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MRS. MARY H. BUCK.

Grand Matron of Kansas, 1878-1879.

The gifted sister whom we designate thus is a native of New York, where amid its picturesque hills and dales she spent her early years. In childhood "wandering at her own sweet will" chasing the wild bee as he sang amid the clover, or hour after hour threading unknown paths of the deep tangled wildwood, communing with Nature, finding as she older grew, tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything.

Such influences could rarely fail to awaken a naturally ardent temperament into poetic and literary life and choice authors early became her favorite companions.

In girlhood she removed with her parents to Ohio and from thence to Michigan, finishing her education (begun at Oberlin) in Hillsdale College. Soon thereafter she became the wife of J. Jay Buck, a rising young lawyer, who following the advice of Horace Greeley, to "go West," migrated to Wisconsin, locating at the new and thriving village of Waupun. Here they had barely pitched their tent when civil war with its alarum notes shattered happy anticipations of the future and sacrificing all home ties to duty and patriotism and high hopes of legal preferment upon "our country's altar, he went at once "to the front" faithfully serving till mustered out, at the close of the war. With the mistaken idea that the South would readily fraternize with men of the North, he removed and began the practice of law at Clarksville, Tennessee. A five-years' residence gave so unpromising an outlook that he, with many others, sought the congenial limits of Kansas, settling at Emporia, where for over twenty years his family (wife and one child) has resided and it is perhaps needless to say they have ever since been prosperous and closely identified with all vital questions of public interest and all the progressive movements of our historic State.

Bro. Buck has also achieved distinction in the honorable ranks of our Order, being Grand Patron in the year 1881, and a very worthy adjutant and assistant of Sister Motrain, our present efficient Grand Secretary.

In the Order of the Eastern Star for Kansas Sister Buck is truly a pioneer—becoming a charter member in June, 1876, of Miriam No. 14, Emporia, she was unanimously elected its first Worthy Matron, which office she has acceptably filled from time to time since



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then and when not occupying the East, serving her Chapter almost constantly in minor capacities all these years regarded, in fact, as "the chief corner-stone" of her home Chapter, and when through removals and other unfortunate causes, Miriam Chapter lay dormant, it was through her energy resuscitated and re-organized, and to-day it shines a star undimmed among the brightest in the jurisdiction of Kansas.

In October, 1876, the Grand Chapter of

Kansas was duly organized and instituted at Emporia by Bro. Harmon G. Reynolds. Here Sister Buck presided and ably conducted its first sessions, and at the election of officers was without dissent chosen Associate Grand Matron, and in 1878 attained first place, becoming Grand Matron of our Order—bringing to it in its embryonic stage social position combined with an executive ability which quickly lifted it above mediocrity and became largely instrumental in shaping events which started it on an up grade from which it has never receded.

Her administration might be termed the stormy period of our Order—when this jurisdiction was menaced by foes without and within. Kansas Masons greeting the adoptive rite so coldly it required some courage to remain steadfast while the fraternal assertions of (so-called) Masonic brethren complicated the outlook to such an extent that, when she took a decided stand on the "Macoy work" and issued an "edict" against clandestine rituals and members she at once became the target for venomous arrows of anger and scorn in the shape of unbrotherly letters and postal cards filled with epithets and invectives most aggravating in character yet she silently, patiently endured all, keeping on "in the even tenor of her way," and with joy now sees our star once cloudy grown to noon-day splendor in a sunny sky.

Sister Buck represented Kansas at the General Grand Chapter when it convened at Chicago. She has also served our Grand Chapter as Chairman of Chapters U. D., but her more recent work was in 1893 acting as Deputy Grand Matron for the Fourth Congressional District and although her health was then so impaired she was unable to travel she did good work with her pen issuing circulars from her quiet room during hours of pain and weariness that were models of information and valuable help to other Deputies.

Not alone in our Order has our sister shown marked ability but in the more difficult and unpopular work of the W. C. T. U.,

she speedily demonstrated that rare and distinctive talent, possessed only by the few, the faculty of adaptability which leads to sure success.

She organized in her own town a vigorous Temperance Union and rallying about her many kindred spirits, they did effective work for Prohibition and helped to carry the Temperance Amendment when it was voted on in Kansas.

For seven years she efficiently served this Union as President, at the same time filling from one to three State departments, among them "Sabbath Observance," Day of Prayer," and District President. In the latter capacity she called and presided over the first Temperance District Convention in the State.

She is brave enough to speak out her sentiments even to unsympathetic audiences, one of those who might be designated "a crank" yet like many other cranks she is simply one whose views are often ahead of the times yet she possesses the power of self-control to so moderate her wishes that she is able to keep step with the cautious among her fellow-laborers, yet she seldom failed to imbue them in time with the invigorating fervor and enthusiasm of her own spirit.

She is distinctly original in her methods, a good parliamentarian and possesses a clear intuition of coming events and is gifted with the natural grace, affability, dignity and coolness which stamps her as an ideal leader.

For the past ten years she has served as delegate from the Episcopal Church on the "Woman's Board of Directors" of the Presbyterian College at Emporia, and being liberal-minded, warm-hearted and public-spirited it has been with great satisfaction to her compeers.

Sister Buck has ever taken a lively interest in all things pertaining to the advancement and uplifting of humanity, and especially in everything tending to the enlargement of woman's sphere. The Missionary cause, the Orphan Asylum and all charitable enterprises have her warmest sympathy and earnest support. In a word our sister carried in her roomy heart, to a superlative degree, the joys and sorrows of others, and is never happier than when devoting her time to noble purposes and philanthropic deeds, qualifications which clearly entitle her to the first rank among the modern heroines of our Order.

A literary scribbler from girlhood, this talent has been obscured and partially buried by her domestic habits and the desire to make her home a model of order, yet nothing emanating from her pen has ever been refused when presented for publication. Indeed we may say of her "the half has not been told," but as this is an ante-funeral sketch, and against her earnest protest we respect her wishes and desist.

M. E. M.

Are you a subscriber of THE EASTERN STAR?

"THE FAIR CITY" FROM 1866 TO 1893.

[By Mrs. Allie E. Nichols. Read at Woman's Congress, May 16, 1893, Chicago.]

While the magnitude of the subject almost appalls me, yet it is with feelings of sincere pleasure that I note the progress, growth and prosperity of this wonderful "Garden City of the West." Glancing back over the years, my thoughts dwell upon one item in connection with its history, which old residents will doubtless remember. I refer to its "Ups and Downs."

My first childish recollections of the city were the innumerable stairs on every street which one must climb only to go down another pair, perhaps twenty or more feet beyond.

This fact in relation to early Chicago was made notoriously ridiculous by a book published sometime in the "Sixties" called the "Ups and Downs of Chicago." One can scarcely realize that the miles of beautiful, level streets were once in this condition. Then mud and bottomless roads reigned supreme, where now paved or macadamized streets, adorned on either side by magnificent blocks reaching skyward, or beautiful residences that have risen, Phoenix like, from the ashes of 1871.

That fearful conflagration, which seemed to blast the hope of Chicago's future, was only the stepping-stone to the era of unlimited success. Picturesque parks, delightful drives, splendid hotels, fine theatre buildings, this magnificent Palace of Art, and last but not least, that beautiful "White City" at Jackson Park, proclaim that progression has been the watch-word, and energy, industry and enterprise collectively have been the mainspring of advancement which has achieved such wonderful results.

This is essentially an age of organizations. All classes and conditions of men have organized themselves into lodges, unions, clubs and brotherhoods for the betterment of their condition. Women, too, have not been backward in following in the footsteps of their fathers, brothers or husbands.

Chicago has her full quota of these organizations, and it is to one of them that we meet to do honor to-day. The growth and progress of the Eastern Star in the United States has been most wonderful, particularly in Illinois, the "Banner State." Over ten thousand members were represented at the last session of Grand Chapter. A brief history of the Order in Chicago will, perhaps, not seem out of place at this time.

The Eastern Star was first introduced into this city in 1866, when Miriam Family was organized. In 1869 this became Miriam Chapter No. 1, and still exists under this name and number, the largest Chapter in the State.

In 1875 the Grand Chapter was organized, there being at that time two Chapters in Chicago, Miriam No. 1, and Lady Washington No. 28. The first year Butler Chapter No. 30 was organized, and the following year Queen

Esther No. 41. When the Grand Patron reported the granting of the Dispensation for the latter Chapter he feared his wisdom might be questioned, there being at that time three Chapters in the city. That it was wise has been fully demonstrated by the growth of the Order in the city. From each of these last two named Chapters we have a Past Most Worthy Grand Matron. At the last session of Grand Chapter there were nineteen Chapters in Chicago and suburbs, having a total membership of nearly two thousand. The Worthy Matrons and Patrons and several Past Matrons of the Chapters in the first district, which includes the Chicago Chapters, are assisting the officers of the General Grand Chapter in entertaining you to-day.

Oh, glorious sisterhood, is it not with a feeling of pride that we draw our life from the fountain of Free-Masonry, and are dependent upon that ancient institution? While we are no part of it, yet we are bound together by the dearest ties.

Little did Columbus imagine that so beautiful a city would be established in his new discovery, nor that after four hundred years had elapsed, he would be so noted. Neither could the founder of our Order, however sanguine may have been his hopes, imagine the wonderful proportions it has assumed.

Standing as we do upon the threshold of a new century, looking back over the twenty-seven years that are marked as the life of our beautiful Order in this city, we can but wonder what may be our future. The crooked roads are fast being made straight and wide, the prejudices to "Hair-pin Masonry" are laid aside, and with increased facilities for advancement, may we not hope to gain a hundred fold. All honor to our founder, Bro. Rob Morris, may the Order live on to posterity, a monument to his memory.

And all honor now to the "Fair City." May she live to thrive and prosper, as she has in the past, and become, as she undoubtedly will, the first city in the world.


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D. B. MARTIN,
E. O. McCORMICK, G. P. & T. A.,
P. T. M.

JUNE.


 month whose promise and fulfilment blend,
 And burst in one! it seems that earth can store
 In all her roomy house no treasure more;
 Of all her wealth no farthing have to spend
 On fruit, when once this stintless flowering end.
 And yet no tinfest flower shall fall before
 It hath made ready at its hidden core
 Its tithe of seed, which we may count and tend
 Till harvest. Joy of blossomed love, for thee
 Seems it no fairer thing can yet have birth?
 No room is left for deeper ecstasy?
 Watch well if seeds grow strong, to scatter free
 Germs for thy future summers on the earth.
 A joy which is but joy soon comes to death.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON.

For The Eastern Star.

WAYSIDE NOTES OF A SOUTHERN JOURNEY.

The spirit of the time fosters a love of adventure and change which imbues all classes and conditions of men. We have discovered how small a sphere is the world, and how easily its limits can be reached if only, like Columbus, we make a start in the right direction.

Your correspondent, after due investigation of the Exposition at Chicago, was inspired with the desire to learn what treasurers were gathered at the Mid-winter Fair in San Francisco. As California was to her an unvisited and unexplored region, this fact furnished an added impetus to travel, and was associated with the charm of novelty and the expectation of a more congenial clime than is generally enjoyed by the regular Montana resident during the month of March. The Northern Pacific by way of Portland, Oregon, and the Southern Pacific, more popularly known as the Mount Shasta route, were the chosen methods of exit and ingress "to foreign parts." Both roads show many points of interest to the traveler who loves the rough and rugged features of mountain scenery.

After thirty-six hours of continuous riding by rail, the enforced rest of one day in the charming city of Portland is most refreshing, and affords ample opportunity for observation of the sights and sounds which any new metropolis presents. The city lying close to the Willamette river, and guarded by those grand old sentinels in the distance, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Hood, Mt. St. Helens, and other lofty peaks, is replete with attractions. Then when one takes passage over the southern portion of the trip, the scenery is no less beautiful and impressive, with such a wealth of tall and stately trees, spreading green fields, and that majestic monarch of all—Mt. Shasta. Its crown merged in eternal snow is most eagerly looked for and followed by the eye for hours, provided that unwelcome fog does not envelope and imprison its wondrous grandeur, to the discomfiture of the lover of nature. In losing sight of it at last one feels that the grand inspiration of the journey has departed. But, in descending from these mountain heights, there soon succeeds the softer beauty of spring. The pink loveliness

of the almond blossom prevails; the yellow acacia with its nodding plumes; the reddish trunks of the madrone tree; the fragrant violet; the rich and abundant orange poppy; the meadows with their springing grain, make a picture most fascinating to those for whom the vernal season "on their native heath" opens with less of beauty and profusion.

The Mid-winter Fair has its own characteristic and attractive points. It is not, and does not claim to be that combination of grandeur, beauty, and immensity which was so apparent at Chicago last year. The tourist feels that its scope can be compassed within a reasonable period of time. Therefore, there is no fatigue in anticipating its exploration. It purports to be a true and faithful representation of the resources of the state of California, where nature has been so kind on every hand. Right royally is this purpose fulfilled. It is like a wonderful book without covers unrolled to the gaze, with every page fully embellished and beautified by man as the material came to him fresh from the Creator's hand. There is a Northern California building, a Southern and Central State edifice, and many country buildings where distinguishing productions of fruit and wine, of grains and vegetables, of minerals and curios, are exhibited and discussed by competent and courteous persons in charge. The horse of prunes, first set up at the Columbian Fair, has traveled in safety to the Pacific shore and appears in the Santa Clara building, with his mounted Knight refreshed and rejuvenated after the trip. We all know that he must be a Masonic Courier, for he bears the cross upon his fragrant shield.

An immense elephant composed of nuts, carrying a howdah with a fair occupant in Indian dress, divides honours with the first figure. The Ferris Wheel is reproduced upon a smaller scale, with a tempting cargo of oranges filling its miniature cars and revolving constantly. These are some of the lesser attractions of the Fair.

The Manufacturer's building has such a number of foreign exhibits transferred from Chicago, that the visitor feels that he is still in touch with the familiar scenes of last summer's fairy-land, and has only taken a glance and "step backward."

The Fine Arts Gallery commends itself to every one, and furnishes unlimited pleasure and profit. One returns to it again and again as if it were indeed the very Mecca of our pilgrimage.

The Grand Court presents constantly a scene of life, loveliness and animation with its abundance of flowers, its fountain composed of many figures of statuary, from which "the cooling streams do flow;" and all about the amphitheatre are gayly floating the flags of many nations. The centre of this Court is occupied by the Bonet Steel Tower. From its platform, two hundred and thirty feet in height, reached by an elevator, one has a

magnificent view, embracing in its range the grand Pacific ocean, the distant Blue Mountains, the busy city of San Francisco, and the nearer lovely landscape comprised in Golden Park Gate. Many tourists say at this elevation "they get as near to Heaven as they ever expect to be." We do not echo this sentiment, because we hope it may not be true in our case.

But days at the Mid-winter Fair come to a close all too quickly, like every taste of happiness in this world, and its glories and enjoyments were left behind in due course of time.

A meeting with Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, R. W. A. Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, had long been anticipated as one of the happy events associated with a journey to California, and we are glad to record a complete realization of this hope. A sisterly greeting was accorded both Brother Hedges and myself, and was thoroughly appreciated. At a later date, in company with Sister Partridge and her husband, we attended a social given by Ivy Leaf Chapter in the city. Here we met many members of our Order, including the Grand Secretary of the State, and were entertained by a varied and excellently prepared program of music and recitations, interspersed by several fancy dances given by the children of the Chapter. It was an evening long to be remembered by the pilgrim strangers. The morning just preceding Easter it was our good fortune to find upon our breakfast plate a beautiful Easter remembrance from Sister Partridge, just as we were leaving for a short trip to Monterey. Here we visited many spots replete with historical associations, not the least of them being the place where the American flag was first planted in the State.

On the return a stop of several hours was made at the grove of Big Trees, seven miles north of Santa Cruz. If not as large as those of Calaveras, they possess their own points of interest, and inspire the student of nature with awe and admiration. One of them is named for General Fremont, who spent the winter of '46 in its hollow base as he made his memorable journey across the plains to the unknown El Dorado. This forest giant is about sixty-five feet in circumference, and nearly three hundred feet in height. The holes cut in its sides by his soldiers to furnish light and ventilation have somewhat grown over in process of time, but are still large enough to serve the original purpose. General Fremont revisited this grove forty years later in company with his wife and daughter. Never before was so strongly impressed upon our mind the truth of the poet's expression, "the groves were God's first temples."

Another delightful day of our trip was spent in an excursion to Palo Alto, where we listened to one of the series of lectures delivered by ex-President Harrison before the students of the Leland Stanford, Sr., University.

The experiences of this brief journey were so varied and fortunate that it was not altogether easy to break away from such sunny skies and scenes, and resume "the even tenor of our way" in the more prosaic lines of every day life. But thus is strangely and wisely intermingled the web and warp of human existence.

EDNA L. HEDGES.

Helena, Montana, April 16, 1894.

For The Eastern Star.

BIOGRAPHY OF COL. GEORGE T. BALCH.

The Author of Teaching Patriotism in Public Schools.

The earliest suggestions and practical application of patriotic education and teaching patriotism in the schools of America, first originated with Colonel George T. Balch, late auditor of the Board of Education in the city of New York, who deservedly earned the credit and honor of being the first person to introduce a ritual for saluting the national flag in schools, and the author of a series of patriotic papers and "Methods of Teaching Patriotism," in which he has received the highest endorsement from the United States Commission of Education, and many of the best known educators and distinguished men and women in the country.

In 1887 and 1888 Colonel Balch first commenced the patriotic work. As a result of more than a year's study of the "tenement house system" of the city of New York, his attention was turned to the subject of patriotic education. While investigating some aspects of the subject his mind was unexpectedly directed to that form of education for American citizenship, which refers more particularly to the various relations of the child to the town, the state, and the nation. It was about this time that he made the acquaintance of that great philanthropist, Charles Loring Brace, founder of the Children's Aid Society of New York City. Colonel Balch became deeply interested in the labors of the Aid Society, and put his whole soul into the work of ameliorating the condition of the children.

In these schools, tens of thousands of the children of the very poor of nearly every race on the face of the earth and of every color, children unable from extreme poverty, from speaking a foreign language, irregular hours, or other reasons, to attend the public schools, have been taught what it means to be clean, orderly, respectful and obedient to authority; industrious, truthful, honest and pure.

My acquaintance with Col. Balch commenced in 1889, and that you may better understand his patriotic motives, allow me to give a brief history and biography of his life. He was brought up in New York City, and the growth and progress of the city for the past fifty years is quite familiar to him. After a varied experience in commercial affairs in New York and Ohio, in two years by his own personal efforts, he fitted himself and entered the West Point Military Academy, and in 1851 graduated third in his class of forty-two.

He spent the following fifteen years in the regular Army, holding positions of great responsibility and trust. For two years he traveled all over the United States inspecting arsenals, condition, etc., giving him a valuable experience at the commencement of the War of the Rebellion.

In May, 1862, by direction of Secretary of War, Stanton, who was his warm friend, he was ordered to Washington to reorganize the Ordnance Bureau of the War Department, through which Bureau several hundred millions of dollars worth of war material was purchased, paid for, issued to the Army, and thereafter duly accounted for to the Treasury Department.

After spending a year at West Point as Professor of Ordnance and Gunnery, he left the Army at the close of the year 1865, preferring the independence of civil life. In 1872, he entered the service of the Erie Railway Company, as Engineer, in charge of the New York and New Jersey property. In 1885 and 1886, he was expert Engineer in the office of the Commissioner of Accounts in the City of New York; and in the Spring of 1886, he received an order to make an exhaustive examination of the Dept. of Health.

He received new strength in his patriotic work, and became deeply interested in the Tenement house system. After this he spent months in the State Library at Albany, getting out statistics in regard to the number and nationality of emigrants landing in New York City prior to 1847, when the emigration commission was established. This investigation led him to trace the social condition of the emigrants in the homes from which they came, and in these researches particularly as regarded the condition of the working classes in Ireland and England for the last hundred years.

He spent a year in the libraries of New York, mainly the Astor, which having a complete file of parliamentary papers from 1801 to the present time, afforded him unusual facilities for the study of the English social condition, etc.

In the Spring of 1888, his attention was first called to the subject of our Public Schools and their relation to Patriotic Education. He became intensely interested in the whole matter, so much so that he felt constrained to address the President of the Board of Education, New York, in a letter dated September 4, 1888.

In pursuance of the subject, in the Fall of 1888, he communicated with all the State Superintendents of Public Instruction throughout the United States, received all their last reports and went through them all. He obtained from them a list of some 5,000 county, city and town school officers, with whom he proposed to communicate for the purpose of ascertaining the number of parochial or other denominational or sectarian schools in the United States. He found that to carry out his plan would cost over \$1000, and he was obliged to abandon it.

March 6th, 1889, he was elected Auditor of the Board of Education for the City of New York, and temporarily gave up his work of investigation. However, he has done a grand work for the twenty-one Industrial Schools with their 6,000 children, who are exclusively of foreign birth or foreign parentage, and mainly from the very poor class of citizens.

In January, 1889, Col. Balch commenced a careful examination of each of the twenty-one schools of the Children's Aid Society, a task which occupied some two months. This examination embraced the relations existing between the teachers and the parents, and finally what steps had been taken, or what special exercises were observed to awaken and stimulate a spirit of patriotism among the scholars; and if in use, how far they had been successful. The teachers welcomed the movement in all these schools, and especially the principals who found a keen appreciation of the imperative necessity of developing and encouraging a distinctly American ideal of

how important it was that the child should understand just what the school was for, and why the children attended it, and their future destinies as American citizens. Firmly believing that "Whatever we wish to see introduced in the life of a nation, must first be introduced in the life of its schools," what could be more important for these children than to understand their personal relation to the country of their birth or adoption, the privileges which were theirs to enjoy, and the love of country which would be developed, as they gradually became familiar with its history and the many radical differences between its institutions and political principles and those of all other nations?

Any plan which would succeed with these children, could surely succeed under any other conditions. Such a plan has been formulated by Col. Balch, and one of its elementary steps consists in the salutation of our national flag by the scholars of every one of twenty-one Aid Schools at the daily morning exercises. In May and June, 1891, the scholars were all visited and the plan explained to the children, in which there was a wonderful overflow of enthusiasm that would have done credit to our young Americans.

The introduction of the salute was so successful that it was decided to take another step in training these children in American ways, and let the pupils vote to decide whether they would continue to salute the flag every morning until the next annual election. The first Patriotic Election took place November 1, 1891, at 1 p. m. simultaneously in the twenty-one schools of the Society.

Out of 5,138 children and teachers enrolled on the day, 4,306 or 82 per cent. voted. Of these, 44 voted against the proposition and 4,263 or 98.9 per cent. in favor of the salute. There was no interference nor electioneering to influence the children in their votes but it was left for them to choose. The second patriotic election took place November 7th, 1892, and it has continued with the same regularity each year, until the vote is unanimous for the every day salutation of the flag.

Such are some of the considerations and explanations which led Col. Balch to so warmly espouse the cause of patriotism, and the education of our rising generation in a love for our country and flag. In a recent letter he says: "He proposes under God to give all that remains to him of life, that he may in some degree repay the incalculable gift conferred upon him by being born in the nineteenth century, a citizen of this grand Republic." He has as last given his life to the cause of his country and a noble patriotic life it has been. In all my life, I have never been personally acquainted with any one who threw his whole energy and soul into a labor of love and patriotism for his fellow-men as fully as did my ideal of an American citizen, that I found in the character and life of Col. George T. Balch. He was a devoted Christian gentleman who loved his country and flag with a devotion that made him a true born American hero.

His "Methods of Teaching Patriotism in the Public Schools," including the series of patriotic papers and fac-simile "Declaration of Independence" chart are now used in the public schools of nearly every state in the union with great success and profit to the rising generation. Colonel Balch was a patriotic benefactor, and has given to the nation and our youth a branch of study in American citizenship that should make his name immortal.

Patriotically,

WALLACE FOSTER.

Late Capt. 13th Ind. Inf.

Indianapolis, Ind.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS, 1894.

The Grand Chapter convened in Hutchinson, May 9 and 10. The attendance was unusually large, there being over three hundred delegates present besides visiting members. The session was harmonious and enjoyable, the business of the meeting being dispatched in a prompt and courteous manner.

Sister Elizabeth Magie, Grand Matron, won many laurels, and by her earnest and untiring efforts will leave a record that will bear the test of time. Her address was practical and showed an unusual amount of work accomplished, having visited over fifty chapters, traveled over six thousand miles and written twenty-one hundred letters during her official year. The closest attention was given during the reading of her address, and the many words of encouragement and the noble sentiments expressed found a responsive echo in the hearts of her hearers.

Sister Jennie Walker, Past Grand Matron of Illinois, was present, also six Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron of Kansas; these were escorted to the East and received with due honors.

