sister

Helen H. Stires, G. M., of Columbus, I desire to write you a short report. We were met at the train by a committee from Andrew Chapter, Grand Island, which is the home Chapter of Rev. A. G. Pinkham, G. P. They escorted us to their homes for dinner, after which we assembled at Masonic Temple. The convention was called to order with a goodly number of members from the home Chapter, about thirty visiting delegates and five G. O's present; and was opened in form by the officers of Andrew Chapter, after which the G. M. was conducted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors, as were also the G. P. and Sister Mary Meagher, P. G. M. The Grand Matron briefly outlined the objects of the Convention, the principal one being to secure a greater uniformity in the work of the Chapters throughout the State. Parts of the Ritual were then exemplified by Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, which was followed by an informal discussion relative to the variations of this work as conducted by the different Chapter. Chapter called off at 5 p. m., after which we sat down to an elegant repast prepared by the home Chapter, and served in the dining hall of the Temple. An hour or two was spent in social enjoyment until the time for the evening session arrived. The different stations were filled by the visiting delegates who opened the Chapter in due form. Brother Zink, W. P., then rose and with a few well-chosen remarks, on behalf of Andrew Chapter, presented the Grand Patron with an elegant P. P's jewel. Brother Pinkham, though completely surprised, proved himself equal to the occasion, expressing his thanks and appreciation of the gift in his usual eloquent manner. The work was exemplified in an impressive manner by the officers of Andrew Chapter; the Floral Addenda and Floral March were then beautifully rendered by the officers of Tuscan Chapter. A short time was spent in discussing points relative to the good of the Order, after which Sister Maggie Meagher, P. G. M., declared the convention closed. It was the opinion of all present that it had been a success in every particular, and the visiting delegates departed, carrying with them most pleasant recollections of the courtesy and sociability of the members of Andrew Chapter, and feeling that our G. M's efforts to further the interests of the Order throughout the State were being well rewarded.

Fraternally yours,

MRS. OLIVE A. HALDEMAN, G. R.

The 7th Dist. Convention of the O. E. S. was held at Peru, Apr. 26 and 27. The Chapters sending delegates were Falls City, Nemaha City, Brock and Nebraska City, Brock sending the largest number. Owing to high waters and recent wash-outs, trains were uncertain, consequently several delegates could only send regrets, among these the Grand Matron, who delegated her authority by telegram to Mrs. Noy Neal, G. Chap., Peru. Vis-

itors were present from Azusa, Cal., and Springfield, Neb. A reception committee met each evening train to escort the delegates to Masonic Hall and a large company of enthusiastic workers as ever met to further the interests of our beloved Order, assembled for the Convention work. Although greatly disappointed by the unavoidable absence of the G. M. all seemed to take in the situation cheerfully. At 6 p. m. all marched to the banquet room, where Peru Chapter had spread a delicious feast, which was greatly enjoyed, some having driven 40 miles to be present. After all had been served, they assembled in Masonic Hall and opening ceremonies were rendered by Peru Chapter. Mrs. Neal, D. G. M., then made a few appropriate remarks, announced her instructions and declared the Convention open for the regular business. Miss Jennie Borst, Peru Chapter, greeted the Convention with a felicitous address of welcome, which was responded to by Rev. M. De Mott, Trestle Board Chapter, Brock, in a captivating manner. The most pleasing feature was the exemplification of the Floral Addenda, which had never before been given in this district. A picked corps from Trestle Board Chapter, clothed in new robes, with the work thoroughly in hand, proceeded with it in a manner that baffles description, and could not fail to inspire all with a new interest, and lasting impressions of the beauties of our Order. The convention then called off until 10 a. m. the 27th, giving the delegates an hour in which to visit the Nebraska Normal School. The morning was rainy and unpleasant, but most of the delegates were on time. This session was opened with officers from different Chapters, each showing a familiarity with the work and a willingness to contribute toward making the Convention a success. Miscellaneous questions of interest to members of our Order were discussed, which were instructive and helpful, and all too soon the noon day meal was announced in waiting in the banquet room. A short afternoon session was held at which time complimentary resolutions were passed, with a request that we urge a continuation of the District Conventions. Much enthusiasm was manifested throughout the work and we are led to exclaim, how good for sisters and brothers to meet fraternally, for by these gatherings our fraternal bonds are strengthened and the interests of our Order renewed. G. C.

The 5th Dis. Con. was held Apr. 24, with Adah Chapter, S Omaha. The morning was dark and rainy and many who had planned to attend felt that they would be better off at home, especially as the whole week had been rainy and there were many washouts on R. Rs., while others who had thought of driving in from Chapters near Omaha found the roads were impassable, unless with a mud boat; but a few brave—or reckless—"Stars" would not be dismayed, and felt that the rain might come any day but that schools of instruction

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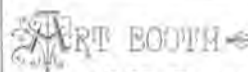
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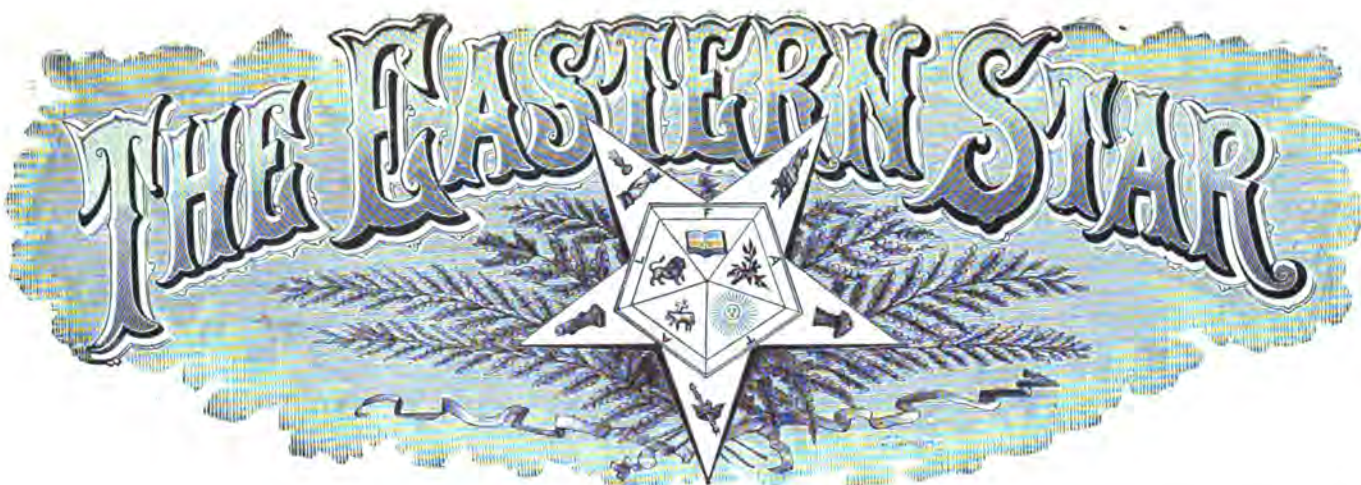
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THE FORTUNATE ISLES.

JOAQUIN MILLER.

YOU sail and you seek for the Fortunate Isles.
The old Greek Isles of the yellow bird's song;
Then steer straight on, through the watery miles—

Straight on, straight on, and you can't go wrong?
Nay, not to the left—nay, not to the right—
But on, straight on, and the isles are in sight—
The Fortunate Isles where the yellow birds sing,
And life lies girt with a golden ring.

These Fortunate Isles, they are not so far—
They lie within reach of the lowliest door;
You can see them gleam by the twilight star,
You can hear them sing by the moon's white shore—

Nay, never look back. Those levelled grave-stones,
They were landing-steps; they were steps unto thrones

Of glory of souls that have sailed before,
And have set white feet on the fortunate shore.

And what are the names of the Fortunate Isles?

Why Duty, and Love, and a large content.
Lo, these are the isles of the watery miles,
That God let down from the firmament.
Lo, Duty and Love, and a true man's trust,
Your forehead to God, though your feet in the dust;
Lo, Duty and Love, and a sweet babe's smiles,
And these, O friend, are the Fortunate Isles.

FRESH AIR MISSION.

[Laura A. Smith, in The Indiana Woman.]

"Take a fresh air girl!" said Farmer Bruce, "Well, I'll be —" "Father!" said Mother Bruce sharply. Then Farmer Bruce gave a discreet cough and looked at his wife for further directions from the letter she held in her hand.

"I told you summer boarders would bring bad luck, and now you see what comes of taking that young minister to board last summer. Wants us to open our heart and home to a little city waif, does he? Wal, I fer one don't see as we're called on to keep a poor-house for anyone jest yet. You're so wrapped up in that young feller and his schemes though, I suppose you're goin' to consent."

"I am," said Mother Bruce firmly, though

in her heart she was far more afraid of a fresh air girl than her husband was. But she had always made it a point to be on the opposite of the question, and she was carrying out her principles.

And so little Peggy Trumble, freckles, dirt and all, came to stay as long as circumstances and her own good behavior would allow her to at Bruce farm. Now take Peggy amid the stones, bricks, fire escapes and crowds of her own city, and her peculiarities would only be characteristic traits which thousands of her own companions had. But set her down alone in the country, with two elderly, honest people devoid of any guile, and she loomed up as a very striking and amazing person. Her slang, her grimaces, her general recklessness and her shocking views nearly drove good Mrs. Bruce wild. It was full a month before she could make Peggy understand that she could sit down at the table and eat all the food she wished. She would grab a roll or other food from the table and run out into the orchard to eat. Her views were intensely practical. She plainly told them "tree times a day was too offen to eat, no wonder dey wuz fat."

After a month she toned down a little, and then Mrs. Bruce really began to grow fond of her. The parlor with its haircloth furniture and crocheted "tidies" was kept closely locked, and the blinds had not been opened for so long that the honeysuckle vine had grown over them. One Sunday afternoon, as a rare treat, Mrs. Bruce unlocked the door and let Peggy accompany her into the parlor. Peggy shivered at the damp, musty air struck her. She looked at the fearful crayon portraits and cheap chromos on the wall. In one frame was a wreath made of the hair of departed members of Mrs. Bruce's family; under a glass case on a little table was a vase of wax flowers, and on the mantel, reposing by a china dog was—yes actually—was a coffin plate. That settled poor little Peggy.

"Let's git out," she said, "It's like der undertaker's."

Mrs. Bruce was troubled and hurt. Peggy

surely had never seen as grand a place as her best room, yet the child seemed actually to be afraid.

"This room," she said, intending to impress Peggy, "is never used except when we have company."

"Why not?" asked Peggy.

"Why, child, it's too fine. Those chairs have been in my family ever since my mother was married. This carpet is brussels; do you suppose I'd let Hiram come in here with his heavy boots? There isn't a finer best room in the whole country than mine."

"Bet I'd use it den," said the irrepressible Peggy. "You and him's gettin' old and there haint no kids to muss anytin' and from de front winders you kin see clear down the walley, and it's heaps cooler in summer and gayer (she meant more cheerful) in winter. Why don't youse?"

The result was that good Mrs. Bruce actually did turn her musty parlor into the pleasantest sitting room in the county, for she was forced to admit she had no earthly reason for keeping it sacred. It was the same way with her best china and silver. Once she had shown it to Peggy; the latter insisted that "nothin'" was too good for Farmer Bruce and his wife. She loved Farmer Bruce because he let her run riot in the big barn, drive with him and "encouraged her rowdyism," his wife said. Well, Peggy's sharp common sense or her frank "Why not?" when she was told the best things must not be used, had its effect. The whole of the farmhouse was thrown open to the sun and air, the coarse china and pewter gave way to the best china and silver for the family. The old carryall that had been mended and re-mended also gave way to a more modern and better carriage, for Peggy had laughed when told they couldn't afford a better one. "What're yer savin' yer money fer?" she asked. "Someone'll spend it fer yer."

Farmer Bruce felt this might be so and began to look out to make things more comfortable for Mother. The old chain pump which made her back ache, gave way to a

windmill which pumped the water right into a tank in the kitchen and made a bath room possible, and also made it more convenient to water the stock in the barnyard.

Peggy's two weeks lengthened into two months. Her joy over the fruit and flowers knew no bounds. But the fact that so much of it went to waste caused her much worry.

"If we could only get it in town," she said, "I knows lots of kids that never tasted cherries."

The vegetables and the flowers, the birds and the bees made her wild with delight. She thought how poor little Davy, lying alone in a back room with a bad hip, would love the flowers, and she puzzled her little brain to think how she could get them to him. Finally one evening as she trotted along barefooted with Farmer Bruce, helping him keep the cows in the straight and narrow path, she slipped her little brown hand into his and said:

"I knows lots of kids what never did see the flowers and fruit, and I can't sleep 'cause I keeps tinkin' of dem. 'S'pose we load a big wagon and take 'em in lots of tings."

Peggy saw no difficulties, and by the time she had told Farmer and Mrs. Bruce of the different families to whom a gift of flowers and fruit would be a rare treat, they became interested too. There were loads of fruit going to waste on the place, and there were many other things that could be spared at a pinch, and when Mrs. Bruce was once interested in Peggy's donation party, as she called it, it was wonderful the practical things she found stored away in chests. Blankets and quilts that she never would find use for, and many other comforts. Farmer and Mrs. Norris living on the adjoining farm became interested, and by the time everything was ready, there was the big farm wagon full of fruit, vegetables and bundles of bed clothes, with a big hamper full of old-fashioned flowers. Peggy, Mrs. Bruce and the farmer rode in the family carriage, and Jonas drove the big wagon. Peggy's heart nearly burst with pride, as she made a triumphant entree into the dingy city court with her carriage and her wagon of gifts. It was the red letter day of her life and she thoroughly enjoyed it. She picked out her special friends and grandly bestowed her favors upon them, and they were too overcome to "call her down." Her biggest and best gifts were for Davy, but when Mrs. Bruce climbed the six flights of stairs and went into the dark, bad-smelling little closet of a room, and saw the poor little shrunken frame and big eyes staring at her with piteous appeal, she decided at once that Davy should go back with them to the farm. She had long ago decided that Peggy should stay, but she could not leave Davy.

So Peggy's cup of happiness fairly bubbled over in her delight when she saw Davy clean and happy in a little white bed in a small room off the sitting room at the Bruce farm.

When the young minister came out to spend a few days at the farm, he said:

"Well you certainly have been doing some blessed missionary work, my friends."

But Farmer Bruce pulled one of Peggy's little red braids:

"Peggy's been the missionary," he said.

GRAND CHAPTER OF COLORADO, 1897.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of Colorado, convened in Masonic Temple, Denver, June 2, 1897, with all but five Grand Officers present, and representatives from twenty six chartered Chapters. Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, was an honored guest. The Grand Chapter was presided over by the Right Worthy Grand Matron, Mary E. Peirce, in a dignified and charming manner.

The addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron were very interesting. The Grand Matron personally constituted four newly chartered Chapters, and the Grand Patron, George D. Greenfield, issued dispensations to four Chapters and instituted them himself. The Grand Matron visited twenty-one of the chartered Chapters. Erie Chapter No. 19 decided to surrender the Charter; the membership being scattered and many going away, it was found impossible to keep up the meetings.

The Committee on Returns and work report four Chapters U. D. as having done well, and recommended that charters be granted them; Rico No. 31, at Rico; Chivington No. 32, at La Junta; Alamo No. 33, at Las Animas; and Adah No. 34 at Pueblo; and the recommendation was approved.

Finance Committee reported the Grand Secretary's and Grand Treasurer's books correct, and a balance in the Treasury of \$591.64; also recommended that the Grand Treasurer receive \$25.00 per year as compensation for her services, all of which was adopted.

Wednesday evening was devoted to exemplifying the work by the Grand Chapter; and an hour spent for the "Good of the Order," after which all were invited to the Banquet Hall where a bountiful repast awaited them. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers. Grand Patron Reed was toast master, and conducted affairs in his usual happy manner. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Partridge, described the manner in which "Oak Leaf Chapter," of Oakland, California, her home Chapter, conducted its banquets, which was very entertaining; the Chapter has three hundred members, and a goodly number attend the banquets; the tables are set with hand painted china and fine silver, and all the dainties of the season are served once each month.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved all the decisions and recommendations of the Grand Matron but one—which was fully covered by the Grand Chapter By-laws and our Ritual.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, installed the officers in a very impressive manner; Mrs. Rachel Lambert, of Queen City Chapter No. 4, Denver, acting as Grand Marshal. Mrs. Mary Potter, Past Grand Matron, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, presented Mrs. Partridge with a beautiful basket of pink roses.

Dr. Sarah E. Calvert, Worthy Matron of Queen City Chapter, in a few well chosen words presented the retiring Grand Matron and Grand Patron with handsome Jewels. And thus closed one of the most harmonious and successful sessions ever held.

Grand Officers for 1897-98 are:

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Mrs. Aileen Frowine, Grand Martha, Manitou.

Mrs. Cora Foster, Grand Electa, Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Lettie Kessler, Grand Warder, Golden. Thomas Fairhurst, Grand Sentinel, Denver.

Mrs. Julia Watson, Grand Chaplain, Aspen.

Dr. Sarah E. Calvert, Grand Marshal, Denver.

Mrs. Marie Mignolet, Grand Organist, Denver.

The Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter will be holden in Denver June 8, 1898.

The man who looks for a friend who has no imperfections will look long and in vain for what he seeks. We love ourselves with all our faults, then let us be charitable to others if they are not too outrageously bad. Don't let your good qualities be smothered by listening to the slanderous tongue, where mountains are made of ant-hills. If you see imperfections in others, very likely you are suffering more severely than they are with the same malady. Always stand before the mirror before you speak and perhaps you will see a reason why you should bridle your tongue and not magnify the slight imperfections of others, if they have any.

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A CREED.

[Chiro, in Texas Freemason.]

Live for some earnest purpose,
Live for some noble life,
Live for the hearts that love you,
Live that you conquer strife;
Live that the world may find you
Honest and pure of thought,
Live though it frown upon you,
Live as all true men ought.

What does it matter, brother,
If in the race for fame
The one gains a gilded carriage,
The other a poor man's name?
Life's but a little season,
Naught but a passing cloud,
One day they live in sunshine,
The next—the winding shroud.

Why do you live? you murmur;
Why do you die? I ask,
When the golden good of kindness
Lies oft within thy grasp.
'Tis but a word of comfort,
'Tis but a softened heart,
'Tis but a look of pity
When tears are seen to start.

'Tis but a word of guidance,
Only a friendly touch,
One moment's self denial;
But oh: it is so much
That heavy hearts grow lighter,
And life is robbed of pain,
And somewhere in the world
Yours is the greatest gain.

Be ye Jew or Gentile,
Ask not the other's creed;
For if the flower be spotless,
Care ye where grew the seed?
Live for the one true purpose
That honest hearts may rise,
Work through the noon of manhood;
And when the evening dies
There need be no forebodings—
Angels will close thy eyes.

FOR THE EASTERN STAR.

PANDORA CHAPTER NO. 951.

Section Two.

It was a festive occasion for Pandora Chapter; the Worthy Patron called the members and visiting brothers and sisters to order, and the hum of many voices ceased as the Worthy Matron and other officers of the Chapter entered the Lodge room, gowned in evening dress of shimmering silks, satins, and laces, and passed through the evolution of the opening or entrance march in a fairly correct manner considering the nervousness that was plainly apparent to those who knew them best. The jester always referred to this march as being "executed," with the accent on the last syllable, because some one of the officers always went wrong.

A few of the "five," when they reached their stations immediately seated themselves, while the others circled their chairs; a good-natured smile flashed from one face to another, with lightning-like rapidity, and the Worthy Matron's face flushed with embarrassment at the error. As the gavel fell and she glanced out over the sea of faces confronting and watching her, she was seized with a timidity she never before experienced, and felt

her courage drop out of sight like a plumb line, and confidence in her ability dwindle down to a cipher. Roxford and Mell Blaine Chapters were her guests, and they were represented by some shining lights—conspicuous in the Masonic and Eastern Star firmaments; ex-matrons and patrons innumerable, with an occasional Grand and Past Grand from larger cities. She had never faced any but her own Chapter, and she felt that the visitors would be critically observant of the work. Nervously she began:—"Sisters and brothers:" then remembering that a speech of welcome should not precede the formal ceremony of opening the Chapter, she grasped the gavel and called up the entire Chapter, but ere one-half of them had risen, announced the error and requested only the officers to rise. The Worthy Patron was a very practical man, in whom the material rather than the mental predominated, and he had no patience with nerves and no toleration with mistakes. He whispered to the Worthy Matron, in language that was more forcible than elegant; "Do pull yourself together for goodness sake." The tonic effect of this speech was instantaneous. It brought a roseate glow to the Matron's face, and a light to her eyes that was peculiar in its intensity, and instead of the versatile expression, which the "philosopher" was wont to say made her face a living kalaidoscope, a mask of business-like resolution covered it and set her features like chisled marble, while the members marveled what the Patron said to produce such a marked result, for her part of the work was perfectly rendered; and the errors made thereafter, came, as my neighbor remarked, from the "Worthy Patron's headquarters."

It was found that there were candidates in waiting. Colonel Mermette and his wife entered. The Colonel somewhat resembled a giant in length when he stood upright, while following nature's somewhat erratic regard for the eternal fitness of things, his wife was small of stature, as a consequence the white robes they wore developed the finest sample of misfit that had ever wandered into that Lodge room. Mrs. Mermette's robe trailed along on the floor very gracefully, while the one the Colonel wore crept up to his knees. I was about to remark to my neighbor that he reminded me of Doctor Mary Walker, as I had seen her garbed on the streets of Washington City when she wore a thin polanaise and a pair of pantaloons, when the silence of the Chapter, as the Conductress was leading the candidates through the labyrinth of the Star,—was disturbed by a shrill, penetrating voice at the key hole of the ante-room door—"III! Jimmie! git onto de people wid de night robes on em!" The horrified warder jumped out of his chair, and after a moment's inspection of the door, discreetly hung his handkerchief over a hitherto unnoticed, good-sized hole in the door; about the same time a matronly looking visitor, whose face wore a crimson hue, arose, and asking to be excused, re-

tired to the ante-room. It was afterward developed that the sister had brought with her two enterprising boys, and left them in charge of the Sentinel. It was also developed that the lock on the door being out of repair, the brother who had removed it neglected to fill up the vacancy and it was speedily discovered by the small boy, who, in the temporary absence of the Sentinel, at once proceeded to utilize it by judiciously applying his eye to the cavity with the result above noted. When Ruth referred the Conductress and candidates to the third station for further "information," and when an absent-minded Brother addressed the Worthy Matron as "Worshipful Master," it was lost in the mirth that preceded it, and no account taken of it. When the work had ended and the guests had expressed themselves in the usual complimentary manner; as the Worthy Matron was about to close the Chapter, (having taken the precaution to request that the members of Pandora Chapter conduct themselves with proper dignity, and keep their fun-loving propensities within due bounds) she was startled to hear Brother Smith say: Worthy Matron pardon me, but Brother Jones has not had an opportunity to speak his little piece yet, and I was told he had a fine address studied up for this particular occasion. Let us hear from Brother Jones. Brother Jones, thus adjured, arose, and glancing across at Brother Smith said: "Worthy Matron, Brother Smith must possess unusual capacity as a mind reader. If he has evolved a speech from my brain for this occasion, it is more than I have been conscious of doing. If he will only carry his occult science a little farther, and enable me to produce his speech, I will be more than grateful. Worthy Matron, I am told that Pandora Chapter is "up" in astronomy, and that Brother Smith is known among you as Saturn, because he wears so many rings; I would suggest that you change his name to the Great Dipper—not because this is a prohibition State—not because he is a subject of Baptist theology but because he has such a great big "capacity." I believe the Shriners call him Sherief-Al-Mahalim, which is the Arabic name for the moon when down to its last quarter."

"Worthy Matron, I have a whole dollar left," and Brother Smith held up the silver piece so that it could be seen by everyone, but the Worthy Patron was out of patience, and reaching out he took up the gavel and bringing it forcibly down on the pedestal, said, "Worthy Matron, I suggest that the brothers adjourn their nonsense to another time. If there are any further remarks for the good of the Order let us hear them."

"Worthy Matron," said the philosopher, "I rise for information, I wish to know whether there were any brains on the floor of the house during Grand Chapter sessions?"

"Worthy Matron;" it was the lawyer who spoke: "I rise to a point of order. I am surprised at the brother asking that question when he knows that our Worthy Matron was

in attendance upon Grand Chapter; the question is out of order."

"Worthy Matron, before you rule the question out of order, may I explain?"

"Certainly," answered the Matron.

"The reason I asked for information was because I have never been able to find any law, written or unwritten, in fact or in courtesy, by which the offices in the Eastern Star are made life tenures. Either some one considers them like the laws of the Medes and Persians, unchangeable; or else the impression is prevalent that the latter-day sisters are deficient in brain power, and I was in hopes that from your observation, you would have been able to solve this problem to my satisfaction." "Out of order, brother," decided the Worthy Matron, adding, "there are a few things that no one can account for, except it be the Almighty or a College Sophomore."

"Worthy Matron, may I talk a minute?" This appeal came from a sister well known for her quaint speeches and pungent remarks. Given permission, she said, "I have no speech of my own to make, the sisters and brothers should be grateful that I promptly stated the fact, and have not gone on talking until they had been forced to that knowledge and conclusion. I am instructed by a Committee to bear to you a message. I hope you have all read Charles Dickens' writings, and that you will recall to mind a little fellow who figures in one of his books as 'Buttons.' He was the butler's assistant, and notwithstanding the repeated instructions of that staid old servant, he would throw open the drawing room door, and announce the hour for refreshments in the same doubtful vernacular. Quoting from him, I have the pleasure to announce to you that 'the Wittlesis up.'"

LIZZIE I. BELLER.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA, 1897.

The Twenty-second Annual session met with Vesta Chapter, Omaha, June 1-2-3, with representatives from sixty-eight Chapters, nineteen Grand and eight Past Grand officers, making a total of over 400. Nearly 200 delegates. The report of the work done last year proves that our Order is increasing numerically and enjoying great prosperity, which is largely due to the inspiration emanating from efficient, zealous and much beloved Grand officers.

The address of welcome was given by Sister Winifred Wallace, of Vesta Chapter. Response by Sister Eva M. Baldwin, Associate Grand Matron. The Floral Addenda was exemplified by Vesta Chapter. The Chapter of Sorrow by Dawson Chapter. Each doing the work in a highly commendable and beautiful manner.

The Grand Matron constituted five Chapters, (four others being constituted by her Special Deputies) and visited eleven; introduced the District Convention system; wrote one thousand sixty-three letters on business of the Order, and rendered forty decisions:

The Grand Patron issued nine dispensations, organized seven Chapters and instituted two, visited seven and installed the officers of three attended two District Conventions; and assisted in the Schools of Method. The Grand Secretary reports receipt of \$1731.06; and the Grand Treasurer, disbursements of \$1609.65, and a balance on hand of \$1397.52.

The Grand Chaplain reports having been officially advised of the deaths of twenty-four members of the Order in Nebraska during the year.

There being no unfinished business, no appeals, no grievances, and our present laws being in the main satisfactory, there was but little to do but discuss questions of general interest, hear reports, hold an election and have a good time socially.

The evening of the 1st, Vesta Chapter, after a regular session gave a banquet which was much enjoyed. The attendance being double that of any previous session in the history of the order in this jurisdiction. The retiring Grand Patron, Rev. A. G. Pinkham, elected in 1895 and re-elected in 1896, was presented with a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved.

The retiring Grand Treasurer, Edwin Davis, who had served since 1884, was presented with an emblematic ring, set with a diamond.

The Grand Chapter will meet next year with Vesta Chapter, of Omaha, during the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, where the Order Eastern Star, of this jurisdiction, will have headquarters and hope to receive all visiting members of the Order. The Grand Officers are:

Mrs. Helen H. Stires, Grand Matron, Columbus.

David B. Howard, Grand Patron, Lincoln.

Mrs. Eva M. Baldwin, Associate Grand Matron, North Platte.

Dr. J. B. Lichten Wallner, Associate Grand Patron, Springfield.

Dr. Eleanor Daily, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

Mrs. Rose McGiverin, Grand Treasurer, Fremont.

Mrs. Florence Banks, Grand Conductress, Lexington.

Mrs. Lizzie Fiske, Associate Grand Conductress, Beatrice.

Mrs. Maude M. Greene, Grand Chaplain, Genoa.

Mrs. Alice G. Lindsley, Grand Lectress, Table Rock.

Miss Maggie Miller, Grand Adah, David City.

Mrs. Carrie E. Wright, Grand Ruth, Schuyler.

Mrs. Laura McNeer, Grand Esther, Blue Hill.

Mrs. Anna M. Rubendall, Grand Martha, Madison.

Sarah W. Wildish, Grand Electa, Aurora.

Miss Ellieda E. Wright, Grand Marshal, Scotia.

Miss Hattie Alexander, Grand Organist, Hastings.

Mrs. Anna Wilder, Grand Warder, Neligh.
Z. P. Hedges, Grand Sentinel, South Omaha.

IN MEMORIAM.

[The Woman's Journal.]

JEAN INGELOW.

Jean Ingelow, the poet and novelist, died in London, July 19.

She was born in Boston, Lincolnshire, in 1820. Her father was a banker, and a man of superior intellectual culture; her mother of Scotch descent. As a child, Jean was exceedingly shy and reserved, and she led a quiet, uneventful life till 1863, when the publication of her "Poems" secured her immediate recognition. Several of the poems in this volume, especially "Divided," "High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire," and "The Song of Seven," have become widely popular, and the last-named (consisting of seven poems representing seven epochs in the life of a woman) has been published separately and illustrated. Her subsequent publications are: "Studies for Stories," "Poor Mat," "Stories told to a Child," "A Story of Doom, and Other Poems," "A Sister's Bye-Hours," "Mopsa, the Fairy," "The Monitions of the Unseen," and "Poems of Love and Childhood," published only in Boston, Mass.; and several novels, "Off the Skelligs," "Fated to be Free" (a sequel), "Sarah de Berenger," and "Dora John." In America her poems, in 1874, had reached a sale of 98,000 copies, and her prose works of 35,000.

For many years she had resided in London. There, three times a week, she gave what she called a "copyright dinner" to twelve needy persons just discharged from the hospital.

Ten years ago Miss Frances Willard proposed, and Dr. Chauncey M. Depew seconded the motion, that Queen Victoria should appoint Miss Ingelow her poet laureate, but the suggestion was not accepted.

In her early poems Miss Ingelow exhibited many proofs of the influence her surroundings of sea, fine old churches, and monastic ruins had had upon her.

Miss Ingelow lived in old Kensington, in a quiet street, where all the houses are gay with window-boxes full of flowers. It is a large, square, brick house, built in the days of Queen Anne, when Kensington was the court suburb, and stands back from the road, embowered in sweet smelling hawthorn and golden rain laburnum trees.

Miss Ingelow was not spoiled by fame. She once wrote: "I do not care about fame, or rather, scarcely believe in such a thing for myself, but it is a great pleasure, and a very true one, to be able to give pleasure to so many people for the time being, that is, while popularity lasts." Queen Victoria was very fond of Miss Ingelow's works, and Miss Ingelow numbered the queen among her personal friends.

If we struggle to overcome a fault or to resist a temptation, and succeed, the time comes when we lose all desire to commit the wrong: the self-restraint is over, and we enter into the true freedom where desire and duty are one.

VICTORIA'S REIGN.

[Harper's Bazar.]

The old fancy that where a woman is on the throne it is the men about her who govern, and that where a man reigns it is the women who are the power behind, is false as many another witticism. Women in the matter of government have been powerful only with dissolute monarchs, who probably would have come to small good even had their advisers been Solomons. But Victoria has had her warmest friendships with women and has been as much influenced by them in her personal career as by men. Undoubtedly the strongest influence ever exercised upon her was that of her noble husband; but acceptance of that influence was entirely in the line of the womanly nature, and made her a model for the wives of the world. Since his death she has trodden in the same ways as those she walked with him, and her personal weight has always been felt, let who would be prime minister. No one familiar with her life, aware of the power she is, far and wide, in her immense circle of connections, can doubt that Victoria, in her own fashion, has always governed as well as reigned.

Her reign has been proud in its armed achievements, has been signalized by a literature rivalled only by the Elizabethan, and of an infinitely purer type than all but the very best of the earlier reign, while its conquests in the domain of art and science are of indescribable scope and magnificence; writers, musicians, painters and players have shared the hospitality of her interest with philosophers, scholars, explorers, soldiers and kings.

But it is in her broad influence upon domestic life that the Queen has had her greatest triumph. She has kept the homes and hearts of greater England pure by the force of her personal character; for the small faction that pursue gaiety unwisely, despite her, are a mere froth and foam on the great main of domestic virtue in her kingdom. English homes and civilization, under her reign, have acquired a character than which nothing better has ever been vouchsafed mortals since time began, and our own national boast is only that we equal it.

In America it is not so much the Queen's greatness that we regard as it is herself, the strength of her good-will, the force of her personal quality. We see her sweetness, her fine tenderness, her intense sympathy, her love, her simple religious nature; not only her desire to make herself one with her people and her race, but the impossibility of holding herself aloof from them. If every one who wears a crown had a nature like hers, radicals and anarchists would cease to exist. But, alas! there have been few or none before, and may be none after her. She has set an example to all rulers, and the world after her day will be less satisfied than ever with imperfection on the throne.

OUR NATIONAL EMBLEM.