Sister Campbell of Acacia Chapter, Hutchinson, welcomed the Grand Chapter, and Sister Lettie E. Trouslot, Associate Grand Matron, responded in behalf of the Grand Chapter.

Brother Alfred Whitman, Grand Patron, in his address made an earnest appeal for our Masonic Home, and his words of encouragement gave us reason to believe that at no distant day our fondest hopes will be realized.

Wednesday evening Acacia Chapter exemplified the work and the floral degree—M. M. Miller, Topeka, and Mrs. D. Bylington, Leavenworth, who by vote of the Grand Chapter were made honorary members, being the candidates.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Lettie E. Trouslot, Grand Matron, Newton.

John C. Postlethwaite, Grand Patron Jewel City.

Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth, Associate Grand Matron, Topeka.

J. A. Regnell, Associate Grand Patron, McPherson.

Mrs. Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, Ft. Scott.

Mrs. Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary, Ottawa.

Mrs. Ellen A. Kenner, Grand Conductress, Eureka.

Mrs. Della Bennett, Associate Grand Conductress, Hutchinson.

In the evening Sister Lillian Wiggs Gatch was escorted to the East by the Grand Mar., Sister Olive M. Haskell, and ascending the dias delivered the charges to the Grand Officers in a beautiful and impressive manner, lending to it all of her lovely personality that so distinguishes her among the Sisterhood. After the Grand Marshal had conducted all the Grand Officers to their respec-

tive places, the sisters representing the several points of the Star were conducted to the Installing Officer in the East, to whom she presented each in turn a beautiful bouquet of emblematic flowers with an address that has been rarely excelled in elegance and beauty of delivery.

The newly elected Grand Patron, Brother Postlethwaite, presented Sister Magie, on behalf of the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, with a most beautiful jewel. It was surmounted by the cimeter and crescent, emblematic of the Shrine, of which Mr. Magie is a most enthusiastic member. Below the crescent was the crossed gavels, emblems of authority; a Star was pendant from the crescent. The points of the Star were inlaid with precious stones. That representing the color appropriate to Adah was a sapphire, emblematic of the Past Grand Matron's fidelity to the landmarks and social usages of our beautiful Order. That of Ruth was inlaid with a topaz, showing forth in its light the faithful and constant labors of Sister Magie among the subordinate Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. The third point representing the radiant Queen was inlaid by a diamond, indicating the purity of the administration of the past year. The emerald, which inlaid the fourth point of the jewelled Star, points radiantly the way to a "pure and upright life," which we may enter if we follow diligently the beautiful lesson inculcated by our Order. And last the jewelled point of Electa flashed forth the glowing light of a ruby, indicating the fervency of our love and respect for our dear sister, who has already joined the fast increasing numbers of those who stand out like mile-posts in the way of time, each administration partaking of the individuality of her who ruled for one brief year.

Extracts from the Grand Matron's address:

One year ago this Grand Chapter conferred on me its highest gift, that of Grand Matron of Kansas, and to say that I was honored, fails to express my feelings and appreciation, and particularly so when I consider the growth of the Order, and the magnitude reached in the few years that intervene between the beginning and the present. From indications and the interest manifested in the various chapters that have been visited, the work is going on, and it is gratifying to note the fraternal spirit and harmony that pervaded all deliberations. Each striving to promulgate the teachings of our Order, and best perform the duties assigned them. Today, may the same spirit of love and harmony prevail during our deliberations, and the mingling of our best efforts culminate in a harmonious whole. Let us live more for one another and less for self, keeping our hearts free from envy, jealousy and strife; time is too precious and life too short to do aught but good. This Grand Body is assuming large proportions, therefore, it is necessary that these sessions be conducted on a business basis, systematically and practically. Many have left their business and homes to come here, and are under expense, hence the need of economizing time. Let us leave useless arguments and small matters, and attend to the essential and necessary work as it presents itself. There are many laws to be en-

acted, and these should be made with a view to the majority and not to the minority.

In behalf of the Eastern Star, we pledge them the heartiest support in the grand work they have before them—the Masonic Home. In all visits made to Chapters I found the sisters deeply interested, ready and willing to assist in every way; many Chapters having paid the amounts pledged, others will be found ready when called upon.

It is fitting at this time that I speak of our Grand Chapter ward, Erma Avery, whose dying mother left her in care of the Order, and in whose behalf I have spent many hours of thought and labor. Within the year, in company with the Matron of Queen City Chapter, Winfield, I have visited her twice, and find she has progressed in her studies, and greatly improved in manners and mind. I am pleased to note the many words of commendation from Sister Jurisdictions regarding our fraternal care of this child.

We most heartily commend our O. E. S. paper, THE EASTERN STAR, to the kind consideration of every member of this Grand Jurisdiction. Let us give it our encouragement by speaking through its columns our best thoughts and ideas, and also by soliciting subscribers. It comes to us monthly bearing gleanings from other States, and no Chapter should be without a copy. It is within the reach of all.

From the Grand Patron's report we cull the following:

A brother, whom I fear is inclined to be quizzical, writes: "Can the Eastern Star be called a 'Woman's Rights' organization?"

Ans. There may be women's rights, and women's rights. If one means the right of woman to be an intelligent, thinking individual, and not an appendage, to be the companion and friend of man rather than his slave, then are we a "Woman's Rights" organization. Or if we consider her right to be admitted to the colleges and universities hitherto closed to her, or to enter the learned professions when she may be capable of doing so, standing side by side with her brother, according to her ability, then we are a "Woman's Rights" organization. If we consider it the right of women to grasp greater opportunities, by union and organization, to nurse the sick, comfort the sorrowing and carry joy to the hearts of the afflicted, then do we believe in Woman's Rights."

With the right of woman to the suffrage, we have, as an Order, nothing to say, but I am assured that one great purpose of our own and kindred societies is to teach woman to think, to reason, to draw conclusions from evidences, in short, to rid her mind of old-time errors and superstitions, broaden her ideas, and thus prepare her, should the responsibility of the suffrage ever be hers, to use it intelligently, conscientiously, and for the best good of her country and the race in general.

The organization and incorporation of the Masonic Home of Kansas has been effected since our last session, and the Board of Directors consisting of the representatives of the several Grand Bodies, has held two meetings during the year. The severe stringency in money matters prompted it to delay any immediate action in regard to location. The organization of the board by the election of Bro. D. B. Fuller as President, M. M. Miller, Secretary, and R. E. Torrington, Treasurer, was a most excellent one. Heavy bonds were required of both Secretary and Treasurer, and every step taken necessary to insure a judicious disposition of the funds of the Home. At the meeting in June it is probable that definite action looking to a location and a commencement of the Home, will be taken,

and when it is, and the Order of the Eastern Star is notified of the work it is expected to do, there will be, I feel sure, no question about the response. The Kansas Masonic Home is the realization of the wishes and hopes of this Grand Chapter and it will be only too glad to see it an established fact.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1894.

[We had reserved space for this report in this issue, but on its arrival it refused to be crowded into the allotted space, and rather than trim it down to fit we will hold it over until next month merely giving the names of the newly elected officers. We regret to be compelled to do this but it is too near press time to admit of much waiting.—Ed.]

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts held its eighteenth annual meeting at Orange, May 16, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Mary A. Stebbins, Grand Matron, Fitchburg.

William A. Blossom, Grand Patron, Boston.

Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn, Associate Grand Matron, Cambridge.

Warren M. King, Associate Grand Patron, Orange.

Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester.

Mrs. L. L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer, East Hampton.

Mrs. Maria W. Hyde, Grand Chaplain, East Boston.

Mrs. Kate L. McBain, Grand Marshal, Fitchburg.

Miss Hannah L. Knowles, Grand Conductress, Malden.

Mrs. Clara W. Palmer, Associate Grand Conductress, Somerville.

Miss Helen L. Robinson, Grand Adah, Rivere.

Mrs. Addie V. Barrett, Grand Ruth, Springfield.

Mrs. Mary E. Fitch, Grand Esther, Chelsea.

Mrs. Amanda L. Root, Grand Martha, East Douglass.

Mrs. Mary E. Rowe, Grand Electa, Gloucester.

Mrs. Julia G. Wilcox, Grand Warder, Florence.

Walter I. Sprague, Grand Sentinel, Charlestown.

Bro. Fred Ring has at last succeeded in organizing a chapter at Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he has been spending the past year. A delegation from Mizpah Chapter, Grafton, assisted in the organization. The name of the new chapter is Acacia. Of course a banquet and general good time followed. The officers are: Mrs. Sarah E. Topping, W. M.; Fred Ring, W. P.; Mrs. Rebecca Holmes, A. M.; Minerva Wright, Sec.

West Union Chapter, Iowa, on May 4 held a Merchants' Carnival and Gipsy Festival which was successful and especially enjoyable. In the costumes of the ladies the firms were properly and attractively advertised. It was given two evenings and was under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Atkinson. Literary and musical numbers were pleasingly interspersed.

IN MEMORIAM.

Astrea Chapter, Muscogee, Indian Territory, has met with a serious loss in the death of Sister Louie Stedham Bennett, who passed to her rest April 13.

Sister Bennett was ill but a short time and she passed quietly into the great beyond leaving a husband, three children and hosts of loving friends to mourn her untimely going. Sister Bennett was the Worthy Matron of Astrea Chapter and wife of Brother Leo E. Bennett, Worthy Patron and Grand Secretary. She was also Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter burial service was rendered and all that loving hearts and willing hands could do to lighten the burden of sorrow for the grief stricken ones was done. She has heard the summons from the Most High, and answered the question, "Believeth thou this?" May the hope of Martha lead them to look beyond the grave to where the loved ones are waiting to welcome us to our eternal home.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA, 1894.

This Grand Jurisdiction is one. Our sisters and brothers, the pencil shovers of other Jurisdictions, the foreign correspondents, will no more have the pleasure of writing "Minnesota No. 1," and "Minnesota No. 2." Their occupation is gone. No more will the members of the General Grand Chapter have to lose sleep on account of the little unpleasantness in this jurisdiction. After eight years of recognitions and withdrawals of recognitions, Friday afternoon, May 11, 1894, saw the union perfected of these two bodies, and when it was all over, the general wonder was that it was accomplished so easily. The little leaven that was sprinkled in the meal in October, 1891, when Sister Jacoby and Brother Swanstrom were at the helm had increased until all it needed was Sister Snedden and Brother Gearhart, with the assistance of such a competent committee as Brothers Davis, Markham, Gottry and Wells, to stir the batter and the whole lump became leavened. Now look out for this Jurisdiction. It does not propose to remain in the background any longer. The older Jurisdictions will have to look out for their laurels.

The Grand Chapter met in its eighth annual session at Masonic Temple, St. Paul, Wednesday, May 9, at 2 p. m., and continued in session three days, closing Friday afternoon at 5 p. m. With three exceptions all the Grand Officers were present. Three Past Grand Matrons, Sister Hodges, Palmer and Jacoby, and one Past Grand Patron, Brother Andrew P. Swanstrom, were also present. The Associate Grand Matron, Sister Florence Viall, was detained at home on account of sickness. Nearly all the Chapters, regular and U. D., were represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in form by Sister Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron. Sister Addie Trugden, of Constellation Chapter

No. 18, St. Paul, welcomed the visitors in the following beautiful language:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers, Members and Visitors:

Our Grand Matron has conferred upon me, as Worthy Matron of Constellation Chapter, the honor of delivering the address of welcome to you as the Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota. While doubting my powers of oratory to do the occasion justice, her faith in my ability has inspired me with a desire to meet her expectations.

Twelve short months have rolled around since our last annual meeting held in our twin city, Minnie, and to-day Paul, never to be outdone by a woman, takes the privilege usually claimed by his sex and opens wide his arms to give you a right royal welcome. As citizens we welcome you to our fair city, and as members of the Order of the Eastern Star we welcome you to our Chapter room. And I assure you it gives me more pleasure than I can express to extend to you all my personal welcome.

We feel justly proud to-day that so many representatives of our Chapters throughout the State have left their homes to come here at this time to counsel together for the benefit of an Order which places the wife or daughter, mother or sister of a Mason in a position which enables her to share with him the privileges of a fraternal organization whose object is to increase the happiness of its members, not only by its social enjoyments, but by the practice of virtues which teach us to put aside all selfishness and be ready to share the sorrows of a suffering sister and brother, or aid one destitute or distressed. And it is my earnest prayer that the labors of this present meeting may make us all more earnest and faithful as members and produce greater results for good to our beloved Order than any past year in our history.

Worthy Grand Officers, we look to you not only for leadership but for wisdom to guide us aright in our duties, and inspiration to believe we shall reap if we faint not; and we all with our sympathy and love will endeavor to strengthen your hands while you sow the seeds which shall bring us an abundant harvest.

Again, on behalf of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star of our city, I bid you a cordial welcome.

The response was by Sister Davis, of Alpha Chapter, Brainerd. We have not it before us, therefore cannot give even a synopsis of it. It was well written.

After the committee on credentials had reported, and a quorum declared present, Sister Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Past Grand Officers were escorted to the East and accorded the Grand Honors. Sister Weaver, of St. Paul Chapter No. 24, on behalf of the St. Paul and Newport Chapters, then presented Sister Snedden with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers, at the same time giving her a hearty welcome to Minneapolis. Sister Snedden responded in her own inimitable manner.

The Grand Matron then read her address. We are only sorry that we have not room for it. It showed that she had as special deputy organized eleven of the fourteen new Chapters, and assisted in organizing two of the others; that she had been successful in resurrecting one Chapter—Granite, of St. Cloud; that she had visited nearly all of the Chapters in the Jurisdiction. It showed that she

had been more than active during the past year.

Then followed the Grand Patron's address, which was filled with good suggestions; how he had granted fourteen dispensations for new Chapters, Etc.

At the close of the addresses Brother George Brookins of St Paul Chapter, in choice words, presented Sister Taylor with a Past Grand Matron's jewel. Sister Snedden in turn did the same kind act to Brother Gearhart, and presented him with a Past Patron's jewel.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Wing, showed that sixty-five Chapters had reported, showing a membership of 3690.

The Grand Treasurer, Sister Wakefield, showed a balance on hand of \$1300.

After calling off for supper a committee from the old organization, which was in session at Minneapolis, composed of Sisters Moore, Geary and others, and Brothers Matthews, Armstrong, Lewark and Irish, waited upon the officers of the Grand Chapter, and informed them that their body had passed a series of resolutions, which they presented, calling for a disbandment of both organizations, and going into a convention for the purpose of organizing a new Grand Chapter, the same proposition that was submitted to them three years ago. And if the Grand Chapter would adopt the resolutions a union could at once be consummated.

After the Grand Chapter called on in the evening the resolutions were presented, and a committee composed of Brothers Davis, Markham and Gottry, were appointed to draft counter resolutions and present them to the old organization the next morning.

The floor of the Grand Chapter was then turned over to Constellation Chapter No. 18, for the thorough exemplification of the degrees, which were to be for the edification of the hundreds who crowded the large auditorium. The following regular officers of the Chapter did the work: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Addie Trudgen; Worthy Patron, Dr. Woolway; Associate Matron, Miss Eleanor Young; Conductress, Mrs. Millie Lee; Associate Conductress, Mrs. Gertrude Grewe; Adah, Miss Minnie Wilson; Ruth, Miss Ella Black; Esther, Mrs. Jennie Paradis; Martha, Miss Nelson; Electa, Mrs. Sarah Evans. The ladies had all been thoroughly drilled by Brother A. P. Swanstrom, and under the leadership of Sisters Lee and Grewe the marches were executed with faultless precision, and the degree work was without blemish. Just prior to the work an original ode to the Eastern Star was read by Brother Franklyn W. Lee, of Constellation Chapter, which will appear later.

The musical interludes in the work were rendered by Constellation Quartette, Mrs. Mae Stabeck, Mrs. Addie Upright, W. B. Parsons and A. P. Swanstrom. The exemplification, which was highly commended by the visitors, was followed by an intermission with a musical and literary programme, and then

the work of the Grand Chapter was resumed and continued until a late hour.

Thursday, the second day, the grand body was slow in getting to business, owing to the fact that the conference committee appointed the preceding evening, had not yet returned from Minneapolis, and as it was thought best to do no great amount of business until the desire of their hearts, the union of the two bodies, was consummated, the forenoon passed away in routine business.

Upon re-assembling Thursday afternoon Brother G. C. Davis, chairman of the conference committee, reported that it was ready to submit its report, and he believed that a solution of the problem had been reached. That if the Grand Chapter felt as the committee did it would adopt the report unanimately, send a message to the brothers and sisters in Minneapolis, and they would be with us as soon as the cars could bring them. The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and Brother Davis appointed a committee to telephone the delegates in the sister city that we were ready to receive them. The substance of the resolutions was that a new seal should be adopted, containing the following inscription "Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Minnesota. 1876. 1886. United 1894." The centre of the seal to be the Signet. This idea was suggested by Bro. H. R. Wells, who, although representing a Chapter under dispensation, was asked to accompany the committee. It was also stipulated that all Grand and Past Officers of the old organization should be granted all the rights they then possessed.

While waiting for the arrival of the members of No. 1, Brother Andrew P. Swanstrom, on behalf of the members of the Grand Chapter, presented Sister Snedden with a very handsome bon bon set in plush case. The sister responded very feelingly.

At 4:30 p. m. it was announced that the representatives of No. 1 were approaching, and the Grand Chapter called to refreshment. The handshaking and general sociability indulged in for the next hour was a sight well worth remembering, and one that will not soon be forgotten. Sister Snedden then called the Convention to order. The two Grand Matrons, Sisters Taylor and Moore, and the two Grand Patrons, Brothers Gearhart and Scofield, were then escorted to the East, and received with the Grand Honors. It had been agreed before hand that no demonstration should be made, but the escorting to the East of the Grand Officers was greeted with loud applause.

In the evening the election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted in the election of the following Sister Snedden presiding:

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron Minneapolis.

J. D. Markham, Grand Patron, Rush City.

Mrs. Flora E. Moore, Asso. Grand Matron, Minneapolis.

Henry R. Wells, Asso. Grand Patron, Preston.

Ida M. Wing, Grand Secretary, Minneapolis.

Lucy D. Wakefield, Grand Treasurer, Hutchinson.

Lillie E. Mason, Grand Conductress, Excelsior.

Mary Burke, Asso. Grand Conductress, St. Paul.

At the close of the election the Grand Chapter was called off until Friday morning, and an adjournment had to the banquet room, where the local Chapters had prepared a repast.

Friday forenoon was consumed in adopting a new Constitution to govern the new Grand Body. One of the most important features was the adoption of a section defining who were members of the Grand Body, and only such should be appointed upon the committees.

Friday afternoon, Sister Snedden, as Most Worthy Grand Matron, assisted by Brother Gearhart as Grand Marshal, installed the officers. At five o'clock the Grand Chapter was closed to meet in Masonic Temple, Minneapolis, the second Wednesday in May, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Thus was brought to a successful termination the most important event in the history of the Order, not only in this Jurisdiction, but in national importance. A large share of the credit must be given Sister Snedden, who made it her foremost duty to see that it was brought about at this time. But in giving her this credit there are others who have taken an interest in this same direction for years past, and who now feel that their labors were not all in vain, and who feel that it will not detract from her glory to mention the name of Brother Gearhart and others.

NOTES.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota is now composed of seventy-three Subordinate Chapters—sixty-five from No. 2 and eight from No. 1—with a total membership of 3970—3690 from No. 2 and 280 from No. 1.

Everything was done to make Sister Snedden's visit a pleasant one. Tuesday afternoon, May 8, the local Chapters of Minneapolis tendered her a reception in the Commandery room of the Temple. Ices and cake were served by young ladies of the various Chapters, dressed in white, with appropriate colors for decorations. The banquet room and hall were profusely decorated with cut flowers and plants. Tuesday evening Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, exemplified the work for her benefit. Wednesday morning the Chapters of St. Paul and Newport held an informal reception for her in the Blue Room, Masonic Temple, St. Paul. At ten o'clock she was given a carriage ride about the city. She was the guest of the Grand Chapter during her stay in St. Paul. Saturday she visited Lake Minnetonka, and was the guest of Excelsior Chapter. Sunday, she was the guest of Sister Louise E. Jacoby, at Minneapolis. She must have returned home with the kindest feeling for Minnesota.

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Nebraska Grand Chapter will hold its nineteenth annual meeting at Hastings on June 5.

The second annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Colorado will meet June 5, at Denver.

Washington Grand Chapter will meet in its sixth annual session in the city of Everett, June 11.

"The May Flower" sailed into our harbor. It is manned by Sister Mary A. Parsons, and is freighted with a cargo of temperance doctrine. It is a trim little craft and may it meet fair winds and smooth sailing.

During the meeting of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. the office of THE EASTERN STAR was favored by calls from several brothers which was greatly appreciated. The latch is out for all members and a welcome awaits them.

The Grand Chapter of New York will meet in its twenty-fifth annual session June 5, 6 and 7. As this is its silver anniversary great preparations are being made to celebrate it. May each anniversary be emphasized by harmony and prosperity.

THE EASTERN STAR needs your patronage, and you need THE EASTERN STAR. Why not

recognize the mutual obligation and mutually pledge yourselves to render to each other these just dues.

We call attention to an article in another column written by Wallace Foster, which will be read with interest. Every American citizen, and even those who must be classed outside of citizenship, are glad to further anything that shall teach our children a love of country and home.

A picture of the home of Sister Ida Hodler, who served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Indiana several years ago, came to us this morning. Sister and Brother Hodler moved to Florida a few years since, and the home looks very inviting surrounded by its orange trees. Thanks, Sister Hodler, I wish it were possible for me to "drop in and spend a little time with you." The earlier members of the Order will be glad to hear from Sister Hodler for her association with us in those days was very pleasant.

Very soon the question of vacation will begin to agitate the members and some will not be persuaded that such things are very unhealthy, and the indulgence of them begets indifference, carelessness and many kindred ailments for which there is yet to be a remedy discovered. It should be a pleasure and it is a duty to continue the meeting and see that the necessary work is being done, that no sick member is neglected. It matters not if the weather be hot and the hall somewhat uncomfortable. It cannot be so uncomfortable as to learn when too late to remedy the evil, that one to whom we should have ministered has received, instead of kindly attention, aid, comfort and protection—neglect. Let us see to it that the Chapter fails in nothing for what it was organized, by our attention to duty and our cheerfulness in rendering to those of our number who for any cause need the word that comforts, the deed that aids or the means that alleviates. This is only a measure of the reason why we should not fail to assemble ourselves together.

The loving sympathy of every member of our Order will be given our sister, Mary A. Flint, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and her husband, Thomas J. Flint, in the recent bereavement that has come to them. The home was blessed with three children, two sons and a daughter, who had reached maturity. The daughter, Sarah Flint was married not long since to George Otis Mitchell, and resided in San Francisco. She was Past Matron of Ceanothus Chapter, San Juan. On April 21 her spirit took its flight, the home circle is broken and the lives of those in whose hearts she held first place are desolate. For her there are no shadows, no tears, no sighing, for the Father waits over the way to welcome her home. Though her presence be removed

there yet will linger the sweet loving memories that the unwelcome messenger cannot bear hence. Words seem empty, yet one to whose lips the cup has been pressed again and again knows its bitterness, and can understandingly send heartfelt love and sympathy. May His gracious presence abide with them, and His grace be sufficient for them.

The Order of the Eastern Star can no longer be styled an infant, for here and there are celebrated the anniversaries that indicate it has reached its maturity. It is no longer questionable whether or not it shall find a place. The place was not created for it, but it for the place, and well it fills its mission. The disfavor with which it was greeted in some localities is passing away, and respect is taking its place. And why not extend to it the right hand of fellowship? Is it not composed of those who are to Masons cherished objects? And if there be helpfulness to men in this closer companionship, is not woman equally needful of this opportunity of help? The infant was watched with great solicitude, and now that it is able to walk, we are inclined to think it needs little or no care. Still it is not beyond the years of waywardness, and while its life might not be imperilled by such things, its beauty and usefulness may be marred, and those who have for it the sincere love that should exist will watch carefully any tendency in this direction, and give their influence against it.

The following comes to me with the request to publish it in The Eastern Star, which I cheerfully do, and I also sincerely thank the sisters and brothers for this evidence of their kindly remembrance. The priceless value of the gift that cannot be bartered or taken away, is the love that prompted it.

"Back of the gift stands the giving, Back of the hand that receives, thrill the sensitive nerves of receiving."

The matter was carried on without my knowledge, not a whisper of it having reached my ears, and this evidence of the loving thoughtfulness of the true sister and Past Grand Matron, who arranged, and those who had made it possible for her to complete the arrangement, nearly robbed me of speech and self-control. True—"Life's experiences coming thick and fast" are the soul's appointed means of growth," but how difficult often to see beyond the shadows that so darkly gather, and fully realize that "however bitter may be the cup which our Heavenly Father gives, it will in the end overflow with blessings rich, abundant and eternal":

BUTLER, IND. May, 1894.