The plea in Mount St. Joseph's Collegian for corn as our National emblem is one that would seem to fill all the necessary requirements. The writer, Marion E. Bear says: "It is a fashion and almost a settled law existing with all nations to possess an animal to represent their power and a flower or vegetable plant for the nation's heart. Other nations have adopted them, but we have not. Still it has been agitated in the United States much of late to adopt a vegetable plant to join with our own powerful eagle; to be stamped on our escutcheon and to be indelibly impressed upon the hearts of our people. The press has given its opinion, and the people theirs, and still we have not arrived at a general conclusion—amicable settlement suited for all parties. Far worse, the more we agitate and dwell upon it, the more it is discarded and it is receding from our sight as if it were a visionary spirit.

Suppose the question remained to you and we were to abide by your decision would you not adopt a plant that contains the following virtues or has in former times performed them?

First, an emblem of "Good Faith," second of "Charity" and lastly, "A figure of prosperity." What vegetable plant represents these noble qualities? Why the corn stalk in full height possesses all these noble qualities. It is an emblem of Good Faith, it was in the past and is at the present. What fed and nourished the early settlers of America when starvation was on every hand? It was the corn given to them by the wild and restless Indians. Was it not a sign of good faith? Had they refused to nourish the invaders they would have perished miserably of starvation.

And to-day the corn stalk with its fruit is an emblem of charity; we, with our corn nourish over two-thirds of the world. If it were not for our immense markets the peasants and all of the poorest classes in Europe would live in the greatest want. Stretch your imagination as far as possible and you will be bewildered by the immense figures that lay before you, showing the bushels of corn and wheat that have been shipped to Europe to sustain the starving peasants. The only remuneration we thought necessary was the thanks of the starving people.

The corn stalk is an emblem of prosperity; it yields to the producer an hundred fold; our great exports of corn substantiate it and the gratitude of millions prove it. We want no frail and weak flower to represent us. Though France's lily is a flower that every nation desires, and we must praise them for their taste, still, while France remains the possessor of it we must abide in silent admiration. We wish a vegetable plant that is closely connected with us, and while our noble eagle is abroad battling for our homes our plant can fully fulfil the absence of our protector.

If we carefully consider and draw conclu-

sions from facts it will gradually dawn upon our minds that corn rightfully is the true emblem of our great United States.

The United States is the home of that great product. It was greatly cultivated by the original inhabitants of America, and as far as our cognitions lie and tradition renders its aid, corn is closely connected with the sufferings and privations of the early settlers of America, and it is more closely attached to the foundation and rise of the United States and to prosperity.

We repeat, that corn is closely connected with the discoverers and early settlers of America, and if we ourselves could have viewed the starved and wrinkled faces of our forefathers when they counted in their shivering palms the few grains of corn as if they were ingots of gold we ourselves would cry: "Corn is our emblem, it is closely allied to us!"

Corn also is an indestructable landmark of our industry. It has risen from a small and insignificant state and with the nation now holds indisputably the highest rank of our own products. We see that corn is closely attached to our own national history, it has followed us from the cradle to the summit which we now occupy among all nations.

The settlers of Cape Cod and Virginia all depended upon corn for subsistence, and corn with its golden color greeted our forefathers upon our native soil. Corn attracts the eye of even the most careless observer, and those who do not admire our most beautiful flowers will admit that corn is well worthy of our admiration and would fully fulfil all that is required to represent a great nation, and they will acknowledge that a country so profusely blessed must be a happy home of the fortunate possessors. In the known world of the fourteenth century, corn was an unknown article though the agriculturists cultivated a plant to which the name of corn was given, but when the corn (or maize) of the old countries is compared with our own it falls into utter insignificance. An extensive corn field is a view worthy an artist's brush and a picture that is equaled by none.

Corn is fitly compared with the adversity and prosperity of our nation, the tilling of the soil, the almost utter uselessness of the stalk supplants the word adversity, while the cob which bears fruit a hundredfold will represent our prosperity. Corn was the salvation of our little army of heroes under our great General Washington. Consult history! Do you remember when Washington's army was on the verge of total annihilation and he, with his own originality, cleared the surrounding fields of their abundant crop and with the sandy soil still clinging to the roots, placed them in such a manner as to deceive the British who thought Washington was surrounded by a formidable breast work and withdrew fearing to attack him?

When alone, watch your thoughts; in your family, your temper; in company, your tongue.

A FLORAL FLAG.

It Waved From the Lincoln Home at Springfield During the War.

During the absence of President Lincoln and family in Washington, the home at Springfield, Illinois, was occupied by Mrs. Lucien Tilden and Miss Katherine Tilden, and the following incident related by Mrs. Tilden was recently told the writer by a venerable friend of Mrs. Tilden's, who heard it from that lady herself:

It happened during the war," said Mrs. Tilden, "that my sister-in-law and myself rented the furnished home of President Lincoln at Springfield, Illinois, during the absence of the family in Washington. Before President Lincoln left he requested me to be sure and plant morning glories on the south side of the house for shade, and also told me I would find some seeds in a certain drawer in the house. We found quite a packet of seeds, planted them, and beyond seeing that they did not lack for water, gave them little thought. I am positive they were planted hit or miss. We did not even note when they were ready to blossom. One morning, however, I was awakened by what seemed to me to be a thousand voices cheering. It was a passing company of soldiers and it had stopped before the house and was cheering: 'Hurrah for the red, white and blue! Hurrah for the red, white and blue!' I paid little attention, for the boys frequently cheered on passing the President's home. Soon another passing company stopped and cheered and people along the street began to stop and join in the cheers. At last my curiosity was aroused and I went out to see what caused the excitement.

"I stopped in wonder and gave a little cheer too, for through some freak of nature, the morning glories had blossomed out in perfectly even stripes, red, white, blue, red, white, blue, just as if planted by design. There was an immense quantity of them and the effect was that of a big floral flag. Every soldier noted the red, white and blue, and it appearing on the President's home was taken as a happy omen. You can imagine how beautiful the flowers looked with their regular stripes of the national colors, first a row of red, then a row of white, then a row of blue. How the soldier boys cheered and shouted and sang, and the citizens joined in while those blessed morning glories waved their loyal colors in the sun like omens of victory. The cheering continued all day and the flowers stayed open until long after sunset as if to cheer the boys on their way.

"It was a sight I have never forgotten, nor have I ever seen the same arrangement of flowers since, which made it seem as if nature joined man in showing her loyalty.

Laura A. Smith.

There is many a wife hungering for an occasional word of approval who will be buried in a rosewood casket.

MEMORIAL DAY AND WOMEN SOLDIERS.

[We quote the following from Clara A. Mc. Diarmid, in the Woman's Tribune, and hope these facts will be remembered as facts, when woman's ability to back her patriotic words with deeds of arms is questioned; and this may not be the last time our women soldiers are honored.]

"Probably the first time in the history of Memorial services, the unknown women soldiers were remembered this year, on Saturday, May, 29. In arranging the day's programme, I remarked that 'It is time that something be said of the women who lie in unknown graves.' In consequence I was notified that I would be expected to say something at special services on flagstaff mound, where the unknown of the 10,000 soldiers are buried at National Cemetery. Concerning the suffrage histories for a few statistics, the following is a summary of what I said: The history of the war which has never been fully written is full of heroism in which woman is the central figure. Of the 328,000 Union soldiers who lie buried in the National cemeteries, hundreds whose graves are marked unknown, are women who were obliged to fight in disguise. A large number of recruits were discovered and compelled to leave the army, but many escaped detection and passed through the services, or their lifeless bodies were found on the battlefield. Hundreds of women marched steadily up to the mouth of a hundred cannon, pouring out fire and smoke, shot and shell, mowing down the advancing hosts like grass. Men, horses and colors going down in confusion, the only sound the screaming of shells, the crackling of musketry, the thunder of artillery; and through all this women were sustained by the enthusiasm born of love of country and liberty. Right up to guns, black throated and grim, right down on the hedges bordered with steel, bravely marched hundreds of women. Frances Cook, who served in the 8th Michigan during the war, a true patriot and gallant soldier, reports having discovered many women in the army, and assisted in burying three women whose sex was known only to herself.

It may be we stand by the grave of some of those who fell, impelled by the same patriotic motives which led their fathers, husbands and brothers into the contest, these brave women who were refused recognition as part of fighting forces of the country they loved so well, better than life itself, who were even denied the right of chaplaincy, but who gave their lives as proof of woman's love of freedom.

The great flagon the flagstaff, hung at half-mast, and the beautiful poem by Mrs. Helen Cook, 'The Flag at Half Mast,' kept running through my mind. I read the first verse as follows:

I sat and watched the flags to-day,
Some fluttering near, some far away;
I saw them shrink and cling, as if
They could not float for weight of grey.

And then the soothing April wind
Just touched their hem with touch so kind
They floated out and I could see
They were all hung half mast. Ah, me!
Some man is gone. Never, I said,
Were flags half mast for woman dead.

I wish now I had read it all for I may never have another opportunity. However, I am pleased to think that Arkansas has taken the lead in this matter, and I shall do my best to push the good work along. If I am mistaken in this, please enlighten me."

JACQUIN'S ECHOES.

[New York Dispatch.]

The finer the nature, the more flaws will it show through the clearness of it. The wild grass grows well and strongly one year with another; but the wheat is, by reason of its greater nobleness, liable to a bitter blight.

Habits of temperance, economy, truthfulness, honesty, generosity, once thoroughly engrafted upon the life of an individual, will accomplish for him what years of seeking and effort without them would fail to produce. They will open wide for him the gates of success, of honor, of respect, of affection through which so many seek in vain to enter. Working spontaneously and almost unconsciously as they will after constant and intelligent culture, they release the power that produced them for still higher efforts; they form a foundation on which to build without fear of overthrow, all the finest traits of excellence; they prepare the way for progressive virtue, and for the beauty of goodness which is so admirable.

A good deal has been said about carrying one's cross. Taking up one's cross silently means that you are to go the road which you see to be the straight one; carrying whatever you find is given you to carry, as well and stoutly as you can, without making faces or calling people to come and look at you. Above all, you are neither to load nor unload yourself, nor cut your cross to your own liking. Some people think it would be better for them to have it large, and many think that they could carry it much easier if it were small; and even those who like it largest are usually very particular about its being ornamental, and made of the best ebony. But all that you have really to do is to keep your back as straight as you can, and not think about what is upon it—above all, not to boast of what is upon it. This straightness of back will enable you to "carry your cares" with cheerfulness, happiness, and contentment.—The Mystic Worker.

Charity is one of the grand characteristics of Freemasonry. What we need is more practice of it and less boasting about it. Then we would not so often permit a single error of a brother to obliterate an after life of usefulness.

COMRADESHIP IN MARRIAGE.

[Harper's Bazar.]

Comradeship is the strongest test and proof of affection and sympathy between persons of the same or of different sex. The fevor and force of love may be measured by it. Lovers, as everybody knows, cannot, in the early stages of their passion, be together too much. It is very rare, however, that such excess of comradeship continues long after marriage. There are, of course, good and patent reasons for this, though the general fact remains. The degree of comradeship kept up between a man and his wife is evidence in the main of their mutual attachment and harmony. Their diversity comes later, when they are judged, and wisely judged, by comradeship, which is in most cases infallible. Naturally the love of maturity does not express itself like the love of adolescence, which can hardly be other than frothy and extravagant. Old married pairs—they are usually so designated after seven or eight years of partnership—love not less, but more. They have passed from mere emotionalism to earnest esteem, mutual understanding, substantial affection. Their lack of demonstration and effusiveness causes them to be misinterpreted. The strongest ties are least vibrant.

Outwardly calm couples of this kind—their feeling is deeper for their calmness—are generally comrades. They are not invariably seen together. They have no object in advertising themselves. The husband has his duties to discharge; the wife has hers. One never interferes with the other, unless for consultation concerning what is best for both. They are companions where circumstances and fitness favor—not for conventionality or for seeming's sake, but from inclination, from spontaneous choice. He prefers to be with her, as a rule, to being with anybody else when he is at leisure. But he is not everlastingly saying so, and contradicting his assertion by his acts. He enjoys things doubly with her, because they have similar tastes, views and beliefs. Not the same, however. If they were the same their society would resemble solitude, and their talk a monologue. He is conscious, too, that she has something that he has not, and this something he is ever eager to hear. They are fond of comparing notes, and their comparisons are interesting and valuable. Unlike as well as like, their intercourse is improving and stimulating, and they do not weary one another, as the most amiable and estimable pairs not infrequently do.

They do not go out a great deal, though quite enough to be sociable and keep abreast of the time. Evenings at home they do not regard as misspent or lost; for they read to one another—he mostly to her, while her hands are busy with household tasks. Of periodicals, current literature and solid books, old and new, there is always ample supply. And then such reading provokes comment

and pleasant discussion—each cherishing an individual opinion—that are never tedious and never fully finished. And when they do not read they talk. A really companionable couple, while they are intellectually one, and yet distinctly and intellectually two. These are so finely and reciprocally attuned that the hymn of their natures is never discordant, never monotonous. Veritable companions interminably give and receive, and the double process goes on, making the old new and the familiar fresh while the years roll round. Companionship in matrimony does not depend on constitution and fortune but on will and resolve, on self-control and disposition to be just. Marriage must be partially a failure where companionship is not, especially where hope of it has been relinquished. To hope for it, to strive for it, is to make it possible, if not probable, unless the human elements are opposed. Nothing can compensate for its absence. It is superior in effect to the common virtues. It is the diadem and throne of wedlock.

HONORING SUCCESS.

[New York Dispatch.]

The New York Observer exclaims: "The world honors success." For defeat it has no eulogium. But probably as many defeated as successful heroes have lived and struggled in history, and the question is not really whether this or that man won, but whether or not he deserved to win."

The world cries "allelujah!" hosannas" one moment, and "crucify him!" the next. But the greatest success ever attained on this terrestrial globe was heralded in the cry of "crucify him!" The very moment of His apparent defeat, in the hour of his apparent discomfiture, was the most glorious triumph the world ever saw, and the name of man's Saviour has been heralded throughout all the ages.

The defeat of the present may be the forerunner of a final victory. It is not as the multitude views success that real success exists. It is not always safe to follow the world's dictate, for the wicked may condemn a righteous cause, and while its condemnation may for a time retard the progress of right and justice, yet in the very nature of right and justice they will eventually appear glorious in triumph.

The heroes of the world are not always those upon whose banner victory is written. Thousands of the grandest heroes ever born slumber in unmarked graves. Brave men have fallen in the midst of life's struggle whose lives if known would put to blush many who are accorded fame. It is not alone upon the battle field, where a brave color-bearer falls, nobly carrying the standard of his country, that heroes are born. They are about us on every hand. We touch elbows with them in the great multitude. We hold friendly converse, as friend to friend, not knowing the heroic struggle they are carry-

ing on; it may be against poverty, or calumny, or disease, or false friends. It may be that the brave facing of slander and scandal, yet with "a conscience void of offense," they are fighting a battle fierce as Solferino and desperate as Sebastopol. But with a heroism born of a conscious right they go bravely on, and if they are defeated they are none the less heroes.

But success does make heroes, and defeat often changes a saint into a sinner, in the eyes of the world. Thus, had the armies of the American Revolution been unsuccessful, every leader from Washington down would have been rebels and suffered accordingly, and the cause of freedom would have suffered according to the world's verdict. "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," and in their martyrdom they laid the foundation for future success. The very defeat of those who shed their blood in a good cause is sure to appear at some time and reveal the true heroism of their lives.

True heroism is more a matter of spirit than of results. The statue of Nathan Hale in City Hall Park, is a silent but powerful exposition of true heroism, and it was his blood and the blood of hundreds like him, that was the seed of American independence, and while his was defeat, his spirit was heroic and future results proved his death to be one of the strange steps toward complete success.

Honor success, but do not condemn those, who per force of environment are unable to triumph over the great odds against them.

BE IN EARNEST.

[A. B. In The Signet.]

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. No Chapter is stronger than its weakest member, weakest in energy, in interest, in earnestness of purpose in fulfilling the duties of Chapter work. This being the case, all, then, my sister, my brother, depends on your individual efforts. A great responsibility is resting upon you. Are you accepting it, or are you shirking? Are you present at all meetings of your Chapter when it is possible to attend? When there, do you take an active part in the work? If not, then you are a weak link in the golden chain, and should awaken to the fact that you will have much to answer for, should the Chapter fail in anything for which it was established. If you want to be entertained at the meetings, be entertaining yourself and your object will be accomplished. A young gentleman of our acquaintance on being asked if he had a good time at a picnic, replied "Of course, that's what I went for." That is the secret of pleasant, profitable Chapter meetings. Go with that intention, and you will not only attain your object, but by your zeal and earnestness provide entertainment and profit for others.

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired, and they are earnestly requested to renew.

We have no means of knowing that a subscriber desires the paper discontinued unless notice is sent to that effect and it is continued.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory will meet at 9 A. M., August 19—the second Tuesday—at Perry, Oklahoma. May the meeting be pleasant and profitable.

It was our intention to have presented our readers with a picture of the officers of Evangeline Chapter, Brooklyn, New York, in this issue; but owing to the fact that the picture did not arrive in time, we will have to reserve that pleasure until another month.

A subscriber says. "I am pleased with the paper, find it helpful and interesting, and it should be in the home of every member of our Chapter." So think we, and sisters, why not put it there? Let your wishes for its success materialize into dollars, that we may be convinced that you are in earnest.

By the dainty notice which lies before us, we see that Mrs. Ella J. Gates and Prof. David M. Metzger were married July first, and will reside in La Fayette, Oregon, after July nine-

teenth. The wedding trip was taken in California. Sister Gates-Metzger is our accredited agent in Oregon, we feel that we have a personal interest in this new step she has taken, and our best wishes are for her.

One of the greatest compliments that can be paid to a Chapter is that "Strangers are made welcome. Not infrequently after an introduction to some of the members they are allowed to entertain themselves for the rest of the evening, and they cannot go away from the Chapter with very pleasant thoughts of its hospitality. The thought is that it is the duty of the officers to extend the hospitality of the Chapter, and while this is true, it is also the duty of the members. If, perchance, you have not been introduced, give the welcome just the same. The impression should be with all who are "strangers within the gates," that it is for them as well as for those whose names are enrolled upon the Chapter list—a home gathering. Let them bear away with them the remembrance of a pleasant evening and a generous welcome.

McClure's Magazine for August will be a midsummer fiction number, with stories by the greatest living writers in that kind. But it will not ignore graver interests. Mr. H. J. W. Dam will describe the daily life and work in the greatest dynamite factory in the world; Anthony Hope, the author of "The Prisoner of Zenda" will give his impression of C. D. Gibson, the American artist who, in his drawings, has lately shown the people of London what they are like; Madam Blanc, of the staff of the "Revue des Deux Mondes," will describe the Paris gamin as she has herself seen him in his native haunts; and Hamlin Garland, drawing upon unpublished original documents and testimony, will tell the story of the first meeting of Lincoln and Grant—a meeting as picturesque and dramatic as it was important.

The Kansas Freemason for June says:

THE EASTERN STAR, published at Indianapolis, Indiana, with its June number, enters upon the tenth mile of its journalistic journey. Sisters Ransford and Metcalf have demonstrated the fact that women can successfully travel "the road that leads to fame" in fraternal journalism, for their paper is full of bright sayings and well written articles. It is learned from the announcement that the compositors are all women. To one who commenced his apprenticeship by sweeping out the composing room, picking up broken type and presiding as Grand Master of the hades receptacle, it seems that they ought to at least have a man about the office who could deliver an appropriate address upon the occasion of dropping a handful of type or upsetting a galley of live matter.

Bless your heart, brother, we never upset our galleys or drop handfuls of type, so no "addresses" are needed; but we could make a man very useful at times—for instance when a 15,000 run is to be "kicked off the press!"

With some people it seems to be an established fact that the publisher of a fraternal paper is an object of charity. That the subscription paid is not for value received but it is a gift to the individual. While the number who deal in such opinions are comparatively few they always make their presence felt. After an encounter with a benefactor of this kind one feels compelled to take an account of stock as to one's individual make-up and see whether or not he can gather himself together. Whether or not he has the right to accept this almighty \$ from this generous individual. After indulging in the thought that one is engaged in an honorable business and one which should command the respect of one's co-workers, what a disclosure it is to "see yourself as others see you" and for a few minutes one wants to swap places with "the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker," or most of all the vender of cosmetics, for then one could be counted the benefactor.

The Masonic Constellation for June has the following:

THE EASTERN STAR, for May, is adorned by an engraving of the officers of Queen Esther Chapter of Indianapolis, and notwithstanding they are all Hoosiers, with the exception of those horrid men, all are exceedingly handsome; in fact we doubt if an equal number of beautiful and lovely faces could be congregated elsewhere than in a Chapter of the Order. Next time Sisters Ransford and Metcalf, give a group, for goodness sake eliminate the faces of men who will accept an office in a Chapter; don't mar the beauty by allowing the lucky boy of the Matron, commonly called the Worthy Patron, to be included.

We would say that "those horrid men" are also "Hoosiers," though the implication is that they are not, and are counted among the handsome ones. We believe in men for some offices and are glad we have those who can be depended on. We judge Brother Rickart is better pleased with the group in the July issue, but we cannot claim to have given it in response to his earnest plea.

One of the most unpleasant habits that is contracted by Chapter members is whispering during the Chapter meeting. This is especially so during the ceremony of initiation, not only to the candidate but the officers who are doing the work. We are taught that "first impressions should be for good," and certainly a candidate cannot be very deeply impressed with the solemnity of the work when she sees members so little interested as to engage in whispering and laughing. And this—during the obligation—at the time when above all others our hearts should beat responsive to the promises made, that not only those who are assuming the solemn obligation, but those who listen may be strengthened for the work we have to do. It is very embarrassing to officers who are earnestly trying to render the work effectively to see levity indulged in by the mem-

bers, and it is not to be wondered at if they lose confidence. Were it always new members who did this it might be less noticeable, but it is often those who have themselves served, sometimes even those who have held the gavel and been honored with the highest office within the gift of the members. This comes, not from lack of interest in, and love for the work, but largely from thoughtlessness—which, however, is not entirely excusable, for the good impressions are not dependent upon the officers. Every member is responsible for her or his part toward the furtherance of Chapter work in the direction that we desire it should go, and the member who can think lightly of any part of the ceremony or wilfully mar its impressiveness, at least fails to exemplify the lessons taught. Too much cannot be said upon this point nor can it be too often repeated, for the practice is harmful and has no commendable features.

IS IT GRACIOUS.

Is it gracious—it certainly is not sisterly—when some one comes to your door to solicit your patronage, it matters not in what line, to treat them as though they were not entitled to ordinary courtesy. You little know what circumstances have made this method of earning one's bread necessary, but take it for granted that were a pleasanter one possible this would gladly be resigned. True, you are often interrupted by a call of this kind and soliciting your patronage for things you do not need, and when duties are needing your attention, it is a test of patience—but what of that other life? Think what it means to meet rebuff after rebuff and still be compelled to go on. Methinks I hear you say: "Oh, they get used to it." Not so, my sister, to some things in this world we never can grow used.

A kind word and a smile cost nothing, and though you may neither need nor be able to purchase what they have for sale, an investment of this kind is always possible. Try it.

LETTER FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—In response to a special invitation, I visited Angola Chapter, July seventh. It was very warm when I left home, but I found a band of enthusiastic workers assembled in a pleasant hall, and soon forgot myself and my discomfort in listening to the very pleasing and impressive manner in which their work was rendered. Three candidates were initiated, and the Floral Work given with its beautiful marches. After the Chapter closed, light refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed. Visitors from Butler and Waterloo were present, two from the former and one from the latter place. I find this Chapter in a very harmonious condition and believe it has a promising future before it.

I was most delightfully entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Brown, who left

nothing undone that could add to my comfort. I hope you are well, I know you are very busy.

Yours with love,
MAMIE CONRAD.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

He is not the best general who makes the fewest false steps. He is the best who wins the most splendid victories by the retrieval of mistakes.

Two things well considered would prevent many quarrels; first, to have it ascertained whether we are not disputing about terms rather than things; and secondly, to examine whether that on which we differ is worth contending about.

Lucy Bostwick in the St. Nicholas gives us "Up-to-date Fireflies."

"What are the mystic sparks that steal
Through hedges and lanes on summer nights?
Why the elves and brownies are all awheel,
And these are their fairy 'cyele lights!"

Willie Smith was playing with the Jones boys. His mother called him and said, "Willie, don't you know those Jones boys are bad boys for you to play with?"

"Yes, mamma," replied Willie, "I know that, but don't you know I am a good boy for them to play with?"

Longfellow once said to Mary Anderson: "See some good picture—in nature if possible, or on canvas—hear a page of the best music or read a great poem daily. You will always find a free half hour for one or the other and at the end of the year your mind will shine with such an accumulation of jewels as will astonish even yourself."

The Churchman gives good advice in telling us to do our whole duty—do it well. Let the result alone. The best that any of us can do is a fragment. Our duty is to do our part well. We are responsible for that alone. The things we cannot do, some other one is waiting and preparing to do after the work has passed through our hands.

Senator Chandler says that in these three sentences is bound up pretty nearly all the philosophy a man needs in life:

"Fulfill existing promises before making new promises."

"Pay your own debts before borrowing money to lend to others to enable them to pay their debts."

"Bear your own burdens first; after that try to help carry those of other people."

The Mazarin or Giretenburg Bible was in the collection of Lord Ashburnham, whose library was sold last month. This book, which is in two volumes, is the first printed edition of the Bible and the first book printed

from movable metal type. Printed by Giretenburg and Fust in 1450-55, it is probably the most splendidly decorated copy of the few that are known. It is on vellum and is in contemporary pigskin binding with decorated metal clasps. In 1825 it sold for \$2,520. Lord Ashburnham paid \$17,000 for it. At the recent sale its price was \$19,840.

We sometimes enjoy reading a book in which some one's pencil has recorded the good things of the various pages. In reading "The Sowers" recently, a book of merriment, the following epigrammatic remarks seemed worthy a second penciling:

"They wanted to see the fruits of their labors in one generation. Education does not grow like that. It requires a couple of generations to germinate. It has to be measured by the brains of fools before it is of any use."

"Every one, in fact, was there. All those who have had greatness thrust upon them, and the others, those who thrust themselves upon the great—those, in a word, who reach such as are above them by doing that which should be beneath them."

"In Russia the women have not yet begun to seek their rights and lose their privileges."

"Some women go through life regretting that there is only one evening to each day."

In replying to the query, "Does not luck sometimes play a goodly part in a man's success?" Edward W. Bok, in the January Ladies' Home Journal, writes:

"Never." Henry Ward Beecher answered this question once for all when he said. "No man prospers in this world by luck, unless it be maintaining honor and integrity."

What so often seems, to many young men, on the surface, as being luck in a man's career, is nothing more than hard work done at some special time. The idea that luck is a factor in a man's success has ruined thousands; it has never helped a single person.

A fortunate chance comes to a young man just at the right moment. And that some people call luck. But that chance was given him because he had at some time demonstrated the fact that he was the right man for the chance. That is the only luck there is. Work hard, demonstrate your ability, and show to others that if an opportunity comes within your grasp you are able to use it.

Thirty-first National Encampment G. A. R., Buffalo, N. Y., August, Big Four Route. The "Big Four Route" is well known to the "Boys in Blue" and is their favorite route to all National Encampments. The very low rate of one cent per mile each way will be in effect on all parts of its system and the superior through train service to Buffalo from Peoria, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Columbus and intermediate points via Cleveland, or via Toledo and Detroit, has placed the "Big Four" in the lead. Full information will be cheerfully given by any agent upon application.

GLEANINGS.

IOWA.

Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, celebrated St. John's Day by receiving three new members, one by affiliation and two by initiation. After work the W. M., in behalf of the Chapter, presented to Miss Emma Potter, retiring Sec., a handsome P. M's. badge. Sister Potter has been a member of Harmony Chapter for many years, serving it faithfully both as M. and Sec. She is about to remove with her mother and sister to Portland, Ore., and the members took this opportunity of testifying their esteem and good wishes. We trust that in her new home Miss Potter and her family will meet with as good and true O. E. S. friends as they leave in their old home.

M. J.

ILLINOIS.

Sister Mate L. Chester, Chicago, held a school of instruction at Saunemin, June 7 and 8.

Bro. W. B. Grimes recently instituted a Chapter at Payson with twenty names on the charter.

June 19, Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, tendered a reception to their Grand Matron, which was much enjoyed.

A new Chapter was instituted at Ohio, June 4. Sister Calla Moyall is W. M. and Bro. P. P. Michael, Sec.

Ruth Chapter, Princeton, gave a lawn social, July 10, for the benefit of the Eastern Star Home and realized about ten dollars.

Bloomington Chapter has lost one member by death, and a Chapter of Sorrow was held June 29. Dr. John L. White gave the principal address, which was excellent. A charming picnic was held at Miller Park, July 13 a bountiful supper being served at 6:30, and the evening devoted to boating and social pastime.

On July 7, the Masonic and Eastern Star Home for indigent and dependent Masons, and their wives and daughters, was dedicated at Macon with imposing ceremonies. Owen Scott, G. M. of the G. L. of Ill., delivered the dedicatory address; Geo. Howison, Pres. of the Home State Board, presented the Home to the G. C. of Ill. It is a brick structure, easy of access from all parts of the State and is surrounded by the finest agricultural lands. Mrs. Mary A. Bradley, of Decatur, is the present superintendent.

June 16, a conclave and banquet was given at Sparland for the benefit of the Eastern Star Home, under the auspices of Sparland Lodge. Electa Chapter, Peoria, was invited to exemplify the Floral Addenda, which was done to the delight of all. The banquet was prepared by the ladies of the M. E. Church. The tables were lovely and the supply lavish. The town hall had been put in "company dress" and welcome beamed from every face. The program was: Welcoming Address, by

E. D. Richmond, Lacon; Solo, Mrs. Emma M. Green, Peoria; Floral Work; Address on "Masonry," Hon. Owen Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Bloomington; Essay—"Ideal Manhood and Womanhood," Mrs. Lee, Henry; Solo, "Who'll buy my roses," Mrs. Wickwire; and a recitation, "The Grecian Bride," by Miss Jennie Watkins, "our queen of elocutionists."

INDIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter has met regularly and the meetings have been well attended. At the last stated meeting two candidates were initiated and one petitioner elected to membership.

Queen Esther Auxiliary holds regular meetings but the intense heat of the last few weeks has somewhat affected the attendance.

Washington Chapter, U. D., spread a banquet for the Blue Lodge, June 4, which was quite a financial help, as after paying everything we owe, we have about \$40 on hand. We have just paid for a beautiful set of jewels of which we are very proud.

D. N.

The Grand Patron granted a dispensation for a Chapter at New Burlington and appointed as his Special Deputy to organize the Chapter, Bro. W. H. Glascock, A. G. P.

Faith Chapter, Clark's Hill, had an entertainment July 3, at which they cleared over \$20.00. The farce, "The New Woman" was the principal feature, and was evidently enjoyed by the large audience present. Sister Mellie Zion was the Irish Senator from New York and made a most excellent one; in fact, each character was well taken.

H.

May 24 South Bend Chapter served a banquet for St. Joseph Lodge and cleared \$25.00. They have good meetings in spite of the heat and the interest does not flag. Memorial Day they decorated the graves of deceased members but have not been called to hold a Chapter of Sorrow this year. June 24 they balloted on one petition for affiliation.

Sheridan Chapter, U. D., Sheridan, was organized June 23 by Wm. H. Smythe, P. G. P. as Special Deputy, assisted by Sisters Lizzie Smythe, A. G. M.; Olive E. McGrew, P. G. M.; Emily I. Schley, P. M. of Naomi Chapter, and Lida E. Myers, Con., of Naomi Chapter, Indianapolis, and Sisters Mollie Baldwin, Etta Houk, Howe, Kenyon, Lindly, and Bro. Lindly and others, of Westfield Chapter. The petition had 29 signers, all of whom were initiated.

Evelo Chapter, Prairie Creek, holds its meetings regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Since G. C. meeting they have initiated nine candidates and have work ahead; have entertained Terre Haute, Prairieton and Farmersburg Chapters and one visitor from Indianapolis, with the rendition of the work and banquets. June 26 they gave an ice cream social which was quite enjoyable. They are now rehearsing the Floral Work and Marches for future use. This Chapter is not yet three years old but is prospering finely; they are still ready to accept

advice and instruction in their work, however, as they desire to know and do the best things.

L. T.

Clinton Chapter, Frankfort, entertained ten members of Colfax Chapter, June 24. There was a good attendance, and after business the Floral Work was given for the pleasure of the visitors. The hall was beautifully decorated with roses, ferns and plants of various kinds. Refreshments were served and all went home feeling that it was good to be there. One of Clinton's early members and first Secretaries was again with us, from her far-off home in Minnesota, and later she wrote, "I can not tell you how much good the visit did me." Our very efficient Secretary, Mrs. Gaskill, has been obliged to resign on account of ill-health, otherwise the Chapter is prospering finely.