SISTER RANSFORD:—I desire through THE EASTERN STAR to express my sincere thanks to all the Chapters who so kindly and promptly responded to my letters of March and April. It proves to us all that they are striving to live up to the teachings and principles of our beloved Order and are ever ready to lend a helping hand to sisters and brothers when the opportunity is offered

them, and prompt to respond with a free will offering for the welfare of others. The kindness of my sisters and brothers will ever be treasured by me in the garden of my happiest memories. A list of the names of the contributors was enclosed with the money to Sister Kansford. I desire to say for the benefit of some Chapters that the Grand Chapter has no control over the funds of the Subordinate Chapters, and we may dispense our labors of love and charity whenever and wherever we may choose.

Fraternally yours,
CARRIE M. FANNING,
P. G. Matron.

Some one asks: "By what authority and by what right does the Order of the Eastern Star charge one person more than another for the degrees?" which calls forth the opinion from "The Trestle Board" that no fee whatever should be charged, nor should there be any ballot. The article referred to says, "The setting up of a standard of excellence of character (which the use of the ballot implies, is an insult to the great mass of the Masonic Body, and implies that there are some Masons who are, in their opinion, not worthy of the privilege of association in their very select body." "The Trestle Board" thinks the Order of the Eastern Star should not have a systematized organization, but depend on the voluntary contributions of the Masonic Fraternity for its support, and says the Order should return to the original plan as propagated by its founders. We wonder why "The Trestle Board" thinks the Eastern Star should not be run on the same basis as the other "adoptive" degrees of Masonry. Would it advocate the practice of abolishing the ballot in the Scottish Rite or Commandery or that they should charge no fees nor dues. The ballot is, we suppose, used against Masons in these bodies, for much the same reason as in the Eastern Star. We all know that it is easier to keep a man out of Masonry than it is to put him out, and unfortunately some men get into the Order who are unworthy to be advanced, and disgrace the name of Mason. As a safeguard only, should the ballot be used, and we do not believe the privilege is abused more often in the Eastern Star than in any of the other "higher" degrees, and as for the Order going backward and giving up its system, we are proud to say that there is no more necessity for it than that symbolic Masonry should return to Operative. Our Order is composed of the cream of the Masonic Fraternity (thanks to the ballot) together with their wives and other female relatives, and we have proved by a quarter of a century's growth that we are worthy the name we bear, Adoptive Masonry. S.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER O. E. S.

OFFICE OF M. W. G. MATRON.

ST. LOUIS, May 21, 1894.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Sisters and Brothers.—It is my pleasant duty to inform the Eastern Star World that

peace and harmony have come to the Grand Jurisdiction of Minnesota. The two Grand Chapters, formerly known as No. 1 and No. 2, met May 9th, 1894. (No. 1 in Special and No. 2 in annual session.) Resolutions were formulated and submitted to each body, and unanimously adopted. At four o'clock p. m. May 10th the two Grand Chapters went into Convention, which was presided over by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. All necessary business was transacted, including the adoption of a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order. Officers were elected and installed. The principal offices being filled as follows: Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron, Minneapolis; J. D. Markham, Grand Patron, Rush City; Mrs. Flora E. Moore, Associate Grand Matron, Minneapolis; H. R. Wells, Associate Grand Patron, Preston; Ida M. Wing, Grand Secretary, Minneapolis. This action settles forever (let us hope) all discord and differences in this Grand Jurisdiction. It is therefore the duty, and I am sure it will be the pleasure of each Grand Jurisdiction to extend to the Grand Chapter of Minnesota the right hand of fellowship.

Sincerely yours,
MARY C. SNEDDEN,
M. W. G. M.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

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For The Eastern Star.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

"To-morrow is a maybe,
But Yesterday has been;
And dear To-day is here to say,
Who use me well are men."

Had you ever thought that "you go over to your enemy when you laugh with him," or that "Laughter implies a unity of sympathy and taste and levels a distinction with every indulgence."

The blue-bird and robin have always been held as the heralds of Spring. They, as well as the oldest inhabitant, have been proven fallible however more times than one. The bird of wisdom, the owl, is said to be a reliable personage. When he rents the top flat in some hollow tree, Spring has assuredly come to stay. This favorite of Minerva's may not be so picturesque a prophet as the blue-bird or robin redbreast, but all goes to prove the old adage of "fine feathers."

Most of us have relatives or friends whom we characterize as "stamp fiends" and it may surprise us to learn how universal is this mania. A recent periodical says of it. "The large purchase of Columbian stamps by dealers has called attention to the very lively status of stamp collecting. After two score years of existence it fails to show the first symptom of petering out. It has spread all over the civilized world and with such increasing virulence that it is almost as hard in these days to raise a young family without postage stamps as without soap. Really if the annual sum that contemporary collectors spend on postage stamp could be computed, it could hardly fail to make a respectable showing beside the amounts that were spent for tulips by the Dutch."

Sorsosis has been discussing "Should there be anything in child literature which is not and cannot be true?" Think how much the decision in the negative would rob us of. All our fairy tales, Mother Goose, Alice in Wonderland, Santa Claus and many pleasure-giving books would have to go. Each child requires careful mental care as well as bodily, and the books given a child should be as carefully studied for his especial good as the food that is given him. We can not fail to agree with someone who has said "children who grow up without knowing Mrs. Be-done-by-as-you-did, the Ugly Duckling, and Aladdin and Gulliver and the folks in Hawthorne's Wonder Book, do not get their rights."

LILLIAN.

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Oak Leaf Chapter Oakland, celebrated its 22nd anniversary April 26. Instead of the usual invitations to sister Chapters and friends the children of the members of the chapter were requested to attend on that occasion, and when the doors were opened 70 marched into the hall, which had been beautifully trimmed with palms, flowers and a large American flag. It was a pretty sight to see the little ones between the ages of 14 down to 3 years. After going through some exercises and marches, the children were seated. A program given by them was enjoyed for one hour then they formed in line and marched to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared by the sisters, to which the 120 did ample justice. Dancing was indulged in until midnight. All voted it the most pleasant evening ever spent in our chapter hall.

COLORADO.

It is indeed a pleasant task for me to report to The Eastern Star the development and progress of Radiant Chapter, Denver. The chapter was chartered July 13, 1893, and has now a membership of about 130, composed of the intelligence, wealth and hospitality of which Queen City can proudly boast. The corps of officers by their efficient work are earnestly endeavoring to promote the up-building of our beloved order. Sister Areta Depew is W. M. and Bro. N. W. Smith is W. P. Sister Katharine J. Wright was the first W. M. of Radiant Chapter, which stands today as a bright monument of her untiring efforts. It is the custom of Radiant Chapter to devote the greater part of every alternate meeting to social enjoyment. These are much enjoyed by the members, and are the occasion of many a pleasant visit from members of Queen City Chapter, also of this city. At our last social the S. O. O. B. society was our guest. Pleasing musical and literary exercises were first in order, and then all repaired to the banquet hall, where Noble A. B. McGaffey and Grand Master W. D. Wright favored us with remarks. Radiant Chapter, though always ready for "cheerful companionship and social enjoyment" is at no time forgetful that these are not the only objects of the Order. Radiant is in a very prosperous condition, and is honored by an invitation to exemplify the work at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, June 5, in this city.

IDAHO.

Adah Chapter, Boise City, is growing and doing good work. May 16 they initiated four candidates and elected one, and have three on the way—ballotted for but not yet initiated. The Grand Master of Masons sent an official invitation to the chapter asking it to take part in the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of a Soldier's Home on May 23. The chapter unanimously accepted, and next

mouth we hope to have a report of the day.

INDIANA.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its May meetings with Sister Wilson May 11 and Sister Insley May 25. Both meetings were pleasant and well attended. Sister Wilson is among the oldest members of Queen Esther and annually entertains its auxiliary.

Warsaw Chapter had quite an enjoyable time at a called meeting on Friday May 18, the occasion being the initiation of seven candidates from the thriving village of Milford, 12 miles north of Warsaw. The candidates were accompanied by a number of stars from the same place. The entire party was entertained for tea at the home of Sister Conrad, and after the ceremonies of initiation refreshments were served to about 75 members and visitors. This was one of the most enjoyable meetings in the history of our chapter.

ILLINOIS.

May 12, Doric Chapter, No. 106 R. A. M., Turner, conferred the degrees on several candidates, and after the work the ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter quietly took possession of the Hall, and in less than fifteen minutes had the tables set for sixty-five people. The tables were very prettily arranged and the banquet one of the finest ever spread in Turner. The visitors thought that while the R. A. Chapter was very efficient in its work it had more reason to congratulate itself on the Eastern Star, as that organization could and would do more toward the growth and prosperity of the Masonic bodies than all other causes combined.

May 3, we realized one of the grandest results of the summer's work at the Dream White City. Mrs. Ella T. Hapeman, Ottawa, called at the corner during the summer and we gave her a petition and insisted that when she settled down at home after the gates were closed that she push the organization of an Eastern Star Chapter at Ottawa. During March we had some correspondence, and were given the opportunity of naming a deputy, and we were glad to recommend that R. B. Booth, W. P. of Marguerite Chapter, Joliet, be named. We left Chicago the morning of May 3 in company with Mrs. Mate L. Chester, A. G. M., and Mrs. A. M. Brown, W. M. of Queen Esther Chapter. At Joliet Mr. and Mrs. Booth met us at the depot to assure us that all was well, and that they would leave for Ottawa at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Hapeman met us at the train and took us to her charming home, where we were refreshed with lunch, just reaching there in time to escape a terrible storm. At 5:30 we went to the hotel where dinner had been ordered for the visitors from Joliet. The petition was signed by 174 persons, all paying their charter fee—139 were present. Mrs. Hapeman called the meeting to order and introduced the deputy of the G. P., R. B. Booth. After Mary E. Chapter U. D. had been declared instituted

Mrs. Hapeman invited the officers of Marguerite Chapter to assume the chairs and exemplify the ceremonies. The officers of Marguerite Chapter brought their robes, making the ceremony very impressive indeed, as the work was beautifully done. Mrs. Chester and Mrs. Brown assisted the deputy in instituting the chapter, the latter giving the second lecture upon invitation of Mrs. G. E. Fegans. The work was so well done that many old members of the fraternity said they had never seen better work on the floor of the Masonic Lodge room. This chapter is comprised of leading citizens—the mayor and his council and many others, which is indicated by the election of Mrs. Douglass Hapeman as W. M., and Hon. Henry Mayo, W. P. The officers are: Mrs. Ella T. Hapeman, W. M.; Henry Mayo, W. P.; Mrs. Clara Tryon, A. M.; Miss Bessie Morgan, Sec. The visitors were entertained at the hotel during their stay in Joliet, except those from Chicago who were entertained by the W. M. We were shown the beautiful city of Ottawa on Friday morning, leaving 11:30 for home. If your readers can put themselves in our place they may possibly realize the gratification it was to us to be permitted to witness one of the results of our labors during the summer and all to the glory of the Order of the Eastern. Five charters were granted by the General Grand Chapter since last I wrote you: Lorraine at Opelousas, Orient of Wyoming, Fidelity, Bismarck and Acacia of North Dakota, the latter organized by Bro. Fred King, P. G. Master of Wis., as deputy of the M. W. G. P.

L. J. P.

KANSAS.

Harmony Chapter, Salina, has just been called upon to mourn the death of one of its earliest members. On the night of April 22, Sister Susan A. Shultz, after a long and painful illness, was called to her eternal home. The services at the house were conducted by the pastor of the Methodist Church, the Rev. Line. At the grave the chapter performed the beautiful service of the Order. The affecting solemnity with which the W. P. read the service, the beautifully spoken replies of the Star officers, and the tenderly pathetic address of the W. M., together with the elegant floral emblems, and the touching rendition of our beautiful hymns by the quartette choir combined to make the scene very impressive, and to bring great honor to our beloved Order.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—April 6, I instituted a chapter at Baxter Springs. All the petitioners were present except two. After chapter was instituted five candidates were initiated, and the officers did good work. Never have I witnessed a deeper interest taken by a chapter than Magnolia Chapter U. D. The officers were well chosen. April 9, en route for Bronson Chapter I concluded to again invite myself to stay over night at Sister Pearsall's, and as usual received a kindly welcome, hospitality being one of her greatest traits of

character. Tuesday, April 10, found me in Bronson, the guest of Sister Campbell, W. M. The officers and a number of the members were invited to dinner, after which we spent the afternoon in social conversation. Special meeting was held for the purpose of exemplifying the work. A few instructions were given, and the work was well done. I was the guest of Sister Davis until near noon. A number of sisters called, among them Sister Crow of Iola.

I visited Osawatomic Chapter April 12. During my stay I was the guest of Sister and Brother Worley. The hall was beautifully decorated. Chapter opened in form, Sister Polley presiding. The work was well rendered, after which a W. M. was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of the W. M. Sister Worley was honored and I had the pleasure of installing her. Visitors from Paola were present, also Bro. Parker, P. G. P. After the close of chapter we were escorted to the commodious dining hall where the mandolin club greeted us with sweet music. The tables were beautiful and in shape of a cross. After all had enjoyed the feast came toasts, and Bro. Bixler as toast-master was a success.

Next in order comes Perfection Chapter, Paola, in speaking of this Chapter I can only repeat the description of Osawatomic Chapter, so near alike was the work and people than we could easily consider it one chapter. Bouquets of lovely flowers were presented me by both chapters. The hall was a bower of flowers, the work was well done, and it was so decided by the visiting sisters and brothers from Osawatomic. After work came refreshments, the tables were well laden with eatables. The orchestra played during the knife and fork degree, and all kept good time with the music. Bro. Hall as toast-master will make Bro. Bixler look well to his laurels.

En-route for Topeka I stopped over at Lawrence a few hours, the guest of Sisters Jessie Arter and Gatch (nee Wiggs.)

I was met at Topeka by Bro. G. W. Clark, P. G. P., and G. M. of A. F. & A. M. My stay in Topeka was short, as I went on a matter of business.

April 16. I was in Kansas City, the guest of Sister Wakefield, P. G. M. of Mo., where I spent a very pleasant time. Her home is indeed a happy home, and the "Golden Rule," I should judge from appearances, is never for a moment forgotten. Brother Wakefield is P. E. C.; their oldest son is P. W. M. and H. P. His age cannot be more than twenty-four years. He bears his honors with dignity and grace. Tuesday morning Sister Towner came over from Kansas City, Kans., for me. I met with Mendias and Hyacinth Chapters on that evening. Both chapters were to exemplify the work using same hall. I enjoyed the visit with Sister Towner at her cosy home. So well and perfectly did Hyacinth Chapter exemplify the work that I excused Mendias from a repetition, knowing the pa-

ent must be perfect when the infant, only about three months old, could do such work. Much credit is due Sister Towner for instituting and drilling this chapter, and the chapter is to be congratulated on having so bright a corps of officers. Mendias is No. 1, in work as well as number, and I will add, she is old enough to be proud of her offspring, but will have to look well that the child does not become greater than the parent. An elegant banquet was the last act, and one that is greatly appreciated after work. Visitors were present from Kansas City, Mo., and Argentine, Kans. The beautiful hall and banquet room is something of which Mendias may well be proud. I was the guest of Sister Thompson, W. M., until Wednesday evening.

On Thursday we visited Tirzah Chapter, Argentine, where I met with a cordial welcome. The work was gone through with in a very creditable manner, and a large attendance greeted me. There is good material in this chapter, but seems to be a lack of interest in the general attendance, as is the case in many chapters, the members feeling that a regular attendance is not necessary. I sincerely hope Tirzah Chapter will keep up the good work. I fully enjoyed my visit and was sorry I could not have been with them longer. Cream, Cake Etc., was served.

Sisters and brothers, ere this reaches you the Grand Chapter will have convened, and another will be your G. M. I feel sure she will meet with the same co-operation and assistance that was given me. This has been a pleasant year to me. My duties have been many, but pleasant. I have not been able to visit as many chapters as I wished, and am indeed sorry I could not accept all the kind invitations given me. I have visited fifty-three chapters; written up to date 2146 letters; traveled 6052 miles, which has kept me busy. I have in memory's storehouse fond recollections of my sisters and brothers that I have met with, and thank them one and all for hearty support and cheerful words. Not a cloud has darkened my pathway in or out of Chapter room. Love and harmony greeted me on every visit made to chapters.

MISSOURI.

Chillicothe Chapter recently gave a very pleasant entertainment. The Floral Work was very impressively rendered, followed by the drill and the forming of the figures. Especial credit is due to the W. M. and A. M., Sisters Keyser and Barney, for their efforts towards making this a success. The sisters participating in the work were dressed in black with appropriate colored sashes. Musical numbers were also given, and refreshments were served. The chapter is prosperous, receiving candidates at nearly every meeting.

Occidental Chapter, St. Louis, has given the Floral Work and March twice—the first time they invited Occidental Lodge and their families. They rendered it very nicely. May

17 they held an open meeting, and a very pleasing program was rendered, after which the officers in cream robes gave the Floral Work and March. The Con., Mrs. Anna Clark, presented the beautiful floral star to Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., who responded in a short address, complimenting the young ladies on their proficiency, which was remarkable, inasmuch, as none of them had ever seen the work.

MICHIGAN.

Since my last report Bro. A.S. Wright, G.P., has visited two chapters. April 19 he visited Tecumseh, and he speaks in the most glowing terms of their enthusiasm. Our Bro. J. F. Hicks by his zeal has organized a stock company for the purpose of buying a lot and building a Masonic Temple. Bro. Wright was entertained by Bro. and Sister Anderson. April 20 a visit was made to the chapters at Detroit—Hayward, Keystone, and Palestine. These three chapters met jointly in the hall occupied by Hayward and each set of officers conferred the degrees on a candidate of their own. Such an amount of work with the necessary introductions and hand shakings made a long session. Mrs. Louisa A. Turck, G. M., and Mrs. Ida M. Stoddard, G. E., were also present. Your readers ought to know that a banquet followed.

April 30, Bro. Wright, with the assistance of Sister Lida Pratt, A. G. M., instituted Ypsilanti Chapter with 29 members. Mrs. Hannah E. Carpenter, W. M.; Geo. W. Alban, W. P.; Mrs. Mina Scoville, A. M. This chapter owes its existence to the labors of Mrs. J. Willard Babbitt. Her husband is not a Mason, but having a brother who is, she took hold of the matter, and as a consideration for her services she was surprised by being presented with an Eastern Star pin.

May 1, Bro. Wright with Mrs. Ida Joslin, A. G. C., and the officers of Orient Chapter, Northville, instituted a chapter at Plymouth, to be called Plymouth Chapter, with 34 members. Mrs. Kate L. Leach, W. M.; J. M. Collier, W. P.; Ida M. Taft, A. M.

MONTANA.

The latest petitioner for a dispensation from the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Montana is No. 15 of Billings, which conferred an honor upon the first Grand Matron, by assuming the name of Edna Chapter. Its advent into our order is under most auspicious circumstances, as it already has a membership of seventy-five. The organization was perfected on the 8th of March. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Marion Wood, was present on the happy occasion, and made an excellent address and otherwise assisted in the exercises. The evening closed with a banquet and much social enjoyment. A telegram was received from Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, then at Ashland, Oregon, conveying greetings and good wishes.

Edna Chapter, Billings, was instituted Mar. 9 by Marion L. Wood, G. M. She found 62

prospective stars anxiously waiting to learn how to twinkle. All the necessary paraphernalia had been previously purchased and was in readiness. Sister Short, W. M. and Sister Yeaton, Con., from Livingston; Sister Railsback, P. M. of Miriam Chapter, and Bro. Railsback as W. P., assisted in exemplifying the work, after the G. M. had gone through the instituting ceremonies. A sumptuous banquet followed. It was served on a cross-shaped table and in the center was a beautiful pyramid cake, star-shaped furnished by Sister W. C. Child, Warder, and it was of sufficient size for every one to have a piece, and the beautiful wreath surrounding it was taken away by the G. M., as a souvenir. There is no charter limit in Montana and we point with pride to the largest charter membership in the State, and another thing we can say with pride that a ritual has never been seen inside the chapter-room. A great deal of the time between the organization and our first meeting was spent in rehearsing, and the result was almost perfect work. We have held four meetings and our membership is now 85, with more candidates and more petitions for our next meeting. One of our generous brothers, A. L. Babcock, the Representative from this county, presented us at our last meeting in April an elegant set of hand-painted station banners, and three other brothers with some china for the banquet table. If this spirit continues we may expect robes next. Let the good work go on. The Grand Chapter is to meet in our town in October and we want Sister Hedges, whose name is dear to every O. E. S. member in Montana, to be proud of her namesake, and she will be, for our chapter numbers among its members our most influential and prominent people, and they, like all Montanians, have one of God's best gifts, enthusiasm, and the work of Edna Chapter cannot help but call forth commendation from our sister chapters in this State. MYSTIC.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Again Keystone Chapter, Boston, is in mourning, and again it is the W. M. who is most deeply afflicted. It will perhaps be remembered by some of our readers that less than one year ago John Hicks, P. P., was called from this to the Grand Chapter on high, leaving the W. M. a widow, and the A. M. fatherless. This was a very severe blow to the grief-stricken family; but, for the sake of her children, the mother bravely battled against the storm and tide, and when the summer vacation was over, again manfully took up her duties in the Chapter room. But although faithful to her duties, and meeting all pleasantly and with an effort for cheerfulness, it was only too evident that the smiling face covered a breaking heart; that her grief was slowly but surely sapping the life blood from her bosom. Thus she bravely strove until the last of February, when she was obliged to yield to an attack of nervous prostration, from which she never rallied, and on March 27, was called to obey the summons of

the silent messenger, Death, leaving the present W. M., Sister Jennie C. Hicks, with her younger brother, orphans. Sister Ellen E. Hicks was a faithful, earnest worker for the Order, and this loss is deeply felt by all who knew her.

Maynard and Collins, the blind artists, gave a nice concert at Red Men's Hall, Chelsea, under the auspices of Ruth Chapter, April 23. They were assisted by Misses Lillian Sprague and Lizzie Murphy, readers. The entertainment was varied and pleasant; nearly every member received a hearty encore, drawing forth a response.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, received one petition, elected one candidate, and initiated one, April 2. Whist and dancing was the program for the entertainment on the 16.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, gave a very pleasing entertainment in celebration of its sixth anniversary, April 3. It was a stylish affair, and the bright and lively costumes of the ladies made a beautiful picture as they wended their tortuous way to the banquet hall, where a grand banquet was served at early evening. The programs were unique souvenirs of the occasion. The covers were of pebbled card printed in lavender, with a corner turned, faced with white enamel and ornamented with our emblematic star in colors. On the second page were inscribed the names of the officers of the Chapter; the third bore a list of the anniversary committees, and the fourth the name of the floor director and aids. The "Old Powder House" Club orchestra furnished the music, and the following artists appeared for the entertainment, which was excellent: Mr. Wm. Lunt, baritone; Miss Edith F. Castle, contralto; Misses Mary F. Parmenter and Helen L. Douglass, sopranos; Misses Carrie M. Crockette and Mable Green, readers; Miss Grace Brown, accompanist. Altogether this will long be remembered as one of the brightest days in the annals of Signet Chapter.

Crescent Chapter, U. D. Stoneham, has initiated eleven candidates the past month, and has nearly or quite as many more ready.

One candidate was elected in Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, April 20. After the close of the meeting a short entertainment was given, and games were indulged in. There was a cake walk, from which little Lillie Griesman, who had entertained the audience with recitations, carried off the prize. Also, a peanut hunt, in which Sister Annie M. Williams proved the most successful. A pie supper was served.

One petition was received, four candidates elected and two initiated at the regular meeting of Crystal Chapter, Malden, April 26. Visitors were present from Vesta and Ruth Chapters. Refreshments were served.

As has been their custom, the children were made the guests of Electa Chapter, on the evening of the anniversary, May 2. It was a lovely evening and the children were

present in large numbers. At early evening a banquet was served, to which ample justice was done. Returning to the chapter-room, the first number on the program was a piano duet by Misses Dell Ripley and Jessie Burnham, which was followed by a song by Mrs. Rice and Miss Haskell. Next came the Sunflower chorus in which the children manifested a great degree of patience and perseverance in its performance. Miss Burnham gave a piano solo. Miss Haskell portrayed "Darius Green and his Flying Machine," so vividly that she was obliged to give the "Hindoo Paradise" on encore. Nine little girls then gave a "scarf drill" which was very fine, indeed. A song by Mrs. Rice, Miss Haskell, and Mr. Parker, followed by a "Lawn-Tennis Drill," by sixteen young ladies, who showed much skill in military tactics, closed the entertainment. It will be remembered as one of the pleasantest entertainments of Electa Chapter.

Receptions elsewhere caused a more sparsely attended meeting at Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, May 3, than we remember of witnessing, but not so thin but three petitions were received. Resolutions were adopted on the death of Bro. Horatio Smith.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, received two petitions, elected one candidate, and initiated one, at the regular meeting held May 7. Visitors were present from Queen Esther and Vesta Chapters.

Two petitions were received by Keystone Chapter, Boston, at the meeting May 8. Dep. G. M., Jennie E. Morse, assisted by Dep. G. Mar., Ellen E. Mellen, installed Treasurer, C. K. Morse, who was unable to be present at the installation of officers, and Sister Jane Leonard, appointed Warder to fill the vacancy caused by the death of P. M., Ellen E. Hicks.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, received one petition, elected two candidates and initiated one at the meeting May 11. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for celebrating the 12th anniversary of the Chapter. Refreshments were served.

It was a merry party that gathered so quietly at the residence of Bro. Henry Kolseth, for the purpose of giving him a birthday surprise party. As men always will on such occasions, Brother Kolseth came home sick, in the afternoon, to watch proceedings. However, the ladies managed the affair so deftly, that he did not even get an inkling of what was transpiring almost in his presence, and was completely surprised when about eighty of his friends stepped in upon him, with treasurers from their warehouses, to extend their congratulations upon his again reaching the anniversary of his birth. Signet Chapter brought an onyx top table, and friends outside the Orders to which he belonged, a banquet lamp to match. The Knights of the Wrench brought a gold-handled umbrella and Russia leather cigar case. After the presentations and Bro. Kolseth had

somewhat recovered from the surprise, a bountiful collation was served. During the evening a fine musical and literary entertainment was presented. Miss Mary Evans, from the New England Conservatory of Music, presided at the piano, and there was singing by Miss Edith Castle, also from the Conservatory, and by Mr. Wm. Lunt, of Charlestown, which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Carrie Crockett gave some of her best recitations, and Miss Ella Chandler, of Cambridge, entranced the company with her remarkable gift of whistling. Mrs. A. J. Gale, Chaplain of Signet, had charge of the affair and its success was largely due to her efforts. Altogether it was an evening long to be remembered by the participants, who hope it will soon be repeated.

Crescent Chapter, U. D., Stoneham, held a special meeting May 9 and initiated three candidates. Crescent has held a special meeting nearly every month since its organization, and has had work at every meeting, both regular and special.

After the close of a short business meeting of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, May 1, the chapter-room was soon divested of the implements of labor, and card tables filled their places, the doors were thrown open to the friends, and very soon the quiet buzz of drive whist was all that was to be heard. Mrs. C. H. Smith won the ladies first prize, which was a pretty little china candle-stick and fancy candle. Mr. Fred Blackmar carried off the gentleman's first prize, a silver pen-brush representing a hog. Sister Ida Powers captured "Brownie" the booby prize for a lady, and Bro. O. L. Fern was a very happy man as he became the possessor of a box of block letters with the legend "Hoping it is a game you can play." Refreshments were served.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, enjoyed a game of whist May 14. Three petitions were received at the meeting held at early evening.

A large number of visitors were present to witness the work of Highland Chapter, Somerville, May 2, which was performed in a very creditable manner. At the close of the ceremonies a nice entertainment was given in commemoration of the constitution of the chapter which occurred one year ago.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, celebrated its 15th anniversary May 18, by a reception to its P. M's. and P. P's., an entertainment and banquet. An orchestra of seven pieces was in attendance and discoursed sweet music during the reception and later in the evening. After a selection by the orchestra, Ella G. Sprague, W. M., introduced R. Emily Little, P. M. of the chapter, who gave a brief historical sketch of the chapter from its organization to the present time. Next on the program was a Japanese Wedding (in costume) by the "Sisters of Bethany" from St. John's Church. Mr. Chute then gave a mandolin solo, which was followed by a song by Miss Heybourn, both of which received well-

merited encores. No little merriment was caused by Seignor Marano and his Bon," two little fellows about 4 and 6 years old, especially when in true Italian style he passed his hat after their performance. A Japanese Fan Drill by the "Sisters of Bethany" won merited applause. After a song by Bro. and Sister Fitz, a violin solo by Miss Priest closed this part of the entertainment. A banquet was then served, after which the time was spent socially until a late hour, and the Crystal anniversary of Vesta, was enrolled among the pleasantest gatherings of the Chapter.

R. E. L.

NEBRASKA.

Harmony Chapter, Columbus, is doing good work, and is justly proud of its officers and members. All the officers are suitably robed, and perform the duties of their stations without the aid of rituals. Within the last year nine candidates have received the degrees of the order, and vie with the older members in their zeal for the welfare of the chapter. Several pleasant social gatherings have marked the winter's work, and have done much to awaken general interest. Since January the chapter has unfortunately lost through removal, four active members, two of whom were officers. Again the angel of death has visited us, and claimed a bright link for the golden chain of Eternity. After a brief illness of three days Bro. Charles B. Stillman entered into rest Saturday, April 14. Although high in Masonic ranks, he ever felt a kindly interest in the Eastern Star, and was a faithful member of the chapter. Standing beside the broken column we look beyond the shores of time, and exclaim with the trustful faith of Martha, "I know that he shall rise again."

H. H. STILES.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Officers made their annual official visit to Queen Esther Chapter, Jersey City, on which event the room was crowded with representatives of that state and New York chapters. The degrees were conferred on the daughter of the W. P. The work was performed in a faultless manner. There were numerous presentations, and the meeting takes precedence as the most enthusiastic one ever held in that jurisdiction. New Jersey uses in part the ritualistic work of both New York and that of the General Grand Chapter.

NEW YORK.

The coming session of the Grand Chapter

will be held in the Scottish Rite Hall, corner of Madison Ave. and 29th St., beginning June 5, and lasting three days. On the second evening a banquet will be held in honor of 25th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter. During the year 14 new chapters were organized. A new constitution will be offered for adoption. One of the features is to deprive P. M's. and P. P's. of a vote after 1895. The number of these members is so large that it is a necessity that they be cut off. The question of ritual will be taken up, but it is not known what the action will be. The next G. M. will be the present G. A. M., but with the other offices there will be a keen strife. It is believed that the reports will show a large increase of membership.

Certain members of Ivy Chapter, Utica, have formed a circle with the name of Bethel, and confer the sisterhood degree. They have a complete outfit of yellow robes; also very handsome regalia, and they exemplify this work in a manner never before excelled. On one occasion the same was conferred for the edification of the Masonic brethren at the Masonic Home. On April 24th this circle gave an exemplification before Ruth Chapter Rochester, with an attendance that was very large. At the conclusion the members of Ruth Chapter conferred the degree of Esther in a faultless manner. Our Sister, Sophia P. Lighthouse, was the Queen Esther, and her delineation of that character was superb. At the conclusion a banquet was served. Rochester is one of the most enthusiastic centers, with five chapters, and all in the most flourishing condition, both as to large membership and treasury. Both of these degrees were written by Brother A. J. Burton, Brooklyn, and are attracting considerable attention in this country.

TEXAS.

On the 9th of May the A. M., Sister Walter, of Adah Chapter, San Antonio, and her esteemed husband, celebrated their silver wedding, some 200 guests being present. In the spacious grounds surrounding the house flambeaux illuminated the long tables where re-

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freshments were served. In the house large rooms had been cleared for the dancers and a fine orchestra discoursed the music. The presents were many and magnificent—especially the silver tea set consisting of six pieces, and silver water, from Adah Chapter members. The floral decorations were beautiful, and the entire affair will long be remembered by those who had the honor to be present and extend congratulations to the happy couple.

WISCONSIN.

Mineral Point Chapter has not been heard from through your columns for some time, I am pleased to report her as progressing in the good work; we had one initiation at our last regular meeting and work on hand for the next. Although she has dropped to third place, in point of membership in Wisconsin, she is growing steadily and congratulates her younger sister—Racine—in making such rapid strides in numbers and good work. On March 27 a number of our members joined the Dodgeville Chapter and attended in a body and held O. E. S. services at the funeral of Sister Alice Hearn, who died March 24, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever. Although Sister Hearn had been a member less than a year, she had showed an active appreciation of the beautiful work of our Order and was one of No. 39's most beloved members and her death at the early age of 20 years, is a sad blow to the stricken father, mother and sister and will long be felt in the town where she had grown to womanhood.

April 7 was the occasion of much pleasure to the members of Tomah Chapter. A six o'clock lunch was partaken of by the members after which chapter opened and two candidates were initiated. Sister Adency Irons, P. G. M., was then escorted to the East, and in the following appropriate words by G. W. Reigle, W. P., presented with a P. G. M's jewel. Bro. Reigle's address was as follows:

Sisters and Brothers:—I have this night a privilege, the like of which can never be granted again to any person, nor will you my sisters and brothers ever have the opportunity to be present or participate in a ceremony distinguished by the same characteristics. These peculiar conditions in a certain measure have brought me to a realizing sense of my utter inability to express appropriately and forcibly the thought and feeling of those I represent.

The sister before you is one of the pioneers of a movement in which we have unitedly and individually manifested much interest, a movement which I do not hesitate to place in the front rank of similar ones. Our sister was chosen the first G. M. of the State of Wisconsin, and to her zeal, her untiring efforts, and her self-sacrifice, the Order owes most of its present strength and influence.

Past Grand Matron, in recognition of your devotion to humanity, like our noble sisters, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, the sisters and brothers of Tomah Chapter have delegated me to present to you this beautiful jewel. The first jewel ever presented to the first G. M. of Wisconsin. Your name and your rank are engraved upon it. It is to be your own. Take it and wear it on every occasion, whenever the interests of our beloved

Order may thereby be advanced. Wear it until death shall separate you from our chapter on earth, when the Great King and Lover of the human race will present you with the jewel not made with hands; that most precious jewels, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," and the name "fairest among thousands altogether lovely."

Sister Irons was taken completely by surprise and for some moments could not reply, but after regaining her self-control she responded by saying that words could not express her thanks to the chapter for the gift, and the affection expressed by it to herself.

The jewel is a ten-pointed star, engraved with the emblems of the Order, and mounted with a pin, and is a gift of which one may feel proud.

Our chapter also held a love-feast May 12, the occasion being an invitation extended to the chapters near us—Sparta, LaCrosse, Ruth, Plymouth, Elroy, Necedah and Neillsville U. D. Sister Emma Friend, G. M., Antigo, and her daughter, Blanche, were also present. The guests arrived in the afternoon, about 30 in number, and were conveyed about the city in carriages to the various places of interest, returning to the Masonic Hall for supper at 6 o'clock. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and a banquet was spread. At the exercises in the evening Sparta Chapter was asked to exemplify the work, which was done in an able manner, and after a season of sociability our guests were conveyed to the station feeling that Tomah was a good place to come to often.

We are having a steady growth this year and many occasions of social enjoyment keep up the interest in the work. I. S. W.

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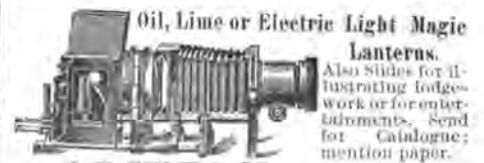
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MRS. ANNIE F. GOODRICH.

Grand Matron of Missouri 1886-7.

Annie Fleming Frame was born in Paisley, Scotland, Nov. 23, '52. When but three years old her parents came to America, and lived successively in Iowa and Missouri, finally locating in Cameron in 1866. There, with her family she grew to womanhood, and won the love of Nathan S. Goodrich, a young business man, fast winning his way to the front in commercial and Masonic life.

There is no happier home than theirs, prosperity has attended them, their home is one of the most comfortable, and hospitable in Cameron. A model wife and mother presides and with gentle sway has brought to maturity two children. James E., although a young man, has achieved success both as a scholar and in business. He graduated with high honors from the Law Department of the State University in 1892, at twenty-one years of age he was made a Mason, and is now Senior Warden of Vincil Lodge No. 62, A. F. & A. M., and holds the responsible position of cashier of the 1st National Bank of Cameron. The younger, Jennie, is a modest young lassie, who has from ill health, been an almost constant companion of her mother.

Sister Goodrich is in disposition sweet-tempered and gentle. She is a peace-maker. A story I have heard is appropo. There was a servant who was discharged for her utter worthlessness, the family were discussing her failures, one of them said, "Now

mother, you always have something good to say of every body, what can you say for Martha?" She hesitated a few moments, rocked slowly, and said, "She used to make good cold ice-water." This might have been Sister Goodrich. She has the effect of making one wish to be better and more generous

toward the failures of life. She is very conservative, forming an opinion slowly, but, Scotch-like, clinging to it tenaciously when once made, firm and unbending in her convictions of right and duty, yet allowing the same privilege to others.

Sister Goodrich was a charter member of

Adah Chapter No. 17, (the same Chapter in which Sister Snyder is a member whose face appeared recently.) No thought of official preferment came to her. She was willing to do anything and serve anywhere, as most needed. She has served as Warder, Treasurer and Worthy Matron, and for many years has worn the crossed keys in the Chapter-room.

In the Grand Chapter of Missouri she has held the humblest as well as the most exalted positions, giving her best efforts in every case—Warder, Conductress, Associate Grand Matron and Grand Matron in 1886-7. Since which time she has been regular in her attendance and a willing worker in any capacity.

Bro. James H. Frame, Past Grand Patron, is her brother and almost every eligible member of her family are members of the Order from "Grandma" to James E.

Our sister though devoted to home duties finds time to give much to advance the interests of the First Presbyterian Church of which she has long been a member.

Thus she goes through life doing good in her generation and no greater enconium can be given her than this, "Her children shall rise and call her blessed."



MRS. ANNIE F. GOODRICH.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW YORK, 1894.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter met in New York, in Scottish Rite Hall, June 5 and continued three days. It was opened in ample form and very impressively without the use of rituals by Elizabeth Raymond, Grand Matron, assisted by James D. Batsford, and the associate officers. There were present five Past Grand Patrons, eleven Past Grand Matrons, forty-five Past Matrons, twenty-nine Past Patrons, and representatives of forty-six chartered Chapters.

The visitors from other Jurisdictions were Sister Minnie Heller, Grand Matron, and Bro. Goodrich, Grand Patron of New Jersey. Sister R. Emily Little, Past Grand Treasurer of Massachusetts, and Nettie Ransford, P. M. W. Grand Matron and Editor of THE EASTERN STAR, who were with the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of New York received in the Grand East and introduced with Grand Honors.

The altar and jewels were draped in memory of those who rest from their labors.

The Grand Matron's address evidenced a busy year, and we briefly cull a few thoughts;

It is with feelings of unbounded pleasure and thanksgiving that I welcome to the 25th annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, you, my sisters and brothers, who have met in these annual sessions year after year, giving your best thought for the improvement of our Order, and you who meet with us to-day for the first time to participate in the deliberation in which we shall engage. I greet you with fraternal love. It seems but a few weeks since I stood before you, and solemnized myself to impartially and faithfully perform all the duties that devolve upon me, whether pleasant or unpleasant, according to the dictates of my conscience. Our opinions may differ but I have been true to my convictions of right and duty.

The year has passed its flight so swift that it seems almost incredible, and the time has come that another shall take my place and in laying aside the emblem of this office with which you honored me one year ago, let me ask you to believe that the work has been a labor of love, and the kindness which I have received from you has been so pleasant that its memory will be a lasting benediction.

Allow me to congratulate the Order on this 25th anniversary on its improvement, and its healthy effect upon our brothers of the Masonic Fraternity. I have been told by some prominent members that the improvement of lodges, in worthy life and deed was marked since the birth of the Order of the Eastern Star, and sometimes as I have read our beautiful ritual I have wondered if a noble and generous woman was not an inspiration to our dear brother whose work it was to improve and to beautify it.

We trust he, our good brother Robert Macoy, may have length of years to be with us and bless us by his constant interest in the child of his care. My sisters, I think we have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon our improvement, thereby enabling us to fulfil the highest office in the gift of the Grand Chapter and which was formerly occupied by a brother, trusting that we shall continue to improve, to adhere more closely to our obligation and be an uplifting agency in our beautiful Order.

Permit me in behalf of the Grand Chapter to extend a cordial welcome and fraternal

greeting to the sisters and brothers of other Grand Jurisdictions who are with us on this occasion. There are very many topics that present themselves in the growth and progress of our association, and that seem as if a mention is almost absolutely necessary, but the topic of the hour is the daily dairy of the year's doings, and this is sufficient to engross our attention for the time allotted.

Our O. E. S. home is a matter of vital importance, and I am quite sure that the honored President will in the course of this session tell us what has been done and what plans are on tapis.

It took our Masonic brethren half a century to get their Home and with so many thwarts and crosses that annihilation of the project at one time seemed imminent, but we expect better things of our members with a structure not quite so gigantic and magnificent.

We hope in the near future to see our anticipation a reality. We would like to see our obligation made more binding and the practice of disclosing the affairs and deliberations of our meetings to the outside world is a matter that demands consideration—our laws and regulations are also questions for attention.

It has been suggested that in this city a suite of rooms should be fitted up, thereby our Chapters and this Grand Body can hold meetings and possibly, by combining, reduced rentals, may be the result. Let us in our dealings and associations never lose sight of the fact that we are bound together by the strongest ties of regard and love, and as such all our actions should be in full harmony and accord with the lessons and teachings of our Order.

Brother Batsford as acting Grand Patron gave an excellent address. Thirteen Chapters were organized and nine of these were organized by the Grand Matron.

The Grand Matron recommended the adoption of the Sisterhood Degree written by Bro. A. J. Burton, and it was decided to exemplify the degree for the benefit of the Grand Chapter on the afternoon of the first day of the next session.

The reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer show receipts \$2493.96, disbursements \$1095.51. Balance in Treasury, over \$1,300. Membership 4423.

The new elected officers were installed by Geo. S. Barber, Past Grand Patron, assisted by Elizabeth Raymond, retiring Grand Matron as Grand Marshal, and Bro. West, as Assistant Marshal.

Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, Grand Matron, Brooklyn.

James E. Batsford, Grand Patron, Waterloo.

Mrs. Mary E. Lewis, Associate Grand Matron, Auburn.

John VanBuren Green, Associate Grand Patron, New York City.

Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, Grand Secretary, New York City.

Mrs. Emma J. McKissick, Grand Treasurer, New York City.

Miss Annie L. Brooks, Grand Conductress, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Jessie Ray, Associate Grand Conductress, Rochester.

The Grand Chapter is creating a fund toward the erection of an Eastern Star Home and the committee reported \$500 in hand.

A Summer Night Festival is to be given in July, the proceeds of which will go to this fund. Also Golden Rule Chapter of Rochester has \$400 for the Home.

Sister Quinn, Past Grand Matron, presented to the retiring Grand Matron, Elizabeth Raymond, a beautiful jewel. The bar was a crescent with five diamonds from which was a suspended gavel with a diamond, and by chain from the bar a beautiful emblematic Star.

Sister Elizabeth St. John presented to the Grand Chapter a badge of the Amaranth degree, and the first badge used by Alpha Chapter No. 1.

The Twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Grand Chapter was celebrated on Wednesday evening by an elegant banquet which was attended by over three hundred. After the several courses had been generously disposed of, "the feast of reason" began, and the following toasts were responded to with Bro. Robert Macoy as toast-master who in very fitting words welcomed the guests.

"The Grand Chapter of the State of New York," was responded to by the retiring Grand Matron, Elizabeth Raymond.

"The History of the Order," by Christiana Buttrick, Grand Secretary.

"Charity," by James E. Batsford, incoming Grand Patron.

"Our Guests" by Sarah A. Greenwood, Past Grand Matron.

"Womanhood," by Rev. Cornelius L. Twing.

"The Press," by William J. Duncan, of the "New York Dispatch".

The banquet was a success in every particular and much credit is due those having the matter in charge.

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HALL OF MORRIS CHAPTER, No. 86, O. E. S.
NEW GOSHEN, IND., May 19, 1894.

Whereas, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Ina Wrench, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Sister Wrench, Morris Chapeer, No. 86, has lost an esteemed and faithful member, and the church and community a true christian lady.

Resolved, that in token of our esteem and respect that the charter and jewels of this Chapter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days.

Resolved, That the members of this Chapter, do hereby extend to the family of our deceased sister our most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Be it further resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the record of this Chapter, and, that a copy be furnished to the family of the deceased, and also the same be published in the Terre Haute papers.

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Some flowers are withered and some joys have died;

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But in still lakes and rivers, cool, content,
Like starry blooms on a new firmament,
White lilies float and regally abide.
In vain the cruel skies their hot rays shed;
The lily does not feel their brazen glare.
In vain the pallid clouds refuse to share
Their dews; the lily feels no thirst, no dread.
Unharm'd she lifts her queenly face and head;
She drinks of living waters and keeps fair.

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For The Eastern Star.

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The Masonic Fair in New York City in 1866 was ended; the ladies at the various tables had been so long associated together that they were loth to break the pleasant relations, so eighteen formed themselves into a society, and called it Alpha Chapter. A year and a half passed by, but the society had no real purpose, and therefore did not prosper. Those members desired to begin a course of usefulness, and the result was that the Order was set forth on a new basis. This circumstance shows us that an Order without a specific object can not prosper. There must be something to work for, some particular field of labor, if we hope for success. The history of the period just referred to proves conclusively that without a purpose or design no success can be accomplished. The lesson of Alpha Chapter stands before us as a fitting copy for the good work of the Order. We must remember that all was not clear sailing with those sisters. They were full of doubts and uncertainties. They were not educated as we are in fraternal matters. Our laws were in an embryo condition, and the Masonic Brethren were averse to such an Order. All these matters were difficult things to overcome. It is a nice point for thought why the establishment in the instance of 1868 should have been a success, and all previous attempts a failure. Was it for the reason that in the year just named our Masonic brethren had become more liberal on the question of a Masonic sisterhood? Was not the lesson of the Fair just ended a sufficient proof of the necessity of a sisterhood in the great work of creating a Masonic Home? Where would this work be to-day without the cooperation of the women? Who is entitled to the credit of accumulating the large sum of money now on deposit for the maintenance of the Home? In answer to these questions I should say that the credit is due, and absolutely so, to the good women of the Masonic households. I attribute the Order of the Eastern Star the result of a circumstance, or an instance of perpetuity. In ancient times it was quite common for men to erect great temples and altars as a mark of perpetuity. Was not this the desire of the eighteen women who began the work of our first Chap-

ter? Is there not a refining influence in this Order that has a tendency to soften the severity of the other? Does not the ardor, the zeal, the activity, or the persevering quality of this sisterhood somewhat soften the asperity of the brotherhood? Does not our constant sincerity and devotion dissolve the hatred and the opposition to this society that did exist? Men are quick as regards perception. They readily observe the good qualities of this institution; they quickly observe the capability of women as ritualists, as co-operators in work of charity; they readily see the advantage of women in the sick room, and in the field of the lodge work, wherein the tender touch of woman has greater effect than the strong hand of the brother. Delicacy is far more effective than strength. The delicate hand of woman has its special mission. Her labor is like the fine tinting and shading of the beautiful picture; we leave to the brethren the duty of the ground work, but the spiritual temple in all its perfection can never be built without the fine work of woman's hand, and this to my mind, seems to be the intent of the Order of the Eastern Star. If we view the condition, or feeling to-day regarding our society with that of a quarter of a century ago we will observe that harshness has been entirely displaced by qualities that are of the reverse nature. All these matters are quite interesting and furnish pleasant topics for contemplation, when we ruminate over the probable success of this modern society. We must remember that the Order has had hardly sufficient time to develop, to show a capability, and to display the real field for which it is especially adapted, for in my mind, it comes under the head of specialties; this latter word seems to embrace the tendency of the age. Is not Freemasonry a specialty? The church is the great agency by which the work of charity, of benevolence, and of humanity is to be accomplished.

If we view the subject in its proper light we must perceive that the church performs the work in the magnitude. In our age everything runs to specialties. Well did Roger Bacon say "There are two methods of knowing—by argument and experiment. In argument the Greeks were unsurpassed, but were absolutely ignorant in experiment." Are we not a modern creation? Is not this society formed after the latest designs, the result of progress of research, and of education? Now all associations are cut up into specialties. The field is too broad, and better results can be accomplished in a narrow space or outline. Such societies as this, as Freemasonry, or the innumerable auxiliaries that are designed for a similar work all come under the head of special issues, with each its distinct outline.

Whatever the Order of the Eastern Star accomplishes must come through education, and it must be through a fraternal development. This education is comprehensive and

difficult to acquire. We must also make the ritual an impartation, as well as a condensation of the laws of life. To make the society a lasting success it must make its standard such as to create impressions of the most satisfactory and pleasing a nature.