Quite a number of Queen Esther's members are out of the city. Bro. McBride, P. P., is abroad but is expected home early in August. Sisters Blodgett and Metcalf, P. Ms. are spending the summer in Canada. Sister and Bro. Moulton, P. M. and P. P. are visiting in Waukegan, Ill. Sister Barrows and Bro. Barrows, P. P. have gone to Seattle, Wash., for a two months stay. Sister and Bro. Bacon are at the seashore. Sister and Bro. Cochran have gone north in search of health and rest. Sister Mary Ingersoll has gone abroad for a several months stay. Sister Sharpe, P. M. is spending a few weeks in Illinois and Sister Ten Eyke is in Ohio. Sister Carter is at Maxinkuckee, and just north of the City is an Eastern Star Camp where may be found Sister Holderman, W. M. and family. Sister Weaver, Con., Bro. Weaver and the children, Sisters Carrie and Bertha and Bro. Hornsby, and in the immediate vicinity is Sister Mitten. The stay-at-homes are enjoying themselves as best they can.

I was appointed Special Deputy by C. B. Stemen, G. P., to constitute Clarksburg Chapter, No. 208, Clarksburg, which I did May 21. W. J. Crisler acting as Mars. The following is the list of officers: Florrie Spencer, W. M.; H. C. Doles, W. P.; Carrie Emmert, A. M.; Sylvia Emmert, Sec.; Lena Doles; Treas.; Eva Cartmel, Con.; Emma Senour, A. C.; Fronia Cain, Chap.; John Spencer, Mar.; Lillie Moore, Adah; Maud Hite, Ruth; Florence Hite, Esther; Alta Rominger, Martha; Cornelia Rominger, Electa; Lillie Russell, War.; Marshal Candy, Sent.; Sylvia Emmert, Org. The installation was public; excellent music was furnished by the Misses Smith, Hite, and Cartmel. Short speeches were made by the W. P. and a number of the visitors. After a short intermission the Chapter was called to order, it being their regular meeting, three candidates were initiated and two elected. After the Chapter closed delicious cream and cake were served, and it was next morning ere the last goodbyes were said. No mistake was made in instituting this Chapter; it bids fair to rank among the first. I was glad to

note the absence of the Ritual throughout the entire work. It was instituted in February.

ELIZA J. CRISLER.

KANSAS.

June 5, Laurel Chapter was constituted at Ellinwood. The members of Una Chapter, Hoisington, were present and exemplified the work.

Star of Hope Chapter, Greensburg, was also constituted June 11. The installation and banquet were made public for Masons and their families and all seemed much interested.

The Grand Matron was entertained by Mt. Olivet Chapter, Mt. Hope, May 28. One candidate was initiated. Visitors from Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, were present. Delicious refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

Upon her return from G. C., Sister Della Bennett, the newly elected G. M., received a "welcome home," from her home Chapter—Acacia, of Hutchinson. Dr. J. S. May gave the welcoming address. A banquet was spread, toasts followed and the social features of the reception predominated.

June 22, Mrs. Belle DePrey, W. M., of Acacia Chapter constituted Anthony Chapter. She was assisted by Sister Ellen A. Kenner, P. G. M., Sister Lizzie Page, Grand Martha, El Dorado, and Sisters Anderson and Bristow, of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita.

Hoyt Chapter, though young, is growing slowly and steadily, the officers are becoming familiar with the work and hope soon to reach a point where they can say: "We are a success." The members gave Sister Pettyjohn, their W. M., a perfect surprise July 18, "coming with smiling faces and happy hearts to spend a few hours socially." Such unlooked for greetings bring us more in sympathy with each other.

The following Chapters have observed "Home Day" for the benefit of the Masonic Home at Wichita; Acacia Chapter, Hutchinson, held a social June 16, as the 24th was their regular meeting night and the hall was in use on all other nights in the month. Vashti Chapter, Stafford, gave an ice cream social June 24. Osborne Chapter held a "buttonhole bouquet" social as their contribution. Of course all were well attended and successful.

MISSOURI.

The July number of THE EASTERN STAR was full of interest. The frontispiece I am sure Bro. Rickart, of the Missouri Constellation, will be satisfied with. Intelligence and beauty in the faces, and robes that would do credit to ancient Greece. Athens Chapter can well receive congratulations. The letter of our G. M., Rosa L. Harris, telling of the District Conventions which were concluded in St. Louis, June 14, interested all who read it. Sister Snedden, P. M. W. G. M., gave an ac-

count, full and correct, in her letter. The day was all we could desire for our steamboat excursion, June 12, and "the Father of Waters" had subsided into its usual channel. The Masonic Homechildren enjoyed this outing. The letter from our M. W. G. M., Sister Partridge, shows the wisdom of electing a Grand Matron from the far west. Vermont and New York are considering the advisability of uniting with the G. G. C. Anchor Chapter held its first anniversary in the hall destroyed by the never-to-be forgotten cyclone. The hall looked beautifully new. A musical and literary program delighted those invited. In a large banquet hall were arranged five tables with seats for sixty guests at each table. In the center stood a banquet lamp with shade of appropriate color, as were dishes and napkins. Young sisters robed in white wearing streamers of her table color, made a sight well worth remembering. To Sister Hattie Waterhouse, W. M., is credited the success of this anniversary. Crown Chapter, Westfield, New York, was honored by her presence in her recent visit to the home of her childhood. May 31 Sister Baldwin, P. W. M. of Venus Chapter, entertained about forty, selected from all the Chapters, at her home. Our G. M.'s official visit to St. Louis was made brighter by the social invitations extended. Drives through our parks and beautiful country were much enjoyed by our respected sister.

HARRIET P. REBER,
Grand Treasurer.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, had a very successful year. In the last few months it added to its list 15 new members. Owing to the extreme heat and many of its members leaving the city during the hot weather, the Chapter is closed until September, when the officers will appear in new robes, new jewels, raise station banners and spread a new floor carpet painted in colors with emblems between points. Alpha is the oldest Chapter in the State. It is almost 20 years since its organization and for a long time it was the only Chapter in Maryland. A few years ago it instituted a Chapter in Washington, thereby laying the foundation of the Order of the Eastern Star in the District of Columbia; also soon thereafter it instituted the first Chapter in Philadelphia. Both these jurisdictions have already organized Grand Chapters. In the State of Maryland we have at the present time nine Chapters, all thriving, and with prospects of doubling this number within the next year. Upon motion of Dr. A. B. Lyman the following was unanimously adopted: "That this Chapter recommends the forming of Grand Chapter in Maryland and approves of the initiatory movement taken by the eligible officers and past officers of Alpha Chapter, No. 1, looking towards forming a Grand Chapter in this State." At the meeting of Alpha July 13, the following was received and ordered to be spread on the minutes:

ROSEBURG, OREGON, June 25, 1897.

To the Officers and Members of Alpha Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., Baltimore, Maryland, Greeting:

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for the State of Oregon, in Annual Session assembled, this 16th day of June, 1897, recognizes the fraternal courtesy, sympathy and friendship extended by members of your Chapter to our beloved and esteemed sister, Julia, Abraham, Past Grand Matron, during her recent illness, while sojourning in your city: therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we offer you our sincere and heartfelt thanks, individually and collectively, for so materially contributing to the amelioration of the long and lonely hours of our dear sister while in your midst; that we wish you Godspeed in your noble work of humanity, charity and loving-kindness.

RESOLVED, That to Sister Anna D. Stoffel, your Worthy Matron, we especially feel grateful, for her untiring efforts to prove to our own sister that the fraternity of the Eastern Star is akin to the love of our Heavenly Father.

Adopted June 16, by unanimous rising vote.

MADELINE B. CONKLING,
Worthy Grand Matron.

SEAL.

CHAS. B. POLING,
Worthy Grand Patron.

Attest:

JESSIE L. CAVANA,
Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Urania Chapter, Mapleton, with its 50 members, is one of the most enthusiastic in the State. It has gathered up nearly all the eligible material and the members vie with each other as to who can be most pleasant and beneficial in Chapter. Your correspondent lay here ill for several days and desires to say that he received the kindest treatment from Lodge and Chapter.

W. O. S.

Naomi Chapter, Sauk Centre, conferred the degrees upon four candidates July 6, in a most creditable manner. Appropriate music at the altar and each point of the Star added greatly to the interest and beauty of the work. The W. M. had planned a new march for the entrance of the officers in the opening ceremonies; and after the candidates had been received and signed the By-Laws, the A. C. escorted the A. M. to the east, where the W. M. fell in step with her and they led the officers in several pretty figures, then out to the ante-rooms to lay aside their robes, while the W. P. introduced the new members who were heartily welcomed. This initiation might be termed a pansy one. Sister Howard presented a great quantity of these lovely blossoms to the W. M. and all the members had a bouquet of them, and at each point of the Star the candidates as they were about to pass to the next point of the Star were given a small bouquet of pansies of the color appropriate to that point and when through the labyrinth, they carried the five emblematic colors. After Chapter closed, all were invited to the banquet room and served with ice cream and cake. The new members expressed themselves much pleased with the work and only regretted they had not entered long ago.

I. W. L.

It takes more than heat or cold to affect the enthusiasm of the Eastern Star in Minneapolis, as was proven at a late meeting of Minnehaha Chapter. It was one of the hottest evenings we have known and their hall is not one of the coolest in the city by any means—yet when the opening hour arrived, the room was well filled with earnest members. Adah, Ruth and Electa were absent on their vacation, but fortunately an Adah, Ruth and Electa, from sister Chapters, were present and filled those stations greatly to the enjoyment and satisfaction of all present. Great praise was given the officers for their beautiful manner of exemplifying the work. Among the guests were Brother Phillips, G. P. of S. Dakota, and his wife, who is W. M. of Jasper Chapter, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Flora A. Pattee, G. M., besides twenty-five members representing nine different Chapters, and two P. G. Ms., of Minnesota. Ida M. Samuel, W. M., has not forgotten that she pledged herself to "set an example of good order and punctuality," and to her leadership and untiring efforts this Chapter is greatly indebted for its present unparelled prosperity.

J.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The W. M., W. P., and many members of Golden Chapter Westfield, have gone to mountain and seashore in search of health and recreation; the doors of the Chapter-room are closed until the first Friday in Sept., at which time we hope to be permitted to assemble again and with renewed strength to take up the active work of the Chapter. Since the destruction, by fire, of Masonic Hall, Mar. '96, by which Golden Chapter lost all its property, the members have been busily working to repair the loss. Many good members have been added and our progress has not been in the least retarded. We have held one very successful sale, which added a goodly sum to our treasury. And when with the Masonic brotherhood, we moved into our new home we were fully equipped for work, having bought a piano and entire new paraphernalia, with the exception of Bible for altar, and Signet, which were presented by members. The Bible which we lost by fire, was presented to the Chapter by Sarah E. Walkley, P. M., who desired to replace it by another. Mar. 5, was the date of our first meeting in our present home, Sister Carson, at that time G. M., in behalf of Sister Walkley, presented to the Chapter a beautiful Bible. Sister Carson's words were eloquent and impressive and the response from our W. M., Sister Broga, was in words which touched the hearts of all. Sister Walkley has also presented a Bible to Mt. Moriah Lodge in memory of her husband, the late Col. L. B. Walkley, who was P. M. of Mt. Moriah Lodge. At this meeting three candidates were instructed in our mysteries, the work being performed in such a manner as to cause our hearts to throb with a desire to more fully illustrate in our lives the virtues of the

heroines, whose lessons were so impressively taught. As this was our "house-warming," we lingered to partake of a dainty lunch and to exchange congratulations that our troubles had ended so happily. Many plans for the future were discussed in which all were interested. When the good-nights were said, and we had gone our several ways, I, musing, thought, verily "Calamity is man's true touchstone," for some who had seemed indifferent to every thing but the pleasures of membership, have developed a wonderful faculty for work, thus giving the Chapter an impetus which it might never have received had no trouble arisen. At our first meeting in May all the P. Ms.—except two who had them already—were presented with very beautiful P. M.'s jewels. Those who received them were Sisters Effie M. Carson, Lizzie M. Dewey, Angie E. Cooley, Kate B. Towle, Mellie E. Conner, Agnes C. Broga. Sister Walkley presented them for the Chapter and Sister Broga responded for the P. Ms. Pleased as we are with our prosperity, we are still happier to know that unity and peace dwell among us. While this is so, nothing can harm us. With the Order everywhere, "So may it ever be."

P.

One petition was received by Roxbury Chapter, U. D., Roxbury, July 2. This Chapter held the first meeting in their new and commodious rooms, Webster Building, Warren St., Thursday evening, July 15, and after transacting the routine business, the evening was spent socially, in recognition of the opening of their new home. There were piano solos by Miss Jepson and Mr. Johnson; Bro. Godfrey Jepson sang "I've Only Been Down to the Shrine" and several plantation songs and recited "The Poor Blind Boy," thus enlivening the company, while those who desired played whist. Refreshments were served.

But while trying to make a pleasant evening for their guests, an air of sadness fell over all, for we missed from the number one of the most interested members, Bro. John B. Lord, who was present at the meeting, July 2 and looking forward with the brightest, anticipations for the festivities of that evening, but who was suddenly stricken down by the heat, and was buried from his late residence, Cedar St., July 13, the full Knights Templar service being performed at the grave at Forest Hills. He was one of the original petitioners for the Chapter, and took a deep interest in its welfare. This sudden blow falls very heavily upon his invalid wife, who has been confined to her home for many months by a severe accident.

A very pleasant meeting of Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, was held June 28. A large amount of routine business was transacted, and a social hour enjoyed, in which six chapters were the participants.

Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, gave a very pleasing entertainment, June 17, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

Wenona Chapter, U. D. Dorchester, elected and initiated one candidate, June 26, and transacted a large amount of routine business. The W. M. has appointed a "Social Committee," the members of which seem especially fitted for the duties assigned them, and make it very pleasant indeed for those who attend the meetings.

After the business of the evening, July 10, Mrs. A. M. Lennan, a member of this Chapter, recited "Uncle Peter and the Trolley Car," in such a pleasing manner that she was obliged to respond to the encore, when she gave Eugene Field's "Good Bye and God Bless You," showing herself equally at home in pathos and comedy. Later, whist was enjoyed and refreshments served.

The ladies of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, entertained the gentlemen in a very pleasing manner, June 21, winning high encomiums for their gallantry. The music for the occasion was by the Lewis Orchestra. There were recitations by Mrs. F. Gill and Mr. S. M. Hyams; violin solos by Miss A. Lewis; banjo by Miss L. Horner, and cornet by Master Lewis and Mr. J. Mahan. At the close of the entertainment supper was served. Frank A. Noyes, G. P. and wife, and Mary E. Fitch, D. G. M., and husband were the especial guests outside the brothers of the Chapter.

In accordance with their usual custom, Mystic Chapter, East Boston, closed their meetings for the summer by holding a strawberry festival, June 21. The W. M. appointed a committee of thirty ladies, each one of whom furnished a table seating four persons, using her own silver, linen and china, and thus the dining room presented an unusually pleasing and unique appearance, as quite a rivalry is manifested for presenting the daintiest table. A large number were present, nearly every Chapter in the vicinity being represented. After refreshments had been served, the game of Authors was indulged in, from which Mrs. F. W. Kent took the first prize for ladies—a silver button hook; Mrs. F. M. Patten, the second—a paper cutter; Mr. F. M. Amazeen took the first gents' prize—a silver shoe horn; Mr. J. W. Decker, the second—a silver bag tag. The prizes were all of sterling silver.

During the meeting of the Chapter, four candidates were initiated.

June 22, was Keystone Chapter's day for entertaining the children. Contrary to the usual fortune of this Chapter on special occasions, the day was one of the loveliest of the season, and the children were correspondingly happy. About forty children were present; the youngest of whom was Miss Alice May Blossom, daughter of Wm. A. Blossom, P. G. P., who was ten months and one week old. She was adorned with the colors of the Order, but with a deep sigh, her papa counted up those long seventeen years and eight weeks before she could become a full-fledged member. Bonbons were presented, and at six o'clock the little ones formed in

line and marched to the banquet hall, where supper was served, after which the older ones were entertained in the banquet hall. In the evening, the banquet hall was given up to the children, while the regular meeting of the Chapter was held in the Chapter-room, during which three candidates were initiated. After the routine business of the evening, the good-byes were said, and the Chapter-room doors closed for the season.

The closing meeting of the season for Crystal Chapter, Malden, held June 30, was a very interesting one. So many of the Chapters had closed their doors for the summer, that this seemed among the last chances for enjoying the work of the Order, until the autumn days should summon all to labor again, and a large number of visitors, representing nearly all of the Chapters in the vicinity were present. One petition was received, five candidates were elected, and three initiated. Arrangements were decided upon for a picnic to be given sometime during the summer vacation. Refreshments were served.

The initial picnic of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, proved a very successful one. Although there happened to be several counter-attractions on that day, thirty-two of the members and their friends met at Pine Banks Park, June 19, and spent a very enjoyable day. It was a basket picnic—and was ever food so delicious as that eaten from each other's baskets at a picnic? Games of various kinds were indulged in. It was fully decided that the annual picnic was a fixed feature on the program of Melrose Chapter.

A large number of visitors were present at the closing meeting, for the season, of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, June 23, among the number being Frank A. Noyes, G. P. and wife. Seven chapters were represented. Refreshments were served.

Vesta Chapter mourns the loss of one of the earliest members, Mrs. Hattie E. La Pointe, who was buried from her late residence, 40 Rutland Sq., Boston, June 28. She was a frail little body, and although ill-health kept her from the Chapter-room nearly always, she was among the most faithful to the interests of the Chapter, and lost no opportunity to promote a high standing for, and the well-being of, our Order.

Firm and decisive in her convictions of right and duty, her gentle, tender and sympathetic nature, her long and patient endurance of suffering, spoke from her quiet sick room the lessons we are wont to learn, in tones never to be forgotten.

It had been her most cherished desire to be buried with the beautiful rites of our Order, but unavoidable circumstances ruled otherwise, it seeming best that the burial should be private; and in the quiet of her own room, Rev. Charles Prescott, who for many years had been a favorite of hers, read the Episcopal service, and she was quietly laid to rest at Woodlawn. The floral tributes

from her many friends and those of her husband, were abundant and elaborate.

Although seldom with us, she will be sadly missed from our number.

R. E. L.

NEW YORK.

Excelsior Chapter, Troy, had a pleasant meeting, June 23. The Deputy of the 4th Dist. was reported in waiting, at the close of the opening exercises, and when she entered, all were surprised to see their own W. M. Mrs. Martha R. Greywack upon whom this honor had been conferred. She was received amid a bower of roses and ferns. The address of welcome was by Mrs. Laura Gibson, A. M., and the address of congratulation by Mrs. James Denning, who, in behalf of the five points, presented their honored sister a beautiful basket of flowers.

The Trustees of the Hall and Asylum Fund has placed the following tablet in a conspicuous place in the Home, at Utica: "Erected as a tribute to the ladies whose zealous work in behalf of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund, materially aided the erection of this building."

June 26, Laurel Chapter, New York City and members of the Order to the number of 400, assembled in Carnegie Hall to receive the new G. P., Dr. E. T. Barnes. With flags and banners flying he was welcomed and escorted to the seat of honor, and an ode, written for the occasion, by Mrs. Nettie Wildey, W. M., was sung; the Dr. gracefully acknowledged the greeting. After the degrees had been conferred, Mrs. Harriet H. Ayer presented a beautiful diamond studded G. P.'s jewel to Bro. Barnes, on behalf of the Chapter, in a very excellent speech—which we would be glad to give in full, but lack of space forbids; he was also presented with a nice pocket-book with the wish that it might always be well filled. The W. M. presented the Chapter with a large silk flag. Short speeches were made by a number of guests and members, refreshments were served, and "Barnes Night in Laurel" closed.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Since you are always so ready to give space for my long letters, I am going to show my appreciation of your favors by offering a short note this time. Not that July has obscured the Star in this section. No, no! Warm days only render the Star more brilliant. To be sure, some Chapters take a little recess from regular duty, but their members are away mingling with those of other Chapters, always on the alert for new ideas for the good of the Order. Other Chapters learn to endure with patience and keep up the work without abeyance. And much progress is attained by such effort. It is my pleasure to name a "bran' new" Chapter this month. Arcana Chapter, of North Collins, Erie County, N. Y., was instituted on the evening of July 8th, with thirty-six members. Mrs. Abbie J. White, W. M. Mr. George H. White, W. P.; and Mrs. Grace L. Parker, A. M. This Chapter seems to

have the very finest prospects. The town is blessed with thrifty Fortune Lodge, F. and A. M., that has shown marked favor to the new Chapter. Naomi Chapter, of Buffalo, scarcely twenty-five miles away, plays the part of god-mother to her. Twenty-five of Naomi's officers and members were present at the instituting and took an active part in the work of the evening. Indeed, their acting the part of Grand officers in the instituting service and their praiseworthy exemplification of the ritual later in the evening places your correspondent under great obligations to them. Among the many creditable and meritorious features of their work was that of the representatives of the Heroines and the Music Committee. Really, their words and music were extremely appropriate to the work. Upon inquiry, I learned that much of it has been prepared expressly for use in Naomi Chapter by her organist and chorister, both being persons of superior qualities in their professions. The excellence of their productions, so fitting to the work and in such variety to relieve the evenings of any monotonous sameness, renders them desirable in other Chapters. It is to be hoped they may favor the Eastern Star world by placing a collection of music upon the market soon. With such music as they provide, no Chapter could languish, but would find its life renewed with each recurring communication. Naomi Chapter, prospered beyond most other Chapters, may well take pride in her highly favored condition. Space forbids mention of other Chapters this month, although all are prosperous and have fine prospects. In closing, let me say that THE EASTERN STAR is a welcome visitor whose coming is looked forward to each month with pleasant anticipations. That its subscription list may continue to lengthen and its helpful influence may be carried to more and more of the members of the Order is my wish.

Sincerely yours,

HARRIET S. MARSH.

Sherman, N. Y., July 16, 1897.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Eureka Chapter, gave a reception to Mrs. C. N. Herried, in honor of her election as Grand Matron, at City Hall, June 21, and it was one of the happiest social affairs that has occurred in the life of this Chapter. From 9 until 10 was the hour for greeting and fully 100 people tendered their hearty congratulations to Sister Herried. The time spent in pleasant conversation interspersed with excellent music by the Eureka Social Orchestra paved the way for the full enjoyment and appreciation of the delicious refreshments served. At 11 o'clock an impromptu dance was announced, and those who desired "tripped the light fantastic" to the inspiring strains of the orchestra till an early hour. The whole affair was most successful and will long linger in pleasant remembrance in the memory of those present.

TEXAS.

Plainview Chapter was organized by Bro Hart, June 23, with Mary V. Dye, W. M., and R. H. Lemond, W. P. Mr. Hart says he could have organized Chapters at Floyada and Tulia, if he had taken the dispensations and supplies necessary. These points are a long way from the railway and not convenient to reach. Bro. L. S. Garrison, as special deputy, is fully alive and has organized three Chapters; this makes nine organized since Grand Chapter met.

June 3 the members of Dallas Chapter perpetrated a most delightful "surprise." Chaptered by Sister J. T. Leddy, A. M., they made their way through rain and mud to the home of Sister M. A. Maynard, P. M., and desired admittance. It was the evening before the graduation of Miss Therese L. Maynard, and while the "Stars" sparkled and shed their light through the home, Brother W. L. McDonald arose, and in a most appropriate speech and kind greetings from these friends, presented her with an elegant gold pin. On the bar was inscribed, "De Multos Amigos" and on the face of the Star "O. E. S." with her initials "T. L. M." on the reverse side. A similar pin was also given Miss Beulah Tatman, whose mother was the first link of the golden chain of Dallas Chapter to fall away, and in receiving this gift her devoted young daughter felt that she was not forgotten.

Cream and cake were served, recitations and speeches were in order, and after a most enjoyable evening the "Stars" departed, to beam forth again the next night, when they sent to the rostrum for these same young ladies a beautiful "Floral Star," a gift which is as great a compliment as can be paid; for the "Star," is our beacon light, it decorates our Hall, it is laid on the graves of our sacred dead, and we wear it with its beautiful colors to show we have the honor to be members of the beautiful Order, and have seen His Star in the East.

M. A. MAYNARD,
Press Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Wenona Chapter, Dorchester, is getting along finely; it was instituted last May with a charter membership of 76, the present number is 80, and they expect to increase it to more than 100 before the Chapter is constituted. This wise young Chapter continues to hold its meetings through the summer "just the same" and has one of the finest halls to be found anywhere around, in which to meet. This is owned by their W. P., they also have a large public hall, in which they can give entertainments, and a very large banquet hall. The field is large and the workers enthusiastic. The initial work for this Chapter was done by H. H. Hersey and Mary J. Talford (the present Sec. and W. M.) and they deserve congratulation for their good work.

Truth is like a torch—when shaken it shines.

WHEN FRIENDS ARE MANY.

[New York Dispatch.]

"Laugh and the world laughs with you,
Weep and you weep alone."

There is a great deal of laughing and a great deal of weeping in the world. If we pause a moment and take a bird's eye view of earth's inhabitants as they exist now and as they existed for six thousand years, we will find that the weeping, although engaged in alone, is and has been greatly in excess of the laughing. In the strange unexplained condition of the human race we find that a much greater number of men and women dwell in the shadows of adversity than are to be found in the sunlight of prosperity. Not all the efforts of philanthropic individuals, and eleemosynary institutions have been able to change this unsatisfactory state of affairs. The laughing goes on and the weeping goes on just the same.

The fruitful earth brings forth sufficient, we are told, for every one, but yet some are hungry, and some will starve. The beasts of the field, the wild beasts of the forest, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, find all of their wants supplied. They have but to "slay and eat," or graze upon the tender grass and satisfy their hunger. Man, on the other hand, must eat his bread "by the sweat of his brow," and there is much more than sweat in the effort. There is in addition, an aching head, a tired body and a troubled mind.

All men are not endowed with the same powers. To some, gain seems to come easy, and money flows into their coffers with but little energy on their part. "Some are born rich, others acquire riches and some have riches thrust upon them," but these classes are very small. One is able to turn golden furrows in the cornfield, while another finds no return. One is able to gain a livelihood with apparently little effort, while others, with more intelligence and just as much energy, struggle day by day and find at the end of a year's work that the struggle has been in vain. They live, they have existed, but that is all. And why is it?

There is a community of interest among men, indeed they are all inseparably connected. But there are two classes, one that laughs and one that weeps. The laugh goes round and those who are within its magic influence are filled with the effervescence of momentary delight. The man holds high the frothing mug and the todies touch glasses with him. "Here's your good health!" Ah, yes, the man with the mug has plenty of friends. They are all ready to drink his wine and eat his bread. Laughing with him they say, "He's a jolly, good fellow," and why not? He gives a momentary pleasure to his companions.

A man once came into the world, not differing in any way from other men. He had a childhood and youth. He grew to manhood, succeeded in his business and had many who

followed after him. His friends were numbered by the score. They were always at his beck and call. He did not need them, in the sense of being in want, but they crowded around him, far too numerous for comfort. They laughed with him. His wine and his dinners were enjoyed. He had "engagements" more than he could keep. His "company" was desired everywhere, and his praises were in every mouth. Was all this unselfish? Is any friendship unselfish? Friendship itself, if it really has an existence, is unselfish, but the plant we cultivate has no fragrance. It leaves a copperish taste in the mouth.

As the years rolled on this man's friends increased. He was honored with office, and was, like Alexander of old, called "great." In this man's life, as in all others, a cloud arose. His money bags were depleted. His wine cellars were emptied. His business was injured by encroaching rivals. The friends of his palmy days did not seek his society. He had no "engagements," and there were "none so poor as to do him reverence." His health broke down, and alone he suffered in poverty and want. Those who were eager to enjoy his company were busy with others. He was sent to the poor house. He died. His unmarked grave is in the potter's field, along with others who wept and died alone.

And so when we call loudest for friends, because we need them, they are not within hearing distance.

These lessons of life are to be studied every day. Not a sigh escapes the lips of one of earth's deserted men and women, but reveals what our lot may be. For in this world of inequality, this "vale of tears," no man can prophecy his end. We may assuage much of the pain and suffering, much of the lonely weeping, by being true and sincere; by proving that there is true friendship, and clinging to those whom we know as friends through storm as well as sunshine.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

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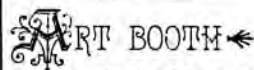
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MRS. EMMA W. PORT.

Emma Welshaus, youngest daughter of Joseph and Margaret Welshaus, was born and reared in Sheppardstown, West Virginia, where her aged father, now more than four score and ten, still resides.

On January first, 1897, she was married to George W. Port, and no sketch of her life would be complete without, at least, brief mention of him with whom her life was linked for fifteen years, and whose aims and purposes she is striving to carry forward and fulfill.

George W. Port was one of nature's noblemen, a zealous Mason, Christian Sir Knight and model husband. "These who knew him best loved him most" was truly said of him.

He honored Masonry, and Masonry in its several branches gave him its most exalted positions, all of which he filled with distinguished credit. He was a devoted member of the Eastern Star, and in 1891, while Grand Commander of Knight Templars, he gave permission to the Commandery at Parsons, Kansas, to act as escort at the funeral of a member of the Eastern Star, Mrs. L. J. Gabriel, Associate Grand Matron of Kansas.

In all the affairs of life Brother Port found a ready helpmate and confident in his wife and when he died, October twenty-six, 1893, he left our sister wholly alone for no children had come to bless their otherwise happy home.

Immediately after their marriage they came to Beloit, Kansas, where they built up a successful business, and Sister Port is still living there, surrounded by many friends and doing good to her less fortunate fellows.

April fourteenth, 1882, while Grand Matron, the writer instituted Naomi Chapter, No. 28, Beloit, Kansas, and there for the first time met Sister Port who was elected the first Worthy Matron. So efficient was her rule

that she was re-elected four terms to the East since which time she has filled several lower stations. She represented her Chapter that year in Grand Chapter, acting as Grand Treasurer, was elected Associate Grand Conductress and the next year as Grand Conductress. In 1895 she was very ill when Grand Chapter met, resolutions of sympathy

Kansas Masonic Home has called forth her noblest efforts.

In 1895 she was appointed one of the Eastern Star representatives on the Board of Directors of the Masonic Home, the only women member. At that time there were seventeen members. By her judgement and discretion she won the respect of the entire Board and was elected Chairman of the House Committee. She personally supervised the furnishing and fitting up of the beautiful Home.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star in May 1897, she was re appointed as the Eastern Star representative on the Band of Directors, for a term of five years. (The Board has now but nine members.) The brothers of the Board attested their approval at their annual meeting in June by electing her second Vice President, Chairman of House Committee and member of Committee on Admission and Discharge. Sister Port is justly entitled to the honors bestowed. She has ever given freely of her time, talents, and money to promote the best interests of the Home. She has made such frequent visits to the Home that every inmate, from the aged "Grandpa" to the tiny tot, has learned to love her and look upon her as his friend.

Believing that the Home should have a permanent endowment fund, she recently gave the Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the sum of one thousand dollars as a "nest egg" for such fund.

Sister Port is just in the prime of life, her real worth and work are just beginning to be felt, and we trust she may be spared many years to assist in this work, for it is through such characters as hers that the Eastern Star will be made worthy to be a "co-worker with the great brotherhood in the service of humanity."

MARY C. SNEDDEN.



were adopted, she was unanimously elected Associate Grand Matron; and her husband deputized to install her in their home Chapter.

In 1886 she was elected Grand Matron and since that time has served on many standing Committees, ever evincing unabated zeal for the welfare of the Order. But our Sister's work has just begun, the founding of the

Martha; Sarah Goodge, Electa; Rev. Northey Jones, Chaptain; Dr. J. D. Baughman, Marshal; Will McCutcheon, Warder; Louis Schmitz, Sentinel; Etta Archer, Organist.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA, 1897.

The Grand Chapter met in its Fourth Annual Session, November sixteen, at Susquehanna. It was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Frances Montanye, assisted by the Associate Grand Officers.

The business of the Grand Chapter was then transacted and the evening of the first day Canawacta Chapter gave a reception to the members, and at ten o'clock an elegant banquet was tendered at the Canawacta House and over a hundred covers were laid. Also a pleasing entertainment was given by home talent.

The Grand Chapter will meet the third Tuesday in November, the place to be selected by the first three officers.

The following are the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. They were installed by Wm. H. Saunders:

Mrs. Mary Strachen, Grand Matron, Susquehanna.

Charles Schumaker, Grand Patron, Pittston.

Mrs. Belle Luckenbach, Associate Grand Matron, Philadelphia.

S. N. Bagley, Associate Grand Patron, Carbondale.

Mrs. Mary Oliver, Grand Conductress, Pittston.

Mrs. Bertha Fordyce, Associate Grand Conductress.

George W. Gleason, Grand Secretary, Susquehanna.

Mrs. Elvira A. Fear, Grand Treasurer, Pittston.

Maggie Lanning, Grand Adah, Scranton.

Mary F. Peck, Grand Ruth, Peckville.

Mrs. Mary Saunders, Grand Esther, Philadelphia.

Lydia Brown, Grand Martha, Susquehanna.

Evelyn Salvage, Grand Electa, Duke Centre.

Sadie Wintersteen, Grand Chaplain, Pittston.

Sarah McClay, Grand Marshal, Philadelphia.

Annie Broadbent, Grand Organist, Scranton.

Rettie Bowkley, Grand Warder, Pittston.

John S. Jenkins, Grand Sentinel, Pittston.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ARKANSAS, 1897.

The twenty-second annual session of the Grand Chapter met in Little Rock, November fifteenth.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by Sister Jennie Hopkins, Grand Matron, assisted by the Associate Grand Officers.

For the first time within the history of the

Grand Chapter, death invaded its ranks and Adah's chair was draped in mourning.