A. J. BURTON.

(To be continued.)

PURPOSES OF THE ORDER.

[By Mrs. Mary H. Martin, R. W. A. G. M., 1892 to 1895.
Read at Woman's Congress, May 16, 1893, (Chicago.)
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MATRON, SISTERS,
BROTHERS AND FRIENDS OF THE ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR:]

It is a great pleasure to me to have the honor of meeting with you upon this occasion, and to be permitted to express words of commendation for the Order. When I received an invitation to be present at this time and to say a few words, I thought how much might be said for our Order so closely related, as it is, to the oldest and grandest secret organization in the world, that of Free Masonry.

Probably you are all as well acquainted with the history and work of the Order as I am, and many of you much better, therefore I will say only a few words regarding some of the purposes for which we are banded together as an organization, and their influences upon its members.

In my own State, Wisconsin, the Order in comparison to most of the other grand Jurisdiction, is new, it being less than three years since the first Chapter was organized. Since that time, from careful observation and a diligent study of the work and its purposes, I feel competent to say that if we but follow its teachings in the spirit and manner designed, it will make our lives more beautiful, and will be of great assistance to us in all our christian work. Its lessons are drawn from the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, everywhere acknowledging the existence and providence of God through the labyrinth of human life. The beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the degrees of this Order are not all there is to it; they are but symbols of higher duties which we are pledged to fulfill; duties strictly in accordance with the teachings which we receive from the Scriptures.

Some of the Masonic Jurisdictions acknowledge our valuable assistance in their beneficent work. They are beginning to understand that woman's sphere of usefulness can reach out even to their grand secret organizations. Some of the Masons even attribute to our influence the increased attendance in the Blue Lodge, the Chapter and the Commandery. How this may be, I do not know, but I hope it is true.

We are dedicated to charity, truth and loving kindness, obligated to give practical effect to the beneficent purposes of this life; to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and to succor the distressed. Our guiding star urges us to work while the day lasts. Our field is

the world, as we look abroad and see what should be done, we take up the work with a steadfastness of purpose which shows to the world that the Order of the Eastern Star is something more than a name, and that it is striving to make the world better for its existence.

Woman's hand and woman's heart has ever responded to the call of suffering humanity. Woman has always borne a prominent part in history. Now that this new field of usefulness is opening to us, let us show that true woman's intuition which can guide her hand and sympathy in work which none other can accomplish. Our convictions of right and duty, a strict obedience to the demand of honor and justice, fidelity to kindred and friends, a trustful faith, and the heroic endurance of the wrongs of persecution, make us loyal to each other, and will bring us through all trials that may beset us in our paths of duty. If we, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, make such a record as shall last through all generations to come, and like the stars of the firmament above, which shine in all their glorious brilliancy, so shall this Eastern Star illuminate the hearts of all true members with that trustful faith which guided the wise men, who followed the star in the East.

AUNT LUCIA ABROAD.

[Garden City Herald, Garden City, Kansas.]

LONDON—ODDS AND ENDS—HERE AND THERE.

As I said in the beginning of these talks, I had less than three weeks to spend in London and could not see everything. It is quite amusing to hear persons who have spent a week in a large city, say "they saw everything there was to see." No person can see London, or Paris, in a week. I spent nearly a year in Paris, and did not see everything. I rushed too. I do not feel satisfied with my visit in England. I should have enjoyed visiting its cathedral, university and manufacturing towns. Shakespeare's tomb at Stratford on Avon, was only forty miles out but we had no time to spare, or to visit Windsor Castle, the favorite residence of the Queen. I passed under, not over London bridge. Saw the exterior of the bank of England, the largest bank in the world. I passed the London postoffice several times, but as we had no special business to transact with these institutions I did not go in. I passed and repassed the Marble Arch, which by the way is very fine, but not as grand and imposing as the "Arc d'Triumph" in Paris. We walked through St. James Park which enjoys the distinction of being the smallest and prettiest park in London. It is hemmed in by buildings on every side, but its fine sheet of water, shrubbery and trees, offered in summer very fine contrasts, a delightful landscape in the very heart of the city. Hyde Park contains four hundred acres. There are many roads through it which are thronged at the fashionable hours with gor-

geous equipages and horsemen. We walked from Prince Albert's Monument, along Rotten Row, ("from the French "route du roi") to the Serpentine, a small artificial sheet of water but deep enough for pleasure boats, that were skimming over the water like so many swallows. Oh! what a blessing to a city are these parks. They are indeed the "lungs" of a great city, and the most enjoyable spots on earth, if we except mountain scenery. I was interested in the streets of London. Regent street is very wide and well paved. It has been said of Regent street that "it has splendid shops where magnificent goods are sold at magnificent prices." We found goods quite as reasonable in Oxford or Tottenham. The Strand was so full of pedestrians that we could hardly make our way through.

We, Yankee like, secured our watches and money before we started, fearing the English would relieve us of such articles if tempted, as the Americans are wont to do. We emerged from the crowd safe and sound, passing Charing Cross to Trafalgar Square. Some of the streets have odd names, such as Cheapside, Paternoster Row, Peckam Road, Newgate Street, etc. We visited a lady who resides at Hamstead Walk, and who we met in Paris. At dinner she asked us what kind of wine we preferred. A servant with a corkscrew stood by the bottles awaiting our pleasure. My daughter said "Your customs differ from ours, for should you visit us at home we should never think of setting wine before our guests. You will have to excuse us for we do not take wine."

We went to a concert in Albert Hall and heard Patti. It will seat eight thousand and was quite full. She certainly is a fine singer. The Albert Memorial opposite Albert Hall, was erected to the memory of the Prince Consort, and cost 120,000 pounds. The French Madam, and critic, said it was in bad taste, which I was unable to detect. We passed Cleopatra's Needle, sister to the one in Central Park, New York. It is situated between Waterloo Bridge and Charing Cross. It was made in Alexandria, Egypt, and was hewn out of a single block of rose colored granite, and covered with hieroglyphic inscriptions. London abounds in picture galleries, art institution and museums. We had no time to visit any of them except the National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery and British Museum.

It seemed that every church was a mausoleum for the dead, and a sacrilege to walk over the sleeping dust, but we got used to it. I made quite an effort to visit Bunhill Field and City Road Chapel Cemeteries. My daughter was busy so I had to go without my guide, except the policemen, who were, as I have always found them to be, polite and obliging. Much interest clusters around both cemeteries. In Bunhill Field lies the remains of Daniel Defoe, Isaac Watts, John Bunyan, a number of the Cromwell family and others. I lingered by the grave of Mrs.

Susanna Wesley and thought of all the good things I had read about her, wondered if she had more faith in good works and was any better mother than some of the rest of us, or wherein lay the secret of her success. As I sat by her grave I copied from the plain marble slab which stands at her head, "Susanna Wesley, daughter of Samuel Annesley, L. L. D., was born in London 20 January, 1689. In 1689 she was married to Rev. Samuel Wesley and was the mother of nineteen children. She died 23 July 1742." I thought if she had been as nervous as some of us mothers, if all those children were as noisy as some of ours were, she would have gone crazy sure. I decided she must have had good executive ability and when she said "be still" they obeyed.

Opposite Bunhill Field Cemetery is the City Road Cemetery and the Chapel that John Wesley built and preached in. Near the entrance is a cenotaph to Mrs. Susanna Wesley, placed there by some of her admirers. Opposite the entrance to the chapel is the residence of the janitor and janitress, of whom I bought views taken from the life of John Wesley, for my Methodist brother. I can remember only a few of them, one represented him delivering the funeral oration of his mother; John Wesley visiting his mother's grave; the rectory at Epworth; John Wesley on his death bed; John Wesley lying in state after death; John Wesley's funeral; John Wesley's monument; also the monument of his brother Charles and several others. After visiting John Wesley's grave which is directly back of the chapel, the janitress unlocked the door and showed me around. She said the chapel was as he had designed it, except that the pulpit and pews had been lowered. If my memory serves me right the same sounding board is above the pulpit. She said he had difficulty in getting beams long enough to go from side to side without splicing, but finally succeeded. She told me that the church always had a large number of American Methodists every Sunday. I told her that the Church of England and Episcopalians had more claim on him than the Methodists, for he never left us. Behind the altar is a fine marble monument to the memory of Bishop Simpson and several tablets in the walls. The church is plain and neat, with much the appearance of our American churches. I was anxious to visit Kensal Green cemetery, where lie the remains of Thackeray, Tom Hood and many other persons of note. If we cannot visit eminent persons in life we enjoy seeing the houses they lived in and the spot that contains their remains. I could not visit Concord, Mass., during the life of Hawthorne, Emerson, Alcott, but after they passed away it was a mournful pleasure to visit their homes and graves.

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THE EASTERN STAR.

[By Franklin W. Lee, of Constellation Chapter, St. Paul. Read at Minnesota Grand Chapter, May, 1894.]

'Twas not at Man's imperial sign
That in the past, with light divine,
A star arose and showed the way
To where the world's salvation lay.
'Twas not at Man's majestic nod
That angels fair the hillside trod
And met the shepherd's wond'ring eyes
With glory from the open skies.
A woman smiled, and sighed, and then
The star arose to gladden men
With promises to love and peace—
From Sin's dominion sweet release.
A woman kissed her babe, and night
Became a fairyland of light,
By angels peopled, and the world
Beheld the flag of Satan furled.
A woman slept, and in her sleep
Called sages through the silence deep
To that poor manger, where her child
The wisdom of the world beguiled.
Oh, Eastern Star! whose changing rays
Gives color to these after days.
Thou art the heritage of one
That shed the glory of the sun
O'er Bethlehem in days of old
And made the manger one of gold—
The heritage of those whose hands
Were made to fashion silken bands
Wherewith to bind the hearts of men,
As Mary bound all mankind then.
The blue ray took its skyborn hue
From her pure eyes, which loved to view
The Christ-child as he calmly slept
Or through the paths of childhood crept;
For in those eyes the sky above
Were seen again, sunlit by love.
The yellow ray its glory stole
From that fair star, which roused the soul
And told it that from woman's breast
Had come a balm for all unrest—
The promise of that other life,
Where sin is not, nor pain, nor strife.
The white ray—ah, what need to say
Whence came the beauty of this ray?
For whence but from her mother heart
Could come the purity, which art
Nor cunning could in semblance make
And match the snow's unsullied flake?
The green ray tells of that more sweet
Than aught in life, and more complete—
The mother-love, which lingers on,
And, when the hours of life are gone,
Still evergreen, looks up in faith
Or blunts the arrow-sting of death.
The Red ray typifies the lips
Which early aided sin's eclipse
By counsel ere the Christ-child grew
To man's estate and went to hew
The paths that since have marked the way
Beyond the grave, from night to day.
Of Adah, Esther, Martha, Ruth,
And brave Electa, strong in truth,
The Eastern Star a message bears
To him that through the earth-life fares,
And from the virtues of the five
We may life's golden texts derive,
And tint the moments of each day
With color from each beauteous ray:
But we may other lessons learn
If we but give the stars a turn
And scan the rays to find in them
The dawn of hope at Bethlehem.

OUR UTAH STARS.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, June 5, 1894.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—Knowing that you will welcome news of the speed of our Order,

I wish to give you an account of the institution of Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City, Utah. Park City is a mining camp on a large scale—the best mines of the Territory are located there, the Ontario, Daly, Anchor and others, and, like all such towns in the West, contains big-hearted people.

Twenty-two members of Lynds Chapter accompanied me, and leaving the city at 8 a. m., Saturday, May 26, via the Utah Central Railroad, (which carries us through a mountain range and is an enjoyable ride) we arrived at Park City at 10:30 a. m., where we were met by Bro. Walter Scott (who has taken a great deal of pains to get the organization started) and a delegation with conveyances which deposited us at the Masonic Hall. There the visitors were assigned to the families of those who were to form the new Chapter, and after a short time devoted to general introductions, we were taken to their homes where the well known hospitality of our hosts, was extended and appreciated.

Assembling in the Hall at 7 o'clock p. m., with the assistance of Brother A. Scott Chapman Grand Master of Masons in Utah, as Marshal, and Brother Scott as Secretary I instituted "Mountain Chapter No. 2 with forty-six charter members present, nine others being unavoidably absent, amongst others Past Grand Master Emery, whose dangerous illness at San Francisco is a source of much regret and anxiety to all who know him.

After institution I installed the following officers: Mrs. A. L. Scott, W. M.; Burton Wherritt, W. P.; Mrs. Marguerite M. Kear, A. M.; Mrs. Maud McCarthy, Sec.; Mrs. E. L. Kesceel, Treas.; Mrs. Susie Sutton, Con.; Mrs. E. J. Tregea, A. C.; Mrs. Fannie Sutton, Adah; Miss M. E. M. Hughes, Ruth; Mrs. Rose Emery, Esther; Miss Edith Tewksbury, Martha; Mrs. C. Thomson, Electa; Mrs. Rose Newell, Warder; H. E. W. Cheales, Sentinel; Mrs. E. L. Perry, Chaplain; Mrs. M. M. Allen, Organist.

In order that the members of the new Chapter might be enabled better to understand the workings of the ritualistic ceremonies, I called the officers of Lynds Chapter No. 1 to occupy the chairs, and we exemplified the opening and initiatory ceremonies, followed by the Floral work and the Belden-Davis March. This was done in their usual thorough manner, and made quite an impression on the new members, according to their expressions afterwards. We had brought robes and emblems with us from Salt Lake city, and although our full staff of officers were unable to attend, though but two years in existence, we are never at a loss, as we can duplicate and triplicate most of the offices with members who can deliver their charges without the aid of rituals. It was almost Sunday morning when we adjourned, but 9 a. m. found us all ready to see the sights.

I am sorry space will not permit a full description of our ride on the tramway into the

Anchor Tunnel, a distance of one and one-half miles, the end of which, though we had been traveling up an incline, found us 1,200 feet below surface—this was accomplished in the dark except for a few candles we carried. We were supplied with gum coats and shoes and some most disreputable looking hats, but when we passed under an occasional water spout the sisters had no regrets, when they thought of their new hats safe in the office. We saw the silver mined 1500 feet below surface, some of the ladies picking their own specimens from the roof of the chamber of ore. Then the journey up and down the 1200 feet shaft,—the backward trip in the tunnel to the boarding house, where Bro. Scott had prepared dinner, that was really one of those things too good to be talked about. Then the beautiful drive up the canon to the Daly mines, then down a road graded out of the mountain side, just wide enough for a wagon. on the lower side being a slide of hundreds of feet.

I do not want to say much about the sisters, who, believing I knew more about administering an obligation than driving two horses, and because there was a deposit of snow filling the road for about twenty yards, well crusted and inclining at an angle of about forty-five degrees, preferred to walk. We got over all right, perhaps accounted for by Bro. Thomson's two hundred pounds more or less, on the upper brake block—the sisters who remained can now dive in the Salt Lake without danger, they know how to hold their breath. We then visited the Ontario, viewing the great Corliss pump, being taken to the thousand foot level where the pump sucks up the water, then up to the six hundred foot level where it discharges the water into a tunnel, every stroke bringing up three hundred and twenty-six gallons.

Our party had been divided, Bro. F. A. Parker of the Ontario taking charge of the other part, and the only difficulty which arose was the discussion as to which party had the best dinner. The "Anchorites" however "nailed their colors to the mast" like the "Cumberland," except that we did not go down.

We had some trouble in (G)uarding the cake with the Star in colors, presented to our Worthy Matron by Bro. Scott, but Bro. Gard did not get any of it, until with proper ceremonies it was disposed of at our stated meeting on June 1.

It would be impossible for me to express our appreciation of our reception and treatment by the sisters and brothers of Park City—we will try in the near future show to it by our acts.

Mountain Chapter starts out with flattering prospects, a good live membership, a fine hall to meet in, and, so far as we could judge, an energetic staff of officers.

Lynds Chapter welcomes her new sister, and will always be ready to lend a helping hand, but these "mountaineers" are generally used to overcoming obstacles, and possibly before long they may be looking down on, and reaching out to us.

I am glad to have been able to make a break in new ground and trust that even though "hard times" seem to prevail and silver and wool are staples here, our constellation may attract other Stars.

J. C. BRUNS, Deputy.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1894

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Hall, Orange—the home of the Grand Matron—on Wednesday, May 16, with the following officers present:

Hattie E. Ewing, Grand Matron; Adams F. Brown, Grand Patron; Mary A. Stebbins, Associate Grand Matron; Wm. A. Blossom, Associate Grand Patron; Daniel Seagraves, Grand Secretary; Lona L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer; Isa R. Gallup, Grand Conductress; E. J. Graham, Associate Grand Conductress; Mary A. Potter, Grand Chaplain; Lena W. Lamb, Grand Marshal; Lucinda M. Farrar, P. G. M., as Grand Adah; Annie B. Huntress, P. G. M.; as Grand Ruth; Clara Maynard, Grand Esther; Eliza P. Talbot, Grand Martha; Carrie F. Knowles, Grand Electa; Margaret A. Sutton, Grand Warder; Walter C. Goodwin, Grand Sentinel.

The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers and rare potted plants, beautiful geraniums of rare species calling forth particular praise. The clear lovely May morning seemed to bring us new life, and the warm and cordial greeting with which we were received, made us feel that we were indeed in the presence of friends.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form at 10:45 a. m., and Sister Lena W. Lamb, W. M. of Athena Chapter, extended a cordial welcome to the Grand Chapter in the following words:

One year ago Athena Chapter was honored when from among its members was chosen the Grand Matron of this Grand Chapter, and to-day in her honor it is a pleasure to me, in behalf of Athena Chapter, to extend to you, one and all a most cordial welcome. It seems to me that the presence of so many gathered here this morning speaks in accents strong of the interest felt by us all in this Grand Chapter, and the desire to bring our Order to such a standard that it shall prove a lasting structure. Let interest and ambition for our beloved Order direct our thoughts and deeds for the good of this Grand Chapter, and may peace and harmony be the cement to strengthen our chain of love. Nature at this time of the year has clothed the world in a new and beautiful garment, and history allows that nature has in many things been rivalled, but eclipsed in but few, and may we by adorning the jewels of Constancy, of Hope, of Sympathy, and of Loving Kindness, succeed in bringing our Order where none can rival it. Glory, it has been said, belongs to those who attain it. May Glory be the goal which will be the beacon light of the Eastern Star.

As a Grand Chapter we pause to-day and looking back to the year just past we find that many links have been added to our earthly chain and that the Grand Patron on High has taken some of our choicest links to the Grand Chapter above.

"We think of those we've loved and lost,
Who meet with us no more;
Whose feet have crossed the river
And reached the shining shore.
Although we cannot see them,
Their spirits mingle here,
To join the Grand Chapter gathering,
Which meets from year to year."

Whittier writes of the "Lost Occasions," but let us be watchful that no opportunity be lost by us to express sympathy to the sorrowing and distressed and to extend to all the hand of friendship and helpfulness. Broad is the field for advancement in our work and may the Star in the East shine with such brilliancy that it will lighten the pathway of many, and may it lead us in life, in thought, in word, in deed, to a trustful faith in time of need. It is a pleasure to Athena to receive this Grand Chapter as her guest, she feels that a great benefit will be derived from this visit, and trusts that the day will prove as bright a page in the history of the Grand Chapter as it will in the history of Athena."

Mary A. Stebbins, Associate Grand Matron, briefly responded, saying:

It is a pleasure to me to respond to the cordial welcome you have given us, and in behalf of the Grand Matron and other members of the Grand Chapter, I thank you for the kind fraternal words you have spoken. The smiling faces and extended hands with which you have greeted us makes us feel that we are truly welcome. The large number of sisters and brothers present, representatives of the many Chapters within this Jurisdiction, must express to you our pleasure in accepting your kind hospitality. It is almost impossible to realize that a year has passed with its sunshine and shadows since our last annual meeting. We have gathered here to-day to review the work of the past year, and in planning for the future may our hearts be enriched with that most excellent gift of Charity, one towards another, so that we may labor unselfishly to promote the best interests of our beloved Order. And as we return to our homes may we be inspired with new thoughts and higher aspirations and each strive to make the Order of the Eastern Star a guiding light in the firmament of good works that no darkness can ever dim."

R. Emily Little was appointed Assistant Grand Secretary.

The following Committees were appointed: On Jurisprudence—Louise J. Provin, Carrie F. Knowles and Frank E. Shaw.

On Finance—John P. Loring, Mary P. Lloyd and Maria W. Hyde.

On Credentials—Granville C. Fiske, Clara W. Palmer and Eliza A. Schader.

Commissions were read, appointing Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., representative near this Grand Chapter, for California, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Louise J. Provin, P. G. M., for New York, Montana and Texas.

Annie B. Huntress, P. G. M., for Vermont, and the sisters were introduced and received with Grand Honors.

Letters of regret and congratulation were received from Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and twenty-one Grand Matrons and Patrons from different Jurisdictions.

Report of Committee on Credentials showed thirty-seven Chapters represented by one hundred fifty-two members of the Grand Chapter and one hundred forty-one visitors.

The Grand Matron read a lengthy and very interesting address. We wish we could give it entire, but our limited space will not per-

mit us to cull, even much that we would so gladly. In closing her very pleasing preliminary remarks, she says:

Let us pause for a moment as it were, on the threshold, to render our thanks to the Giver of all things good, that with a Father's watchful care and love He has guided our footsteps, lengthened our days and crowned our lives with better things than we could have desired. Let us ask Him at this time to fill our hearts with wisdom and charity as "summer fills the grass with dew" and to free us from that selfishness "which crops out here and there like belts of stone from shallow soil, disclosing what we are."

She pays a tender tribute to the memory of our sisters and brothers who have been called from this to the Grand Chapter above, and tenders her heart's best gift of sympathy to the bereaved. She speaks of the pleasure she has received from correspondence with members of the Order during the year, saying:

I shall greatly miss the letters which for the past few months I have grown to daily anticipate. The four hundred ninety-two letters I have written has not been an arduous task and the four hundred seventy-three letters in return have been a source of much pleasure and instruction.

She has also mailed two hundred fifty official communications to members in this and other Jurisdictions. She expresses her thanks for friendly letters that "have given her new courage and greater zeal to work for the Order." She says:

I trust such action will be taken here to-day that my successor can show by her official acts during the coming year, that the members of the O. E. S. in Massachusetts have accorded their Grand Matron, the privileges allowed this officers in nearly every other State that boasts a Grand Chapter.

She commends her Deputies for their faithfulness to duty and the truthfulness of their reports. She reserved ten Chapters for her own inspection and has visited fraternally every other Chapter, and speaks with gratitude of the cordial receptions given her at each of these visits. She expressed regret at being unable to keep an "At Home" at O. E. S. Headquarters at the World's Fair, or to attend the reception given by the General Grand Chapter Officers, October 6. She compliments Sister Pitkin for the efficient manner in which she managed the Corner, and wishes in some way she may be remunerated for the expense she incurred.

She installed the officers of sixteen Chapters after the annual elections; also, of the six Chapters she constituted.

Of the condition of the Order, she says, I believe there is a greater interest in our Order than ever before. The Chapters are alive to their work. I have been pleased to note that some Chapters which have been almost dormant for some time have awakened from their lethargic state and with redoubled energy are pushing to the front. Other Chapters I might name, that have never seemed over harmonious, have concentrated their forces and are daily proving what great results can be achieved by united labor.

She urges upon Matrons and Patrons a more thorough study of the Constitution, as they

would thus avoid asking many unnecessary questions. She recommends the organization of Chapters with smaller charter lists thus saving the material for work for the Chapter. She presents six recommendations for the action of the Grand Chapter, among them,

"That absent officers, elected or appointed, be not installed by proxy."

"That the sum of one dollar be paid to the Grand Chapter by the Subordinate Chapter for each dispensation granted."

"That a Committee of five be appointed at this meeting, in such manner as this body shall elect, to make arrangements for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter, which holds its triennial session at Boston in August, 1895.

In retrospection, she says :

"I have counseled and advised with a maternal love and have endeavored to impress upon each Chapter the necessity, if it would be successful, of living outside the Chapter room the grand principles taught within its walls, and of never forgetting its sacred obligations."

She has traveled 5410 miles in the discharge of her duty, and made sixty-four official and fraternal visits in response to invitations. She thanks her associate officers and says of our Grand Secretary:

"His long experience is of untold value to our Grand Chapter."

In conclusion, she says, "And now as I close, something seems to whisper, we shall not all meet again. However widely Sundered God hath planned our paths, let us strive to exercise those virtues which shall tend most to bless and elevate mankind, remembering that all their paths will lead us to the Grand Chapter rooms of Eternity, where we shall stand in the presence of Him whose Star was seen in the East."