Brother R. R. Lewis was unable to be present because of sickness and his absence was deeply regretted by all. With these two exceptions the Grand Officers were present.

One hundred and nine Chapters made report and paid dues. There were in attendance in members and visitors not less than five hundred. The session was very harmonious throughout.

The work was exemplified by Esther Chapter and was beautifully done.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Alma Strong, Grand Matron, Silex.

George Thornburgh, Grand Patron, Little Rock.

Mrs. Frances Stark, Associate Grand Matron, Reno.

George De Vaughan, Associate Grand Patron, Waldo.

Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins, Grand Secretary, Mablevale.

Miss Myrtle Hackett, Grand Treasurer, Hackett City.

Miss Ella Leonard, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Rella Lindsey, Grand Warder, Corn-ing.

F. C. Bartlett, Grand Sentinel, Conway.

Rev. G. A. Dannelly, Grand Chaplain, Searcy.

G. W. Skidmore, Grand Organist, Little Rock.

H. L. Close, Grand Marshal, Roger.

J. R. Donnell, Grand Lecturer, Conway.

Miss Dunbar, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Annie Treadway, Grand Ruth.

Miss Mattie Haygood, Grand Esther, Tyro.

Miss Martha Clout, Grand Martha.

Cornelius Stegall, Grand Electa, Texarkana.

An incident of great interest was the presentation by Past Grand Patron Hopkins of a Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Secretary's jewel to Mrs. Hettie Penn, of Harrison. The medal is a most beautiful creation of pure gold, being an emblematic star enclosed in a circle and pendant from a gold bar. The points of the star are enameled in colors and ornamented with appropriate emblems of the Order. On the bar are inscribed the words, "Hettie Penn, P. G. M.," and on the back of the Star, "P. G. M. and P. G. S. of Arkansas, by her friends." This is a merited recognition of the services of a woman who has won enviable distinction in the Order. In 1888 Mrs. Penn was elected Grand Matron, and unanimously re-elected in 1889. In 1890 she served as District Deputy Grand Matron, and in 1891 was elected Grand Secretary, being the first woman to hold that position, and has served continuously since. She declined re-election, much to the regret of all.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, 1897.

The Grand Chapter met in its Fifteenth annual session, November ninth, in San Antonio.

The Grand Matron, Kate Y. Birch, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form.

Past Grand Patron, D. Ludlow, in behalf of Adah Chapter, gave the address of welcome and Past Grand Patron, L. S. Garrison, responded.

The Grand Matron read her annual address which gave evidence of an active interest in the work.

The address of the Grand Patron was very brief. He finds very little for the Grand Patron to do but has been prevented, owing to circumstances, from doing that little.

There were representatives from thirty-six Chapters and seventy-three made returns. Fourteen Chapters were organized.

The following resolutions were adopted:

That members of demised Chapters be granted Grand dimit upon the payment of \$1.00 to the Grand Secretary.

That mileage be paid to one delegate from each Chapter.

That the Grand Secretary issue a circular letter to all Chapters, asking them to furnish the names of all persons conferring the degrees of the Order unlawfully, together with the names of the initiates, that we may take steps to protect our rights under our charter.

That a Committee on Work be elected by this Grand Body to consist of two sisters and one brother, and that the mileage of said Committee be paid by the Grand Chapter.

That we return to the old system of districting the state, the present system being deemed impractical.

That secretaries of subordinate Chapters be required to adopt a uniform system of book keeping and use the set of books prescribed by the Grand Chapter.

That if the returns of any Chapter are not in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the twentieth day of September of each year, the representative of such delinquent Chapter shall not be entitled to mileage.

That we deplore the action of the leading officers of the General Grand Chapter in selecting Washington, D. C., as the next place of meeting instead of the State of Texas.

That a set of jewels be purchased for the Grand Chapter not to exceed \$200.

Next place of meeting will be with Ruth Chapter, Cleburne.

The following officers were installed by Past Grand Matron Swaim, Past Grand Patron L. S. Garrison, Grand Marshal:

Mrs. Jennie Randolph, Grand Matron, Houston.

Jesse T. Atchison, Grand Patron, Gainesville.

Mrs. Ree Alvord, Associate Grand Matron, Ft. Worth.

N. M. Karney, Associate Grand Patron, San Antonio.

Mrs. Pauline Baugh, Grand Treasurer, San Antonio.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Grand Secretary, Big Springs.

Mrs. A. A. Garrison, Grand Conductress, Dallas.

Mrs. Agnes Young, Associate Grand Conductress, Big Springs.

Miss Bettie Reese, Grand Adah, Kerrville.

Mrs. M. E. Smith, Grand Ruth, Black Jack Grove.

Mrs. Sadie A. Bogel, Grand Esther, Marfa.

Mrs. Marie E. Sherburne, Grand Martha, Denison.

Mrs. E. J. Randolph, Grand Electa, Laredo.

Tom Murrah, Grand Chaplain, Austin.

Mrs. Ida May Ray, Grand Warder, Wichita Falls.

B. F. Brown, Grand Sentinel, Grand View.

Mrs. N. Fouty, Grand Marshal, Wortham.

Mrs. Fannie Ward, Grand Organist, Big Springs.

MRS. DELIA BROWN MEREDITH.**Grand Matron of Iowa 1896-97.**

Delia Brown Meredith, the subject of this sketch, whose picture graces the page of this issue, was born in Scott county, Iowa, June seventh, 1858. Ten years later her family moved to Jasper county, taking the children with them, and where she has since resided. Her education was such as the common schools and academies of that day furnished. Blessed with a retentive memory, a bundle of nervous energy, which neither knew or allowed of such a thing as failure, she was able to reach a degree of proficiency in her studies rarely excelled. Her education however, did not cease with her school graduation. From that time forward until now, she has continued, keeping fully abreast with the modern thought and improvement of the day. She is a great reader and a close student.

In 1887 she was married to O. C. Meredith, the present and for some years past, efficient county attorney of the county. This marriage has been blessed with the birth of a daughter, Ora Bess.

Mrs. Meredith is a worker. She finds no time for idleness or for display. In her Church and in her Sunday school, she is a representative of the highest and best type. The clubs and societies to which she belongs, acknowledge in her a valuable promotor of the work in hand, and a leader of rare merit.

A Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was organized in 1890. Mrs. Meredith was a charter member and its first Worthy Matron, which office she held for three successive years. This Chapter is numbered one hundred and in it she laid the foundation for a skilled ritualist, and an opportunity for the exhibition of that force of character which has followed her through life. Her Chapter grew with a phenomenal growth, calling into its membership the best men and women of the community, and building up for herself an enviable reputation in this department. At the end of five years this Chapter became the largest, numerically, in the State; doing work in the conferring of the several degrees, not excelled anywhere.

In 1893, she was elected Associate Grand Conductress, and a year later, Grand Conductress. During this last year, she was commissioned and served as one of the five district deputies of the State, visiting the Chapters in her district, conferring the degrees; exemplifying the work and instructing the Chapters under her jurisdiction. At the annual session of the Grand Chapter held in Clinton in 1896, she was elected Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the State and re-elected at Ottumwa, the current year. At this session, the compliment was paid her of voting one hundred dollars with which to

pay her expenses in attending the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter which is to meet in Washington, D. C., next year.

Sister Meredith is a quiet, modest little woman, wearing her many honors in an unpretending way. Her acquaintances are her friends.

YULETIDE CELEBRATION.

The most joyous Christmas ever known since the first one will be the first of the next century, when the whole Christian world will join simultaneously in a grand chorus, "Peace on earth."

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ies be stopped and every system in the world will be connected with the Jerusalem wire.

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Never in the world's history has there such an idea been conceived and carried out and never has there been such a grand chorus as will raise their voices in praise and rejoicing at the same time.

The entire Christian world will take part and those who evolved the idea are busy themselves preparing for the greatest Christian demonstration ever known.
—Masonic Journal.

GOOD THOUGHTS.

The host of a dinner company in Germany asked the representatives of the several nations who were present to say what they were most proud of in their own country. An American woman was one of the guests. She understood German but could not speak it. When her turn came, a happy thought helped her to respond effectively. She excused herself for a moment. Returning with an American flag, which she always carries abroad with her, she unfurled it and thus gave her answer to the host's question. The hearty and general applause which followed showed that the company thought her symbolic reply a very eloquent and effective response. The flag has a language which is its own interpreter.—Companion.

To be well bred one must be devoid of self-consciousness, and when one is that, social barriers cease to exist, and all, whether high or low, become fellow creatures. Well-bred people are capable of ignoring the fact that they are wealthier than others; indeed, where families have possessed wealth for many generations, they seem to be indifferent about the pecuniary circumstances of those who come in their way, are willing to accept one for what one is, without asking how much one is worth.—Exchange.

Life, like war, is a series of mistakes and he is not the best Christian nor the best general who makes the fewest false steps. He is the best who wins the most splendid victories by the retrieval of mistakes.—F. W. Robertson.

Love, which is such a little thing, is still the most serious thing in life.



MRS. DELIA BROWN MEREDITH.
Grand Matron of Iowa.

ies ever conceived, and preparations are now being made for its successful consummation, says the St. Louis Republic.

It is now planned to begin the celebration with the ringing of the "Peace and Liberty Bell" in Jerusalem, and the committee having the celebration in charge has invited the Peace Bell Committee to meet in the Holy Land Christmas Eve, 1900, on the spot where the shepherds received the message, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Upon this occasion and at the same time the cornerstone of the great temple to be erected in the Holy Land will be laid. Hundreds are expected to attend this ceremony, as the celebration will be one of the most memorable events in the history of the Christian world.

As now proposed, the bell will be connected with the cables reaching to all parts of the earth. Then a half hour before the time is set for its ringing, all telegraphic bus-

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA, 1897.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa held its twentieth annual session in Ottumwa. It was opened in ample form by the Grand Matron, Delia B. Meredith, assisted by the Grand Patron, John Westley Geiger, and associate Grand Officers, all of whom were present, except the Grand Warder, whose place was supplied by Sister Kretchmer.

Sister Simmonds gave the address of welcome:

Sisters and brothers, in behalf of Ottumwa Chapter, No. 112, I bid you welcome to our homes and thrice welcome to our Chapter.

It is true, most of us meet for the first time, yet we meet not as strangers, but co-laborers in the service of humanity. A grand body of noble men and women can accomplish much, and of such the Order of the Eastern Star is composed. The mystic tie that binds us together is not formed alone of obligations. We who rightly cultivate its principles will find that what we at first learn as duties, we afterward treasure as privileges. What they Order teaches should be done grows almost unconsciously into what we would wish to do. Duty is the bread, fraternal love the ripened fruit, affection the rose, and the Eastern Star obligation the soil in which it has taken root, so the welcome I extend to you today is given, not because the Order requires it, but because our hearts demand that it be given.

To members of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, ladies, gentlemen and guests, the Ottumwa Chapter brings greeting, sincerely trusting your visit to our city may be both a pleasure to yourselves and result in much good to our beloved Order.

Also a welcome was tendered by Brother R. S. Tilton, Past Patron, for the city. It was a royal one and we wish we could reproduce it. The response was made by Sister Ercanbrack Past Grand Matron, as follows:

Sister Simmonds, Brother Tilton and members of Ottumwa Chapter, I deem it a great pleasure and esteem it an honor to be called upon to reply to your eloquent words of welcome. Ottumwa is among the finest and most prosperous of Iowa cities. Its thrift and hospitality are known and read of all our good citizens. In the year 1882 at Des Moines, I first became a part of the Grand Body. At that time our meetings were held at the same time and place as the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. The Grand Chapter of Iowa was then a star of the sixth magnitude. No address of welcome can be found in the proceedings of 1882. No one citizen of Des Moines entered our meeting. A few brethren now and then came over from Masonic Hall and assisted as they were able.

Thirteen Chapters were represented by twenty-five different persons. We relate this for the sake of the agreeable contrast this day presents. Since 1882 our annual meetings have gradually grown in numbers and interest. At such times as we have met in a city containing a Chapter of our Order, we have been very kindly cared for.

In 1891 Clinton Chapter was the first to appoint its Worthy Matron to deliver a formal address of welcome. Well do some of us remember the address of Sister Bader and how well her words were sustained by the members of Clinton Chapter. Since then at Des Moines, Newton, Keokuk, Charles City and Clinton, we have been received with kindness unbounded. We feel that our present welcome is as warm and hearty as any of which we have any knowledge.

Gratitude comes from the heart and often surpasses adequate expression. This is the state in which we find ourselves now. Nevertheless, in behalf of each and every one of this starry host, I say thank you for what you have said to us today. We will endeavor to so co-operate with you that the task of entertaining us will be easy. We desire to reciprocate your kindness so heartily that gratitude will spring up in your hearts for the pleasure we cause you to enjoy. May your intercourse result in soul-culture and soul lift.

In the deliberations that are to follow let loyalty and unselfishness be our controlling motives. Thus guided we will make no serious mistakes and when the labors of the twentieth annual meeting of this Grand Chapter are ended, may host and guest be cheered by the thought that we have risen in the esteem of each other, that our ties of friendship have been strengthened and the affairs of our Order have been wisely managed. When the hour of parting comes may our regrets be mutual and sincere.

There were present four Past Grand Matrons—Sisters Rule, Wood, Jackson and Ercanbrack, and three Past Grand Patrons, Brothers Ercanbrack, Jackson and Windlow, also as visitors Sister Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Sister Jeannette Herried, Grand Matron of South Dakota. By request of the Grand Matron, Sister Jennie E. Matthews, Past Grand Matron, served as Grand Marshal, and presented the sisters and brothers who were received with Grand Honors. Then Brother Geiger, Grand Patron, presented Sister Mathews, complimenting her for her faithful work in the Order.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the former session the reading of the addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron and the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were dispensed with and printed copies distributed but this did not meet with favor and the action was reversed. We give extracts of both addresses. The Grand Patron says:

FELLOW LABORERS:—I greet you with a "fraternal love". We are entering upon the twentieth year of the existence of the Grand body and it is no small thing that we witness today the results of the humble beginnings of 1878. It is a fitting occasion to suggest that it ought to be the work of a special committee to prepare for the fitting celebration of the occasion of the Grand Chapter, the anniversary of which comes on the thirtieth day of next July.

To look back upon the convention of twelve representatives from six different Chapters of the Order assembled in Cedar Rapids, with only a few members, they not all within easy reach of each other, is to remember an humble beginning that has been greatly blessed of the Lord. The call was issued by Sister Jennie E. Matthews, then Deputy Grand Matron for the State, and the work began under the auspices of the General Grand Chapter instead of the Macoy charters, a number of which had been issued in Iowa. A constitution and rules of order were adopted and the machinery started that has now been running uninterruptedly for nearly twenty years.

In her first annual address to the Grand Chapter of 1879, the Grand Matron tells us a little of the method that had obtained in the earlier days. "Sixteen years ago the Masons

of Durand Lodge, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters, were invited to a special meeting to receive the Eastern Star degrees. I was one of those wives. You may all know how those five degrees were given and how received. I hope the brethren thought they were working for the good of the Order when they went from place to place taking all the money they could from the brethren, giving the degrees to willing and unwilling recipients, but with no instructions how to work, and leaving, what kind of an impression? Not a favorable one on the minds of any."

We had started out to quote entirely the terse words of our ancient Grand Mother, but the startling announcement that in those earlier days they used to confer the degrees of the Order upon "unwilling recipients" just made us stop and consider the terrors that must have stirred the soul of the unwilling husband whose wife compelled him to take in the Eastern Star proceedings for her benefit and he an unwilling recipient of the initiation?

"Well! Well! Well! What do you think of that?"

To continue our quotations: "Most of the wives considered the whole proceeding a 'sell' arranged by Masons to pacify their wives. This impression will long be a hindrance to our progress in this as well as other States. A year ago for the first time I learned what a beautiful Order the Eastern Star is." We should therefore judge that the active movement toward the organization of Chapters into a Grand body was not much older than the time of consummation, for with that Deputy Grand Matron to think was to act. The total number of members reported in 1879 was only three hundred and fifty-six. In 1880, the number had increased to four hundred and sixty-eight; in 1881, back to four hundred and twenty-three; in 1882, up to eight hundred and sixty-five, and at the end of the first five years the total membership was eleven hundred and ninety-two. This shows that the ten thousand members now on the rolls of our Chapters must be of the best materials as the growth of Iowa has not been hasty. Iowa now stands about fifth in the line of Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, and will no doubt push well on toward the front as the years come and go. However pleasant it might be to continue this narrative of the earlier things it is necessary that I should adhere to the determination to present in the briefest form my share of the information required of your Grand Officers.

It has been my pleasure to meet with the sisters and brothers in their home Chapters fewer times than I had intended at the out-start should be the case, but having done the best I could, I leave the mistakes I may have made for the more pleasurable task of giving an account of my stewardship.

The address of the Grand Matron fully explains the reasons why it is unnecessary for me to announce any official decisions, and if I might be so far indulged, I would suggest that till we make it the rule rather than the exception that the Grand Patron is in reality an officer of the Grand Chapter and the advisor of the Grand Matron, we will have the incisive effort kept before us of electing a man to be simply kept standing around as a nobody till the meeting of the Grand body comes to witness his vain effort to hold up his official head with a number of quasi decisions and pretended official acts. We were wiser in our day, for we made a compact with the good Grand Mother of this Grand Chapter that we would make all decisions joint, and that she should have the responsibility of standing for all the blunders we both

might make. I am glad to say, however, that it required but little special action to conduct the affairs of this well organized jurisdiction during the past year.

The fact that this address is to be printed in advance of our meeting shall not lead me into the folly of needlessly lengthening the same beyond the actual necessity for a statement of the business done. Having enjoyed the distinction of having served this Grand Chapter as Associate Grand Patron last year, and your Grand Patron for this, I am content to lay down the Jewel entrusted to me a year ago and pass to the ranks again. I am frank to desire under no circumstances to continue in the office longer.

I trust that the great and glorious work of building up the walls of this fair temple of our Order may continue undisturbed till the number shall be equal to that magnificent army of twenty-five thousand Master Masons whose interests we are banded together to further.

To the numerous Chapters to which I had fully expected to fulfill promises for lecture work and official visitation. I wish to say that the severe illness of myself in the spring, and the almost constant illness of my wife since the first of August, has been the cause of many disappointments. Yet by the grace of a kind heavenly Father the dear one is able to be with us as your guest today and my date book still open to such as urgently want the appointments filled.

Sisters and brothers, we go forth into the world not knowing what trials may await us in the journey of life. Yet, we shall not be dismayed, for our Heavenly Father has promised to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power. Farewell.

The Grand Matron says:

It is with great pleasure that I extend fraternal greetings to you at this our Twentieth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter.

To many of us this is a renewal of the friendships of the long ago, the cementing of ties long formed. But while we are happy in greeting old friends, let us not forget the stranger that is within our midst. Many are here today for the first time. Let us give them a warm handclasp and make them feel that we are indeed brothers and sisters. Let them feel that bond of sympathy which should unite all mankind.

Canon Farrar says: "We often do more good by our sympathies than by our labors."

"Have love! Not alone love for one;
But man as man thy brother call;
And scatter like the circling sun,
Thy charities on all."

For the first time in our history the grim monster has invaded the ranks of our Grand Officers, our Grand Sentinel, Father Schreiner, having passed from death unto life at the ripe age of eighty-six years. How we miss his dear old face! As we approach the outer door we listen in vain for his familiar "I know you—go on in." He has gone from our midst, but when we too shall have passed beyond the portals will he not be there to welcome us to our eternal home?

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mother Schreiner in this bereavement in her old age. Let us try to feel that

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in heav'n's jeweled crown,
They shine forever more."
"There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread.
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them dead."

Aside from our circle of Grand Officers many of our sisters and brothers in the subordinate Chapters have passed into the great beyond. Many have been bereft of dear ones

and to all such we wish to offer our heartfelt sympathy, and at the appropriate hour let us reverently stand with bowed heads while we listen to the roll call of "the silent" and the memorial address of our Grand Chaplain. As a fitting memorial I recommend that a requisite number of pages of our proceedings be set apart with their names properly inscribed thereon.

I have been greatly gratified at the evident good feeling which exists in most of the Chapters where the very atmosphere is full of the spirit of charity and fraternity. Despite deceit and hypocrisy, one can always tell when the real feeling of love exists. In those Chapters where peace and harmony reign, "each esteems the other better than himself." That friction exists in some places no one can deny. I have received a number of letters during the past year in which fault has been found with the officers of a Chapter. It has always been a question with me what answers such letters should receive but trust that all have been written in good faith. My observation has led me to think that some times unpleasantness is caused by the past officers of a Chapter. It is not always a mark of good fellowship to hear one say: "Our Chapter is not in a very good condition. Our Worthy Matron does so and so, or our Worthy Matron doesn't do so and so." "When I was Worthy Matron I acted in such a manner." This may be said of other officers. If your officers have not just the ability that you have, bear with them, assist them in more material ways than by simply giving advice. Above all, make them feel that you earnestly desire their success. Past officers can materially retard the working of a Chapter by sitting still and criticising their successors.

And now my work is almost finished. In writing this report of my doings I have tried to keep in mind the words of Southey: "Be brief, for it is with words as sunbeams—the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn."

But I cannot close without a word of thanks to those who have been my loyal helpers during the past year. My associate Grand officers have ever been ready to assist me in any manner possible and as my true friends and co-workers they shall ever have my highest regard. I wish also to thank the Past Grand Matrons for the kindness received at their hands. To the members of subordinate Chapters I can say you are all my friends. Wherever I have gone I have received nothing but the kindest treatment in your Chapters and in your homes.

When I commenced the work of the year, it seemed that the time would be long before I would be released from its duties and responsibilities. But it has proven far too short to accomplish that which I had hoped.

"We have tried to please,
Tell us, ye sovereigns of the new domain,
Are you content, or have we toiled in vain?"

And now as a final benediction, "I beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

The Grand Matron re-districted the State and appointed five deputies, who, with the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, met in Des Moines and planned the work that greater uniformity might be attained. Twenty-four Chapters had been organized and the Grand Matron had personally organized twenty of these, and remained with them, giving needed instruction after the organization.

She visited twenty-nine Chapters. Twenty-three of the twenty-four Chapters organized were chartered.

There were one hundred and seventy-five Chapters represented.

The reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show the financial condition of the Grand Chapter to be excellent. The Grand Secretary had written 2,300 letters beside postals and circulars.

The total receipts were \$5,023.43 and the disbursements \$1,134.36, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$3,889.07. The expenses of the Grand Matron were \$302.12 and \$200 additional was allowed her. Also \$100 was appropriated to defray her expenses to the General Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary's salary is \$400 and \$15 a month is allowed for office rent. The Committee on Correspondence was allowed \$50 and for expenses \$12. All other allowances were equally generous.

The report on Correspondence was submitted by Sister Kate C. Brechner, whose introduction was too good to pass by:

The snap shots taken of the scenes that most attracted my attention in my journeying in your interest through twenty-eight of our sister Grand Jurisdictions are herewith presented. I ask your indulgence for the many imperfections and flaws in development which shows all too plainly the hand of an amateur. I have endeavored throughout this work to throw upon the work in all cases the strong light of fraternal affection, bringing out clear and distinct the beautiful and good and only allowing to remain in the shadow those effects which are absolutely unnecessary for the truthful presentation of the scene and which might detract from the beauty and harmony of the completed picture.

The amount in the mite boxes was \$47.70, and the total amount of the charity fund is \$607.04.

The hall was prettily decorated by Ottumwa Chapter and an especially pretty feature was that in the star points each Grand Officer wore a silk waist of the color appropriate to the point.

On Wednesday evening the work was beautifully exemplified by the entertaining Chapter. The officers were dressed in white, and the marching and forming of figures as they entered was particularly well done.

The Worthy Matrons and the Worthy Patrons of the Chapters U. D., were installed by Sister Ercanbrack, Past Grand Matron, assisted by Sister Mathews, Past Grand Matron as Grand Marshal.

The following officers were installed by Nettie Ransford, assisted by Sister Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Marshal:

Delia B. Meredith, Grand Matron, Newton.
William H. Norris, Grand Patron, Manchester.

Mrs. M. B. Rathbun, Associate Grand Matron, Clinton, Iowa.

A. J. Small, Associate Grand Patron, Des Moines.

Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, Council Bluffs.

Ella S. Houghton, Grand Treasurer, Red Oak.

Belle Adamson, Grand Conductress, Le Mars.

Freda Oppenheimer, Associate Grand Conductress, Webster City.

Leah B. Helm, Grand Chaplain, Cedar Rapids.

Jane Webber, Grand Adah, Cherokee.

Florentia Craven, Grand Ruth, Colfax.

Luella E. Bruce, Grand Esther, Anita.

Mrs. E. A. Simmons, Grand Marshal, Ottumwa.

Mrs. Margaret Hender, Grand Electa,avenport.

Mrs. Esther George, Grand Marshal, Fairfield.

Mrs. Cox, Grand Warder, Keokuk.

A. N. Alberson, Grand Sentinel, Washington.

Wednesday afternoon, a Chapter of Sorrow was held, and Sister Wood, Past Grand Matron, gave an excellent address which we will give in our next.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Cedar Rapids.

"WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON"

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—En-route from Heppner to Pendleton, I was joined by Mrs. Margaret E. Kellogg, Past Grand Matron, who accompanied me as far as Baker City. She not only proved a great help in my work but such an agreeable traveling companion, that my trip thus far, was made doubly pleasant.

Bushee No. 19.—We reached Pendleton early Saturday morning, October second, and found Sister Aura M. Raley, Worthy Matron, waiting to escort us to her home, where a delicious breakfast awaited us. Here we were pleasantly entertained during our stay.

In the evening we attended a special communication of the Chapter. The hall is one of the finest in the State, and Bushee has all the necessary paraphernalia for work.

The work of this Chapter was not what it should be. Erroneous errors in the secret work were made when the Chapter was constituted, and for some unaccountable reason, they have remained uncorrected. But the officers and members were anxious to correct their mistakes, so I arranged to meet them in special session, Sunday afternoon (being compelled to leave Monday morning).

At the close of Chapter work, the heavy doors of the banquet hall quietly swung open and—if these sisters and brothers were on account of adverse conditions over which they had no control, faulty in their work, they certainly failed not in fraternal courtesies and generous hospitality. The long table was a veritable bower of beautiful flowers, and simply groaned beneath its load of savory edibles.

Sunday forenoon, in company with Past Grand Patron Vert and several other members of the Chapters, we drove out to the Umatilla Indian Reservation, visiting the

various schools and Government buildings. At lunch and at dinner, Sister Kellogg and I, were guests of Associate Matron Vert, who proved a most pleasant and agreeable hostess.

At the afternoon drill all but two of the officers were present and a goodly number of members. The officers were ready and willing pupils. Upon their request, I promised to meet them again for drill, upon my return from Weston, which I did, and found a large number in attendance. At this meeting the work was especially well exemplified. Very pleasant memories are associated with this extended visit.

Crescent No. 47.—Monday morning, October fourth, accompanied by Worthy Matron Raley, we boarded the train for Weston and on our arrival were met at the depot by Dr. Stiles and driven to his pleasant and cosy home, where we were cordially welcomed by Sister Stiles, Worthy Matron of Crescent Chapter, whose hospitality we enjoyed during our stay. In the afternoon, the doctor kindly placed his horses and carriage at our disposal, a courtesy we gladly accepted.

In the evening we visited the Chapter, and was warmly greeted by the members. The ritual work was exemplified very well, the only errors being in the secret work. Such corrections as necessary were made, gladly received and put into immediate practice.

Lunch was served, after which we said goodnight, feeling well acquainted and agreeing to meet early Tuesday morning for drill, which agreement was carried out, the officers taking an active interest.

Tuesday afternoon was spent in receiving calls from the sisters and discussing means of dispensing charity.

The books of this Chapter, without exception, are kept in the most business-like manner of any examined.

Blue Mountain No. 52.—Wednesday, October six, we reached Elgin, and were met at the depot by Worthy Matron Losh and Sister Masterson and escorted to the home of the latter, where we were very agreeably entertained during the entire visit.

In the evening we visited Blue Mountain, the youngest chartered Chapter, and found the members very energetic and earnest. The ritual work was exemplified in a very creditable manner, especially was the part of the Conductress well done. But I was sorry to hear the obligation given in such a manner as to be scarcely recognizable. At the close of the work lunch was served, and a very pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse.

Thursday morning we met early for drill, went through the secret work, and took up the Floral Work and Marches, the officers manifesting much interest in the new work.

A special communication was called for Monday night, October eleven; on my return from Enterprise, when one candidate was initiated and the Floral Degree conferred, the work being exceedingly well done. Again a

fine lunch was served, proving beyond a doubt, that the Elgin Stars are very Masonic.

Wallowa Valley, No. 50.—We arrived at Enterprise at "low twelve," October seven, by stage, cold, tired and hungry, but our sisters and brothers anticipating all this, had provided for our every comfort. We found a cheerful fire and tempting lunch awaiting us at the Palmer House, where we were entertained as the guest of the Chapter.

At an early hour Friday morning, I was awakened to receive a telegram from home, announcing the death of Past Grand Matron, Julia Abraham; in response to which I at once called a Grand Chapter of Sorrow to convene in Portland November seven and also requested each Subordinate Chapter throughout the State to hold Memorial Services on said date.

During the day a number of members called. In the evening we repaired to the hall, where as on all former occasions we were cordially greeted, with repeated assurances, that they were glad we came. The work was well done, barring the use of the rituals, including Opening, Closing and Initiatory Ceremonies, Secret Work, nearly correct. The members were exceedingly eager for instruction, so arrangements were made for special work for officers, Saturday forenoon and afternoon, with full attendance in the evening. And I wish to heartily commend the officers for their earnestness and push. The work was exemplified in the evening, from beginning to end without a single ritual.

In company with the entire membership of the Chapter we spent Sunday at the famous Wallowa Lake, where a full grown banquet was served, and the day quietly and pleasantly passed. This particular Sunday, on account of its pleasant associations, stands in memory's silent chamber as one of the bright days.

The books were exceedingly well kept.

Hope, No. 13.—On the evening of October twelve we reached LaGrande, the train being several hours behind, but our friends were faithful and we found Grand Secretary Cavanaugh and Worthy Matron Scott at the depot, patiently waiting our coming. We were nicely entertained at the Summer's House, as guests of the Chapter.

Wednesday was devoted to receiving and making friendly and fraternal calls, and examining the books of the Chapter which I found to be in good condition. In the evening I was called to the parlor where I was greeted by a delegation of thirteen from Grand Ronde Valley Chapter, of Union, and was still further surprised, on entering the dining hall, a table resembling a full blown flower garden, extending the entire length of the room, which was quickly filled by Stars, and a dinner served, which could not fail to please the most fastidious epicure.

After dinner we all repaired to the hall, where Hope met in regular communication. The hall was handsomely decorated with flowers and a large number warmly welcomed

us. The officers, especially the Worthy Matron, were very proficient in their exemplification of the Ritual and Floral Work. The Worthy Matron had the pleasure of conferring the degrees upon her mother, which made the work doubly impressive.

Under "Good of the Order," Sister Scot, on behalf of the Chapter presented me with a set of solid silver tea spoons of exquisite workmanship and design, engraved "13"; while from Sister Cavana, Grand Secretary, I received a beautiful hand made lace handkerchief and a pair of extra fine kid gloves, all of which were heartily appreciated. After the Chapter had closed, an elaborate lunch was served and sociability stalked about, without a cloud to mar her gladness.

Not alone for good work is Hope to be commended but also for the complete harmony existing. The few errors in the secret work were corrected and the corrections gladly received.

Early Thursday morning the officers met for a short drill before train time.

Grande Ronde Valley, No. 49.—Thursday, October fourteen, accompanied by Grand Secretary Cavana, we boarded the train for Union, where we were all the guests of Associate Matron Foster. A quiet and pleasant day all too quickly passed, at least for me, as I had numerous letters to write.

In the evening, the Chapter met in special communication. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate, and the work exceptionally well done. Large attendance. Sincere friendship prevails among the members, who were all eager to perfect themselves in the work. The usual luncheon followed, and in quantity and quality it was fully up to the best. It was truly a delightful evening, for we seemed like one large family. When we said good night, it was to meet again Friday afternoon and evening.

Friday, like all preceding days, passed quickly. After taking lunch with Sister Belle Wright, Worthy Matron, we repaired to the hall for drill. All the officers except the Worthy Patron, he being out of the city on business. After the drill I was driven about town by Sister Wright and entertained at dinner by Sister J. L. Davis at her home.

In the evening, the entire membership was out, and the Floral Work was exemplified for the first time, all doing their parts well.

During our entire stay we made our home with Sister Foster, Associate Matron, and shall always remember her generous hospitality, as well as the kindly courtesies shown by all members of the Chapter.

Esther No. 11.—Upon our arrival at Baker City, October sixteen, we were met at the depot by Worthy Matron Johns and driven to her home where we were royally entertained during our stay. Our train being six hours late we had barely time for dinner before Chapter meeting. (This was the only instance where I failed to reach the hall and meet the members before Chapter opened.)

A goodly number were present to welcome us. The work was exemplified and so far as the Ritual work is concerned, was fairly well done, but the business transactions are not what they should be, while most of the officers are inclined to shift the responsibility; yet there are a few faithful, painstaking officers.

By this Chapter I was made the recipient of a beautiful center piece and doilies, a gift highly appreciated.

Deborah, No. 43.—Wednesday, October twenty, I arrived in Prairie City, one day late but my reception was none the less cordial. In the afternoon all officers met to practice the Floral Work, and in the evening Chapter met in special convocation. The ritualistic work was put on without books, and the secret work, almost letter perfect. The members are all earnest and determined to do well. There is not so much as one little spark of envy or strife.

Brother Johnson, on behalf of the Chapter, presented me with a solid silver berry spoon, of artistic design, engraved "Deborah." Lunch was served and we again practiced the Floral Work. The time passed so quickly, all being interested, so that it was two o'clock a. m. before you knew it, so farewell was hastily said.

Institution—Julia Chapter, No. 56.—Thursday, October twenty-one, as Special Deputy of the Grand Patron, I instituted a Chapter at Canyon City, with twenty-seven charter members, with the following officers: Mary Rulison, Worthy Matron; E. B. Hagewood, Worthy Patron; Hattie Dart, Secretary.

I was assisted by Sister Belknap, and Brothers Carpenter, Belknap and Johnson, of Prairie City.

On being requested to name the new Chapter, I christened it "Julia," in memory of Past Grand Matron Abraham.

In the evening the officers from Deborah Chapter exemplified the ritual and Floral Work, in a faultless manner. They fully deserved the praise received. Lunch was served at midnight under supervision of the brothers. After which we returned to the hall and worked until two o'clock, a. m. The new officers are made of material that endures hard work, and without exception are excellent.

Burns No. 40.—Through the thoughtfulness of the Masons of Canyon City Lodge and personal courtesy of Mr. Chas. Brown, I was taken to Metchans, enroute to Burns, by private carriage; thus avoiding a fifty mile stage ride, in stormy weather. My appreciation can certainly be understood. At Metchans I was met by Brother Hayes of Burns, with a private carriage and reached the latter place Saturday evening.

At the home of Worthy Matron Marsden, I was welcomed with more than a fraternal greeting. Had she been my own sister, she could not have extended to me more consideration and kindness. I was en-

tertained by her during my stay and the acquaintance of both was indeed pleasant.

Sunday several of the sisters called. Monday I took dinner with Sister Levens and spent a very enjoyable hour. In the afternoon the officers met for drill and in the evening the Chapter met in regular communication.

The Hall was beautifully decorated with flags and the emblematic colors of the Order; while arched over the West were the words, "Welcome, W. G. M."

The degree were conferred on five candidates in a highly creditable manner. Following the close of the Chapter a sumptuous lunch was served and an exceedingly pleasant evening followed.

Tuesday forenoon and afternoon we met for practice on the Floral Work, and in the evening the Chapter met in special session and conferred the Floral Degree upon one of the new members. The work was done without a flaw. Lunch and a regular old-fashioned Love Feast followed.

Tuesday night, I took dinner with Sister Jones, who really made me feel at home.

This Chapter presented me with a handsome silver water pitcher engraved—"Burns Chapter, No. 40, O. E. S., to Madeleine B. Conkling, W. G. M."; and from the Secretary, Sister Elizabeth Waters, I received a unique souvenir spoon made from shell.

Books well kept.

I was loth to part from Burns friends, each and every one had been so kind, and my visit so very pleasant. Wednesday afternoon I accompanied Sister Oakerman, who had been attending the Chapter, to her home a distance of thirty-five miles, being enroute to Prineville. Here I stayed all night and took the stage the next day. This sister's hospitality will always be remembered.

Carnation No. 44.—I reached Prineville Saturday, October thirty. Was met about ten miles from town by Brother Baldwin, and Sisters Baldwin, Brink and Howard.

While here I was entertained by Worthy Patron Baldwin and his most estimable wife. The welcome here was a repetition of that received at Burns. Sunday I took dinner with Associate Matron Brink.

Monday, November first, Carnation Chapter convened in special session. The hall was tastefully decorated with potted plants. A large number of members were in attendance. The work was well done, and especial praise is due the Worthy Patron, Conductress and Adah, who did their work faultlessly.

The Associate Matron occupied the East and did her work fully as well as any Worthy Matron it has been my pleasure to hear.

Instead of the Floral Work this Chapter presented the Vocal Star, and while I witnessed it for the first time, yet I feel justified in saying that it was presented in a most excellent manner. To my knowledge this is the only Chapter in the State using the work

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Subscribers finding this paragraph marked
will understand that their subscription has
expired, and they are earnestly requested to
renew.

Several items are crowded out of this issue,
much to our regret, but we will save them for
the next.

Please send the items as soon after the last
meeting as possible, that they may be ready
for setting up.

Our sister jurisdiction of Iowa is again be-
reaved. Very unexpectedly Brother Eugene
B. Dyke, Past Grand Patron entered into
rest. He was greatly missed at the meeting
of the Grand Chapter in October last, but
none thought that so soon he would be called
home. THE EASTERN STAR sends sympathy
to the wife and children who mourn his loss.

We are indebted to the Kansas Freemason
of Wichita, Kansas, for a program of the
twentieth semi-annual re-union of the A. A.
Scottish Rite of the Valley of Wichita. It is
a beautiful leaflet and we shall treasure both
the souvenir and the remembrance by our
fellow worker, but cannot suppress the regret
that they are all boys in the family. No
women need apply.

We are glad to present to the readers of
THE EASTERN STAR the officers of Rob Mor-

ris Chapter, Evansville, Ind. Among the
group will be seen Sister Jennie Myerhoff,
Past Grand Matron, who is now serving the
Chapter as Ruth. We trust our brother of
the Constellation will not take exception to
the number of brothers in the picture, but
somehow Indiana likes to have the brothers
around and thinks a few add to the interest
of the occasion.

Recently some communications came to us
which bore no signature, and as in our judge-
ment it did not seem for the good of the Ord-
er to publish them we did not do so. Any
one sending a communication should at least
let the editor know the name of the writer.
It is never our desire to favor one Chapter
above another in the matter of news and we
try to give all that comes as full as possible,
but sometimes we must condense, and we
would remind our sisters and brothers that it
is far easier to see how things should be done
than to do them—we had very few pre-con-
ceived ideas as to how a paper should be run
before we began our work in this line, but we
have since met scores of people who know
just how to run a paper. By the light of our
experience, it is much less difficult to theorize
than to execute in the periodical line, and, of
course a fraternal paper is so liberally patron-
ized and the renewals and subscriptions so
promptly paid that there is no anxiety caused
on that account. Charity means not alone
the giving of alms.

The editor of THE EASTERN STAR counted
her fifty-ninth birthday on November fifth,
and 'tis said that when a woman nears the
half hundred she ceases to count her birth-
days. But when one's friends marks them
by such pleasant incidents as did ye editor's
friends, they should be counted as among
life's choice things. The evening of Novem-
ber fifth was the stated meeting of Queen
Esther Chapter and never saw we the Chap-
ter opened more promptly, for which we in-
wardly rejoiced, but the great haste to rush
the business and get away we greatly de-
plore and chided them for their haste, all of
which was taken with remarkably good hum-
or. They knew our fault was to always be
among the last to leave the Chapter room
and this evening was no exception. One or
two waited, as is their custom, to walk home
with us and imagine, if you can, the surprise,
when upon opening the door, we found the
members were there to welcome us. To em-
phasize the occasion the Worthy Patron, Ed-
ward W. Barrows, in behalf of members, pre-
sented a beautiful chatelaine. We were also
the recipient of a beautiful cup and saucer,
its face bearing our emblematic star, from
our Grand Matron and remembrances from
other friends. So long as one's birthdays can
be marked by evidences of love and friend-
ship, and the years do not rob us of our use-
fulness, they are not to be despised.

Sunday afternoon, November 21, after
years of suffering, Brother Seth Tozer was re-
leased and passed beyond earth's sorrow and
waiting. For the fourth time he came to
this city to receive surgical treatment.
Brother Tozer and Sister Grady, his daughter,
who accompanied him, are residents of Iola,
Kansas and members of Salem Chapter, and
each time that they have been temporarily in
the city the members of Queen Esther Chap-
ter have called upon them and they have
grown near to us. Since their last visit here
they have been bereaved of the wife and
mother and Sister Grady of her only child—a
son grown to manhood. Brother Tozer
was a native of New England, going to Cali-
fornia in forty-nine. Later he made a home
Iola, Kansas. To him and his life partner
there came no children, but ten homeless
ones were reared by them and two of these
mourn his loss. No daughter could have
given to an own father more loving attention
than did Sister Grady to her foster-father.
He fell asleep and his remains were taken
back to Iola for interment. Some of the
members of Queen Esther went to our sister,
and in so far as possible, rendered assistance.
Sunday evening, a few went to the hospital,
and prayers were said by the Rev. A. J. Gra-
ham, Rector of Christ Church. In the morn-
ing they accompanied her to the train and
Queen Esther Auxiliary sent a floral tribute.
'Twas but little we could do but our hearts go
out to her in her bereavement in sincere and
loving sympathy.

We are nearing the glad Christmas-time
when again will be celebrated the birth of
the Christ-child. To those who have seen
His Star in the East the season comes with
especial significance, for it is by the light of
that Star—the Star of Bethlehem—that we
are guided. It is the light that brightens
earth's darkest places, and to those who have
come to worship Him should come much of
the sweetness and loving kindness He came
into the world to bring. There awaits for all
some message of gladness to bear "in His
name." No life can encase itself in selfishness
and forget the sweet lessons of the Christmas
time, nor can the hurry of life shut out from
us, even though we may have been lead over
stubbled fields, the sweet memories of other
days. Let some heart be made glad. Make
the day bright for the little ones that the
years that come to them may bear with them
sweet memories. Perhaps from your home
have gone the dear ones whose presence
made your life happy. In their memory re-
member those for whom life seems to hold
very little for

"Christmas comes but once a year,
But to some it does not come
Even with remembrance dear;
Some are poor and lone and weary,
Sorely stricken and heart-draary."

Let the light of His Star shine for them and
bear to them the message, "Peace on earth,
good will to men."

LETTER FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

Warsaw, Ind., Nov. 15 1897.

My Dear Sister:—On the evening of October twenty-fifth by special invitation I visited Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, arriving there about two thirty P. M. I was met at the station by Susie Robison, the Worthy Matron, whose guest I was during my visit. Fidelity is one of the strongest Chapters in this jurisdiction, having about two hundred members, and I believe the Masonic Fraternity have the finest and most complete Masonic Temple in the state. On this occasion Wabash, Peru, Kokomo, Young America and Walton Chapters were invited and represented by a goodly number. Wabash came with a special train with forty-seven members joined by Peru by nearly as many. The first thing on the program was a five course banquet. The seating capacity (as arranged to represent a five pointed star) was eighty persons at a time—the tables were decorated with roses, carnations and smylax and I am informed the dining hall was seated four times. It was 8:30 before the first table were seated, and sometime after ten o'clock before the Chapter was opened. The degrees were confined on one candidate and were beautifully and impressively rendered. This occasion will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to be present. Brother Stemen Grand Patron, Sister Ransford, Grand Secretary, and Brother Engle, Past Grand Patron were among the honored guests.

As it has been my desire to visit some of the smaller Chapters in the vicinity where I am invited, which I can do without expense to them, and when I accepted the invitation to Logansport, I wrote Sister Sallie Homan W. M. of Vashti Chapter at Mexico that if they desired I could be with them on the twenty-sixth of October and also wrote Sister Anna Arnold W. M. of Macy Chapter that I could meet with them on the twenty-seventh. I received immediate answers from both, extending a cordial invitation to visit their Chapters and be their guests. Vashti Chapter has a membership of about forty, they have a nicely fitted hall and everything indicates harmony and prosperity. The degrees were confined on one candidate, the work was done in an easy and impressive manner; this was their regular meeting and after the business was over a banquet followed which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On the following evening I visited Macy Chapter. They have a membership of about fifty and during the fall they have been laboring under some difficulties on account of sickness, typhoid fever having proven fatal.

The Associate Matron who was the wife of the Worthy Patron, was buried with the honors of the order only a few weeks before my visit. The ritual work was exemplified, a number of places being filled by proxies, the Worthy Patron who so recently lost his wife, (and who has the sympathy and respect of the Chapter) was not present. He

came as far as the ante-room but could not go in. Refreshments were served after the close of the Chapter, and I know they had enough to feed four times as many. These Chapters were never visited by a Grand officer and I feel as though some good was done by my presence and words of encouragement. On the following day I drove fourteen miles through a beautiful country to make a train to reach home that night.

On the evening of November twelfth by special invitation I visited Decatur Chapter. This Chapter has a membership of fifty and every thing indicates that they are in a harmonious and prosperous condition. The W. Patron is also Master of his Lodge and High-Priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, and I think is the right man in the right place, I can also say as much for the W. Matron, she being a very efficient officer. The secretary deserves special mention, an excellent officer and serves without compensation. I was the guest of Brother and Sister Hensley, the Worthy Matron. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates who were much impressed with the work and will make bright Stars. The work was rendered without rituals, in a manner to win favorable comment. Dainty refreshments were served after the close of the Chapter, and an hour spent in social chat. Goodbyes were said, all feeling "it was good to have been there."

Fraternally yours,

MAMIE CONRAD.

LITERARY NOTES.

The first edition of the Christmas number of McClure's Magazine will be a third of a million copies. It will have a special Christmas cover, designed by Charles L. Hinton, and will contain pictures by F. S. Church, Charles Dana Gibson; Ernest G. Piexotto, Corwin Knapp Linson, and others of the best known artists, as well as reproductions of some famous paintings appropriate to the season. Rudyard Kipling, Anthony Hope, Charles A. Dana, Robert Barr, Ella Higginson, Bliss Perry, W. T. Stead, and the distinguished Asian explorer, Dr. Sven Hedin, will be among the contributors to the number.

The November Temple deals with the real nature of the thinking faculty and functions, and will be found full of surprise. It is entitled "Thinking All Over," under which head Paul Tyner brings out in a strikingly new and interesting manner, the actual relations between bodily conditions and mental actions, whether emotional or intellectual. Seldom have the unerring, direct and continuing influence of thought and emotion on bodily conditions been so strongly and fully brought out between the covers of a single publication. A wealth of thought and knowledge concerning the new psychology is here condensed into a single clear, concise and captivating article. (Ten

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When the work was finished, a banquet was served and at a late hour good-night was said.

Tuesday afternoon the officers met for a short drill, and to become better acquainted. As a token of friendship, I received a set of solid silver coffee spoons, with sugar spoon to match, marked "44".

I wish to extend to the members of Carnation Chapter my sincere thanks for the fraternal courtesies extended and assure them that I fully appreciate their efforts.

While at The Dalles, enroute for Portland, I was entertained by Sister M. S. Myers, who always treats me as her own daughter. What more can be said.

Sunday, November seven, in the Masonic Temple, Portland, I held a Grand Chapter of Sorrow, in memory of our loved and lost sister Julia Abraham, Past Grand Matron.

I reached home Monday morning, November eight, and I assure you my welcome was fully as cordial as any received during my trip.

MADELINE B. CONKLING,
Worthy Grand Matron.

Nov. 12, 1897.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, 1897.

The Grand Chapter has reached its quarter of a century milestone and the annual meeting began October nineteenth. It was called to order by James B. Merritt, Past Grand Patron, and was duly opened, James R. Tapscott, Grand Patron, presiding.

The address of the Grand Patron showed much interest in the work of the Order. He noted the fact that from a beginning of delegates from eight Chapters representing a "membership of a little over five hundred," it now counts one hundred and thirty-five Chapters with a membership of nearly ten thousand. Six Chapters had been organized. The Grand Patron paid several official visits to subordinate Chapters.

The address of the Grand Matron also evidenced much interest and a busy year. She visited fifty-one subordinate Chapters and attended numerous receptions, luncheons, etc. The address embodied the reports of the deputies and shows that the work has been in capable hands. Both Grand Officers spoke lovingly of Sister Susan Rucker, Associate Grand Matron, who had entered into rest.

The receipts were \$9,615.04 and the disbursements \$4,458.43, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$5,156.61. The amount in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Fund is \$2,301.35.

The question of making the Grand Matron the presiding office of the Grand Chapter came before the Grand Chapter, through a recommendation of the Grand Patron, that a committee be appointed to consider and present the matter to the next session.

Harrison D. Rowe, Grand Patron, Oakland.
Mrs. Eva M. Porter, Grand Matron, Salinas.

Louis O. Stephens, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Belle Smith, Associate Grand Matron, Stockton.

Mrs. Kate J. Willatts, Grand Secretary, San Francisco.

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Marie L. Coffin, Grand Warder, Carson City.

Theresa J. Merwin, Grand Organist, Alameda.

Charles J. Trussler, Grand Sentinel, Paso Robles.

GLEANINGS.

INDIANA.

Prairie Chapter, Boswell, is doing well. Two were initiated at the meeting held Nov. 22 and more to follow.

Young America Chapter is in a prosperous condition. They have elected one candidate and will initiate him at their next meeting. They expect to entertain Bro. Stemen, G. P., on Thanksgiving eve; when he will deliver a lecture on "Our Order."

On Oct. 25, Forest Chapter entertained some neighboring Chapters—Waterloo Chapter, Ind., and Lillian Chapter, Montpelier, O. One candidate was initiated and the Vocal Star was given. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant evening spent.

Orient Chapter, Laporte, is prosperous. They are adding to their belongings a lantern and slides, which will enhance the beauty of the work. The members are enthusiastic. The club also is well attended and enjoyable.

Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City is adding to its numbers. It has also purchased a fine piano, which cost \$359. Nov. 11, it gave a literary and musical entertainment and chrysanthemum show which was both socially and financially a success.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its first meeting in Nov. with Sister Hornshu, assisted by Sisters Rodenberger and Ransford. It was well attended. The second meeting was with Sister Weaver, assisted by Sisters Waide and Thomas, and although the day was very unpleasant, a goodly number of sisters were present.

Hope Chapter, Lafayette, has been holding very pleasant socials. At the last meet-

ing sections one and two gave an entertainment. It was a "hard time" masquerade and nearly every one appeared in an unique costume. A potato race proved very exciting, and charades and a clothes pin game were played. A three course supper was served at 10 o'clock.

A Japanese tea was given the auxiliary of Shiloh Chapter, Ft. Wayne, by Sister Hall the treasurer, assisted by Sisters Kate Foster and Laura Zimmerman, which was very enjoyable. In the evening the ladies and gentlemen were entertained with a guessing contest. They were to guess the number of seeds contained in a large watermelon which had been cut. Sister Umstead won the first prize and Mr. Waltz the booby. During the evening they were treated to a delightful serenade by the A. O. U. W. band which was highly appreciated.

At the last meeting of Garnet Chapter about fifty guests and members were present. The Chapters of Eureka, Petersburg, Huntingburg and Gentryville were represented. The degrees were conferred on two candidates and a dimitted sister who has come to make this her home was received into the Chapter. One candidate was elected. The officers wore their new robes for the first time and made a very fine appearance. The degrees were conferred in a beautiful and impressive manner. No Chapter can boast of a more faithful W. M. than our W. M., Carrie V. Halbruge. After the close of the Chapter, refreshments were served and social interspersed with music closed the evening's program. S. E. S.

Plymouth Chapter held a very pleasant meeting Oct. 19. Three candidates were initiated and after the work, Sister C. O. Smith recited a poem, which was illustrated by the stereopticon. The Chapter now has a membership of 79. It did not take a vacation. Early in the year an auxiliary was organized which is doing excellent work for the Chapter. Recently a musical entertainment was given from which \$25 was realized, making the fund which is being raised for the purchase of a piano, now about \$75.

DEAR SISTER—After leaving Westville—where they have a small but flourishing chapter—I arrived at Valpariso and was kindly entertained by Kate Agnew, W. M., who aided me greatly in my work, by taking me around in her carriage—which kindness was greatly appreciated. I also attended the chapter. They have a lovely chapter room and their exemplification of the work was excellent. They balloted on two petitions and three were presented. The chapter has just purchased a fine floor cloth and jewels. They voted to invite Sister Conrad, G. M., and Sister Ransford, G. S., to be with them at their next meeting. They all send you greeting and hope you will come.

Representative Eastern Star.

A recent meeting of Lois Chapter' is counted among the most pleasant yet

held. Invitations were extended to Clarksburg and Westport Chapters and quite a number from both Chapters responded. They were welcomed by Bro. H. C. Childs, P. P., and Bro. H. C. Doles, W. P. of Clarksburg responded. The work was exemplified by the officers of Clarksburg Chapter and was impressively rendered, calling forth many compliments. This was followed by the Floral Work given by Lois Chapter which was also excellently done and elicited from the guests words of commendation. Sister Dora Elder gave "Our Vows," and short speeches followed. After the close of the Chapter some beautiful tableaux were given followed by refreshments and all expressed themselves delighted with the evening's pleasure.

The mourning badges had scarcely been laid aside when once more the white messenger visited Ruth Chapter, Peru, and again called one of our youngest and fairest members. Mrs. Max Wertheimer, wife of Rabbi Wertheimer, of Dayton, O., died Oct. 27. She was the only daughter of Louis and Ida Affelder, and leaves two little children, one a babe four months old. The day they brought her home, Bro. and Sister Lorrimore left for their new home in Ft. Smith, Ark., and many of the members went to the depot to bid them goodbye and Godspeed. While one train bore away the living to their new home, the incoming train brought back to her childhood's home the dear wife, mother and daughter. Our love and sympathy go out to the parents and husband in their sad bereavement and to the little ones so early left without a mother's love and a mother's gentle, guiding hand.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Would a few words from Clinton Chapter, No. 6, interest your readers? We are, as you may see by our number, an old Chapter, and claim the honor of having had the Grand Chapter meet with us while it was yet a wandering child. Since then it has grown wise and strong, and has a home of its own. Clinton Chapter is prosperous and happy. I cannot just say how many of our charter members are with us yet, but of one dear old couple who nursed this Chapter in infancy, guided its tottering footsteps in childhood and now in its maturity stands steadfast for the right, I would love to speak. Brother and Sister Ashley have traveled life's pathway hand in hand for fifty long years. On Thursday, Oct. 21, occurred the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. They thought to celebrate appropriately by a re-union of their family. At five o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Ashley sat down to dinner, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to the number of fifty. Their daughter Hattie, one of our faithful members, knowing how dear to her parents' hearts was the Chapter, invited it as a body to call during the evening. Accordingly, 29 members met at the hall and marched two and two to the home on Fifth Street, and

full as we found the home we were assured that there was ever room for good old Clinton, No. 6. We as surprisers were more than surprised. It was another case of biter being bit. We were courteously and ceremoniously invited to the dining room where we found the long table groaning under its load of delicacies—delicious cake, tropical fruit, ice cream and every thing good to eat. At the end of this feast of good things, we were treated to more good things in the way of after dinner speeches. Brother Ashley belongs to that good old school of gentlemen and believes in doing things in style. We then adjourned to the parlor where we had smuggled in two elegant rockers. These were presented our genial host and his good wife by Bro. Morrison, our W. P. He said it was not for the intrinsic worth of the chairs they were offered but in loving remembrance of the faithful work performed by Mr. and Mrs. Ashley in the Eastern Star Chapter. He asked that they be accepted in the same loving spirit in which they were offered and that some time, while resting in them, they would think of us. Brother Ashley, with trembling limbs and emotion in his voice, said the time had already come when he and his faithful companion had to rest more than work, when retrospection was more pleasant than anticipation. "These chairs," said he, "shall be our resting place as long as life shall last and mother and I, when we can no longer meet you in the Chapter, will sit here and remember the good deeds of our companions. No chairs shall ever take the place in our home and hearts of our Eastern Star chair." The hour was late when we wended our way home, thankful that our lot had been cast among the members of the O. E. S.

MICHIGAN.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—I know that you will be glad to hear of the success of Innes Chapter. It is nearly four years since it was organized, the first two years of which were not very prosperous and oftentimes we felt discouraged enough, but the persistency of the officers and members won the day and now our Chapter is an assured success. At each regular meeting during the past year we have initiated from two to four members. THE EASTERN STAR has been a great help to us. I do not think that I would be able to get along without it. Please find enclosed one dollar for the next year. We send greetings to our sisters. Yours fraternally,
AUGUSTA C. HIGHTSTONE.
St. Ignace, Nov. 12, 1897.

MINNESOTA.

Invitations on "Brownie" paper having been previously sent to the members of Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, and their many friends, they met in Masonic Hall, Friday evening, Oct. 29, to celebrate Hallowe'en. The presiding witch greeted all who entered. Two other witches told wonderful fortunes to those who

gave their palms for inspection. All the Hallowe'en games were indulged in, children and grown people entering into the spirit of the occasion. Never did the building resound to more merry laughter than when all were seated around the table in the banquet room, which was lighted by solemn-faced pumpkin lanterns. Down the centre of the table was laid a strip of black cloth over the white; on this were skeletons of various sizes, from one over twenty inches in height, standing in the middle of the table, to those of three inches. The jumps and screams began when the witch at the head of the table, sent down the line various articles to be passed from hand to hand under the table, the link sausage and the wet stuffed glove proving almost too much for the nerves of some. Lights were turned on, the skeletons relegated to the closet, and all quieted with apples, pop-corn and candy, after which the tables were put aside and dancing began. It was an "early" hour when the key was turned in the door, and all had departed to their homes, wishing Hallowe'en would come soon again. I.W.L.

MONTANA.

The members of Ruth Chapter, Butte, had a pleasant time on Oct. 20, their regular meeting night. There was a larger turnout than usual and all the officers were present with the exception of Esther. The sister elected to this office has not been able to attend and the chair is usually filled by Sister Morshead, who makes a real Queen Esther. Two petitions for initiations were read and referred. There were visitors from Salt Lake, California; Pocatello, Idaho; Fairfield, Iowa and Helena, Montana. After Chapter closed, a fine literary and musical program was rendered. This was heartily enjoyed by all, especially the singing of little Misses Wathey and Anderson. These little tots are not Star members but were invited with other guests to the social part of the evening. Mr. Thresher, a promising young lawyer, lately come to make his home in Butte, gave two pleasing recitations, and proved himself so entertaining that the sisters are now wondering what means of persuasion to use to get him into the Chapter. At the conclusion of the program the W. P. announced that a banquet would be served in the dining hall and asked the visitors, officers and members to form in line for the march—music by the "Pickaninny Band." The five sisters who had charge of the tables, created not a little amusement by coming in, dressed as "Aunt Dinahs," just as the line was all formed. They came in at the entrance door, moved in and out through the line, making several difficult figures and with many bows and curtsies passed out through the door to the ante-room. Each one wore a long white apron, white kerchief crossed at the waist, a white bandanna and a black mask. At table much fun was had and many guesses made as to who was who but they all looked alike. It was late when the merry party separated and the good nights were said. B.

MARYLAND.

Mizpah Chapter, Frederick, which was instituted July 8, 1897, has increased its membership to 65 and is receiving more applications. Of course, the majority are ladies but the brothers enjoy the meetings so well that they are all bringing their wives, sisters and daughters. There is every reason to believe that the roll will shortly number 100. The beautiful work of the Order is very well presented, considering the short time the officers have been on duty. Much interest is manifested, meetings are largely attended and are truly enjoyable. Many would like to join the ranks but having no Masonic affiliations have not the open sesame to enter the charmed, or as outsiders say, the exclusive circle. One of our most enthusiastic members is Brother John Alexander Lynch, for many years Judge of the Circuit Court, and who is just retired by reason of having reached the age limit. The Judge is never happier than when amongst the sisters and his eloquent and witty speeches are a distinctive feature of the meetings. Columbia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., has kindly tendered our Chapter the use of their rooms. Mizpah Chapter was instituted by Concordia Chapter of Baltimore, and we cannot say too much of their beautiful work. They have invited us to make them a fraternal visit Nov. 15 and as we regard them in the light of our mother Chapter, we have gladly accepted their invitation. The officers of our Chapter were tendered an invitation to an entertainment and dance, Nov. 12, by Maryland Chapter, of Baltimore, which was one of the most delightful Masonic functions of the season. Bro. Henry Pettit, P. M. of the lodge at Carrollton, Mo., is a Fredericktonian. During his recent visit here he complimented our Chapter on making good progress and giving fair exemplification of the work. As the Brother speaks by the book and is an interesting bachelor, we feel highly complimented. We are young yet in the work but all of us are heartily interested. As the Order is closely related to Masonry, its offspring as it were, we hope to honor our parentage. We are not yet advanced to the dignity of official robes, but we do not hesitate to say that when our officers are arrayed in all the gorgeous paraphernalia of the Eastern Star, they will do credit to "My Maryland."

MASSACHUSETTS.

It was not the annual meeting of the G. C. on the evening of Oct. 2d, as would seem to be indicated by the number of Chapters represented at Keystone Chapter, Boston, on that evening, but the official visitation of the G. M. with her suite. The Chapter room was beautifully decorated with stately palms, cut flowers and smilax for her reception, and thirty-two Chapters, representing five Grand Jurisdictions were present to join in welcoming the distinguished guests. A banquet was served at early evening, but evidently Bro.

Blossom, P. G. P., was not there, for every one who entered the Chapter room found him standing at the door, like a faithful sentry, and to each was presented a souvenir card in booklet form, the face of which bore the cut of the official seal of Boston, with the words "Keystone Chapter" above in the form of a crescent and below "Official Visitation and Inspection, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 1897. Isadore Forbes, G. M.; Frank A. Noyes, G. P.; Ada J. Jackson, Grand Mars." On the first page was a fine cut of Sister Forbes, with the legend, "Our Grand Matron, 1897-1898. An earnest worker, a capable leader, a faithful friend. The opposite page presented the faces of Sister Alice M. Blossom and Bro. Edgar W. Jones, with the words, "Keystone's Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron, 1897," above them, and below "Keystone's Greeting to our Order."

On the back was a representation of the seal of the Chapter. In Chapter two candidates were elected and three initiated. The officers maintaining the reputation of the Chapter for good work. The Grand Officers were presented with silver souvenirs.

Oct. 27 the G. M. honored Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, with her presence. Here, too, palms of various species and ferns were largely used in decorating, while the chandelier was nearly enveloped in loops of laurel. Four candidates were initiated in a manner which drew forth words of high commendation from the Grand Officers. A large number of visitors were present, twenty-three Chapters from four Grand Jurisdictions being represented. The Grand Officers were remembered with flowers. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting. The sale and supper given by Vesta, Nov. 10, was well attended and proved very successful.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, received the G. M. on the following evening, Oct. 28. A large bank of hardy hydrangea blossoms adorned the East of the Chapter room and blossoms were caught here and there on the draperies above. The altar was entwined with ivy, above was suspended a floral star of appropriate colors, and on top of the door casing rested sprays of smilax. At early evening a banquet was served. A very pleasing feature of the introduction of the Grand Officers was an original song of welcome by Sister Florence A. Nickerson, a young miss of eighteen, who stepped forward, thus addressed the G. M. and presented her with a bunch of violets. Three candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner, and five petitions were received. The Grand Officers were the recipients of beautiful flowers. Twenty-four Chapters and three Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

A large number of Grand Officers were present, Nov. 3, to assist the G. M. in the inspection of Highland Chapter, Somerville, the home Chapter of a Frank A. Noyes, G. P. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and smilax; vines of smilax were

caught from the chandelier to the altar and entwining it, forming a perfect canopy over the Great Light, resting thereon. Two candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner and the officers were highly commended for their good work. Silver souvenirs were presented the G. M., G. P. and G. Mars., after which the W. P. with pleasing words, expressive of the high esteem in which the G. P. had always been held by Highland Chapter and the pleasure felt by the members for his election to his present position, presented him with a nice umbrella. A large number of visitors were present, twenty-two Chapters and three Grand Jurisdictions being represented. A banquet was served at the close of the meeting.

Mary E. Fitch, D. G. M., visited Signet Chapter, Cambridge, Nov. 19. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and begonias of many varieties, and the East was made very bright and cheerful by large bouquets which were presented to the Grand Officers later in the evening. A banquet was served at early evening, and a social hour enjoyed. In Chapter, one candidate was elected and three initiated in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present, representing sixteen Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions.

Nov. 15 Mary A. Fitch, D. G. M., officially visited Queen Esther Chapter, Boston. Four candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present. A banquet was served.

Jennie C. Marston, D. G. M., officially visited Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, Oct. 21. The Chapter room was made very beautiful with various hued begonias, ferns and cut flowers, at once dispelling the gloom of the dull weather outside. A large number of visitors were present, representing nine Chapters. Three candidates were elected and the work pleasingly exemplified. The Grand Officers were the recipients of beautiful bouquets. A banquet was served.

Nov. 2, D. G. M. Marston officially visited Blue Hill Chapter, Hyde Park. Although a very stormy evening a large number were present, representing twelve Chapters from two Grand Jurisdictions. Five petitions were received, three candidates elected and three initiated in a very impressive manner. A very pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation of an elegant watch chain to the organist who has served them so faithfully since the organization of the Chapter. Flowers were presented to the Grand Officers and a banquet was served.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, was the next Chapter to receive the attention of D. G. M. Marston, where she visited Nov. 8. The weather was very unfavorable, yet it did not prevent a very good representation from the different Chapters, fifteen being well represented. Palms, ferns, smilax and cut flowers, with cordial greetings made the Chapter room very bright and cheerful. Two candidates

were initiated in a very pleasing manner. A pleasing feature of the business of the evening was the election of John P. Loring, P. G. P.,—who guided the infantile footsteps of the members of this Chapter in the light of our Star at the time of the organization—to honorary membership—an honor which was well merited and highly appreciated. Flowers were presented the Grand Officers, and a banquet was served.