The dinner hour having arrived the guests of Athena Chapter were escorted to the banquet hall where the tables were laden with good things for our refreshment. Gilt metal stars with the points enameled in the colors of the Order, and bearing the name "Athena" across the pentagon; on the reverse, the legend "Grand Chapter, May 16, 1894," were the favors for the occasion. They were hung by a single gilt chain and tied with tiny bows of yellow ribbon. After an hour of refreshment and social converse the Grand Chapter resumed business, and the Grand Patron read his address, which showed a lively interest in the Order and a large amount of work performed. He has been present at one or more meetings of each of the forty Chapters in the jurisdiction, and witnessed the work in all but three of the new ones, and can say "that none of the Chapters did poor work." He has made sixty-three official visits. He granted forty-nine minor dispensations. One Chapter U. D. relinquished its Dispensation. He believes it unwise to start a Chapter with only the minimum constitutional number of members unless there is a very strong interest shown, and a prospect of many new members very soon. He sent a circular letter in the interest of the Order, with a brief note to every Blue Lodge in the State where there was no

O. E. S. Chapter, and the good result has been apparent from the organization of eight new Chapters during the past year, which is more than has ever been started in any one year in our Jurisdiction, and there is not a weak one among the number. He has approved fourteen Codes of By-Laws, and Amendments for eight other Chapters.

The Grand Council recommends Worcester as a permanent place of meeting, and that the Annual Meeting be held on a fixed date. He presents fifty decisions rendered, but has made many more of minor importance. He has written 1125 letters in the interest of the Order. He says:

"Tuesday, May 8, Miss Mahalah Annie Adams and myself were united in marriage, and I desire to express at this time our most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful silver water service, that the officers of this Grand Chapter have presented to us as a wedding present."

In closing his remarks, he says:

"Never has there been a brighter outlook for our beloved Order in this Commonwealth than at the present time, and here around our holy altar let us each renew our faith and repledge our vows. Let us cherish the memory of our sisters and brothers who have passed on into the unseen Chapter, where

"Brighter, fairer, for their living,
With no trace of woe or pain,
Robed in everlasting beauty
We shall see them once again."

The report of the Grand Secretary showed a membership of 3981, a net gain of 471 during the past year. Since January 1, five Chapters have been organized with an aggregate membership of one hundred ninety-five, making an estimated membership at the present time of at least 4,176. He paid a loving tribute to the memory of our departed, who were thirty-six in number.

A large amount of important legislation was had on amendments, recommendations and decisions. The amendments offered by G. M., Provin, one year ago, making the Grand Matron the executive head of the Order, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, after being amended was adopted. This gives the Grand Matron the power of granting dispensations and constituting Chapters. The Grand Patron still decides questions of law and usage.

By special request the election of officers was then held. Hattie E. Ewing, G. M., was unanimously re-elected, but declined to serve, and Mary A. Stebbins was elected Grand Matron; Wm. A. Blossom, Grand Patron; Carrie S. Fairbairn, Associate Grand Matron, and W. M. King, Associate Grand Patron. The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected.

Supper was served at 6:30 p. m., and again the spacious banquet hall was well filled with the guests. At the opening of the evening session the officers of Athena Chapter were invited to exemplify the opening ceremony and Floral Work, which they did in a very pleasing manner, and the thanks of the Grand Chapter was voted for the favor.

This was followed by the installation of

the Grand Officers by Hattie E. Ewing, Grand Matron, assisted by Grand Patron Brown, Grand Chaplain Potter, and Grand Marshal, Lena W. Lamb, in a very pleasing and impressive manner, the musical selections introduced during the ceremony adding much to its beauty and solemnity.

After the installation the consideration of the Grand Patron's decisions were again taken up, and acted upon after much careful thought.

Wm. A. Blossom, G. P., Warren M. King, A. G. P., Hattie E. Ewing and Louise J. Provin, P. G. Ms., and Carrie L. Fairbairn, A. G. M., were appointed a Committee to make preparations for the entertainment of the General Grand Chapter in 1895.

Hattie E. Ewing, P. G. M., was appointed Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Thanks were voted to the retiring Grand Officers, also to Athena Chapter for their royal entertainment of the Grand Chapter.

A salary of \$100 was voted the Grand Secretary, and the usual compensation voted the Assistant Grand Secretary.

By invitation of Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, it was voted that the next meeting of the Grand Chapter be held in that city May 1895.

And as the clocks in the steeples were pealing that single stroke of 1 a. m., the Grand Chapter closed this long, but one of the pleasantest meetings in its annals.

R. EMILY LITTLE.

GRAND CHAPTER OF COLORADO, 1894.

Grand Chapter convened in Masonic Temple, Denver, June 5th, at 10 o'clock, and owing to washouts on all the railroads leading into Denver many of the delegates were unable to be present at the morning session, but arrived during the day. H. D. Hathaway, Grand Patron, was called to the bedside of his wife, who was very ill, just as he was boarding the train for Denver. This cast a gloom over all, and a telegram was sent our brother, with the earnest prayer that his loved wife might be spared for many years.

Wednesday evening Radiant Chapter, No. 12, Denver, exemplified the work in a beautiful and impressive manner. This was followed by a banquet. Calvin E. Reed, Grand Patron as toast-master. Toasts were responded to by Eva J. Aldrich, Grand Matron, Carrie Reef, Past Grand Matron, W. D. Peirce, Lawrence N. Greenleaf, W. A. Hinsey and others.

The Grand Officers were elected as follows Mrs. Eva J. Aldrich, Grand Matron, Manitou.

Calvin E. Reed, Grand Patron, Denver.

Mrs. Mary Potter, Associate Grand Matron, Colorado City.

Jethro C. Sanford, Associate Grand Patron, Durango.

Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, Grand Secretary, Colorado Springs.

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Sister Ella D. Zinn of Queen Esther Chapter and Past Senior Vice-President W. R. C., gave the Memorial Day address at Westfield.

Sister Eliza S. Cohen will please accept thanks for the beautiful badge, used at the Grand Chapter meeting of Colorado for 1894 that she sent us.

Since the meeting of the Grand Chapter in April, J. A. Manning, Grand Patron, has granted Dispensations for Chapters at Anderson, McCordsville and Avilla, and petitions are pending from Kentland and Boswell.

Sister Julia S. Conklin, Worthy Matron of Westfield Chapter and Past Department President W. R. C., delivered the Memorial Day address at Columbia City, and will deliver the Fourth of July address at Salem.

"The Monon" has changed its office from the corner of Kentucky Ave., and Illinois St., to No. 2 West Washington St., where the same genial gentleman will furnish you with information concerning rates, regular or special, along their route.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts has changed its law—placing in the hands of the Grand Matron the granting of Dispensations and Constituting Chapters. The Grand Pa-

tron decides questions of law and usage. Had this order been reversed it would have been more in keeping with the spirit of the Order.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin is in Minnesota taking a few days of much needed rest. The strain of the past year with its added responsibility of "Eastern Star Congress" and "Eastern Star Corner" both of which are an universally acknowledged success, must have required an extra amount of vitality.

THE EASTERN STAR began its voyage under date of June 1, 1888. Three sisters of the Order formed a partnership, styled "The Eastern Co.,"—the sisters were Nettie Ransford, Lizzie J. Smythe and Kate Metcalf. On May 4, 1894, the one-third interest of Lizzie J. Smythe was purchased by Nettie Ransford.

If subscribers do not receive the paper regularly they will confer a favor by notifying this office. Of course, if we are not informed we can not correct the evil. The paper is regularly sent to every subscriber and we will use our best endeavor to see that after mailing it reaches its destination, if only we are aided in our efforts by the subscriber.

In our June issue in making an extract from the address of the Grand Patron of Kansas in the report of the Grand Chapter meeting, we failed to quote his part of the address which gives credit for the extract we made to Sister Laura B. Hart, Past Grand Matron of Texas. We cheerfully make this correction, and regret the omission.

THE EASTERN STAR has sent notices to all delinquents on its books, and kindly asks their early attention. By observing this request they will confer a favor and for themselves have the consciousness of having performed a duty and fulfilled an obligation which every subscriber assumes when sending the name for the paper.

Just as we go to press there comes from our thoughtful sister, Mary E. Partridge, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, a beautiful souvenir, views of the "Midwinter International Exposition." She is always doing some pleasant thing for somebody, and we trust that for her there may be always some sweet spirit ready to dispel any shadow that may cross her path.

The season for picnics is at hand and the Chapters are availing themselves of a day's outing. In some localities several Chapters join in a union picnic, and in other places the lodges F. & A. M. and Chapter unite, and a part of the day is given to entertainment, a literary and musical program being rendered and sometime an address is delivered. These outings are very enjoyable and no Chapter should summer without one.

Several items and communications came in a little late for this issue, but will appear later. We are deeply indebted for these remembrances, and would remind our friends that each issue of THE EASTERN STAR is mailed the last of each month, and some time must be allowed for setting up and making ready for press, then comes the press work and mailing. Please bear these things in mind when sending copy.

No route toward the east furnishes the traveler with more varied nor more beautiful scenery than that of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry., winding through the canons and climbing the Alleghenies—then again treating to a gem of pastoral beauty, which form a picture for not only present, but future enjoyment. And its course lies through historic ground made memorable by battles fought for the preservation of the Union.

The ritual of the General Grand Chapter is sold only through the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Jurisdictions, they obtaining them from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. At the recent session of the Grand Chapter of Indiana it was ordered that only ten rituals be allowed each subordinate Chapter and that the Worthy Matron be the custodian of them. Orders for rituals must be sent the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the Subordinate Chapter. The Grand Secretary of one Jurisdiction cannot supply members of another Jurisdiction with rituals.

A letter received from Sister Enda L. Hedges, V. W. Grand Chaplain, of Helena, Montana, tells us the sad news of the death by drowning of little Emily, the only grand child on June 6. The accident occurred at her father's sheep ranch in one of the eastern counties of Montana. Little Emily was a child of great promise and while at no time is the death angel a welcome guest, these sudden demands of the surrender of our treasures is especially sad. In this bereavement Sister and Brother Hedges has the loving sympathy of the Eastern Star family.

It was my pleasure to attend the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York held in June, and being my first opportunity to meet with the sisters and brothers of the Empire State—it being also the State of my birth—it was a season of rare enjoyment. All extended to their western sister a cordial welcome and made her feel at home among them. During my stay I was the guest of Sister Eleanor Burton, Past Grand Matron, and her son, Brother A. J. Burton, Past Grand Lecturer, who did all they could to make my visit one to be long remembered. To all I am indebted for courtesies, and I assure you they were most gratefully appreciated.

Chapter meetings should be places of enjoyment, not alone social enjoyment but that which tends to develop the qualities of mind

and heart that make better men and better women. For this does the Order exist. It is to be regretted, deplored beyond expression, that the condition is such in some Chapters that the reverse qualities are exhibited. "Behold, how great a fire a little matter kindleth" and how true the text. The veriest word or act is often fanned into a flame that bids fair to envelop the whole structure and utterly destroy its usefulness. Where is found a lesson that warrants this course, nor can the fault be laid at the door of the sisters, for too many instances demonstrate the falsity of the accusation.

If there be any gossip afloat it is always attributed to a woman, and yet she is not guilty of all these things, for in all communities, localities and societies there are those who are styled the stronger sex, who indulge in this weakness to a lamentable extent, and of all evils from which one should pray to be delivered it should be a male gossip. While those of his own sex despise the habit, they allow themselves to be influenced by his sayings, concluding that because he is fashioned like a man, he possesses the attributes of one. Instead he is devoid of that essential quality—manliness. A worse deformed man there cannot be than he who bends to such narrowness of soul. He is also a coward, for he strikes behind ones back, using weapons of warfare that his imagination has furnished, often without the shadow of foundation.

Among the pleasant things of my recent trip to New York, was a visit to the Rine-lander Industrial School, under the auspices of the Children's Aid Society. The Principal, Miss Pascal, is deeply interested in her work. Four hundred and fifty children are enrolled, none over ten years of age, but they display great proficiency in the industries taught. The work on the flag made by the girls of the graduation class of '93, would do credit to much older girls, and the little maid of fifteen, who presided over the culinary affairs of Miss Pascal, would put to shame many a professional. The boys contributed as the result of their labor, a chest of drawers for use in the dining room, stools, tables and a frame for a fire screen out of spools. In this school especial attention is given to patriotic teaching, and the result is such as to enliven the most indifferent. The salute to the flag was very beautiful and the exercises which followed were such as to impress upon the children the requirements of good citizenship. The full value of such instruction can only be computed when the pupils shall have reached an age to demonstrate the teachings.

"It seems to me that too many of our members join the Order for the fun there is in it." This remark was made by a sister during a conversation between a number of sisters concerning Chapter work, the aims and ob-

jects of the organization, etc., and it has again and again come back for consideration. That there is much of truth in it a thoughtful observer cannot doubt, for many Chapters give little or no thought to anything outside the social features. For each meeting there is a prepared program for entertainment, and when having exhausted the various features of enjoyment there is offered them only the plain ritual work their interest is gone. It is like feeding one on dainties and then offering them the substantial, and does not relish. This course is a mistaken one and the Chapter that inaugurates it is building upon a foundation of sand. Instead, make the ritual work your first consideration, give it your best efforts and see that every sentence is rendered so as to give to the initiate its best offerings. Let the several offices be filled and have Chapter always opened in full form, and the business done intelligently. Let the sisters manifest their interest by participating in the business, and giving their ideas upon the matters that may be presented for consideration. Every question that is of sufficient importance to be presented is entitled to careful consideration, and the members should deem it a duty to express their opinion by a vote. Social features should be introduced as a pastime. Beside this, every Chapter should have in hand some work of benevolence for where the angel of mercy finds lodgement there is no room for discord or contention, and no one will join "for the fun there is in it," but for the good there may be both given and received.

A LETTER FROM OUR M. W. GRAND MATRON.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 14, 1894.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—In your June issue you gave an excellent report of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, but the writer in speaking of the brothers and sisters to whom credit should be given for the happy result, unintentionally, I am sure, omitted one name, that of a sister, who has perhaps done more than any other, and to whom too much praise cannot be given. I refer to Sister Flora E. Moore.

Of course, we all know that Bro. Gearhart was the prime mover, but Sister Moore seconded every effort made by him, and without her co-operation nothing would have been accomplished. She labored with her people to get them to see as she did, and that too, when she knew it was not the popular idea, and it was solely through her earnest labor that her Grand Chapter sent such a large representation of her best members to confer with No. 2.

I am sure the writer will agree with me in this, and that THE EASTERN STAR which has always been of women and for women, will be glad to give a place in its columns to this letter to put one of the noblest women in our Order right before our members.

Courteously yours,

MARY C. SNEDDEN.

IN MEMORIAM.

After months of patient suffering our sister, Mollie B. Davis, entered into rest on May 31. Sister Davis was born in Hancock County, Indiana, October 19, 1853, and on August 14, 1879, she was married by Rev. T. W. Conner to Frank M. Davis. She was a firm believer in universal salvation, and died in that faith—and for her death had no terror, she viewed it as only a journey. "I am just going home, Frank. Don't weep for me. Just think for one moment Frank, I'll soon be at rest, and wait for you over there." These were her words and when the Father called she was ready to go. Her home was her castle and she was never happier than when remodeling and arranging it to suit her taste. She was of a modest, retiring disposition, not desiring to lead in anything outside her home.

Her Chapter work began in Deputy Chapter in which she was initiated July 20, 1889, but at the organization of Scottsburg Chapter she became a charter member and was its first Warder. At the first election she was elected Associate Matron, and at the subsequent election she was elected Worthy Matron.

In the Grand Chapter she was first appointed Grand Martha, and at the following annual meeting she was appointed Grand Warder, but illness kept her from filling her station. Already had the death angel warned her of his presence and in response to her letter of regret at her enforced absence was sent a message of love. During the year of their official relation Sister Davis became deeply attached to the Grand Matron, Sister Helen E. Macomber, for her cheering letters. The duties of her office were never so pressing as to cause her to neglect or forget the one who so appreciated her loving sisterly words.

Her last visit to her Chapter was made May 6, 1893, but her place was ably filled by the Associate Matron, Sister Maggie Cooperider, who consulted her each month in regard to the affairs of the Chapter, and the bond between them was that of true sisterly affection.

Sister Cooperider succeeded her at the last annual election.

By request of Sister Davis, Sister Macomber, Past Grand Matron, served with the Chapter as Worthy Matron in its burial service when she was laid to rest. She was assisted by Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, Past Grand Secretary, and a large number of members from different Chapters were in attendance. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. B. F. Foster, of Indianapolis, and June 2, she was laid to rest. In his bereavement our brother has the loving sympathy of the members of the Order.

He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

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Mrs. Meta T. Bassett, Grand Treasurer, Greeley.

Mrs. Mary E. Peirce, Grand Conductress, Denver.

Mrs. Jennie Safely, Associate Grand Conductress, Boulder.

Calvin E. Reed, Grand Patron, presented Carrie Reef, P. G. M., with a beautiful ring, set with a diamond, a similar gift was prepared for Henry D. Hathaway, P. G. P., and will be sent to him.

The cordial welcome all received from the sisters and brothers of Denver made all feel that it was good to be there, and would like to come again, therefore Denver was chosen as the place to hold our Third Annual Session, June 6, 1895.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEBRASKA, 1894.

The Grand Chapter met in its Nineteenth Annual Communication in Masonic Temple Hastings, at 4 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, June 5, with an attendance of about two hundred, with nearly all the Chapters in the State represented and most of the Grand Officers in their stations.

The first session was entirely devoted to the opening ceremonies and announcement of committees.

On Tuesday evening the work of the Order with the Floral Addenda was exemplified in an excellent manner and beautifully illustrated with magic lantern views by Acacia Chapter of Hastings.

The second day's session was occupied by routine work: reports of Grand Officers, reports of Committees and the election of Officers. The reports of the Grand Officers show the past year to have been one of prosperity, notwithstanding the financial depression and our Grand Matron, Sister Anna E. Musselman, was enabled to report thirteen new Stars in our constellation. During the afternoon Harvard Chapter rendered the Chapter of Sorrow in a beautiful and impressive manner.

Wednesday evening Acacia Chapter tendered a reception to the Grand Chapter and Masons and their families. After the rendition of a pleasing program the guests were invited to partake of a sumptuous banquet. The tables were handsomely decorated and the favors were Cape Jessamines from the far South.

After installation of the new board of officers the Grand Chapter was closed and the members repaired to their homes feeling that the Nineteenth session had been one of pleasure and profit to them.

The officers elected are:

Mrs. Anna E. Musselman, Grand Matron, David City.

Dr. H. A. Turton, Grand Patron, Lexington.

Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh, Associate Grand Matron, Omaha.

Rev. H. A. Guild, Grand Secretary, Lincoln.

Edwin Davis, Grand Treasurer, Omaha.

Mrs. Olive J. Whitney, Grand Conductress, Superior.

Mrs. Cornelia Ladd, Associate Grand Conductress, Rising.

Mr. Connard, a jeweller of Hastings, presented Sister Musselman, Grand Matron, with a beautiful souvenir spoon as a memento of Hastings and of Acacia Chapter.

The city of Hastings was handsomely decorated with stars and Eastern Star colors in honor of the session of our grand body.

The Nebraska State Pharmaceutical Association was in session in Hastings at the same time as the Grand Chapter, and courteously extended to us an invitation to join them Wednesday afternoon in sports, but owing to press of business we were obliged to decline.

The next session of the Grand Chapter will be held at Lincoln.

GRAND CHAPTER OF VERMONT, 1894.

The Twenty-second annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held at Montpelier, June 6, with one hundred and fifty in attendance. Tuesday evening, Rob Morris Chapter gave a reception from 6 to 8 o'clock, in Masonic hall, and the work was finely exemplified (the officers in robes), following these festivities.

The Order in Vermont has increased one hundred and two during the year, numbering 1,724. Ruth Chapter No. 33, Barre, makes the largest gain, twenty-eight, and Diamond Chapter, Danville, comes next with twenty-seven new members. Adjourned to meet in Danville, in 1895.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. E. J. Parsons, Grand Matron, Island Pond.

Geo. W. Wing, Grand Patron, Montpelier.

Mrs. Dr. Pettee, Associate Grand Matron, Brattleboro.

F. W. Baldwin, Associate Grand Patron, Barton.

H. L. Stillson, Grand Secretary, Bennington.

Mrs. H. M. Whitney, Grand Treasurer, Windsor.

Mrs. Olive J. Stockwell, Grand Lecturer, Putney.

Rev. I. P. Booth, Grand Chaplain, Northfield.

J. H. McLoud, Grand Marshal, Hardwick.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wing, Grand Conductress, Montpelier.

Mrs. Col. M. K. Paine, Associate Grand Conductress, Windsor.

Following the election of officers the Grand Chapter was tendered a banquet by the Order at the Capital. Fraternal telegrams were sent to the Grand Chapter of New York, that was celebrating its 25th anniversary at the time.—Bennington Banner.

Good-nature, like a bee, collects its honey from every herb. Ill-nature, like a spider, sucks poison from the sweetest flowers.

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GLEANINGS.

COLORADO.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, held a special meeting on May 29, for the initiation of four candidates, after which a banquet was served and an hour or two spent socially. At our first regular meeting in April all business was ordered laid on the table, and after closing in due form, a number of outside friends were invited in, where they were regaled by a literary and musical entertainment, prepared by the sisters. We are blessed with members who will strive to the utmost to make any undertaking successful, and we feel that their efforts were duly appreciated on the evening in question. We think of giving a strawberry festival and ball in the near future, where we hope to bountifully replenish our treasury. M.

CALIFORNIA.

California Chapter, U. D., San Francisco, received an official visit from Augusta D. Wilson, D. D. G. M., May 25. This is one of the most harmonious and happy chapters in the District. The corps of officers are far above the average, and the work was given in a very creditable manner. At the conclusion Sister Wilson was presented with a basket of exquisite flowers by the A. M., in the name of California Chapter U. D., Sister Wilson responded in a most happy manner.

Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, was officially visited, May 24, by Sister Augusta D. Wilson, D. D. G. M. The large and elegant Chapter room was filled with members and visitors. The work was exemplified in a most praiseworthy manner. A remarkable and very pleasant coincident occurred—the first four officers of the Grand Chapter of the State were present, Emma Hapgood, G. M.; Allen B. Lemon, G. P.; Margaret Searles, A. G. M.; and Z. T. Gilpin, A. G. P., also many other distinguished visitors. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the remarks of Sister M. E. Partridge, R. W. A. G. M., accompanying the presentation of a lovely basket of flowers and a handsome silver berry spoon, lined with gold and properly inscribed, "From the members of Oak Leaf Chapter to Sister Wilson, D. G. M., who was completely surprised, but none the less appreciative, and responded in a very appropriate and feeling manner.

FLORIDA.

Sister Maud V. McKensie, W. M. of Magnolia Chapter, Palatka, has been seriously ill, but is convalescing greatly to the relief and gratification of her many friends.

IOWA.

Sister Sibyl J. Tubbs, W. M. of Emerson Chapter is spending some time in Truston, California.

ILLINOIS.

There were 80 persons present at the Eastern Star social at Turner, Tuesday night,

June 12, and the ladies exemplified the floral addenda. The July social will be held in the Masonic Hall at Wheaton. Several members of the Star being residents of that city.

IDAHO.

Adah Chapter, Boise City, initiated one candidate on June 8. The room was profusely decorated with flowers. Ice cream and cake were served and as the ceremony was beautifully rendered, the candidate expressed herself well pleased. A letter from the Grand Master of Idaho was received thanking the chapter for their assistance in laying the corner stone of the Soldier's Home. The chapter was given a place of honor next to the Grand Lodge and they furnished the music that added so much to the occasion.

INDIANA.

Bourbon Chapter is still prospering nicely and at its last meeting had two candidates—seven candidates have been received this year.

Queen Esther Chapter has added nineteen to its membership since Jan. 1—fourteen by initiation and five by affiliation. It will picnic at Hammond's Grove June 28 and Naomi is invited to join in the day's outing.

Naomi Chapter at its meeting of June 18 initiated one candidate and the officers deserve credit for their work. There were several visitors from Queen Esther Chapter and one from Westfield Chapter.

Evening Star Chapter, Rensselaer, is doing beautifully this year. She celebrated her 15th anniversary Monday, June 11, by a picnic in Bro. M. L. Spittler's grove near town. Twelve candidates have been initiated since the new year and still the good work goes on.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its June meetings with Sister Louthan, P. M., who was assisted in entertaining by Sister Goddard and Mrs. Myers. Also June 22 by Sister Stephens, assisted by Sister Crowe, A. C. The warm weather seems neither to abate the zeal nor the attendance of the members.