Carrie A. Cushing, D. G. M., officially visited Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Nov. 1. The rain fell in torrents, forming rivulets through the streets which seemed almost impassible for pedestrians. But how changed the scene as one entered the beautiful Masonic Hall. Stately fan palms waved here and there in such profusion that we wondered if all were "Shriners" there. The altar was entwined with laurel studded with flowers and from the chandeliers and over the East were suspended pure white doves, and a star of pure white everlastings found a place beneath the letter "G." Eight Chapters were well represented despite the unfavorable weather. Two petitions were received, seven candidates elected and five initiated with great credit to the officers. The Grand Officers were presented with silver souvenirs and a banquet was served at the close of the Chapter.

Priscilla Chapter, Reading, was officially visited by D. G. M., Cushing, Nov. 17. The Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and begonias for the occasion. A banquet was served at an early hour. The tables in the center of the hall were arranged in the form of a star, over which each star officer presided in her appropriate place; the center of the Star was formed by a large palm. The W. M. presided over a table appropriately stationed from the star at which were seated the Grand Officers. The tables were most daintily spread and the menu was as delicately served. Three petitions were received, two candidates elected, and one initiated in a very impressive manner. The Grand Officers were the recipients of souvenirs and members of fourteen Chapters, representing two Grand Jurisdictions, were present to accord them a welcome.

Mattie L. Partridge, D. G. M., officially visited Aurora Chapter, Natick, Nov. 12. Floral decorations seemed hardly necessary in this beautiful Masonic Hall, so freshly tinted and frescoed with such beautiful scenic paintings, yet rare tropical plants, dainty ferns and potted plants found their way there for the occasion. A banquet was served in the early evening. A pleasing feature, which perhaps no one enjoyed so much as the writer, was the presence of so many of the original members of the Chapter. Two candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present, twelve Chapters being well represented.

Eleanor C. Chamberlain, D. G. M., officially visited Orient Chapter, S. Framingham, Nov. 15. Aurora and Summit Chapters were

the especial guests of the evening and were present in large numbers, beside other visitors, ten Chapters being well represented. A banquet was served at early evening. In Chapter the Star officers sat under a pure white canopy formed of ribbons of crepe paper; banks of evergreen completely covered the face of the pedestals, the one in the East being decorated with white flowers and white satin ribbons, the South with yellow, and the West with a red Floral Star and ribbons. The altar was entwined with dainty ferns and adorned with cut flowers. Five petitions were received and the work very pleasingly exemplified; also the Floral Work and Floral March.

The pleasant, cheery Chapter room of Roxbury Chapter was very beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers for the ceremony of constitution Nov. 4. The pedestals and altar were entwined with smilax, studded with pure white chrysanthemums and fragrant carnations. The G. M. and G. P. were accompanied by the A. G. M., A. G. P., G. Sec., G. Con., G. Chap., G. Mars., G. A., G. R., G. M. and G. E. A large number of visitors were present, nineteen Chapters being represented. The installation was made public and a large number of the friends of the members availed themselves of this opportunity to witness the beautiful ceremonial. Beautiful bouquets were presented the Grand Officers, in receiving which the G. M. said to the W. M. that if she managed the Chapter as well as she had the arrangements for the evening, it was sure of success. Later a banquet was served. Mrs. Lydia M. Moulton is W. M.; W. H. Stocker, W. P.; Mrs. Martha G. Jepson, A. M.; Miss Josephine A. Haynes, Sec.

Wenona Chapter, Dorchester, was constituted Nov. 13. The G. M. and G. P. were accompanied by the A. G. M., G. Sec., G. Con., G. Mars., G. R. and G. E. This Chapter is fortunate in having a W. P. who owns the building in which they meet and his great heart allows him to leave nothing undone which will in any way enhance the benefit or pleasure of the members or their guests. Hence, to accommodate all who might be present, Bloomfield Hall was used on this occasion. It was adorned with stately palms, ferns and smilax studded with flowers, while over the chairs in the improvised East swung the branches of an orange tree. On the right, seated on the platform, were the members of Vesta Chapter, who was thus honored in recognition of their services in conferring the degrees upon the charter members of the Chapter; and friends were admitted to the balcony to witness the installation. A large number of visitors were present, eighteen Chapters being represented. The banquet hall was also very beautifully decorated, and the arrangements very finely and systematically carried out, reflecting great credit upon the Committee of Arrangements. Mary J. Telford W. M.; Joseph I. Stewart W. P.; Mrs.

E. E. Chandler, A. M.; Henry H. Hersey, Sec.

Puritan Chapter, Lowell, has arranged for a series of whist parties for the benefit of the treasury.

Melrose Chapter initiated two candidates Nov. 12.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, gave a birthday party Nov. 17.

NEBRASKA.

DEAR EDITOR:—Silver Leaf Chapter, Randolph, was organized a year ago last April, with a full charter membership. We now have a membership of about forty and we are still doing lots of work. At our last regular meeting held Monday evening, Oct. 11, we had one candidate for initiation, one petition to ballot upon and received one. We are very much interested in our work, and have organized a Star Reading Circle. We held our first meeting at Mrs. Bruner's, Saturday afternoon. At present we are reading the Star papers. Later we will take up the Eastern Star and its benefits and hope by study to make ourselves more familiar with its teachings. Those present at our meeting were Mrs. Anna M. Tucker, W. M.; Mrs. Thorndike, A. M.; Mrs. Bruner, A. M.; Mrs. Anna M. Tucker, Con.; Mrs. Fritson, A. C.; Mrs. Prosser, Adah; Mrs. Chamberlain, Electa; Miss Harper, Organist.

NEW YORK.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—It affords me much pleasure to comply with your request regarding items from the Seventh Eastern Star District of New York. This district is composed of five counties. Warren county has two Chapters—Glens Falls at Glens Falls and Jephthah at Pottersville; Saratoga has one Chapter, Saratoga at Saratoga Springs, and my county, Washington, has four Chapters—Crown Star at Sandy Hill, Anolia at Hartford Ashlar at Greenwich, and Sylvan Star, Granville. Each is in a prosperous condition. I had the pleasure of constituting Crown Star and Anolia. Last week I instituted Ashlar Chapter at Greenwich with forty-one charter members. With the excellent material this Chapter will have to draw from in the future, I anticipate grand results.

Saturday evening, Oct. 16, I visited Jephthah Chapter at Pottersville, one of the best equipped Chapters it has been my pleasure to visit. Sister Morey, W. M., royally entertained Sister Henry and myself and the Chapter gave us a fine reception.

Of Sylvan Star Chapter, of which I have been W. M. since its organization, I am justly proud. The officers, by study and zeal, have earned the praise which is bestowed upon them and exemplify the work in a beautiful manner.

ANNA W. McARTHUR,

D. D. G. M.

Granville, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1897.

WASHINGTON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—At the risk of wearying those of your subscribers who read the Pacific Mason of last month, I will make a few extracts from a communication beginning "Dear Eastern Star," which was published in that magazine. This article was written for your own valuable paper, but owing to blundering carelessness on my part, and dear Sister Taylor's confiding willingness to publish anything over my signature, it unfortunately got into her paper instead of yours. I had already finished a similar article for our local organ, so the readers of the Pacific Mason had to take a double dose of "Hazel Hamilton" at one gulp. "But to proceed and resume" as "Josiah Allen's wife" so frequently exclaims.

Lorraine Chapter is in a flourishing, harmonious condition, and numbers in the neighborhood of two hundred and twenty-five. We meet in our commodious Masonic Temple the first and third Wednesdays evenings of each month, the first being our regular or business, and the second our special meeting. At the conclusion of the former refreshments are served in our spacious banquet hall. At the last meeting of the month no business is transacted, the time being used in conferring the degrees, floor work, etc. After the closing exercises dancing and other amusements are indulged in. We do not often engage in such a jollification as our apron social proved to be. It had an old fashioned title but was conducted on novel lines and thoroughly in touch with the "new woman's" ideas. There was financiering connected with the affair; it was a social, pure and simple and the lavish hospitality of dear Lorraine was extended to many friends that evening. Our officers are all excellent ritualists, and their evolutions upon the floor during the drill are also remarkably skillful and correct. The elegant many colored robes which cover the various forms as they go fitting and marching about in the intricate mazes of the drill form a most entrancing picture. The ever beautiful Floral degree is given several times during the year, and never fails to elicit loud encomiums of praise from all who are privileged to witness it. In connection with our Chapter we have a flourishing and aggressive helper named Lorraine Auxiliary. This meets on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons of each month, sometimes in the parlors of our Temple, at others, in the drawing room of a kind sister. At these meetings we manufacture fancy work of all kinds, such as aprons of various kinds, etc. During the session a half hour or more is devoted to literature. We have a Superintendent of Literature who announces the author of the day, at a previous meeting. When the time comes each member is expected to respond to Roll call with a quotation, extract, or reading from the author named. Sometimes an original paper is read upon the life and works of the author of the day, which, of course,

adds to the general interest—What do we do with the articles made? Sell 'em! The funds thus accumulated are appropriated to the cause of sweet charity, in the first place, and we have been able to assist a number of worthy widows and orphans of Masons. But our constitution does not restrict the use of our means to charitable purposes. So, if we feel disposed, can make our loved Mother, Lorraine Chapter, happy by a token of remembrance now and then! Early this year we purchased material and made elegantly wrought silk scarfs for the tables and chairs of our Star, which were formally presented to the Chapter, and graciously acknowledged. A year ago we had a Broth in the first Food Exposition held here. We were so well satisfied with the result, that we repeated the experiment this year, at the second Exposition. The financial addition to our treasury was again very gratifying.

Should this communication not be consigned to the waste basket, I may possibly tell you something more of the work of our auxiliary, at a future time.

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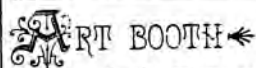
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CHAUNCEY M. HATCH.

Died April 12, 1895.

Our brother, Chauncey M. Hatch, was connected with the early history of the Eastern Star of Connecticut. He was much interested in the forming the Grand Chapter, and was elected the first Grand Patron and instituted some of the subordinate Chapters. Ever ready to carry on the good work he spared no time or trouble in promoting the welfare of the Eastern Star. Those who knew him best loved him most. The Grand Chapter of Connecticut gave \$100 to the Masonic Home and made Brother Hatch a life member. In reply he said to a friend, "It is seldom that I have had so much that was gratifying to me as being made a life member of the Masonic Charity Foundation. It may be but the weakness of one almost too old to be useful, but I am frank to say that this courtesy, coming so many years after my retirement from active Masonic labors, strikes a tender chord in the heart and memories of your first Grand Patron."

I recall the first small gathering of five or more in the house of a brother to impart the beautiful teachings of our beloved Order, over thirty years since and the extension and growth of the Eastern Star since then to its present proud and useful organiza-



CHAUNCEY M. HATCH, PAST GRAND PATRON OF CONNECTICUT.

tion. I feel that possibly I have done some good in the world."

At the last Grand Chapter a committee was appointed to raise the money to place a monument at the grave of our beloved brother. A.E.L.

Emerson well said: "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude." The heroes of the world are those who fear not to have the "courage of their convictions" even against the odds of public opinion. The man who does right because his own conscience tells him it is right may not be popular, but he will have the comforting reflection of having been true to himself. The man with a hobby is generally regarded as a crank; the man with a particular virtue is said to be eccentric; the man who has an opinion independent of his fellows is called obstinate and perverse; he who dares assert himself in spite of public opinion is considered a fool and dangerous.—M. Constellation.

God is outside, as well as inside, all creeds—and wherever truth is found there is one of his footsteps.—Minot Savage.

LETTER FROM MONTANA.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—The writer left Billings, January twenty sixth, for Whitehall, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter at that place. Was met at the depot by Brother Moore and Dr. Haviland, and was entertained at the Whitehall hotel during the day. In company with Mrs. Hurlburt, Associate Matron, was charmingly entertained at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. Fergus, Worthy Matron. Wednesday night I instituted Acacia Chapter. This new Chapter begins life under the most favorable circumstances. The charter membership numbering twenty—the limit in Montana—is composed of excellent material and eleven petitions have already been received and nine initiated. A dainty repast was served at eleven. The officers are earnest and enthusiastic and we will expect good reports of their work. Mrs. Fergus is Worthy Matron, Dr. Haviland, Worthy Patron and Mrs. Hurlburt, Associate Matron.

I left Thursday a. m., for Anaconda, where I was met by Sister Kepler, Worthy Matron, and Sister Lulu Reed, and escorted to the Shoemaker hotel, where I was courteously entertained. I, in company with Sister and Brother Reed was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Curl. Eureka Chapter held an interesting session in the evening and the work very well done considering that this was the first meeting for the new officers. The members were anxious and willing to listen to any suggestions that would be beneficial to them and are of the right kind of material to do good work. A dainty luncheon was served at the close. Friday a. m., accompanied by the Worthy Matron, I made a tour of this beautiful city with its many handsome residences and magnificent business blocks. The bracing air, wide, clean and level streets, were certainly invigorating and pleasureable. The greatest copper mines in the world with their wonderful machinery stretches for miles on the east side of the city. I was loth to say good bye, but was compelled to leave on the 3 p. m., train for Butte, enroute for Bozeman, where I was royally entertained at the elegantly appointed home of Sister Fergusson, Worthy Matron. Everything that could be done for my comfort was certainly done and I was treated to some delightful sleigh rides. The officers of this Chapter deserve great credit for the efficient manner in which they exemplify the work. Bozeman is the home of Brother Kenyon, Associate Grand Patron, and his zeal and enthusiasm has been a great help to this Chapter. It is also the home of Sister Tracy, Past Grand Matron; both were present that evening and assisted with the work. A bountiful repast was served at midnight.

I left Tuesday night for Livingston and was entertained at the Livingston hotel, by Sister Frank, Past Matron. Orient Chapter, held its regular meeting and there was a good attendance. The work was exemplified and

needed instructions given. This Chapter has been laboring under difficulties the past few years, but all feel the year 1898 will be a successful one. A dainty luncheon was served. Thursday morning returned home for a few days needed rest.

January sixth, found me on my way to Twin Bridges. I was obliged to travel two hundred and twenty five miles by rail, then take a coach ride of thirty miles to reach the town, where I arrived at noon, January seventh. I was delightfully entertained at the cheerful home of Brother Comfort, Grand Patron. Robert Vickers arrived in the afternoon, having driven thirty miles by private conveyance to assist in the organization of Daisy Chapter. This new Chapter is composed of some of the staunchest Masons in Montana and we feel assured they will be contented with nothing but good work and good results. Miss Lizzie Smith, Worthy Matron; John R. Comfort, Worthy Patron and Daisy Comfort, Associate Matron. It was with reluctance that we said goodbye to these warm new-found friends. Brother Vickers and myself left by private carriage, Tuesday a. m., for Virginia City, the early capital of Montana, and it is an exceedingly interesting place for all students of the early history of this great state. Here was the headquarters of the vigilantes and the old cemetery contains one long row of Road Agent's graves, the most conspicuous being the grave of Slade, the noted outlaw. Thus the vigilantes paved the way for civilization and made it possible for the present generation with their good schools, churches and magnificent homes, to enjoy the many comforts of this social city of Montana.

I was delightfully entertained at the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Vickers, who have lived in Virginia for thirty-three years. They and their two daughters are active workers of Virginia Chapter. The hall is large, pleasant, and exquisitely furnished throughout, just the refined home that the members of this Chapter need and was artistically decorated for the occasion, with flowers and potted plants. Their china closet and silver chests, contain the most complete service of any in the state. The membership is composed of cultured and refined brothers and sisters who are anxious to do perfect work and their work was certainly excellent. I had no suggestions to offer in the way of improvement. The Chapter is very ably officered by Esther Morritz, Worthy Matron; Brother Foreman, Worthy Patron and Flora McNulty, Associate Matron. I was tendered a most elaborate banquet at midnight. Addresses were made by Brother Vickers, Brother Knight, Past Patron, and Brother Foreman, Worthy Patron, the Worthy Matron and myself. Brother Knight, presented me a handsome piece of china, as a souvenir of my visit. We left Wednesday a. m., by private conveyance for Dillon, a distance of sixty miles, and arrived there at 5:15 p. m. Was entertained at dinner by Sister Metlan at the "Metlan," the handsome new hotel, of which

Dillon is so proud. Mizpah Chapter held a special meeting in the evening which was well attended and considering the newness of the officers the work was very pleasing. The officers are enthusiastic and we expect a fine report from there this year. They also have a beautiful hall and officer robes, together with an excellent dining room service, also have a large dining hall just off from the main hall, where a sumptuous repast was served at midnight. Some able addresses were made. I visited the State Normal School Thursday a. m., and left at noon for Deer Lodge. Was met at the station by Sister Valitan, Worthy Matron, and escorted to the McDermott hotel, where I was entertained. Floral Chapter held a special meeting in the evening. This was one of our flourishing Chapters, but the county seat being removed to Anaconda, took away so many of the best citizens and over half of the Chapter's members. I found on my arrival, they were only waiting to surrender their charter. I succeeded in getting them to re-consider the subject and they will work on for a while at least. I intend to visit them again at a reunion night that we will try to have later. In company with Sister Valitan, I visited the state penitentiary, with its three hundred and forty men and six women as inmates. I left Friday night for Townsend, the home of Sister Wood, Past Grand Matron, who charmingly entertained me during my stay, and treated me to a delightful twenty mile ride down the beautiful Missouri Valley, with its immense farms and elegant farm-houses, and we took luncheon with Brother and Sister Keene who own one of the best of these farms.

Brother Eaton, the Worthy Patron, Mrs. Mitchell and myself, partook of an elegant course dinner at the home of Brother and Sister Berg. This Chapter is not very large in numbers but what it lacks in numbers it makes up in earnestness and enthusiasm. Some of the members travel from twenty to thirty miles each Chapter night, yet they are always there. The work is well done and perfect harmony prevails. A luncheon is spread at every meeting and the spread at this meeting was certainly a feast.

I left at midnight for my home where I arrived Sunday morning, feeling tired, yet having enjoyed my visits, and meeting the many noble brothers and sisters. In the thirteen days I traveled over thirteen hundred miles by rail and one hundred and twenty by coach. I know I have taken too much of your space with this letter and I beg your forgiveness.

LUCY S. RAILSBACK,
Grand Matron.

Billings, Montana, February, 1898.

How true it is that "the less age a person has the less vitally interested he is in the subject. And yet, on the other hand, the more age a person has, and the more interested he is in the subject, the less agreeable its contemplation and discussion seem to be."

PEACE AFTER SORROW.

[Jessie Rose Gates, in Century.]

"**T**HERE is a peace that cometh after sorrow,
Of hope surrendered, not of hope fulfilled;
A peace that looketh not upon to-morrow,
But calmly on a tempest that is stilled.

A peace which lives not now in joy's excesses,
Nor in the happy life of love secure;
But in the unerring strength that heart possesses
Of conflicts won while learning to endure.

A peace there is, in sacrifice secluded;
A life subdued, from will and passion free;
'Tis not the peace which over Eden brooded,
But that which triumphed in Gethsemane.

WOMAN AND MASONRY.

[Edith in Kansas Freemason.]

"The new woman is not wholly absent from Freemasonry. In the north west especially her voice is heard in the Lodge room, not merely as a quartet singer but as a solo speaker. The Eastern Star is shining forth and the wives, sisters and daughters of Masons, being organized into lodges, are becoming familiar with affairs belonging only to men. Many brethren and companions in some States are encouraging this new departure. It is a passing show of course. And when the craze is over, when the epidemic ceases, we shall be, if not we, our children will be what we were and our parents before us. The men will grow beards and sing bass, and win bread and be fathers, and wear pants, and fight the battle of life in field and farm and the women, God bless them, will be mothers and wives and sisters and daughters of men, queens of the home, ruling there by right divine, and making it like heaven, dispensing love and joy in human hearts, and being happiest of human mortals from making others happy; in their own sphere will they rule and shine a little lower than the angels. Let us not encourage their mania for clubs and circles and lodges and chapter, or anything that tends to lower them in our esteem, weaken the home tie, destroy their holy influence, or bring them to our level!

There is one thing I like about the above; and that is the reverence the writer has for women. His wife and daughters, if he has a wife and daughter, are all in all to him, but with all his respect and reverence he is not, to use an expression that may be a little slangy, "up to date." In other words, I fear that Mr. Ingersoll is something of a "back number." He does not understand the woman of to-day. She has no objection whatever to men "growing beards," wearing "pants" or singing "bass." What makes the woman of to-day weary is that there are so many men that want to "sing bass" all the time. That is not literally, but figuratively. No woman cares to look up to a man simply because he can "sing bass," wear "pants" or grow a "beard." What the woman of to-day wants is companionship. She does not care to be made a "queen of the home" and dispense love; joy and happiness about a hus-

band unless there is also some happiness scattered about her pathway. "A little lower than the angels" is very nice, indeed, but she wants her husband to come up to her level, not remain below it. Wearing "pants," growing a "beard" and singing "bass" will not do this unless he executes a bass solo once in a while that will show that he appreciates the fact that he is subject to the queen who rules the home. To go away and set up business as a king upon his own account and leave the poor queen alone at home six nights in the week while he attends a lodge meeting or the chapter or commandery or meets a committee or "sees a man," is exercising his prerogative to court around in "pants" and sing "bass," and he thinks the oft-repeated music will not cloy upon the sensitive ear of the "queen," made more sensitive by the cries of little ones and listening to childish tales of woe and the anxious questioning of the juvenile mind."

I do not know that I care to be catalogued "Class A. No. 1, New Woman," but I plead guilty to riding a bicycle and being able to swim and fish, and walk ten miles and feel no evil effects. Such exercise is good for young men, and why should it not be for young women? The woman of to-day, by reason of advanced ideas and her manner of living, is more robust and healthy than at any period of the world's history. She is strong limbed, deep chested, bright eyed, and when she is called upon to assume the holy function of motherhood her children will be strong and healthy and well developed, physically and mentally. Mr. Ingersoll and good old Mr. Carson are of the class, though, who would have her sit about playing at being "a little below the angels" and the men would sing "bass," wear "pants," "win bread" and "fight the battle of life." A woman wants to be good friends with her husband. They ought to be "chums," and if one looks about at the coming man and sees the miserable, pin-headed, cigarette smoking, cane-sucking specimen, she is entitled to entertain a serious doubt as to whether, all things considered, in future such beings will be "fathers," and sing "bass." She sees a very poor field, indeed, from which may come one who is to be friend, adviser, lover, companion and the father of her children. She knows she is intellectually the superior of the "new man," and to support this it is only necessary to cite the fact that graduating classes composed wholly of young women are in the majority.

Mr. Ingersoll says "the Eastern Star is shining forth," but concludes that "it is a passing show" and refers to the time when the "craze" will have passed. This brings me to the first conclusion, that he is a "back number." Let us see about the craze and how it is dying out. In 1850 it had its commencement, but not until 1868 or 1870 was the present order perfected. I am sorry that I have not at hand ampler statistics, but from what I have we will examine a little as to how rapidly the "craze" is passing. In 1870

in 23 States and territories we find 47 chapters bearing an aggregate membership of 1,910; 1875, 223 chapters, 12,094 members; 1880, 311 chapters, 16,246 members; 1885, 458 chapters, 24,693 members; 1890, 874 chapters, 45,541 members. This is in but twenty-three States and territories. It is not confined to the north-west, either, for New York in 1890 had 42 chapters with a membership of 2,448. From this it will be readily seen how the craze is dying.

Mr. Ingersoll does not want us encouraged in the work, and intimates that it might bring us to the level of men. Oh, dear me! A beautiful course of reasoning, truly. He would not have us engage in work which has for its object the lifting up of the fallen, the relief of distress, the widened teaching of the One whose "star we have seen in the east." He would reserve that for those who wear "pants" and sing "bass," while those "a little lower than the angels" sit on the fence and applaud.

What harm can there be in the female relatives of Masons assembling themselves in chapters of the Eastern Star in company with their fathers, brothers and sons? There is no claim made that it is Masonry or that any part of its ritual is Masonic. Then is it any business of Mr. Ingersoll or any other outsider for that matter? Don't be fearful that we will want to be Masons, or that we will take to the order the title "Masonic," for we will do neither the one nor the other. Don't be alarmed about the "craze," or figure about its "passing." Just get down to your books and study of it; watch its work and you will be so impressed with its good that you will take your wife and daughters and with them knock for admission to some Chapter.

"WHERE ROLLS THE OREGON."

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—In response to many pressing special invitations, I left home, Monday morning, February 7, for the purpose of inspecting officially, what are generally referred to, as the East Side Chapters (Willamette Valley) and those located in the city of Portland.

Monday afternoon, I reached Woodburn (Evergreen Chapter) and was met at the train by a reception committee composed of Mrs. Mabel Settlementier, Worthy Matron, Mrs. Elizabeth Cathey, Past Matron and Mrs. Jennie Cornwall, Marshal, and escorted to the home of the Worthy Matron, where I was entertained in a most hospitable manner. A number of invited guests were present at the dinner (6 o'clock). At the appointed time we repaired to the hall, and were heartily welcomed by the members. This being the first regular meeting since the installation, the work was not delivered by all the officers, without recourse to the Ritual, yet it was impressively rendered, and much enthusiasm shown; all being anxious for practice. Remarks made were listened to with rapt attention. Needed corrections were made, and in-

structions given in the manner of keeping the books. The Associate Grand Matron, Margaret Lutke and Lida Poorman, Grand Ruth (this is the home Chapter of the latter) were present, and accompanied me to Oregon City. By request I met the officers for drill, at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning (all being present except the Secretary) when much improvement was shown in the lectures and floor work, and an eager desire to advance evinced. The membership of this Chapter is composed of refined and educated people. Before leaving Tuesday, I took lunch with Past Matron, Cathey, in company with Mesdames Cronwall Johnson and Settlemier. On bidding good-bye to Evergreen Chapter I was accompanied to the train by a large delegation, and many wishes for my return.

We reached Oregon City (Pioneer Chapter) Tuesday evening, February 8, and was met at the train by the Worthy Matron, Jennie Meldrum, who conducted me to the fine new home of the Associate Matron, Sister Inez Ryan, where I was most pleasantly and agreeably entertained. Arrangements having been completed by the Chapter for a musical social, prior to receiving notice of my visit, I insisted that the program as arranged be carried out, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, meeting many who were not members of our Order. On special request, I made brief remarks on the object and aims of the Order of the Eastern Star, which were enthusiastically received. The books of this Chapter are (with few minor exceptions) in excellent condition. Light refreshments were served. I met the officers Wednesday for practice and exemplification of the work; which did credit to all engaged. Wish to especially commend the work of the Worthy Matron and the acting Worthy Patron, Bro. Ryan.

Reached Portland, Wednesday evening, February 9, and was royally entertained at dinner by Mrs. Ida Foster, State President of the Rebekah Assembly, at her home; who as token of kindly feeling and friendship presented me with a beautiful Pastel Frieze, in a winter study. Being her own work it will be prized not alone for its intrinsic value, but for the personal reminiscence of our congenial stage trips, in company with each other in Eastern Oregon, which at sight of the picture will always spring into vivid remembrance.

Wednesday night, I officially visited Corinthian Chapter (it being a stated communication) accompanied by the following Grand Officers: Associate Grand Matron, Lutke; Grand Treasurer, Muckle; Grand Conductress, Heppner; Grand Ruth, Poorman; Grand Sentinel, Miller and Janie Burke, Past Matron, acting Grand Marshal. We were met in the ante-room by a committee and escorted to the hall, where I was met by the Worthy Matron, Sister Stiles, who welcomed me in the following words:

"SISTER CONKLING AND GRAND MATRON:—I value the honor of thus greeting you, with clasped hands above this sacred altar, around which the members of Corinthian Chapter, at

its birth, with you renewed its obligation, and Grand Matron, it is with extreme satisfaction that I inform you that the obligation has been sacredly kept, that not one ripple of discord has arisen to disturb the serenity of our brief existence, and that to-night the members of the Portland Chapters meet in fraternal harmony and love.

Longfellow, in Evangeline, beautifully tells how, 'Silently one by one, in the infinite meadows of Heaven blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots, of the Angels', and Job declares these same stars sang together for joy at a certain historic event; but not more happily than do we, Grand Matron, at your coming among us. You strengthen the bonds of our unity, encourage when encouragement is needed, give kind appreciation of that which is worthy of commendation, and instruct in that in which we are deficient; therefore, Corinthian Chapter, in its childhood, extends to you, a most cordial and hearty greeting and trusts that the work we may perform before you, may not be unworthy of your consideration."

The hall was artistically decorated with potted palms and hot house flowers, and filled to overflowing. Large delegations from each of the City and many adjacent Chapters being present, in all eleven Chapters were represented. The degrees were conferred on two candidates in an exceptionally able manner. No Rituals in sight. Also, two applicants balloted on and elected, and five petitions received. The Vocal Star, was put on for the first time in the city, the work being rendered in a manner which merited and received unstinted praise. The Corinthians are worthy of their name, they are building well. In an especially able manner do the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, Conductress and Associate Conductress do their work. Of Bro. Bridgeford, Past Grand Patron, who acted as Worthy Patron (Bro. Poston, Worthy Patron, being unavoidably absent) comment is unnecessary, as he proved by his two years actual service as Grand Patron, his ability as an instructor. Peace and harmony reign supreme, and every thing is in a faultless condition. Just before the closing of the Chapter, I was approached by Past Matron, Amanda Pearson, who in the following brief speech presented me with a handsome hand-painted Dresden China Eight Day Clock.

"WORTHY GRAND MATRON, SISTER AND FRIEND:—The Chapters who have been favored and inspired in their good work by a visit from you during your official term, have ample reason for the gratitude which they have in so many ways expressed concerning the helpful influences of your presence and labors, but perhaps there are none who have such abundant reason for looking to you for that wisdom and guidance, which always proceeds from the mind of those who are so deeply imbued with the spirit of our beloved Order, as Corinthian Chapter, which I have the honor to represent.

Worthy Grand Matron, we will not undertake to express to you in word, the feeling of appreciation which fills the heart of every member of this Chapter, but we cannot permit this opportunity to pass without presenting you with some token of gratitude, and that you may have something to remind you of the fraternal love and high appreciation of this Chapter, when you have passed beyond our portals in the further discharge of your official duties, I have the honor on behalf of

the members of this Chapter, to present you with this small token our love and esteem; and if you will accept it in the same spirit in which it is given, we feel that it will cement the ties already strong and dear to us, into an enduring friendship."

From Sister Stiles, Worthy Matron, I received a delicate hand made Irish Point Lace Handkerchief, with an assurance that each stitch signified a wish for success. Susan J. Heppner, Grand Conductress, presented me with a pair of large elegant hand painted and polished pearl Plaques. Lunch was served and good-byes said at a late hour.

Thursday I was entertained at dinner by Sister Jameson, Past Matron, of Camelia Chapter, and in the afternoon took a steamer for St. Helens, accompanied by Margaret E. Kelloog, Past Grand Matron, J. H. Bridgeford, Past Grand Patron, Frances Brideford, Past Matron, Nettie A. Stiles, Worthy Matron, Margaret Lutke, Associate Grand Matron and Lida Poorman, Grand Ruth. We had a pleasant trip down the Columbia, and was met at St. Helens, by a committee from Mizpah Chapter, who conducted us to the hall, where every thing was in readiness to begin work. Received a very cordial welcome. The degree work was exemplified in a manner fully up to the standard. Books in good condition. This Chapter is the home of our efficient Grand Treasurer, Jennie G. Muckle. The officers are without exception good, and I was assured that not so much as a ripple of disagreement had ever disturbed the sea of their existence. After completing the work we were invited to the banquet hall. The tables were tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, and the banquet a miniature "Waldorf." At 2 o'clock a. m. we bid good-night, after a social intercourse. Myself and guests were entertained by Sisters Johns, Muckle and Cox. At 8 o'clock Friday morning we met at the wharf, ready for our return to Portland, and although tired and sleepy we were a jolly good natured company.

Friday I was pleased to take twelve o'clock dinner with Sister Lounsbury, Worthy Matron of Myrtle Chapter, which was highly enjoyable. At a six o'clock dinner, Associate Grand Matron, Lutke, entertained a number of guests in my honor, the company being composed of my personal friends. The house and table were handsomely decorated with cut flowers, and an elegant dinner was served.

Friday, February 11, in company with Associate Grand Matron Lutke, Grand Conductress Heppner and Grand Ruth Poorman, I officially visited Myrtle Chapter. The ritualistic and Floral Work were exemplified in a very commendable manner. Books in a first class condition. Two candidates were initiated, five elected, and five petitions received. The Associate Grand Matron, in behalf of Myrtle Chapter, presented me with a fine oil painting, a magnificent study of pansies, framed in gold and executed by the present Secretary of the Chapter, Sister Povey, who is justly famous for her flower studies.

I was accorded a very hearty welcome by the Worthy Matron, who assured me of the hearty co-operation of Myrtle Chapter. Eight chapters were represented. At the close of the session refreshments were served.

MADELINE B. CONKLING, W. G. M.
Roseburg, Or., Feb. 12, 1898.

THE VISIT OF THE ROYAL ARCH MASONS TO MARYLAND.

THAD we a good time? was the question you ask,
I fear you have made it a difficult task
To answer, and tell you, all that was done,
From the earliest morn, to the setting of sun.

The chairman decided a meeting he'd call
To committees appointed, in order that all
Their duty should know, and extend the glad hand
To the strangers, visiting in Maryland.