Floral Chapter, Huntington, is doing good work this year, and her outlook is most encouraging. Several new members have been added to our list and five initiations are expected at our next meeting. Its officers are doing excellent work and success now seems to be ours. Floral Auxiliary was entertained May 16 by Sister Dillon, W. M., and an enjoyable afternoon was spent in sewing and social conversation.

South Bend Chapter is in a very flourishing condition. The attendance and the interest is excellent and all seem to be wide-awake and earnest. At the meeting of June 13 three candidates received the degrees. The work was impressively rendered and it was followed by the Floral Work which was excellently given, after which a very nice lunch was served.

The golden chain of Lois Chapter, Greensburg, is broken, and one link is gone. Sister

Maggie Shultz, A. C., died Tuesday June 12, and was buried Thursday afternoon from the 1st M. E. Church. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. J. W. Duncan, after which the O. E. S. took charge and rendered their beautiful burial service. Sister Shultz was not afraid to die, but with a trustful faith died in hope of immortal life.

About 75 members of Terre Haute Chapter were entertained by Bro. and Sister John C. Myers at their beautiful country home, 6 miles north of the city, on the evening of June 13. Music, recitations and dancing were indulged in, after which elegant refreshments were served by the hostess, and last but not least, a song by Sister VanBrunt. Long after midnight the guests departed, wishing our sister and brother's years may be as full and bright as the golden grain that is just now ripening on their broad fields.

May 23, Sharpville Chapter was organized by P. E. Hoss as Special Deputy of the G. P. Bro. Hoss was assisted by the officers of Kokomo Chapter, who accompanied him and rendered the work in an excellent manner. Supper was served to visitors before the work began. About 20 from Centre Chapter drove over, and after the conferring of the degrees by the officers of Kokomo Chapter, Centre's officers gave the floral work, rendering it very nicely. The new chapter is well officered, and has material for good work.

Crown Point Chapter was organized by Joseph A. Manning, G. P., June 1. He was accompanied by Bro. A. G. Tillotson, of Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City. They were met by Bro. Milton R. Hart, at whose pleasant home they were entertained during their stay. Sister Hart made it very pleasant for them on general principles, but especially because Bro. Tillotson was an old acquaintance. About 20 of the petitioners were present, much enthusiasm was manifested, and the outlook for a healthy chapter seems quite encouraging. Sister N. A. Mathews, W. M., Bro. Milton R. Hart, W. P.; Sister Julia Vilmar, A. M.

By special invitation of Warsaw Chapter, 30 members of Wabash Chapter paid us a visit on the evening of June 8. Arriving at Warsaw at 4 p. m. they were met at the station with carriages and were driven over the city and places of interest, and after an hour's drive were taken to two of our principal hotels, where they were met by about 40 of our members who took supper with them. At 8 o'clock chapter convened, and the degrees were conferred on two candidates, after which light refreshments were served and the evening spent in a social way, long to be remembered by those present. At 12 o'clock our visitors returned to their home. C

Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City has scored for itself another mark, for the royal manner in which it entertained Westville Chapter. About 25 drove over from Westville and were entertained at the Vreeland for supper, after which they repaired to the

chapter room where everything had been made beautiful by the sisters. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate—by request of the W. P., Bro. Woods, Bro. Manning, G. P., served as W. P. After the work the time was socially spent and refreshments were served in the banquet room. Westville Chapter was represented by its W. M., Sister Clara M. Hess, who is also G. Esther, and accompanying members, and two members of Orient Chapter, Laporte. Lake Michigan Chapter is the home chapter of the G. P.

Obedient to the command of the G. P., on May 28 I proceeded to Rockport, a distance of ten miles, for the purpose of constituting Garnet Chapter, and installing its officers. I was assisted by Sister Laura Wilkinson as Mar. Our W. P. and ten of the officers and members of Eureka Chapter accompanied me. Doctor Killian, Sister Wilkinson and myself were the guests of Sister Mary Garlinghouse, W. M. The rest of our company were entertained by other members of the Chapter. We all had a royal welcome. The members are full of enthusiasm for our beautiful Order and the readiness and aptitude which the officers displayed in taking hold of the ritual work is an assurance of their success. After the installation a nice banquet was served and a pleasant time enjoyed by all. I delivered the charter to the W. M., which I doubt not she will guard as a sacred trust. It was my pleasure to be present at the organization of this chapter, and have every reason to entertain the hope that harmony and prosperity will attend all their future actions and that Garnet Chapter will be one of our brightest stars. I bid its member, one and all, a hearty God speed in the great work they have undertaken.

R. J. K.

Terre Haute Chapter met on the evening of May 22, with about one hundred members in attendance. The degrees were conferred upon 4 candidates, and the work was given in a very impressive manner. Although the weather is growing unpleasantly warm the interest in the chapter seems unabated. After each meeting there is always something interesting in store. Our W. M., Sister Gardiner is not so large in stature, but she is great in some things and full of energy. The chapter met in anticipation of something unusually good, and it was not disappointed, for after the close the Club gave its annual reception to the Chapter. The hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, the floral decoration in the banquet hall were ferns and bowls of delicate white blossoms—the colors chosen by the Club are green and white. Sprays of the same lovely flowers and ferns were placed upon each napkin. An interesting program had been arranged as follows: Introductory address by Mrs. Lucia Goodwin, President of the Club. Address of welcome, Mrs. Sallie K. Davis, A. M., which was full of good will and eulogy. After which followed the more formal program, consisting

of music and recitations, all of which were well received. Dainty refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in sociability. S. E. A.

KANSAS.

Willomena Chapter, Lebanon, though small is doing good work and the members are interested and enjoy the meetings.

Kent Chapter, Weir, received a kind invitation to visit Charity Chapter U. D. Scammon, and witness Sister Elizabeth Magie, P. G. M., constitute and install the officers. There were 18 or 20 members from Weir attended, and all report having enjoyed themselves very much. After Sister Magie was through installing the officers in her usual spirited manner she made several remarks for the good of the Order, which was appreciated by the members present, after which she closed the chapter and we proceeded to the festive board, where all were regaled with ice cream, cake and lemonade before leaving for home. In behalf of Kent Chapter we extend our thanks to the officers and members of Charity Chapter for our pleasant visit. I.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, at its last meeting gave Sister Eudora Hall, P. G. M., and W. M., of this chapter for three years, a farewell reception, the occasion being her last meeting with us before going to her future home in Chicago. The reception also included her daughter, Mary E. Hall, our Sec. for nearly three years. A short program was rendered as follows: address by A. Anderson, W. P.; piano Solo, Sister Sigler of Eldorado; Recitation by Miss Bristow; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Smyth; Piano Solo, Miss Nina Hall. After which all repaired to the banquet hall where an elegant luncheon was spread, consisting of cold meats, salads, fruit, coffee, ice cream and cake. Ivy Leaf Chapter was honored at the Grand Chapter, Sister Annie Smyth being appointed Grand Organist.

A. S.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—It was my good fortune to attend a meeting of Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, June 5. The degrees were conferred on two ladies and the work was rendered in a very solemn and impressive manner. The floor work was splendid, and so far as I could judge, without a flaw. The Worthy Patron deserves especial mention. Olive Chapter is honored as the home of Sister Jessie M. Pearsall, G. Treas. It is said that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country, but Sister Pearsall seems to be an exception. After the initiation all other work was suspended, and the Patron called up the chapter and requested the Con. to escort the G. Treas. to the East. It was done, and the surprised sister stood before her old and long time friends of Olive Chapter, with a questioning look upon her face that plainly said, "What next?" The W. P. then addressed her in an earnest and eloquent speech and conveyed to her the assurance of the sincere affection of the Chapter and the pride which

all felt in her re-election as G. Treas. It was an honor to Olive Chapter and a personal pride and pleasure to every member of the chapter. Suitable resolutions were introduced thanking the G. C. for the honor conferred, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. For once Sister Pearsall was surprised, and she could hardly find words to express herself, but with a heart overflowing with sisterly affection, she returned her thanks to Olive Chapter. At the close of the exercises refreshments were served in the banquet hall. Olive Chapter is proud of Sister Hepler also who wears her honors as she does her years, with dignity and grace. The Grand Chapter of Kansas honored itself in honoring Sister Hepler, and making her a life member of that grand body. Sister Hepler has done more for the Eastern Star in Kansas than any woman in the State and the remembrance of her good deeds will give a perpetual fragrance to the sunset of an honored, noble and useful life. C.

On May 25 Mrs. Addie Homrighous, P. M., Clearwater, as D. G. M., assisted by Miss Anna McLaughlin, as G. Mar., constituted Dorcas Chapter, Conway Springs and installed the officers. Mrs. Dora Thombro, W. M.; Chas. Welch, W. P. and Mrs. Jennie Kay, A. M. After the installation Brother and Sister Edmisten, who were petitioners for dispensation, but were unable to be present at the instituting were given the degrees, and although this was the first initiating done by chapter the work was nicely rendered. The chapter was instituted on the first day of May and on the 10th the Grand Chapter granted them a charter on account of there being several dimitted members who wished to affiliate. There are also some eight or ten who have expressed themselves as desirous of sending in their petitions. This chapter has an unusually bright and zealous set of officers, who with all the members, are very ambitious for the prosperity of this chapter. They also have the assistance and encouragement of the Masonic Lodge, which is in a very prosperous condition, and there appears no reason why they should not soon become one of the "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely." Visitors were present from Clearwater, El Dorado and Belle Plaine.

LOUISIANA.

Louise L. McGuire Chapter, Monroe, is taking the initiative step toward the organization of a Grand Chapter in Louisiana. The chapter is receiving petitions and conferring degrees at every meeting—ten petitions are now pending.

MAINE.

The second Wednesday in April, Rose of Sharon Chapter, Augusta, after the regular meeting, were socially entertained with a most delightful Pink Tea, made very successful by the help of the sisters and brothers dressing in pink dresses, neckties, etc., furnishing pink cake and table decorations.

The volunteer entertainment committee were Sisters M. E. McMurdie and Haskell. A literary and musical entertainment had been prepared; but on account of throat troubles the sisters could not be present, but we are working with a great deal of courage and hope, as we already see grand results in prospect. We, of course, must attribute them to the "power behind the throne," which is universally acknowledged to be woman! Since our Order of the Eastern Star was organized here a year ago our Masonic Fraternity have opened their eyes to the need of new Masonic quarters, and have purchased a beautiful lot and commenced to tear down old buildings, and will this coming summer erect a new Masonic Temple. And in it, in no small corner, will be, as one good brother has said, "a place for the Eastern Star. No place is too good for them." Thus you see the good work goes on. M.

MICHIGAN.

A chapter was organized at Ann Arbor, May 31, with 31 charter members, to be known as Ann Arbor Chapter. The chapter was organized by Allen S. Wright, assisted by Louise A. Turek, G. M., and Lida Pratt, A. G. M. The W. M. is Hattie B. Walsh; W. P., Arthur C. Nichols; A. M., Mable R. Pond; Secretary, Charlotte E. Fitzgerald. Regular meetings first Wednesday of each month.

A chapter to be known as Chrysanthemum was organized at Gaylord, May 23, by Louise A. Turek, G. M., with 25 charter members. Mrs. H. Ella Cooper, W. M.; N. L. Parmenter, W. P.; Mrs. J. B. Elliott, A. M.; Mrs. Rae E. Kramer, Sec. Regular meetings, the second Wednesday preceding full moon.

Monday evening June 4, was the third anniversary of Radiant Chapter, St. Johns. The Grand Patron was present by special invitation. There were representatives from Ithaca, Maple Rapids, Elsie and Dundee, over two hundreds in all. The degrees were conferred upon four candidates. A fine literary program interspersed with music filled out the evening, and closed with a royal banquet.

MINNESOTA.

In your issue of last month, in the report of the Grand Chapter proceedings of this State, which report has been somewhat criticized, and which report is attributed to the undersigned, in some way, undoubtedly through an oversight, the names of some who were active in bringing about the much desired union, and without whose labors it could not have been consummated, were overlooked. It certainly could not have been the intention of the reporter to have slighted any one. It goes without saying that had it not been for the untiring efforts of Brother W. H. Ware, now deceased, who labored up to the time of his death in season and out of season to bring it about; and during the past year through the indefatigable labors of Sister Flora A. Moore, G. M. of No. 1, who labored with her chapters incessantly, and then

through the efforts of Sister Moore, Brothers Edwards, Needham and others at the special meeting held in Minneapolis, was it alone possible to bring about the union. Justice demands that those who were active on both sides should receive proper credit for what they were able to accomplish. The union has been perfected and cemented, and it is to be hoped that in the future Minnesota will go forward in the work of propagating the success of the Order, one in spirit, one in fraternity and one in good deeds, until the Gopher State shall become one of the brightest stars in the Eastern Star firmament.

A. P. SWANSTROM.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Nine petitions were received by Athena Chapter, Orange, at its regular meeting June 13. It was voted to omit the regular meetings of July and August, but the matter of a lawn party or picnic to be held during the vacation was discussed. Athena Chapter does not give the floral work oftener than once a year, but owing to the fact that so few of its members were able to see the exemplification of the floral work, May 16 before the G. C., the work was repeated at the June meeting in a manner that pleased all.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, held its regular meeting June 11, and adjourned until September. The work of the Order was exemplified on three candidates for the benefit of the visitors, which included 30 from Granite Chapter, Milford and smaller delegations from Columbia Chapter, Upton; Vesta Chapter, Charlestown; Ruth Chapter, Chelsea; Orient Chapter, South Framingham; Magdaline Chapter, Maynard, and Ivy Chapter, Warren, Maine. Prior to the degree work 200 sat down to a royal banquet, and following the work was a social hour, and speeches by hosts and visitors. The occasion was fitting close to a successful season's work. Last week a day and evening was given to our children, and the children of many years enjoyed the occasion even more, if possible, than the babies themselves. Next year Mizpah Chapter will have the honor of entertaining the G. C. and it is our desire that every chapter in Mass. may be largely represented.

E. J. B.

June 15 Themis Chapter, Athol, held a special meeting. A cordial invitation was extended to Athena Chapter and forty-nine responded. Several others would have attended had not duties called them elsewhere. Notwithstanding the excessive heat and terrible dust we enjoyed the four miles drive and were well repaid by the royal manner in which we were entertained in Athol. The hall was handsomely decorated with maiden-hair fern, daisies and lillies. The degrees were conferred upon three candidates in a most excellent manner, every officer showing marked enthusiasm and interest in the work. The altar and star chairs were then removed and the floral work including a delightful

march and the poem was perfectly given. Singing was interspersed at various points in the ritual and floral work. That by the Star Officers after forming the cross and star in the floral march, deserved especial praise. After the meeting closed all were invited to the banquet hall where a delicious supper was temptingly spread. These friendly visits are of untold value, I believe, to our chapters, since they increase our interest in the work and strengthen the bonds that unite us. *

NEBRASKA.

The officers of Tuscan Chapter were installed June 18 by the retiring W. M., Sister Mollie E. Haggard. While, owing to the "hard times" the chapter has not largely increased in membership "peace and harmony" prevails. After the close of chapter ice cream and cake were served and all heartily enjoyed the evening.

H.

June 9 Crystal Chapter, Scotia, installed her officers for the ensuing year, Bro. H. S. Sprecher, W. P., acting as installing officer. Crescent Chapter, North Loup, was with us at this time and an enjoyable evening was spent. After the work was finished an elegant collation was served. Crystal Chapter starts on another year's work with bright prospects and renewed vigor.

NEW YORK.

Day Star Chapter, Brooklyn, met June 6, and was honored by a large number of visitors—the G. M., Sister Raymond, and several P. G. M.s and P. G. P.s. One candidate was initiated and the work was very nicely rendered. After the ceremony of initiation brief remarks were made by the visitors, all complimenting the officers for the excellence of the work.

On June 7 Crandall Chapter, Brooklyn, was constituted and its officers installed by the Grand officers. The ceremony was very nicely rendered, and was the first official act of the newly installed Grand Officers. The room was crowded with members and visitors. The ceremony was interspersed with music, which added much to the work. Brief speeches followed and all conceded the evening to have been most enjoyably and profitably spent.

On June 9 Orient Chapter, Brooklyn, gave a reception to Sister Elizabeth Paterson, the newly elected G. M. About 125 persons were in attendance to participate in the festivities. The East and dais were handsomely festooned

with flags, banners, and various emblems of the Order. Sister Baylis, the A. M., presided in the absence of the W. M., who is extremely ill. The G. M. was escorted to the dais by Sisters Barber and H. Burrell, and after the address of welcome and response, Rev. J. H. Beale, in behalf of the chapter, presented to Sister Paterson a floral horseshoe. The degrees of the Order were conferred on two candidates. Addresses were made by prominent guests and refreshments were served.

During the month of December, 1866, at the old church then standing on the corner of Grand and Crosby Streets, New York City, the Masons held a fair to raise money for the present Temple and Home, both of which are now completed and free of debt. The ladies attending the various tables of the lodges became so well acquainted, that at the conclusion they were loth to break the pleasant associations, and the result was that 18 formed themselves into a society. As the lodge known as the Eastern Star was the most conspicuous, it is presumed that name suggested itself as a suitable one for the new Order. These 18 continued their meetings until about October 1868, when the present form of ritual was adopted. In Nov. 1870 a convention was called and the Grand Chapter was organized. At the banquet held on June 6, in honor of the 25th anniversary but 5 of the members participating in the organizing were present, viz: Robert Macoy, Sisters Frances E. Johnson, Christiana Buttrick, Elizabeth B. H. St. John and Mary Woodruff.

TEXAS.

Kopperl Chapter, Kopperl, was organized April 10 by Rachel M. Swaim, D. D. G. M., assisted by J. K. Bowman, D. D. G. P., and several members of Joshua and Whitney Chapters, with thirty-two charter members. Mrs. M. H. Barry, W. M., Mr. Rice Maxey, W. P.; Mrs. L. B. Vaneaton, A. M. Mart Chapter is progressing nicely. They are to have an all day meeting on July 14. The Masonic brothers have recently purchased a beautiful new carpet and made other valuable improvements in the hall, all of which the sisters appreciate very much.

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repair to the chapter room Bro. Lowman, W. P., asked the company's attention and rising, he in behalf of the chapter presented to your humble servant, a spoon, pearl and frosted with silver—his words of commendation, in spite of all my will power brought tears to my eyes, and I was utterly at a loss as to words in which to express my appreciation of this most unexpected and, it seemed to me, unmerited gift. May I live to prove my sincere appreciation of the generous sisterly and brotherly regard that was so freely bestowed upon me by Eureka members; My thanks are due Bro. and Sister Wilkinson, and Bro. and Sister Lowman, for great kindness while in the city of McCook.

ANNA E. MUSSELMAN, G. M.
OHIO.

One of the most delightful entertainments ever given in our village was the entertainment tendered Lake Erie Chapter, Ashtabula; and Rose Chapter, Conneant, by Orion Chapter, Kingville, at the Union Hall, at their last June meeting. A large number of guests from both places were present. A very pleasing program was given, consisting of music and readings. Miss Frankie Holden giving three selections, which were heartily enjoyed. After the program a choice banquet was served at Eastman's hall. The tables were beautifully decorated with bouquets of choice flowers, potted ferns and Eastern Star emblems filled with cut flowers. Each guest was presented with a hand-painted souvenir. Toasts were responded to by the guests and members of Orion Chapter, and a reading was given by Miss Ida Subin. At an early hour in the morning the guests departed apparently well pleased with the entertainment.

M. N. O.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Crescent Chapter, St. Lawrence, is prosperous and feels honored in that one of its members, Sister Lou Child, was selected for the position of Grand Adah.

TEXAS.

Port Lavaca Chapter, Port Lavaca, was organized June 28 by Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, D. D. G. M., assisted by W. S. Hoskins, and 45 visiting members of Violet Chapter, Victoria. The new chapter starts out with a charter membership of 30, under favorable conditions. Mrs. C. T. Scott, W. M.; J. H. Lawless, W. P.; Miss Kate Moore, A. M., and Miss F. Bickford, Sec. The new chapters at Beeville, Goliad and Victoria are all having interesting meetings and many accessions.

WASHINGTON.

Golden Rod Chapter is gaining links now and then, and have taken up the floral work. About half the members attended the Grand Chapter in June, and had a very pleasant time. We have an officer in the Grand Chapter—our P. M. was elected A. C. S. D. D.

WISCONSIN.

Orient Chapter, Mazomanie, has met with sorrow in parting with an aged sister—the

oldest member, but we feel assured that beyond the "Valley of the shadow of Death" there will be a reunion where neither pain or sorrow can enter. This is the second death since the organization of the chapter, three years ago last January.

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MRS. ELEANOR BURTON.

Grand Matron of New York, 1874.

The subject of this sketch first joined Olive Branch Chapter of Brooklyn, N. Y., and was initiated on Feb. 8th. 1871. During the autumn of the year just named she was selected to be the first Worthy Matron of Stella Chapter, which was organized on Nov. 2nd of that year. This office was filled by her for three years almost, and so acceptably that she was the recipient of several testimonials, among which was an elegant gold watch. This gift she wears to this day, as a fitting tribute of the respect in which she was held by the whole order, as all the chapters were identified in the testimonial.

She held the office of Grand Matron during the year 1874, and has also served another term of Worthy Matron, as well as serving on one or two instances when the incumbents were prevented from attendance on account of prolonged illness.

Sister Burton is a constant attendant at the sessions of the Grand Chapter, and takes great pride in the record that she has attended every session except that of the formation in November 1870, and in these numerous meetings she has been prominently identified with every deliberation, and always with the popular interest of the body. For the last quarter of a century, almost, she has visited the many chapters in this jurisdiction and vicinity, and the result is that nearly every chapter has made her an honorary member. She is a warm and ardent admirer of the Order of Eastern Star, and believes that it is most beneficial for woman. Time does not make her weary of the work, but failin

health has been the means of checking her efforts, but not her enthusiasm and zeal. She has resided in Brooklyn for nearly four decades.

On the recent celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the organization of Stella Chapter, which occurred in November, Brother H. C. Sawtelle, Past District Deputy Grand Master, made the following remarks in the presentation of a basket of flowers, and the sentiment

(though meagre and feeble it must be) to give expression to our appreciation of those attributes. And there has been arranged, and it is my pleasant privilege to ask your acceptance of these flowers. They are nature's charms, her jewels, lovely as ever shone on the fair bosom of Earth. They bear the perfume of Paradise, and their tints out-rival the brightest gems that ever sparkled in Monarch's crown.

When we contemplate their beautiful forms so marvelous in their construction, we cannot help being convinced that the hand which made them is divine.

They blossom where the song bird builds its nest, and nod sweet greetings to the summer breeze that kisses them as it passes, and their beauty is reflected in the crystal stream that flows from the mountain crown of eternal snow, to the blossoming dells of endless summer. They are the language of love, they cluster around our cradle; cheer the pathway of life, and lovingly bend over our graves. Severed from their parent stem, they soon droop, wither and die like every living thing we love. Aye, even while I speak their beautiful forms so fragrant in their perfumes, are imperceptibly, yet surely yielding to the influence of dissolution.

Take them, fair lady, fading though they be, for truly hath said the Bard, 'You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will, but the sent of the roses will cling 'round it still.' So Sister Burton, when these friends here around you shall have been scattered like the flowers in bloom; some to their bridal, some to their tomb; may the recollection that you have their love and esteem, cling around your memory like the scent of the roses around the shattered vase.

Sister Burton, I know that I not only make



of the same will indicate the respect and regard in which she is held by the members of this jurisdiction.

"Sister Burton, Past Grand Matron:—It is with peculiar satisfaction that we have noted your labors, your zeal and your fidelity; it is with peculiar satisfaction that we have noted in you those elements of character which constitutes the noble woman. And we desire

audible the beating of every heart here to-night, but hundreds of others when I say, May the Supreme Grand Patron make the pathway such that you may pass smoothly down life's declivity, and when you shall have reached the end of life's journey, may you hear Angel's voices singing, 'All is well.'

Take them, fair sister, they bear with them our friendship, our esteem, and our blessing."

STORIES OF LITERARY INTEREST IN CONCORD, MASS.

The old home of Ralph Waldo Emerson is a plain square wooden structure, standing in a grove of pine trees. Tall chestnut trees stand in an old-fashioned yard leading to the plain yellow barn in the rear.