On Monday appointed, to meet, at each hotel,
And greetings exchange, after which, well!
The way would be opened, all was made clear
There'd be a feast of good things, to everyone here.

The hours so happily speeded away,
Old Sol kindly warned us, the time of the day
Was approaching, when we ready should be
To receive all the friends of the R. A. Degree.

The grand officers stood side by side, for a time
With a welcome to each, as they passed down the line;
A splendid affair. What a perfect success!
Tis needless to say, was voiced by each guest.

On Tuesday we thought, we'd take in the stores,
Alas! on awakening, see, how the rain pours;
But old prob was our friend, and after a time
Thro' the rifts in the clouds, the sun brightly did
shine.

A luncheon was spread at the temple 'bout one,
And you may be sure, to it justice was done;
For a time there was silence; busy elbows were bent,
And each face wore a look of supremest content.

In the evening decided, on our friends would we call
Every one in good spirits, the weather was all
We could wish for. From the Stafford then, our way
did pursue,
And we called at the Rennert, and Carrollton too.

On Wednesday again a repast. In the sky not a frown.
So favored were we, for our drive thro' the town,
To our beautiful park, all were anxious to see,
And in honor, dame nature, had decked out each tree.

Every one pleased, words of wonder, delight,
Were proclaimed universal, as they gazed on each sight;
At the grounds round the mansion, was reined up
each hack.

On the porch, a square box, called by some a "kodak."

By poem and song, in the evening was told
How Royal Arch Masons, a hundred years old
Was still marching on and was destined to shine,
And ne'er be defaced by the foot-prints of time.

On Thursday a. m. was a ride on the trolley,
By all was conceded, there was nothing more jolly;
At 2 p. m. was tendered, a grand oyster roast
At Booth's packing house, himself as the host.

Oysters and oysters to the left and the right,
And as fast as were seen were hidden from sight;
Juicy and fat, so large, and so fine,
At Booth's eating oysters, was a steaming good time.

Here's to you Mr. Booth, long life and success
And hope that your shadow, may never grow less;
In the years that's to come, if we cannot do more
Be in mind often with you at Booth's oyster shore.

We passed by the Fort, our flag was still there,
The eagle screamed loud, flapped his wings in the air
Imbued with the spirit, all joined in the song
Of the Star Spangled Banner, whilst the band played on

We passed down the river, Old Carroll's grey head
Loomed up from the water, a creature of dread,
Naught there to fear, so peacefully rest,
On the broad, blue expanse of Patapsco breast.

Then back we steamed, and pulled for the shore,
A theatre party the next feature in store,
And then after that, moistened eye, lingering heart
Hand clasping hand thus from friends did we part.

To our Royal Arch Brother, now what can we say?
Words are too feeble, our thanks to convey,
But on tablets of silver, in letters of gold
Your kindness so great, could better be told.

And now let us hope, at the close of life's day,
And its bright sun has set, may each beautiful ray
Of the bright Eastern Star, be a lamp to your feet,
Guiding you safe to the golden paved street.

—ELLA V. McCAHAN.

OUR IOWA LETTER.

DEAR SISTER—I have items from several of
our Chapters which are of special interest to
me and I hope may interest your readers.

At their recent installation service the
members of Villisca Chapter invited the
children belonging to the members to be
their guests. At the conclusion of the service
the children were treated to a fine banquet,
after which they, in turn, delighted their elders
by giving a literary and musical pro-
gramme. Having recently visited this Chap-
ter we know what a delightful evening it
must have been. We would like right here
to make a plea for hundreds of other Eastern
Star children who get so lonely when mamma
goes to Chapter. Cannot at least one even-
ing in the year be devoted to them?

Ivy Chapter, Truro, is composed of twenty,
five members, and is less than a year old.
However, they have demonstrated the fact
that energy sometimes counts for more than
age or numbers. Having the use of the Ma-
sonic Hall free of rent, they recently repaid
this kindness by papering and cleaning the
hall, making and putting new shades to the
windows. Unity and harmony seem to be
present in this Chapter to a very commenda-
ble degree.

Carnation Chapter, Cherokee, enjoyed a
pleasant evening at their January meeting.
The installation service was rendered by
Brother Geiger, Past Grand Patron, after
which Sister Dixon, in a neat little speech-
presented jewels to each of their Past Ma-
trons, Sister Chick and Sister Webber. These
tokens of love show the esteem in which
these good sisters are held by their Chapter.
A paper sent us by Sister Enfield, Worthy
Matron of Clarinda Chapter, gives an account
of the memorial service held in their Chapter
room in memory of Eugene B. Dyke, Past
Grand Patron, and Chas. H. Russell, formerly
of Clarinda Chapter, who died December
twelfth, at Beatrice, Nebraska. We quote as
follows: "The closing ceremony of the Star
was grandly beautiful, solemn. The various
officers participated, the part each took being
so peculiarly appropriate, the entire ceremony
fitted together so faultless, that a nobler
scene, a better lesson, or a more fraternal,
loving act for the dead could hardly dwell in
the imagination, much less be expected in
realization."

Davenport Chapter recently gave the farce,
"Female Masonry" at Kaaba Temple and in
connection a musical programme, which was
well rendered. The entertainment was great-
ly enjoyed by all present.

Newton Chapter recently served a banquet
to about two hundred persons, consisting of
the members and a few invited guests. By
way of entertainment a concert was given by
"Ma Dusenberry and her gears". They pur-
ported to be a family from the country town
of Peacham, Vermont, and were on a "Sing-
in' Tower" throughout the country. Some
of the costumes were gorgeous; others very
amusing. The large audience was convulsed
with laughter from beginning to end. This
energetic Chapter has set apart \$64 of its
funds as a nest egg to apply on the purchase
of a piano and hope to add to it as fast as
circumstances will allow.

Faternally yours,
DELIA B. MEREDITH,
Grand Matron.

Newton, Iowa, Feb. 19, 1898.

THE LIVING CHAIN.

A chain of living hands is formed whenever
a new link is added. I cannot imagine a form
more consistent, more beautiful, and more
edifying than the clasping of hands in form-
ing the chain, as in the instance of an addi-
tional link in the ceremony that in our ritual-
ism, is so often a reality. It is a tableaux
that suggests many beautiful qualities, and
it expresses a panorama of advantages and
privileges that follow in a membership of this
Order. It is only in viewing this living and
august spectacle that our hearts are touched,
and are sympathies are aroused with feel-
ings that interpret clearly and concisely the
sentiment and purpose of this organization.
Ordinarily these forms might be passed by
with indifference, and thoughtlessness, as
implying but an observance of ceremonial.
Were there not a deep significance and im-
pressiveness this spectacle could not be so
interesting, and so pleasing: were we to view
it only as it speaks and demonstrates in form
this expressive illustration would not be
apparent.

The intensity of the form is only visible
when we view the spirit and sacredness that
pervades the scene itself. This solemn, but
grand gathering only shows its real intent
when we witness the sincerity and zeal of the
votary that compose it. All these thoughts
are pleasing and instructive, for they, in the
contemplation, show in glowing pictures the
object and purpose. But in these reflections,
we are led into a series of thoughts varied and
diversified, as we view the scope and plan of
the Order. The joining of hands is an act of
equality.

And again the form suggests a desire of
serviceableness, as it refers to amelioration
and benefaction. It also implies a feeling of
appreciation, in whatever bears on the ques-
tion of reputable and notable fellowship and
sisterhood; whatever is ennobling is reminded
in this ceremony. When we desire to ascer-
tain the possibility of unfaithfulness, or the
probability of failure we watch the sincerity,
and base our opinions accordingly. This

symbol has an inclination, or drawing propensity to increase our zeal, for the reason that in its forming we are all identified. We feel that it creates certain responsibilities, and to fulfill them has the tendency to make us zealous and interested. An example of equality is here manifested, for the reason that we actually perform it in pleasing drama. It is in the chain that all distinctions are laid aside, and we demonstrate most forcibly that we desire this condition to prevail. In this chain all feuds, contentions and disagreements are dropped, for the time being (even if not forever,) hence we perceive as we follow up the symbol, that every move, every form, and every gesture but tends to impress upon all, both observers and participators, the importance of making each link a true one in every detail of our Order.

A. J. BURTON.

A BUSINESS PARABLE.

[Union Signal.]

Once a farmer had one thousand eight hundred bushels of wheat, which he sold, not to a single grain merchant, but to one thousand and eight hundred different dealers, a bushel each. A few of them paid him in cash, but far the greater number said it was not convenient then; they would pay later. A few months passed and the man's bank account ran low. "How is this?" he said. "My one thousand eight hundred bushels of grain should have kept me in affluence until another crop is raised, but I have parted with the grain and have instead only a vast number of accounts, so small and scattered that I cannot get around and collect fast enough to pay expenses." So he posted up a public notice and asked all those who owed him to pay quickly. But few came. The rest said, "mine is only a small matter, and I will go and pay, one of these days," forgetting that though each account was very small, when all were put together they meant a large sum to the man. Things went on thus; the man got to feeling so badly that he fell out of bed and awoke, and running to his granary found his one thousand eight hundred bushels of wheat still safe there. He had only been dreaming.

MORAL.—The next day the man went to the publisher of his paper and said: "Here, sir, is the pay for your paper; and when next year's subscription is due you can depend on me to pay it promptly. I stood in the position of an editor last night, and I know how it feels to have one's honestly earned money scattered all over the country in small amounts."

"A man who had suffered ill through the laws of the king came to the king to plead for justice. 'Remember, O king,' said the man, 'that lowly as I am, I am thy brother.' Then the man's dog whom he, too, had ill-treated, said to him: 'Remember, O Master, that I also am thy brother.'"

IN MEMORIAM.

To the family of Edmund Taylor:

At our regular meeting January 23, 1898 we were informed that our aged brother, Edmund Taylor, had crossed the great divide into the peaceful valley of death, having rounded out a most useful and well-spent life. We had not in years enjoyed the pleasure of his companionship. His name was worthily enrolled among the members. We are informed by those who knew him best that nothing too good could be said of our deceased brother.

Therefore we, the committee, deem it a privilege to send to his family and his son Charles especially, with whom his last hours were spent, this testimony of our fraternal love and respect.

We recommend that this letter of sympathy be spread upon the minutes of Venus Chapter, No. 153.

HARRIET P. REBER,
CORA B. MCPHERSON, } Committee.
MILEE M. BALDWIN,

St. Louis, Feb. 3, 1898.

The golden chain of Shelburn Chapter, No. 209, has been broken by the great white angel of Death, stealing from it, one of its fairest links.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, the Grand Architect of the universe, to call Sister Mabel Jefferson Stark, from this Chapter on earth to the Celestial Chapter above, we sincerely believe that her immortal soul is now enjoying bliss ineffable in the Grand Chapter above, there to shine throughout the endless ages to come. Sister Mabel Jefferson was a charter member of this Chapter. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in the death of Sister Stark, Shelburn Chapter No. 209, has suffered a severe loss and has severed its relations with one of the brightest and fairest of its Stars, the family the Star which makes home the brightest place on earth.

RESOLVED, That our Sister Stark has ceased to shine among us in our Starry circle or grip the hand of friendship among us, let us strive to let our Star shine that when we cease to shine here in our Chapter below may we join hands with our beloved sister to shine in the celestial starry firmament above.

RESOLVED, As a token of respect to the memory of our departed sister, the Chapter be draped in mourning for thirty days; that the foregoing be spread upon the minutes of the Chapter and a copy be furnished the family of the departed sister.

LEOTA ANDERSON, } Committee.
LULU ANDERSON,
LULU LINN,

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son, W. P. These graced the head of the table. Members of Mizpah were escorted by officers of Concordia. It is needless to say the table "groaned" with oysters and turkey, salads and condiments, fruits, cakes and coffee. All the three hundred did justice to the tempting menu. Mrs. Fearhake was presented with a magnificent bouquet of roses and carnations. The floral centerpiece of roses was dismantled and beautiful buds given

to the visitors. There were sallies of wit and gems of talk throughout the feast. It was an occasion long to be remembered by the Eastern Star, and especially by Mizpah Chapter, who had the largest representation outside the city, and who were so royally welcomed and entertained.

Jan. 4, Maryland Chapter, Baltimore, held its installation. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. M. W. G. M., and R. W. G. Sec., was present and installed the officers. Visitors were present from Alpha, Baltimore and Concordia Chapters. Sister Pitkin, advocated a G. C., in Maryland, as the Chapters here, nine in number, will be debarred representation in the triennial session of the G. G. C., at Washington, unless organized before Sept. 1898.

N. P.

NEBRASKA.

Silver Leaf Chapter, Randolph, is steadily growing in interest and members. At the regular meeting Jan. 10, they balloted on six new petitions, five for initiation and one for affiliation. Two were read for acceptance. On Jan. 24, the degrees were conferred on three candidates. The occasion was most enjoyable, and the evening closed with a banquet. The sisters planned a surprise on the W. M., Anna M. Tucker, which was successfully carried out and enjoyed by all. She was presented with a five o'clock tea service as a token of fraternal love, in return for the many kindnesses she has done for all, during the two years in which she held the gavel. The evening was spent with singing and light refreshments were served, after which all returned to their homes, wishing such pleasant occasions would occur oftener. New Year's day a reception was given at the home of one of the sisters, when the husbands and Masons were received. The curtains were drawn and the lamps were covered with the five emblematic colors, which gave a most pleasing effect. The reception was quite a social success and greatly enjoyed by those who attended. The last reading circle met with Sister Sedman, the study being the life of Ruth. The members are studying the five heroines of the Order and will derive much benefit from the knowledge thus gained as no more beautiful lessons can be learned from any source than from them. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Sister Parks, when the life of Esther will be taken up.

L. B.

NEW YORK.

During the last week of Jan., Sister Lorraine Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., was in the city of the Greater New York, and was the guest of Sister Eleanor Burton, P. G. M., of the borough of Brooklyn. Sister Pitkin met numerous members of the Order, and among them several of the G. O. She was most gracefully received, and passed the time in advancing the cause of the G. G. C. It is believed that her visit will have a good effect and that the relations between that body and N. Y., will be thereby strengthened.

On Jan. 27, Sister Pitkin, Sister Eleanor Burton and Bro. A. J. Burton visited Esther Chapter. The degrees according to the N. Y., system were conferred on a candidate. It was the first effort of the new officers, but they did well. At the conclusion, Bro. Jos. B. Jones, W. P., caused Sister Pitkin to be escorted to the East, and in some well chosen remarks he presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Never in her career in the Order did the recipient make a more eloquent address than given on this occasion. Sister Louisa L. Bakenhus, presided as W. M., and accorded all the hospitality possible.

On Jan. 29, in the parlors of Sister Burton, were assembled several of the G. O., where an evening with Sister Pitkin, was spent in social converse. On Jan. 31, she attended a reception at the residence of Sister Wooster. The night was exceedingly inclement, otherwise a vast throng would have been in attendance. On Feb. 1, our Sister left for Washington, D. C., thoroughly pleased with her sojourn of a week in the Empire State.

The amount realized at the entertainment of Dec. 20, in behalf of the Hall and Home Ass'n, will be \$1,300.

The official visits of the Grand Officers began with that of Harmonia Chapter on Feb. 11. Three or four visits will occur a week, and the 30 Chapters of the Greater New York, will occupy about forty days in the visitations. B.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—New York is all alive and enthusiasm prevails. Eleven new Chapters added since June and many other places desiring the Order in their midst. G. O. are engaged in the official visits and each occasion exhibits the esteem felt for the representatives of our great G. C. and also the growing encouragement throughout all the districts. Just now the intensity of interest seems to center in New York City, since the M. W. G. M., is there enjoying the hospitality of those dozens of prosperous Chapters, and lending the charm of her presence in those stellar circles whose light has been shining so long. Other centers there are; every district possesses them. In this, the 14th, there are seven and the power and brilliancy of the light in each increases. Brother J. J. Clark, R. W. A. G. Lec., of Buffalo, is benefiting the Chapters by his official visits. Impartial, well informed, discreet in criticism and praise, his work in each Chapter is bringing a greater uniformity and perfection in the ritualistic work; while his agreeable and fraternal manners makes him a favorite with all the brothers and Sisters. He speaks in terms of highest praise of Arcana Chapter, of North Collins and of Acacia of Sherman. Of Naomi, his his own thrifty Chapter, he apparently felt a just pride, but his modesty checked the full expression of approval, which is well deserved, and which he and his lovely wife have been so instrumental in helping to earn for that generous and influential body.

Correspondence brings the lines of a beautiful poem, composed by Everett L. Bickford,

of Brooklyn, and set to music by Sister Ella Bickford Gardner, of Buffalo, Organist and choister of Naomi Chapter. This was rendered in the Chapter with great acceptance on one of the many grand occasions which Naomi witnesses. Here are the words and imagination must show the inspiration of hearing:

"Hail to thee, thou noble Order bright,
Clad in spotless white,
Seeking for the right.
Humbly we bow the penitent knee
Willingly bending to thy decree,
Aid us, Lord of truth and right,
Thy holiness to keep in sight.
Heaven's arches ring.
Loud and grand we sing
Hail! hail! hail!
Eastern Star, Eastern Star."

"Let thy love its radiant beauty shed,
Thy faithfulness spread,
As onward we tread.
Gladly we follow thy precept so grand,
For meekness, humility and honor we stand,
Right, and virtue and love imbued,
Wisdom and truth and candor o'erspread.
Heaven's arches ring.
Loud and grand we sing
Hail! hail! hail!
Eastern Star, Eastern Star."

Many pleasant things deserve mention but only one more can now be noticed. The presentation of a jewel to Sister Julia H. Thayer, P. M., of Acacia Chapter, by Bro. I. H. Russell, P. P., on behalf of the Chapter. Retired from one position, Sister Thayer has well-earned her promotion to P. M., and the Chapter takes pleasure in assuring her of their deep appreciation and love.

Fraternally,

HARRIET L. MARSH,

Sherman, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1898.

TEXAS.

Dallas Chapter is one of the most zealous and enthusiastic members of the Eastern Star family in the Lone State. During the last month at one of their regular meetings, Ree Alvord, A. G. M., was present and received with the Grand Honors. Eight petitions were reported on favorably and members elected, and four petitions for affiliation and two to receive the degrees were received. The membership of Dallas Chapter is 136. The Chapter received an invitation to visit Tarrant Chapter. A valentine party was given at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Shirley, which was a social and financial success. The proceeds were for the benefit of the piano fund. At another meeting, which was a special session, called for the purpose of initiating several candidates into the order, the officers, dressed in their robes of blue, yellow, white, green and red, the emblematic colors of the Order, with the W. M., W. P., and A. M., in royal purple. The candidates were welcomed by Mrs. Liddy, W. M., and after they had received the degrees, they were received as sisters and brothers by the members and their names enrolled as members of Dallas Chapter. After the business of the Chapter was over, the members and visitors were

invited to the banquet hall, where dainty refreshments were served. A novel entertainment was given by Kate Bryan and Mrs. Henry Hamilton. It was a Mexican fruit market and given for the benefit of the piano fund. It was a success in every way and greatly enjoyed by all. A program consisting of vocal and instrumental music and recitations was given, and a Mexican lunch served.

M. A. M.

WASHINGTON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—My beloved personal friend, our honored Sister Mary E. Partridge, M. W. G. M., has written a commendatory letter to me with reference to a former communication from Hazel Hamilton which appeared in your columns, so I venture to "call again." When writing the article mentioned I frequently thought of what Josiah Allen said to his wife: "Who'll read it when it's wrote, Samantha?" To the few who may have read "what I have wrote," I desire to state I wrote, we had a booth in the pure food exposition; the printer makes it appear that we had a broth!

Lorraine Chapter is in a harmonious, flourishing condition, and preparing to give an elaborate social entertainment on the third Wednesday of the present month. The social side of our Chapter is undoubtedly a prominent factor in the aggressive work which has been accomplished by Lorraine during the past year or two.

Our Auxiliary is a helper in the truest, best sense of the word and Lorraine Chapter, like Barkis, seems to be "willin'" to mother this active young daughter. Since the Food Exposition we have been somewhat slack in attending the auxiliary, so the other night at Chapter one of the Stars gave a very breezy little talk on the subject. Whether or not that was the cause of the unusually large turn-out at the last meeting, I am not prepared to say, but the brilliancy of so many radiant Stars seemed to produce a magical effect upon all present, and one could not help being reminded of the Divine Master's command: "Let there be lights in the firmament." The literary subject for the day was "Memories of Abraham Lincoln", and the program would have reflected credit upon any organization. I take the liberty to send a copy of it, thinking that some of your readers may be glad to see it and possibly get some pointers for a similar exercise to arouse the dormant talents which are "hid in a napkin" in their own Chapter.

MEMORIES OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

An exercise conducted by Lorraine Auxiliary Seattle, Wed., Feb. 9, 1898.

1. An original paper embracing the principal events in the life of Abraham Lincoln" Mrs. H. A. Bigelow
2. Reading, The First Inaugural, Mrs. L. M. Wood
3. Reading, Lincoln's Love Story, Miss Jean Levering
4. Solo and Chorus, Battle Hymn of the Republic, (Lincoln's favorite hymn) Mrs. H. Talmadge and Auxiliary
5. Reading, Lincoln's Great Memory, Mrs. John F. Damon
6. Recitation, Lincoln's favorite poem, Mrs. H. D. Temple
7. Reading, Lincoln's stump speeches, Mrs. A. Hallock
8. Reading, Old Abe's Honesty, Mrs. A. Talmadge
9. Uncle Abe's stories, Retold by Mrs. A. A. Guernsey

With best wishes for the prosperity of THE EASTERN STAR as a paper, as well as the grandest fraternal organization, I remain,
HAZEL HAMILTON.

Seattle, Feb. 12.

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tion to THE EASTERN STAR, and let those whose
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tinuance. Be considerate of others and you
will materially add to your own happiness.

Miss Jennie Alexander, a member of Venus
Chapter, St. Louis, Missouri, will spend some
time at Cartersville, Missouri and hopes dur-
ing her stay there to be a frequent visitor at
Ruth Chapter, Joplin.

The Annual Reports have been received
from all but two of the subordinate Chapters
in Indiana, and the dues from the subordinate
Chapters should be at hand according to the
law, the last of February, but there are still
several Chapters to hear from.

And again we have some items that must
wait for our next issue. We are sorry, but
we could not crowd them in, for some way the
paper will not stretch, but some day we
hope—if the patronage warrants—to make it
large enough to accommodate all.

The nineteenth annual encampment, G. A.
R., Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans
and Ladies' Aid Society; also Ladies G. A. R.,

will be held at Columbus, Indiana, on Wed-
nesday and Thursday, May, eighteenth and
nineteenth, 1908. A rate of one cent per
mile, coming and going has been secured on
all railroads. A royal welcome is promised
all who attend.

The General Grand Chapter will meet in
the city of Washington, D. C., Tuesday morn-
ing, September twenty-seventh. The session
will be held in Masonic Temple, and the
Ebbitt House will be headquarters for the
officers. A rate of one and one third has
been made if there be one hundred in at-
tendance.

We are in receipt of the program for the
official visits in the jurisdiction of New Jersey.
They begin March tenth and end June
twentieth, and as we read we can but wish
that the distance was less or our time more,
that we might be able to attend some of the
meetings, which will be both pleasant and
profitable.

On February eighteenth, three Chapters
were organized in this jurisdiction. Violet
Chapter at Liberty, by C. B. Stemen, Grand
Patron. Evergreen Chapter, at Cicero, by P.
E. Hoss, Past Grand Patron, who was assisted
by the officers and members of Radiant Chap-
ter, Noblesville, and Osgood Chapter, by
Frank B. Davis, Past Patron of Scottsburg
Chapter, who was assisted by the officers and
members of Scottsburg Chapter. These
Chapters all give promise of added bright-
ness to our Indiana Constellation.

One of the anticipated pleasures for the
month of February was a visit to the Grand
Chapter of Wisconsin, but alas! however well
one plans, fate often sets them aside. From
Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, we learn that the
meeting was very pleasant. An especially
interesting feature was the presentation of a
beautiful silk flag to the Grand Chapter, by
the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand
Patrons. The presentation was made by Sis-
ter Adency Irons, the first Grand Matron with
Brother William A. Lawrence, the first Grand
Patron as her assistant. Brother Wyse, the
newly elected Grand Patron, accepted the
gift in behalf of the Grand Chapter, in words
especially fitting, and who could more highly
appreciate the gift than one who had for
three and a half years followed where it lead.

Sister A. A. McAllister, Grand Secretary of
the Grand Chapter of South Dakota, and
family has the loving sympathy of all mem-
bers of the Order in their recent bereavement
—the loss of their daughter, Miss Blanche
McAllister. Miss McAllister was a teacher
in the schools at Milbank and accompanied
several of the girl pupils to the dam near by
to skate. They had been cutting ice during

the day and had neglected to hang out lan-
tern. In the darkness the open places were
not observed by the skaters and two of the
girls skated into the openings. Hearing their
screames, Miss McAllister went to their as-
sistance, but slipped into the opening her-
self. The girls were saved by their compan-
ions but when Miss McAllister was taken
from the water life was extinct and all efforts
to resuscitate proved fruitless.

The first duty of officers after their instal-
lation is to thoroughly memorize the work
that they may be ready to render it intelli-
gently and impressively. They should be
called together for practice, and should con-
sider it as important to attend the meetings
for practice as the regular Chapter meetings.
Perhaps there are no petitioners awaiting in-
itiation, still the work should be prepared
just as carefully and conscientiously as though
there were, and now and then take one who
has received the degrees and go through the
ceremony of initiation. The lessons can be
listened to again and again and still bring to
us deeper meaning. No one should accept a
position if they feel that they cannot do the
work belonging to the position, and having
accepted the place they should not be satis-
fied until they have mastered the work and
made it their own. It does not require weeks
to accomplish this, and the first meeting
should find them rendering their part with-
out rituals in their hands. To one who real-
izes the importance of doing things decently
and in order it is painful to see those in whose
hands is placed the well-being of a Chapter—
yes, sometimes its very life, giving to the
work only the time, thought, and care, that is
left after all else is considered. Two months
of the year has now passed and no one can
offer a reasonable excuse for not being fully
prepared, if it be within their power to pre-
pared at all. Let us hope that there may be
a growing realization with the officers that
to them is committed a trust, and it should
be their part to serve to their own credit and
the honor of the Chapter.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

By special invitation I was the guest of
Queen Esther Chapter at its regular meeting,
Feb. 4. The work was very impressively
given, the candidates showing their appre-
ciation of the lessons taught. Those having
seen Queen Esther render the work, know its
reputation. I had the pleasure of meeting
Lizzie J. Smythe, Associate Grand Matron,
who was also a guest of the Chapter. Laura
J. Breckenridge, Grand Ruth, was present,
also, there were visitors from Terre Haute
Chapter, Martha Chapter, Martinsville, and
Hope Chapter, LaFayette. I enjoyed meeting
them as we are one household, but cannot
hope to grasp the hand of all, and therefore
enjoy these privileges. We were then taken
to the banquet hall, where we were served

with a banquet fit for a king. I was presented with a beautiful spoon and bouquet of flowers, bearing the love of Queen Esther members.

"You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, but the sent of the roses will cling round it still."

I was invited to visit Naomi Chapter, Feb. 11, and be the guest of Lizzie J. Smythe, Associate Grand Matron, whose hospitality I was privileged to share. The Conductress and Associate Conductress conducted two candidates through the labyrinth of our Star, the officers all giving their work in a beautiful and impressive manner. I think all present were touched by the lessons as perhaps we have seldom been before. Grand Secretary, Nettie Ransford, and many visitors from Queen Esther were present as was also Laura J. Breckenridge, Grand Ruth, of Hope Chapter, LaFayette. I was presented with Riley's last book, which I especially appreciate as the author was once a Warsaw boy. A beautiful bunch of flowers were given me and as I write this, the fragrance of the lilies fill my room, reminding me of the love they bear, and remembrance of my visit to Naomi Chapter.

MAMIE CONRAD.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Opportunity is a horse that must be mounted on a jump.

"Sound men are made cripples," said Justice to Charity, "by the use of your crutch."

"I generally divide my favors," said Fortune, "by giving a gift to one and the power to appreciate it to another."

When Rudyard Kipling was a lad it is said he went on a sea voyage with his father, Lockwood Kipling, the artist. Soon after the vessel got under-way Lockwood Kipling went below leaving the boy on deck. Presently there was great commotion overhead, and one of the ship's officers rushed down and banged at Mr. Kipling's door, "Mr. Kipling," he cried, "your boy has crawled out on the yard arm, and if he lets go he'll drown." "Yes," said Mr. Kipling glad to know that nothing serious was the matter, "but he won't let go."

The Church of Messiah, Brooklyn, Dr. Charles P. Baker, rector, has maintained for several years a circulating library for the blind, perhaps the only one in the United States. The books are of two kinds, one, for those whose touch is very sensitive, the second for the use of those who, owing to severe manual labor have a less active touch. These books are expensive, "Oliver Twist" being printed in four volumes and costing four dollars a volume. The books are called for from points as far away as Albany and

Poughkeepsie and various places in New Jersey. The library has never lost a book.

A late discovery of scientific medical men is that the human eye may be tattooed any color. Of course eyes are only tattooed in cases where one of them is blind and has assumed in consequence a peculiar ghastly appearance. An eye in this condition will wholly disfigure a face; but a modern oculist will color it to its natural appearance. The operation is performed by first treating the eye with cocaine until absolutely insensible to pain. When all is ready the part to be operated on is covered thickly with India ink of the required color. The tattooing is then performed by means of a little electrical machine, which operates a specially-made needle.

A story is told of a very popular cavalry officer. He was being tried for drunkenness, and among other witnesses was his Irish soldier-servant. The court anxious to give every chance, put several questions to this witness with a view to eliciting any facts that might be in his master's favor. When the Irishman said that his master on going to bed, had expressed a wish to be called early, the court was distinctly pleased. A man who gave special instructions to be called early could not—they argued to themselves—have been drunk. Hoping to get favorable particulars, they put a further question: "And why did Major—wish to be called early?" Then, "Faith and he told me it was because he was to be queen of the May," came the answer. That settled it.

The St. Nicholas tells us that the real home of the peacock or peafowl is in India. There they were and are hunted, and their flesh is used for food. As these birds live in the same region as the tiger, peacock hunting is a very dangerous sport. The long train of the peacock is not its tail, as many suppose, but is composed of feathers which grow out just above the tail and are called tail-coverts. Peacocks have been known for many hundred years. They are mentioned in the Bible. Job mentions them, and they are mentioned too in I. Kings, 10. Hundreds of years ago in Rome many thousand peacocks were killed for the great feasts which the Emperors made. The brains of the peacock were considered a great treat, and many had to be killed for a single feast.

The traveller who finds himself without a compass in the woods and lost as to directions needs only Nature's aid. The pines, firs, spruces, cedars and hemlocks have a bark always lighter in color, harder and dryer on the south side of a tree; while it is in color much darker, is also often damper and covered with mold and moss on the north side. The gum

that oozes out of knot holes is usually hard and often of beautiful amber color on the south side, while on the northern side it remains sticky longer, gets covered with insects and dirt, seldom drying out to more than a dirty gray in color. On large trees that have rough bark, especially in fall and winter, the nests and webs of insects will always be found in crevices on the south side. A preponderance of the larger branches will also be found on the warmest or southern side of the tree.

L.

The next chapter of Charles A. Dana's Reminiscences, in McClure's Magazine, will give Mr. Dana's impressions of Secretary Stanton as he saw him in intimacy of the daily work of the War Department. It will give also an inside view of the immense work of the Department in war times.

It is now nearly three quarters of a year since the bold Norwegian, Andree, sailed out of all human sight in his balloon, in the hope of reaching the North Pole. Experts in Arctic travel and exploration are far from convinced that he is lost, indeed; they are quite confident that he will yet be heard from. One of them, Mr. Walter Wellman, who himself conducted an expedition into the Arctic in 1894, will review the chances for and against Andree's safety in an article in McClure's Magazine for March.

WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY.

"You don't know how I enjoy THE EASTERN STAR. It brings me in such close touch with the sisters and brothers of the Order."

"I am greatly interested in THE EASTERN STAR, to which I think every member of our beautiful Order should be a subscriber."

A word about your paper. It is one of the neatest, cleanest, and interesting sheets I have ever seen. Its news field, in the interest of our Order, is well filled; the communications are all good, and the editorial department is excellent, evidencing the guidance of a hand to "the manner born." I am sincere in this praise and know whereof I speak, as I have been connected with newspaper work for several years.

Men may be just as willing to hate you for your virtues as for your faults, but they seldom have the same opportunities.—Exchange:

Sterling character is better than keenness: no matter how sharp you may find a petty man or a penny lead pencil, neither will ever make a shining mark.—Exchange.

Three things are difficult—to keep a secret, to bear an injury painfully, and to spend leisure well.—Exchange.

GLEANINGS.

IOWA.

The officers of Cairo Chapter, Jewell, were installed on Dec. 18, by Freda Oppenheimer, A. G. Con., and D. G. M., and are as follows: Leila Warburton, W. M.; Brother Norrie, W. P.; Sister Wilson, Sec. After the installation, to which the Masonic fraternity was invited an elegant banquet was served. Bro. Hyatt acted as G. Mars.

On New Years Eve, Priscilla Chapter, Alden, held a joint installation with the Blue Lodge. Sister Oppenheimer was installing officer with Sister Ennis as G. Mars.

The new officers of Sharon Chapter, Webster City, are as follows: Mary Frank, W. M.; W. G. Bale, W. P.; Ora Binleson, A. M.; Luna Ennis, Sec. On Jan. 28, we celebrated our fourth anniversary by inviting the families of the members to a six o'clock supper, and entertainment. There was an attendance of 150 and every one present enjoyed themselves. A banquet was tendered to the Chapter, by the Triune Commandery, Feb. 16. Brother Hyatt, who has been W. P. of Sharon Chapter for two years, now holds the office of Sir Eminent Commander in the Commandery.

F. O.

INDIANA.

Sunbeam Chapter, Mt. Vernon is taking on new life and the members are more earnest, the attendance better than for the past three years. It is No. 1 and intends to hold to that figure.

Alexandria Chapter has elected a new corps of officers of which Ina C. Miller is W. M. They gave quite a nice little entertainment and reception Jan. 26, for the members and a few invited guests. They are looking forward to a prosperous year and have started out fairly well. They have initiated one, received two by affiliation and have two petitions for next meeting.

Jamestown Chapter held a very pleasant meeting, Feb. 23. It was a special meeting called for the purpose of receiving Sister Mamie Conrad, G. M. After a short Chapter meeting an informal reception was held to which were invited the families of the members and Masons, forming a goodly company. Music by the band enlivened the occasion and brief remarks were made by members and visitors. The G. M. gave a brief address although she was quite indisposed. She was accompanied by the G. Sec.

DEAR SISTER.—I am happy to tell you that Shelburn Chapter that was constituted little less than a year ago is getting along nicely. As yet we are not very strong in members, but have taken in several new members and some are taking degrees in the Blue Lodge that they may also become members of our Chapter. The great beauty of our Chapter is that all seem to thoroughly appreciate the obligations they have taken and the interest

and pleasure they take in the work. All working in perfect unity and harmony, they seem to realize that a closer tie binds them to each other and in the service of humanity. I believe this is the first communication you have had from us, but knowing you to be greatly interested in our beautiful Order, I felt sure you would be pleased to hear of our welfare.

Yours Fraternally,

MRS. LOU VAN BUREN, W. M.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, has become imbued with new life and energy and is going to try and make this the banner Chapter. Knowing their zeal and energy of old, it will behoove other Chapters who have their eye on the banner to look to their laurels. Already 2 members have been added and at its last meeting 4 petitions were received and 6 will be presented at the next meeting. The newly-elected officers gave a banquet to the members on Jan. 20. Every one present enjoyed themselves very much, and as the social features of the Chapter are becoming more popular every year, those of the Masonic fraternity, together with their wives and daughters, who are not members are missing a rare treat. It was quite a "swell affair," the guests being received by the officers in full evening dress, made of silesia and the toasts were responses from Mother Goose's Melodies. It was a burlesque on swell parties and was greatly enjoyed by all. C.

Oakland and McCordsville Chapters held a joint meeting Feb. 24, at Oaklandon and the G. M. was expected to be present. The membership is considerably scattered coming from one to several miles to attend the meetings and although the roads were almost impassable there was a good attendance and all were anticipating the pleasure of meeting the G. M., and much disappointment was expressed because of her enforced absence—greatly to her regret she was compelled to return home because of indisposition and in her stead Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, A. G. M. and Nettie Ransford, G. Sec., attended the meeting. Other guests were Sister Hervey, W. M., of Fortville Chapter and Sister Bosworth, a member of Pennville Chapter, also a brother from Rob Morris Chapter. There was a feast prepared such as the sisters in that locality can prepare and for the time bad roads and cold were forgotten in the presence of fraternal companionship and good cheer.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—It gives me great pleasure in looking at THE EASTERN STAR paper today, to see the New Years greeting of the G. M. and P. G. M.'s of Indiana. As I look into their intelligent faces I am proud to know that so many are still living to enjoy their present and past honors. I thought while we are so happy to receive greetings from the high officers of the G. C., O. E. S., perhaps they together with the Chapter of Indiana would be pleased to hear from us. Bourbon Chapter is prospering nicely. We have just closed a very successful year, socially as well as taking in a number of new mem-

bers, some of whom were young ladies. We hoped soon to give the Floral Work, but for the reason so many of our young ladies are preparing to graduate or away in school, and will have to wait for that a little while. Our W. M. and W. P., had the honor of being re-elected this year. Our officers for this year are: Nettie Davis, W. M.; J. W. Davis, Jr. W. P.; Lura Colvin, A. M.; Elma Wagner, Con. Minnie McKinney, A. C. The other officers are all well suited for their respective places and we hope to have a successful year for 1898. Wishing the G. M. and P. G. M.'s and the Chapters of Indiana and to all who "have seen His Star in the East" a prosperous and happy year. I remain,

NETTIE DAVIS, W. M.

Bourbon, Ind., Feb. 2, 1898.

Feb. 15, 28 members of Lois Chapter, Greensburg, visited Westport Chapter. We were met at the station by a committee who escorted us to Masonic Hall where an informal reception was held, after which we were invited to the banquet room, where a bountiful repast was spread to which all did ample justice. When the hour arrived for opening, Sister Smalley, W. M. of Westport Chapter, called the meeting to order and invited the officers of Lois Chapter to exemplify the ritualistic work, which was done with credit to our Chapter. We also gave the beautiful Floral Work of our Order which elicited many words of commendation. After the work was concluded, short speeches were made by a number of visitors, expressing the appreciation of Lois Chapter for the manner in which we had been received and entertained. Sister Smalley, W. M., and Dr. House, W. P., of Westport Chapter, complimented us very highly on our work and said it would be the means of arousing a new interest in their Chapter. At a late hour we took our departure each one voting it an evening well spent and one of the most delightful in the history of Lois Chapter.

Clarksburg Chapter gave the "New Woman" Feb. 19, to a crowded house, clearing \$20.05. Each Senator did her State proud and was greeted with rounds of applause.

Fraternally yours,

ELIZA J. CRISLER.

Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, at its second meeting in the year, initiated one petitioner and at the third, four were initiated and two admitted by affiliation. At the second meeting in Feb. one was initiated and three petitions were received. There is considerable sickness among the members of the Chapter.

Queen Esther Auxiliary, Indianapolis, held a special meeting with Sister Addie C. S. Engle, who was assisted by Sisters Mary E. Engle and Ellen Strong. There was a good attendance and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent. The meeting of Feb. 25, was held at the home of Sister Sarah Webb, who was assisted by Sisters Alice V. Hatton and Annie Perry. The new year brings increased inter-

est and attendance and the promise of many new members.

A delightful little entertainment, "The Operatic Gypsy Queen," was given by the pupils of Trinity Mission, Christ Church parish, under the auspices of Queen Esther Auxiliary, Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, Feb. 17, at Masonic hall. The hall was well filled, although it was a very bad night, the large audience was well pleased with the efforts made by the little people. The singers, ranging from 6 to 16 years, had been carefully trained. The curtain rose on an ideal gypsy camp, with a number of gypsies seated around the campfire awaiting the arrival of Mother Grund, their queen. The solo parts were sung beautifully, some of the young singer's voices showing power and scope, and remarkable sweetness and clearness. The little tots seemed to enjoy the play quite as much as the audience, and attracted a good deal of attention. The music was furnished by a violin, cornet and piano. After the play an impromptu dance followed. The proceeds were \$40.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Although you have not heard from your representative for some time she has not been idle. In Jan. I visited the Chapters and members of Golden Rod and Violet, in our sister city Cincinnati; found them flourishing and doing some good work. My next work was in some of our home Chapters. Aurora and Lawrenceburg are doing some very good work. The Chapter at Aurora united with the Blue Lodge, F. and A. M., in their installation ceremony and several of the Masonic brothers remarked that the Eastern Star ceremony was ahead of the Masonic, which certainly made our sisters feel very proud of their Order.

My next visit was to the Chapter at Moores' Hill. There I was cordially greeted by all the Sisters. They have been adding somewhat to the decorations of their Chapter room and they are very fine in their work. Milan Chapter is also growing and have several petitions for their next meeting.

Sunman was next on my route. It is a small town, but contains some very enthusiastic Stars. They had just completed their new robes, and white ones for the candidates, making a very pretty effect in their work. This is the only town I have visited where the people wear wooden shoes. The sisters wear them to keep from going through to China, when they come to the Chapter room, and as the writer could not find them large enough for her, she could not go far out of the town, for fear of sticking fast.

At Greentown and Clarksburg they are also growing, and at Clarksburg, they were getting ready to present the "New Woman" and the proceeds to be used for the purchase of their jewels and emblems. Their work is just fine and they all have it memorized.

Westport entertained the Greensburg Chapter, the evening I was there. North Vernon and Paris Crossing are growing, but they work at such a disadvantage, so many

members living in the country. I will visit the Chapters at Seymour and Scottsburg and hope for good news from them. At all the Chapters, they send you good wishes.

E. M. B.

Feb. 8, Petersburg Chapter initiated one candidate, a young graduate of our high school, and sister to our young Con. The work, although the first of the year, was unusually well done. No Rituals being used, P. K. Heuring, our W. P., receiving compliments on every hand, for the easy and graceful manner in which he delivered his lecture and explanations, he being the first Patron who had committed the work belonging to that office. The candidate who has been anxiously waiting to become the proper age to be eligible to our degrees, but who also had some fear regarding the "goat," expressed herself delighted at having managed that dreaded animal so well. After Chapter closed, the brothers engaged in a "millinery contest," the sisters having brought the hats, trimmings, etc., for the occasion. The brothers proved themselves experts at the business and in a short time the most astonishing looking head gear was in the hands of the judges. After the prizes were awarded, each gentleman donned the hat which he had trimmed and sought, as a partner, the lady to whom it belonged, and all engaged in a grand march. Of course they presented a very ludicrous appearance, but the diversion was enjoyed by all. Again we are called upon to record the loss of another link from our golden chain, Sister Josephine Hammond, who died Feb. 12. Sister Hammond had been a member of our Chapter not quite two years, but in that time had made herself quite necessary to us, serving us as Electa last year. Her early death seemed an unusually sad one. Besides a large number of friends she leaves a husband and three lovely little daughters to mourn her loss. Bro. Hammond and his motherless little ones has the sympathy of every one in this hour of sorrow. The funeral services of the church was at the house. The last rites, at the grave, were rendered by the Chapter, O. E. S., and Degree of Honor A. O. U. W. The Chapter presented a floral star, the D. of H., an anchor, the K. of P.'s, a triangle, and the printers, of the city, a crescent, Sister H., having been a compositor and city editor, of one of our papers, before her marriage. "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, hopefully looking onward to a joyful reunion in that land where separation and death are known no more forever—Amen."

L. T. H.

MISSOURI.

On the night of Jan. 20 the officers of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Pleasant Hill, were installed by Mary S. Russell, A. G. M., in a very impressive manner. Jan. 26 Sister Mattie P. Barney G. M., held a school of instruction in the Masonic Hall, and a very pleasant and instructive meeting was enjoyed by all present. It

has been a long time since Ivy Leaf Chapter had the pleasure and honor of entertaining a G. M., and it is needless to say that every member welcomed her. After the Chapter was called to order, the Con. introduced Sister Barney, G. M., and Sister Mary Russell, A. G. M. The W. M. welcomed them and invited them to the East and the Grand Honors were accorded them. Sister Ella Duncan, P. M., and Sister Field, W. M. of Garden City Chapter, were seated in the East. We also had the pleasure of having the following visitors with us: Sisters Dean and Pierce of Hesperia Chapter, Kansas City and Sister Minnie Hege, of Kansas City. The G. M., after a very interesting and appropriate address, requested the W. M. to open the Chapter. Exemplification of the work followed, after which Sister Barney corrected and instructed us in our work. Sister Anna Clark, A. C., on behalf of Ivy Leaf Chapter, presented the G. M. with a beautiful basket of flowers, for which Sister Barney thanked the Chapter in a very pretty manner. Refreshments were served. At 12 o'clock we separated, hoping to have the pleasure of again welcoming our G. M. to our Chapter. G.

At the regular meeting of Tuscan Chapter, St. Louis, Feb. 19, a school of instruction was held by Mattie Barney, G. M., Chapter opened and closed in regular form by the officers of Tuscan Chapter. The Grand and Past Grand's were introduced by Bro. Benj. Lynde and were received with the usual honors. Our G. M., A. G. M., G. Sec., G. Adah, were present. Sister Snedden does not forget the Chapter, although she has occupied the highest seat. The quiet and pleasant personality of Sister Barney pleased every one. After the G. M., was seated in the East, Tuscan's Matron called upon her for remarks. Sister Barney stated that she had arranged these schools of instruction thus early to assist the new officers to make a better record, also, that everywhere in the state the Order was in a healthy condition. In your Jan. number in "Gleanings," from Massachusetts, the first Matron is spoken of as "one of unusual qualifications." Our Matrons seem to deserve the this praise. The present is a refined and womanly woman.

The officers of Bellefontaine Chapter are robed in appropriate garments. They are prettily made dresses. The Floral Star in colors, M. and A. M., purple; Con. and A. C., blue; candidates, white. The march was well executed. Bro. Ellicock, an artist at the piano, assisted very materially. The G. M., commended the work and found very few changes to suggest. Exchange of sentiments were indulged in for a short time. The G. M. recited very effectively a poem entitled, "Shine on Eastern Star." Our six Chapters were well represented. Tuscan Chapter announced that on the 24, a Euchre party would be held.

Feb. 10, was the regular meeting of Venus Chapter, St. Louis, one petitioner was elected to receive the degrees. The the demit of

Sister Mary Burrows, of Manchester, Mich., was received, and one petition of a brother for the initiation.

Sunday 13, services at the Masonic Home, St. Louis, were conducted by Moolah Temple, Episcopal services, solos by Mrs. Fleshmarsh and Mrs. McIntyre. The children occupied the platform, most of them were quite attentive, their well trained voices being a pleasant feature. Visitors viewed the buildings and saw on exhibition the splendid patch-work quilts lately presented by Mattie M. Hobbs, W. M. of Vincil Chapter, at Bonne Terre, Mo. Yours Fraternally,

HARBIET P. REBER.

MINNESOTA.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—The New Year has brought with it the usual changes in O. E. S. Chapters, and installations have about all taken place, whereby the retiring officers may rest from the responsibilities that has necessarily rested upon them the past year, and the incoming ones have yet to know the pleasures and trials that await them. The public installation of officers of Minneapolis Chapter was attended by 500 persons. The handsome commandery rooms in Masonic Temple were decorated with palms and roses. Louise Lyon Johnson, P. W. G. M., acted as installing officer, assisted by Virginia L. Flint, P. M., as Mars., and Eleanor I. Young, G. Sec., as Chap. Mrs. Flint presented handsome bouquets to Mrs. Johnson, Miss Young and Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, the retiring W. M. Charles D. Boyce, P. W. G. P., delivered an address on "The Adoptive Rite." The officers installed were: E. H. Long, W. M.; J. H. Johnson, W. P.; Anna A. Carter, A. M.; Abbie A. Pearce, Sec.; Kate E. Huntington, Treas.; Zella Z. Sweitzer, Con.; M. J. Brindley, A. C.; Rev. Isaac Houlgate, Chap.; H. L. Daniels, Mars.; Ada V. Wakeman, A.; S. G. S. Houlgate, R.; Virginia M. Flint, E.; Catherin L. Chamberlain, M.; Mrs. W. H. Ross, E.; Mrs. H. N. Kendall, Org.; Mrs. W. G. Trotman, War.; J. H. Huntington, Sent. After the installation a program of readings and musical selections was rendered by Zella Zee Sweitzer, Clara Louise Thompson, Mrs. Walter T. Aitken, Mrs. Herbert Pearce, Stella Griswold, the Eastern Star and Masonic quartet. Receiving the guests were: Virginia L. Flint, Louise Lyon Johnson, Ellen Putnam, Mrs. Walter T. Aitkin, Mrs. E. E. Peterson, C. W. Putnam, Mrs. H. L. Daniels, W. E. Haviland. At the last regular meeting of Minneapolis Chapter, on motion by Sister Johnson, a handsome bouquet was ordered sent to Sister Hester Noble, to be accompanied by a letter written by the secretary, expressing to Sister Noble the Chapters love for her and well wishes for safe return, Sister Noble being soon to leave for Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for her health.

DEAR SISTER NOBLE:—It is with pleasure I convey to you the kind wishes of the members of Minneapolis Chapter, No. 9, expressed for you, at the last regular meeting, Jan. 10. It is the wish and hope of the Chapter that you

may have a pleasant sojourn in the south, that you may return to us with renewed health and strength, and help and cheer us with your presence at the meetings of the Chapter which we feel you so fondly cherish, also to accept the accompanying flowers as a loving gift from the Chapter.

ABBIE A. PEARCE, Secy.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, has been honored twice this year by the presence of Sister Isadore Forbes, G. M., who officially visited us in Nov., and Jan. 21, again with Ada Jackson, G. Mars., visited and installed the officers for the ensuing year. For the first time Lady Emma Chapter had a public installation and a great many Masons and their families responded to the invitation. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and plants. The installing officer, Sister Forbes, G. M., was assisted by Bro. Walter A. Atwood, W. P., as G. P., Sister Mary A. Stebbins, P. G. M., acting as G. Chap., Ada Jackson G. Mars. The work was perfectly done and received much praise from the audience. The retiring Matron and Patron were presented with jewels, and the G. M., and G. Mars., with beautiful roses. A collation was served in the banquet hall. At the regular meeting Feb. 4, four petitions were received. At our next meeting boxes will be brought by the gentlemen the ladies to purchase them. The officers for 1898 are: Hattie Babbitt, W. M.; John R. Hosmer, W. P.; Josephine Atwood, A. M.; E. Grace Pierce, Sec.; Ella R. Starkey, Treas.; Emma C. Bullock, Con.; Lottie L. Wiley, A. C.; Amanda B. Hidden, Chap.; Ella J. Rice, Mars.; Agnes E. Smith, A.; Ida M. Babbitt, R.; Clara M. Wood, E.; Lottie Parker, M.; Anna E. Graves, E.; Helen M. Lord, War.; Wm. S. Bullock, Sent.; Alarion Shattuck, Org.

Athena Chapter, Orange, is highly favored in having in its membership Sister Hattie E. Ewing, R. W. A. G. M., Sister Lena W. Lamb, A. G. M., and Bro. Warren M. King, P. G. P., to none of whom the Divine saying that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country," etc., is applicable; for Athena Chapter is very proud of them all, and especially so, of our R. W. A. G. M., who is also our P. G. M., as well as P. M.; and whose lovely christian character, winning personality, unassuming eloquence and large executive ability, have won love and admiration from all who know her, either personally or officially. Possessing this "grand personnel" at home, Athena Chapter, is not disposed to seek the services of its Grand Officers for the installation of its officers, although it holds its Grand Officers in high esteem and honor, and is always glad and honored by their presence. On the evening of Feb. 2, Masonic Hall, was filled with Athena Chapters membership and guests (a large number of resident Masons and adult members of their families,) who came together to witness the installation of its officers-elect. Hattie E. Ewing, R. W.

A. G. M., as acting G. M., Warren M. King, P. G. P., acting G. P., Lena W. Lamb, A. G. M., acting G. Mars., and Ella B. French, P. M., acting Chap., performed the ceremony in a beautiful and impressive manner. Sister Julia C. Tenney, W. M., author of the new and beautiful chapter ceremonial, "The Guiding Light," then spoke welcome to those present in her usual eloquent and graceful manner, closing with an impressive and appropriate original poem; after which she introduced a bright and varied program of entertainment, consisting of readings, remarks, song and instrumental music from past officers, members and visitors. Midway in the program the Mars., was requested to escort the R. W. A. G. M., to the East, where the W. M. in earnest words expressed to her the affection of Athena Chapter for her personally, and its pride and satisfaction in her officially and in token thereof, presented her a beautiful bouquet of roses, to which Sister Ewing responded in her own inimitable manner. At a late hour the Chapter was informally closed, and the company invited to the banquet rooms, where a beautiful supper was waiting. We are sure all felt that the tenth installation of Athena Chapter had been a pleasant and profitable occasion. F. E. W.

It would seem that "the stringent financial crisis" had passed into history from the manner in which Keystone Chapter, Boston, began the work of the New Year, as eight petitions were received and three candidates initiated Feb. 8. A large number of visitors were present, nine Chapters and four Grand Jurisdictions being represented.

One petition was received, four candidates were elected, one was initiated, and three members were added by affiliation in Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Feb. 14. Members from nine Chapters, representing two Grand Jurisdictions were present. Refreshments were served.

Helen A. Atkins, P. M., publicly installed the officers of Wenona Chapter, Dorchester, Jan. 22. She was assisted by Frank A. Noyes, G. P., Martha A. Hoyt, Chap., and Annie R. Scolley, Mars. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and all the available space occupied by the members and their guests. The installing officer was presented with an olive spoon, the Mars., with a bonbon spoon, and the remainder of the suite with flowers. Refreshments were served. Mary J. Telford is W. M.; Frank W. Parker, W. P.; Mrs. E. C. Chandler, A. M.; Henry H. Herey, Sec.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, received three petitions, elected five candidates and initiated five, in a very pleasing manner, Feb. 7, the vocal selections given by Miss Gussie Amazeen, adding much to the beauty and solemnity of the work. This Chapter mourns the loss by death of Brother John Robinson, a highly esteemed member, for whom resolutions of sympathy were adopted. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Priacilla Chapter, Reading, received four petitions and initiated three candidates, Feb. 16. A large number of visitors were present and refreshments served.

Death has drawn very heavily from the members of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, during the past month, three earnest, faithful workers, whose names have long been enrolled on the books, have been called—Bro. Adams and Sisters Esther A. Gerald and M. E. A. Draper. No labor that would benefit the Chapter ever seemed too heavy for them, and they spared neither time nor money if by any means they could promote its interests. Feb. 21, was devoted to an entertainment for the benefit of the treasury by this Chapter.

Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, held a very pleasant meeting Feb. 17, received one petition and exemplified the work in a very pleasing manner. A large number of visitors were present, representing eight Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions. Refreshments were served.

Although not yet one year old, the reaper Death has twice entered the portals of Roxbury Chapter, Roxbury, and very suddenly snatched an earnest and devoted member from their midst. Sister Grant was present and greatly enjoyed the meeting Jan. 4, and on the 18th, the members were called to take their last farewell ere she was borne to the silent tomb. Although of a quiet unostentatious nature, she put forth her most earnest efforts to exemplify in her daily life the beautiful teachings of our Order, and to be found acceptable to Him who seeth the inmost recesses of the heart. Five candidates were initiated by this Chapter, Feb. 3. A letter of sympathy was sent to Sister Martha G. Jepson, A. M., who is confined to her home by a severe accident. "An old fashioned entertainment," consisting of vocal and instrumental music, readings, etc., was given Feb. 17, for the benefit of the treasury.

Two candidates were initiated by Harmony Chapter, Wakefield, Feb. 7, in a very pleasing manner.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, received two petitions, elected five candidates, and initiated one, Feb. 11. After the close of the meeting, a box auction was held for the benefit of the treasury which netted the Chapter \$25. Refreshments were served. March 11, an entertainment will be given, followed by a social dance.

Hannah L. Knowls, P. M., assisted by Frank A. Noyes, G. P., Helen A. Atkins, P. M. as Chap., and Annie L. Lincoln as Mars., publicly installed the officers of Crystal Chapter, Malden, Jan. 27. The Chapter room was very beautifully decorated with asparagus vines studded with pinks, clusters of hardy hydrangea blossoms, and stately palms. The Columbian Masonic Quartette gave fine vocal selections at intervals during the ceremony which added much to its beauty and impressiveness. The installing officers were pre-

sented with beautiful flowers, and the retiring Matron and Patron, each with a past officer's jewel. Refreshments were served. One petition was received and five candidates elected during the business part of the meeting. Addie M. Robinson, W. M.; Fred L. Miner, W. P. Hattie L. Hodgdon, A. M.; Hannah L. Knowles, Sec.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, held a short business meeting Feb. 9, and arranged many plans for the work of the term. Vesta's Auxiliary met in the afternoon. Supper was served to those who desired, at 6:30, for the sum of fifteen cents. R. E. L.

MARYLAND.

Queen Esther Chapter, Hagerstown, has entered upon a new year and has every promise of being successful. Jan. 18, the Chapter held its regular meeting. One petition was received and one candidate was elected to receive the degrees. The newly installed officers are to be congratulated for their proficiency in the work. Sister Mollie Snyder entertained the Chapter at her home, Dec. 21. A delightful time was spent and we only regretted, that we had to leave that table of good things in order to catch the last car home. Jan. 4, Sister Swartz entertained the Chapter, assisted by Sisters Hays and Ridenour, the newly-elected A. M. and W. M. Sister Mamie Bixler delighted all present with her piano selections. It was an afternoon long to be remembered. The Chapter was again pleasantly entertained by Sister Buchare, on Jan. 25.

QUEEN ESTHER.

Queen Esther Chapter, Hagerstown, held a very interesting meeting on Feb. 1. One candidate was initiated and like all brothers who come into the Order, expressed great surprise at the work done by the sisters. "I was expecting to see some good work from what I had heard but nothing like what I have seen," were among his remarks. The newly installed officers are to be congratulated upon the manner in which they do the work, assuring us they mean to make their year in office a very successful one. At the meeting, Feb. 16, the Floral Work was rendered, accompanied by the Floral March. The work was beautifully done. With many petitions in sight, Queen Esther has every promise of a successful future. Our first meeting in March will mark the second mile stone in our existence; and in looking back over the work done, feel that we have been moving steadily onward; we organized with 27 members, lost 2 by demits. Have never been visited by the grim monster, Death, and now have 55 members enrolled. Peace and harmony is the prevailing spirit and as is often said, "Beware the first quarrel," we have guarded against the first discord in Chapter, knowing the effect and result among members. The prejudice that existed is slowly disappearing and we hope yet to be recognized as the helping hand to Masonry.

Thesecond social function given by Mizpah Chapter, Frederick, occurred Feb. 9. The occasion was the visitation of Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. M. W. G. M., and R. W. G. Sec., of the G. G. C. An unexpected visitor was Margaret Megenhardt, P. M., of Alpha and Maryland Chapters, Baltimore. Palms and fragrant flowers adorned the Chapter room which was also hung with the insignia of Masonry. As on a former occasion the Eastern Star was guarded by the wands of Columbia and Lynch lodges, showing that they are still loving sisters and brothers. Beside each Matron's chair was a bouquet of pink azaleas and white clematis caught with smilax. Degrees were conferred and the work was complimented by the visitors. We have the honor of being the youngest Chapter in Maryland, having just passed our seven months birthday. Our members however, are divided as to age, we have young girls, maidens on the shady side of thirty middle aged matrons and grey bearded brothers. But when it comes to a festive occasion we are all young in spirits. Excellent addresses were made by Mrs. Pitkin and Mrs. Megenhardt. Prof. Smith sang a beautiful solo, and our Ruth recited a charming poem on the Eastern Star. Ices and cake were served and the evening was most enjoyable. Remarks were made by Mrs. Fearhake, W. M., Judge Lynch, Rev. Eschbach, Rev. McKenney, Bro. Young, W. P., Adolphus Fearhake, Chap. There was a deal of humor in the speeches from the "venerable" Judge down to the youthful Patron. But the brothers all agreed that they enjoyed the meetings of the Star more than of any lodge, as the following extracts will show:

Judge Lynch—I am attached to my brother Masons, but not more than to the sisters. My greatest pleasure is with the Stars. Here we have no cliques, we are one, we get rid of the usual gossip in clans and meet on the level of Masonry. Yet I never expected a sister to call me venerable.

Rev. Eschbach—You'd scarcely expect one of my age to compete with others, but along the line of older brothers I must remark how good it is to be here. What a pleasure to hear such eloquent addresses.

Rev. McKenney—You can never imagine how I enjoy the Eastern Star. I have been affiliated with Masonry for years, but not always attended the meetings. Yet when the time comes for the Star to convene there is something that draws me to it.

Mr. Young, W. P.—I have often been told, the brothers talked too much in this Chapter, though I am always willing to talk to the ladies.

Chaplain Fearhake—There is nothing to me more pleasant than these meetings. There is a refining influence about them and a fascination which I can never resist.

Our membership is on the increase, meetings well attended and very interesting. Though the brothers sit on one side of the room, like a Methodist meeting, they are

most enthusiastic and I would not wonder if some matches are made. We enjoy the paper, THE EASTERN STAR, and take delight in reading the tribulations of sisters and brothers who belong to Chapter and have such a hard time to get away from the children. We are a harmonious body, and generally find some maiden aunt to chaperone the children. There is nothing like having useful relations.

G.

In the brief history of the Eastern Star of Baltimore, no pleasanter event has occurred than the delightful gathering on Nov. 15, where the members were invited by Concordia Chapter. On that evening the Chapter assembled in the beautiful room at Hep-tasoph's Hall, to confer degrees and exemplify the beautiful floral work. All the Chapters in the State had been invited, to which Mizpah, of Frederick; Alpha, Monumental and Maryland Chapters, responded. From Mizpah there were present Agnes Fearhake, W. M.; W. Nash Young, W. P.; Emma R. Gittinger, Sec.; Adolphus Fearhake, Chap.; Mary C. Ramsburg, Mars.; Helen Ramsburg, Org.; Ida Rohrbach, E.; Marian Smith, Con.; Mary A. Young and Bessie Motter. The Chapter was opened at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Bigelow, W. M., presiding. The spacious room was aglow with light and tasteful furnishings. The stage was decorated with a number of elegant palms, at the base a floral star, presented by Monumental Chapter. It was composed of blue immortelles, yellow, white and red roses and smilax. An excellent choir and pianist rendered the music appropriate to the ceremonies. Mizpah being the youngest Chapter in the State, its members were the guest of honor. The Matron and Patron were accorded high stations, while the members were seated to the left of the presiding Matron. The officers of Concordia were in their official robes and in their respective parts did honor to the oc-

casion. Several candidates were initiated. The work was very beautifully rendered and was unparalleled in the faultless manner in which the officers did their work. During a recess there were piano solos and songs by members of the choir. The floral degree was conferred with all its wondrous beauty and sweet music, which closed the business session. The Matrons, Patrons and Past Matrons of the various Chapters then made brief speeches. After a number of short speeches more vocal selections were given. The occasion was most enjoyable and all the surroundings pleasant. There were three hundred members of the order present, the majority ladies. Every attention and the greatest cordiality was shown the visitors. But the happiest and fullest part of the Masonic function was the sumptuous banquet which closed the festivities. The march was made to the banquet hall headed by Mrs. Bigelow, W. M.; escorted by W. Nash Young, W. P.; and Mrs. Fearhake, escorted by Mr. Nichol-

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MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

Grand Matron of Indiana, 1897-1898.

It is a pleasure to present to the readers of *THE EASTERN STAR*, Mrs. Mamie Conrad, who is serving Indiana this year so acceptably as Grand Matron. She was the daughter of Kate B. and George Saxton and was born in Canton, Ohio, December twenty-sixth, 1853 where she spent her girlhood days. Mamie Saxton became the wife of William Conrad, of Warsaw, Indiana, June thirtieth, 1875, and their home was blessed by two children. The first-born, a son, was only spared to them a few weeks but the second son, Earl W., has nearly reached his majority and is associated with his father in business. Sister Conrad is a devoted wife and mother, a true, steadfast friend and possesses that peculiarly charming gift of extending hospitality so that all who enter her home feel welcome. However, Brother Conrad is second to none in extending to friend and guest a hearty and generous welcome and never was this more evidenced than when on October nineteenth, he invited the Grand Officers and the members of Warsaw Chapter as his guests. To those who were privileged to attend, it was an evening of real pleasure.

Sister Conrad is an active member of the Zerelda Reading Club, and served as President two years. She is also an accomplished artist, particularly in china painting, which she greatly enjoys and shares the enjoyment with many of her friends by remembering them with gifts of her handiwork.

Sister Conrad's connection with the Order began with the organization of Warsaw Chapter of which she was the first Worthy Matron

and so well did she serve that they honored her with a re-election for four consecutive years. Warsaw Chapter was organized in January, 1880, and Sister Conrad became a member of the Grand Chapter when it was chartered the following April. Each year

Adah. At the meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1894 she was appointed Grand Conductress in which position she served for two years, when she was elected Associate Grand Matron. In April 1897 she was chosen for the first office within the gift of the Grand Chapter which position she now holds.

Sister Conrad is an earnest, devoted worker in the Order and during her year of service as Grand Matron she has spared nothing within her power to do in advancing the interests of the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

Her desire has been to bring into each Chapter concord and harmony and she has by her words and acts of loving kindness inspired others to more fully exemplify the virtues taught. In this, as in all other work in which she is interested, Sister Conrad is most generously and helpfully supported by her husband. Together they are held as invaluable members by their co-workers in Warsaw Chapter.

By nature Sister Conrad is not inclined to public life, but having accepted the honor of office she has taken upon herself its responsibilities and discharged them with conscientious fidelity.

Knowledge and character, like material possessions, are ours not only to have but to give, but, unlike them, the more we give of them the more we have. The miser's heap grows smaller if he shares it with another; but the knowledge that is shared knows no decline, and character, like the

fragrance of a flower, is forever giving itself out in both conscious and unconscious influence and gaining by what it gives.

Truth is a chariot divine. It commences its journey upon earth, it ends it in the bosom of God.



MRS. MAMIE CONRAD.

since she has been counted among the members. In 1892, she was appointed Grand Lecturer and the following year served as Grand