The gate in front always stands open. A hall divides the house. There are two large square rooms on each side, both above and below. The first door to the right leads to the study. In the center is a long mahogany table covered with books and writing material. In this room many of Emerson's best books have been written. The furniture and belongings of the room are old-fashioned, even the low grate placed in a large fireplace, calls up the dim and musty past, before stoves and furnaces were so generally used. On the mantle are busts and statuettes of men prominent in great reforms, and an image brought from the Nile. The parlor which occupies the south east quarter of the house is very pleasant. The curtains and carpet are of a cheerful color, which are heightened by the bright fire that burns on the old-fashioned hearth in winter. It was in this cheerful, cosy parlor, that Alcott's "Conversations" were held, which called together such an array of literary talent, such as Alcott, Emerson, Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, and others, each of which was a star in the literary firmament. The Emerson house stands on the old Lexington road. When I passed the house in 1887 the gate stood open as if to welcome the visitor, as when Mr. Emerson lived, although five years before he had been borne through the open passage to Sleepy Hollow cemetery, where a pine tree sings his requiem, and an irregular pink quartz of large dimensions, guards the sleeping dust of the man whose words charmed thousands on each side of the Atlantic. Simply grand and unostentatious in life, his ideas were carried out in the house, the funeral and his last resting place.

THE OLD MANSE HOUSE.

Perhaps there is no house in America that possesses more interest, if we except the home of Washington at Mount Vernon, than the Old Manse at Concord. It was built in 1765 for the Rev. Wm. Emerson. We walked through an avenue of trees to the house, and as we had no literary or other claims, except curiosity, did not go in, but we did long to see the room where Emerson wrote "Nature" and many of his best poems. It was here Haw-

thorne wrote his "Mosses from an Old Manse." In this same room the wife of Rev. Wm. Emerson watched the progress of the fight April 19, 1775. Could the walls of the old-fashioned dining room speak, they would tell of the many honored guests, especially the old-time ministers who were wont to hold their solemn feasts around the long table that extended nearly the whole length of the narrow hall. The furniture, I was told, has been modernized, but the exterior with its quaint belongings seemed very aged to Aunt Lucia.

THE HOME OF NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

Is "The Wayside," as its gifted owner called it. In 1852 the Wayside passed from the hands of Bronson Alcott to Mr. Hawthorne. In writing to a friend Mr. Hawthorn said, "I know nothing of the history of the house except Thoreau's telling me that it was inhabited by a man, a generation or so ago, who believed he should never die. I believe he is dead; at least I hope so; else he may appear and dispute my title to his residence."

It also stands on the Lexington road. The house has somewhat of a domestic air. About one-half of it is as it was when the red coats marched past it up to the North Bridge, resolutely determined to annihilate our stores and our army. The house is surrounded by a low hedge, while nearer town is a forest of firs, pitch pine, larches, elms, oaks and white birch. We saw "The Path in the Woods" where he walked back and forth when in a composing mood. Hawthorne died in 1864 and I was told that "nothing had been done to preserve the path his footsteps made; and nature as if in sympathy with his genius refused to obliterate it." Perhaps it can be explained from natural causes, for we are told that of all the works of man that nothing remains so long as earth works and roads. The old roads built by the Romans in France are still in a good state of preservation. When I visited Maine in 1887, after an absence of forty years, I found an old road that communicated with uncle's farm. What strange sensations it produced as I again walked over the old highway that my childish feet had pressed, and also those who are now walking the golden streets of the city where death never comes. One word of the Hawthorne home. The whole place seems to be imbued with his character open to all the world, yet unobtrusive and retiring. One end of the house was covered with vines, while the dark pines in front and evergreens on the hill back of the house gave it somewhat of a sombre appearance. The scenery is brightened by the broad meadows and fertile valleys which he saw from his study in the tower. When I was in Concord it was the summer residence of Daniel Lathrop, the well known publisher, who bought it of George Parsons Lathrop, Hawthorne's son-in-law, in 1879. Here resides Mrs. Lathrop whose nom de plume is Margaret Sidney. As she attends the same church that my cousins do, I had the pleasure of meeting her. I noticed in her dress the

absence of show and jewelry. July 27, 1884, their daughter Margaret was born, probably the first child born under this ancient roof for a century or more. The child was playing on the porch, as we passed. We wondered if the mother who sat there sewing "Margaret Sidney" was not thinking of "Five Little Peppers and how they grew" as she watched her child. Mr. Lathrop has not changed the original design of the grounds. While the interior shows every relic of Hawthorne carefully preserved.

Hawthorne's grave at Sleepy Hollow cemetery is surrounded by a low arbor vitae hedge. At the head is a plain stone simply bearing his name opposite a footstone bearing his initials, modest and unostentatious even in death.

WHAT SHOULD BE.

Within the sacred recesses of the Chapter room we should meet upon the level, upon terms of equality, as members of one great family, as brothers and sisters united for a single purpose—that of doing good.

United for the purpose of aiding, comforting and protecting "each other in our journey through the labyrinth of human life." Religious, political, personal or private views or beliefs have no place in our sessions or in our Chapter rooms. Our great object of promulgating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth can be best accomplished in their absence. The Worthy Matron should never permit the discussion of these subjects during the sessions of the Chapter. The members should leave their personal, political and religious differences behind them when they enter the Chapter room. More congenial and profitable subjects of discussion, subjects more in touch with the spirit and objects of our Order, should occupy our mind at such times. No argument is necessary to convince the thoughtful mind that subjects which, from the nature of our Institution, are improper to be discussed at the sessions of our Chapters, are likewise unsuited for discussion in our Chapter rooms when the Chapter is not in session.

How unseemly would be such differences and such discussion in a House of the Lord! They are none the less so in a building dedicated to humanity, "to charity, truth and loving kindness."—Observer, in Square and Compass.

There are two things that will make us happy in this life, if we attend to them. The first is never to vex ourselves about what we cannot help; and the second, never to vex ourselves about what we can help.—Chatfield.

If the whole world should agree to speak nothing but the truth, what an abridgement it would make of speech, and what an unraveling there would be of the invisible webs which men, like so many spiders, now weave about each other.

THE OPENING YEAR.

Your hand, New Year, since we must comrades be
Through the strange circles of the seasons
four,

Plodding in lonely paths 'mid drifting snow
When days are dark, and whirling tempests roar.
Will your strong guiding arm be 'round me pressed?
And when the ice-bars melt, and warm blue streams
Laugh in the sun, and leap toward the sea,
Will you, then, share my happy spring-time dreams—
The waking songs that birds and poets know?
And when red roses burn on beaded sprays,
And lovers roam through shadowy woodland ways,
Will you keep kindly pace? And last when brown
Lie the sweet fields, and faded leaves come down,
And we are tired, both, and fain to rest—
Will you be friends with me, still true and near?
Then take my hand and heart, dear comrade year.

MADELINE S. BRIDGES, in Ladies' Home Journal.

OPHELIA'S FACE.

BY JULIA BACON.

It was a bleak September morning. All night long the rain had fallen in torrents. The small, and usually tranquil creek that bounded two sides of Panola Grange, north and west, had swollen beyond its proper limits, and its waters, white with foam, rushed madly along over rocks and fallen timber. During the night, the rustic bridge had been swept away, leaving only one lone post to mark the place where once it stood.

Overhead, the clouds were still dark and heavy, as if the rains were not yet over, and threatening a few days of equinoctial weather, while the wind wailed mournfully among the tops of the tall pines.

Mounted on a small pony, a young girl rode slowly along the road leading to the turbulent creek. The pony was slightly limping, and as she patted its neck she said:

"Poor little, ill-used thing! If the ground was less watery and sloppy, I would surely walk and relieve you of my weight. Oh, Beulah, if you had not gone lame on this particular morning, we might have crossed the creek an hour ago, and been at home in another hour."

Just then she caught the sound of the roaring water, and lifted her head to listen. The pony limped around a bend of the road, and as the whole view burst upon her astonished gaze, she uttered an exclamation of dismay. The pony stopped of its own accord.

"Oh, how very unfortunate! The bridge is gone! What must I do? Beulah, you are too lame to go back to the village—a good six miles and I know not where else to go in this unsettled wilderness. We have neither friends or acquaintances to give us shelter on this side of Panola creek.

The pony stood still and stared at the swollen stream, with head erect; presently, she began to grow restive and pricked up her ears. "Be quiet Beulah, you hear nothing but the roar of the rushing water. I never supposed such a quiet little stream could get into such a rage. Where does all the water come from, I wonder."

"From Craddock's mill; the dam has broken," answered a voice quite near. She

started and turned her head. A young man apparently of twenty-three years had ridden up unheard; the noise of the water drowning the splashing of his horse's hoofs in the wet, sandy, road. Meeting her eyes, he touched his hat; she slightly inclined her head, while the pony stretched out her neck and with her nose touched the young man's horse in friendly welcome.

"The bridge is gone, you see?"

"Yes, and I am left stranded on a foreign shore," she replied half humorously and half anxiously.

"But not on an inhospitable one I assure you," he responded courteously, and seeing her look of anxiety, he continued: "From this point of observation a stranger might suppose this part of the country uninhabited, but such is not the case. This thick grove of trees on the left, hides my own home, Panola Grange, from the road-view, albeit it stands scarcely a quarter of a mile from the highway upon which we are. Did you come this morning to cross the bridge?"

"Yes, I live three miles on the other side, and am anxious to get to my journey's end. How can I cross?"

"After all the water is emptied out of Craddock's mill-pond and the stream before us has regained its natural condition, it can safely be forded about a mile below."

"How many hours do you think I shall be forced to wait, before I can cross at the ford?"

"It depends upon the weather; if the weather is clear, in twenty-four hours, you might cross, but if the rains continue, as we may expect at this season of the year,—"

"Oh, I am sure I do not know what I shall do! Yesterday I came over on an errand in the village for Miss Briggs, and about the time I was getting ready to start back, the storm set in, and I was forced to remain at the hotel all night. I left there this morning at light, thinking to be home in time for breakfast, but my pony has gone unaccountably lame, or I should have been here over an hour ago."

"Even then, you could not have crossed."

The girl looked the annoyance she felt.

"I am sorry to distress you, but I must tell you that you are water-bound and must make a virtue of necessity and breakfast on this side of Panola creek."

"Indeed, I can not. Do you think the pony can swim the ford?"

"Can you swim?"

"Not one bit."

"Nor can the pony, she is too aged; you would both go to the bottom like a shot."

"I am certainly in a dilemma. I know no one on this side of the creek and am averse to claim a strangers hospitality. My pony is too lame to carry me back to the village, and as you have said you live near here, will you not do me the favor to lend me a horse to get back there?"

"Anything I can do for you will be done

with pleasure. You have only to command me Miss—"

"Wayne. Ethel Wayne. I am Mrs. Briggs' governess."

"And I am Clyde Randolph, Mrs. Stanhope's nephew. Mrs. Stanhope lives with me at Panola Grange, and will be pleased to receive you as her guest—"

"But I am going back to the hotel at the village," she said quickly, "and you are going to let me have a horse to ride, are you not?"

"Certainly," he replied with an amused smile and with exultation in the tone of his voice. "But you will accompany me to Panola Grange and breakfast while your horse is being groomed and saddled, and then I shall accompany you to the village myself. But 'The plans of men and mice oft gang alee,'" he added, as scattering drops of rain began to fall. "With your permission Miss Wayne, we will turn our horses heads in the direction of the Grange. My aunt is doubtless wondering what has become of me."

"Mr. Randolph, I feel in such an unpleasant position."

"Excuse me, but I think you are over-sensitive. You even feel at this moment, I dare say, that you are an intruder or trespasser upon the hospitality of strangers. I beg you not to indulge in any such unpleasant thoughts, and do not look upon us as quite strangers. My aunt is the dearest old darling in all the world! She and you know each other by sight already. She has tried repeatedly to make your acquaintance since you came to reside with the Briggses, for she asserts that you are the living image of a dear, departed friend of her youth. So make your mind easy, Miss Wayne; she will give you a hearty welcome."

"I have often seen her at church and noticed that she regarded me with kindly looks, but being only a governess—"

"Pardon me for interrupting you, but my aunt is anything but a snob, she can recognize merit, if not good birth and breeding, even in 'only a governess.'"

After a short silence he spoke again.

"That poor, little pony you are on needs attention; she is growing lame indeed. Something is the matter with her shoe, it seems."

"She was shod yesterday at the village blacksmith's."

"Ah! a bad job. I will have her looked after, and by tomorrow she will be all right." Another pause and he asked:

"Miss Wayne, have you ever seen me before today?"

"Several times."

"May I ask where?"

"Playing croquet on the lawn at Mr. Briggs'."

"Yes, I have visited there several times since you became an inmate in the family. How is it that I never met you until by accident today? Are you naturally unsocial?"

"Not in the least, but I never force my acquaintance or my company on gentlemen, unasked."

"I have asked for you."

"I was never told so. What excuse did you receive?"

"The same excuse that my aunt received two different times that she called there—that you were very busy and desired to be excused."

"Curious, isn't it?"

"Very," he replied dryly.

"My aunt desires to make your acquaintance, having heard that you are from Virginia, her native state."

"It rejoices me to hear you say that. I shall not feel now much like a stranger or an interloper, when I meet her. Thank you for telling what you have told me. It throws light on other curious incidents."

"I am glad that I have told you if it will put you at ease with us at the Grange, and I am very glad indeed, that we have met in this informal way. I felt all the time that I should meet you, sooner or later, in spite of—"

He brought himself up suddenly with a laugh.

"Turn to your left, Miss Wayne, You can now see something of the Grange. 'Dost like the picture?'"

The view was certainly attractive, without the least claim to grandeur or magnificence. A bit of landscape restful and comforting.

A broad, extensive park surrounding a modern two-story dwelling of gray stone standing in a natural grove of oaks and elms. The carriage-way from the park gate was level and bordered with native low growing shrubs and plants, wild azaleas and ferns, laurels, dwarf yuccas and palms predominating. The brick wall, not higher than, deer can jump, was literally covered with native vines, yellow jasmine, wisteria, woodbine, clematis, trumpet-flower and others more humble but not less lovely.

Ethel was not slow in expressing her admiration, and silently acknowledged that she 'liked the picture.'

[To be continued.]

GIRLHOOD'S CHARM IN WOMAN.

The woman who keeps the sympathy of her girlhood, its generous impulses and quick sympathies, and who adds to her natural gifts the enlargement of study and the crown of experience, is always at her best and never past it. When the exterior attractions of form and color diminish and depart, as they mostly do, the radiance of our inner illumination will more than compensate their departure. But in order that they should be so her moral must equal her intellectual gain. She must be willing to learn not only her powers, but her defects also, and to court the good influences which can help her to escape from the delusions of sense and the fatal tyranny of self-consciousness. She must discard the petty measures of vanity and self-seeking and learn to love her race, her country and the humanity which she should help to adorn.—Julia Ward Howe.

GRAND CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Another link has been added to the chain of Grand Chapters. A call was recently issued, from the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary of General Grand Chapter, for a convention of the several chapters in Pennsylvania, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Chapter. The call was made for Nov. 21st, at Scranton. At ten o'clock of that day the delegates assembled in the Hall of Martha Washington Chapter No. 3. Bro. A. B. Holmes, Worthy Patron, called to order, when it was ascertained that the chapters were not all represented and the meeting was called off until 10 a. m. next day, Nov. 22d. Promptly at the hour called, the meeting was called to order. Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, was invited to act as chairman, and Mrs. Elvira Fear, as Secretary pro tem. A roll call was made and all five chapters reported present. There were twenty-two delegates and members. The Credential Committee was Sisters Eaton, Fear and Outwater.

Bro. A. B. Holmes gave a short address of welcome, responded to by Bros. Shaffer, Gleason and others. The Committee on Constitution was appointed: Bros. Holmes, Gleason and Shaffer, Sisters Mills and Winterstein, after which the convention called off until 1:30 p. m., when it was again called to order. The Constitution and rules of order were then adopted and the officers elected as follows:

Mrs. Annette Gorman, West Pittston, Grand Matron.

Philip C. Shaffer, Philadelphia, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Center, Associate Grand Matron.

A. B. Holmes, Scranton, Associate Grand Patron.

Dr. Geo. W. Gleason, Susquehanna, Grand Secretary.

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

Mrs. Adell Outwater, Susquehanna, Grand Conductress.

Miss Anna Broadbent, Scranton, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Grand Matron appointed the following officers:

Mrs. Phebe Skillham, Scranton, Grand Marshall.

Mrs. Alice Eaton, Scranton, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Kate M. Dierker, Philadelphia, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Eva J. Sprague, Duke Center, Grand Esther.

Mrs. Mary A. Strachen, Susquehanna, Grand Martha.

Mrs. J. P. Winterstein, West Pittston, Grand Electa.

Mrs. George Daner, Duke Center, Grand Warder.

Mrs. W. J. Saunders, Philadelphia, Grand Sentinel.

The Grand Officers were installed by Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

There were then several resolutions introduced. The Grand Matron, Grand Patron and Grand Secretary were appointed a committee to devise and procure a seal, and purchase all necessary supplies for the workings of the Grand Chapter. Three hundred copies of the proceedings were ordered printed. Thanks were given the members of Scranton for their generous hospitality in entertaining the delegates.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron gave a few words of counsel and encouragement, after which the First session of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania closed to meet in Philadelphia on the 3rd Tuesday of November 1895.

The officers of Martha Washington Chapter exemplified the work in a very creditable manner, giving the Floral work as well. Questions were asked and corrections made. It was a very pleasant and instructive session.

M. C. S.

NOTES BY MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

The Grand Matron of Pennsylvania was the first Worthy Matron of the first Chapter organized in the State, Wyoming No. 1, of West Pittston.

The afternoon of Nov. 21st was spent in a delightful ride around the "Electric City" as Scranton is called. Bros. Holmes and Godshall took charge of a party of twelve ladies showing us the wonders and beauties of the many hills.

Sister Outwater and myself were the guests of Sister Alice Eaton, Worthy Matron of Martha Washington Chapter, and her husband, Bro. Jas. Eaton is Worshipful Master of his Lodge. He is also Chief Engineer of the Mining Dept. of the D. L. & W. R. R. Through his kindness a large party was conducted through the Oxford Mine, an extensive hard coal mine. Bro. Metz, the engineer, lowered us carefully down, down, down, over five hundred feet. We found a strong current of fresh air blowing, large avenues with polished roof, and the lights from our miner's lamps threw out fitful shadows. Then too, we had been told to "look out for rats" the miner's pests.

We were a merry crowd, twelve ladies, two boys and our guide, with Bro. Eaton as master of ceremonies. We went through passage after passage; at length we found the end of one avenue. Each was in turn given the pick, and each "mined" a piece of the beautiful black diamond to carry home as a souvenir of the visit. We then visited the stables. There we saw 38 mules who live sheltered from storm and sunshine, in these mines. Some of them have not been above ground for eight years, and it is said if taken up on a bright day they are blind for a short time, but as their sight is restored, and they see their surroundings they act as though crazy. They caper, jump and squeal for joy, fairly intoxicated with happiness.

Thursday evening Brothers Holmes and Godshall conducted the same party through the Steel Rail Mill. It was all explained to us by

the very affable guide and was a trip long to be remembered. We then went through the Elk's Club House. This is certainly one of the finest in the land. The lodge room is fitted up elegantly, the electric lighting being especially fine, capable of being lowered down almost to total darkness, something new in electricity. The reading room and parlors are exquisite.

Friday found all the delegates gone to their respective homes except "yours truly," who spent the entire day in the company of one of the most genial of gentlemen, Bro. Al. Godshall. Armed with an order that proved an "open sesame" to every factory visited. They spent several hours in each of the large manufacturing for which Scranton is famous. The first was the Woolen Knitting factory, where the finest underwear is brought forth from wool and cotton so deftly interwoven as to defy the most skillful critic. Then the button factory, where all sorts and conditions of buttons are made. The guide said to the lady, here is the queerest button you ever saw. What do you suppose it is used for? She answered, "That is a poker chip," and it was, and they make enough of them in that factory to ruin all the men in the country. The next in order was the silk factory. This is a very large concern employing 1200 girls ranging from 8 to 18 years of age. There was \$350,000 worth of raw silk in the vaulted wareroom. The reason we did not bring a dress pattern home for a souvenir was this:—They refused to furnish the SLEEVES.—After all this walking and seeing we were pretty hungry, so a restaurant was found. A good meal restored us completely, and although it was raining and cold we boarded another car and went to Providence to go through the Lace Curtain factory. This was a rare treat. The intricate machinery, the designing room, and every department was full of interest. It was six o'clock when we landed at Brother and Sister Eaton's, and it was a day never to be forgotten.

On Saturday morning I started for Johnstown, Pa., where I spent several days, then on to Indianapolis spending four hours with Sister Ransford, then to Bloomington, Ind., for two days, when I reached home again just two weeks from the time I left.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 20th, a special meeting was held by Canawacta Chapter No. 5, Susquehanna, to receive me when I stopped en-route to Scranton. There was a large attendance and a most delightful evening was spent.

The Worthy Matron, Mrs. Adell Outwater opened the meeting promptly and the officers exemplified the work. They had never seen the work rendered by any but New York Chapters and a few innovations were noted and corrected. When about through with the initiatory work two sisters from Scranton were announced. They were Sisters Alice Eaton, Worthy Matron, and Cora Buckingham, Secretary of Martha Washington Chap-

ter, No. 3. After the work was finished remarks on the good of the Order were made by Sisters Snedden, Eaton, Euckingham and others.

The three guests were "taken in" by the Worthy Matron, Sister Outwater. After a hearty midnight lunch we retired to meet at early breakfast and accompanied by Sister Outwater, all embarked for Scranton to attend the Convention for Grand Chapter.

PARENTAL AUTHORITY.

The most potent influence for the destruction of moral character has been, without doubt, lawless self-indulgence. Self-indulgence in maturity is the inevitable result of parental indulgence in childhood. The men and women of influence, at least in this republic, have been those whose moral fiber has been toughened by abstinence and frugality.

If it is stern discipline that quickens the mind and stirs into vitality whatever latent force the character may possess. Between all human beings there is a ceaseless strife for mastery. Sometimes it is an amicable conflict, but frequently it is violent, stubborn and cruel. The latter quality does not manifest itself at first, but it asserts itself with arrogance whenever rightful authority withdraws or weakly surrenders.

Says Emerson: "When a new boy comes into school, when a man travels and encounters strangers every day, or when into an old club a newcomer is domesticated, that happens which befalls when a strange ox is driven into a pen where cattle are kept. There is at once a trial of strength between the best pair of horns and the new comer and it is settled thenceforth which is the leader." It might have been added that the leadership thus achieved is seldom or never relinquished.

There are many small pleasures that can be permitted and requests that can be granted without harm, but parents who yield to every wish, however foolish, are sowing to reap whirlwind. The boy who is permitted to lie abed mornings until breakfast is half over, until he is too late to school or to business, is receiving the training of an incompetent and a sluggard. The habit will pursue him through his whole career, dooming him to poverty and misfortune.

That indulgence which palliates complaint of food and clothing, which tolerates brutal burst of temper because all has not been done that the selfish nature demanded, is certain schooling for a future bully and tryant, who will bring sorrow and misery into every life that touches his own.

The exercise of parental authority, though the child resist with tears and pleading, is absolutely necessary to its symmetrical, moral development, as are food and air and light to its physical well being. Failing to guide and control in childhood opens the way to failure

and ruin later in life. That which follows is not "the visitation of Providence," but the certain penalty for the violation of a necessary moral law.—Mary H. Krout in Chicago Inter Ocean.

TEXAS GRAND CHAPTER 1894.

The Grand Chapter of Texas met in its Twelfth annual meeting at Austin October 9. It was called to order by the Grand Matron, Pauline C. Harris. The address of welcome was given by Lilla T. Rector and the response was made by Laura B. Hart, Past Grand Matron. The Grand Matron's address showed a year of work well done. Of the year just past she says, "We all know this year has been one of financial depression, but now the prospects are so much brighter that I predict unheard of success in our Eastern Star. Notwithstanding all the disadvantages that we had to contend with we have had unparalleled success. Our wonderful growth has been almost phenomenal—thirty-six new chapters, eight revived chapters, and 1387 new members." She reported the appointment of thirty-one Deputy Grand Matrons, making especial mention of the work done by Sisters Berliner and Hoskins of whom she says—"If they were competing for a premium at the Dallas State Fair they would each be entitled to a blue ribbon."

The Grand Patron, Brother Tom Murrah in his address says:—

I hope and confidently trust that in the near future, linked hand in hand with every masonic lodge in the state, will be found a chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Then will our masonic brothers, in the practice of "brotherly love, relief and truth," find helping hands in their good work, find by Adah's lesson their fidelity to all moral obligations strengthened, find in Ruth's example a lesson of obedience to the demands of honor and justice; find in Esther's lesson the courage to support the weak against the tongue of slander, to live an upright life, spreading light, purity and joy about them; find in Martha's lesson a truthful faith and a hope of immortality; and in Electa's lesson find a renewal of their zeal in the cause of truth, which can outlive persecution, and a charity as broad and boundless as the needs and wants of poverty and distress; and finally, in our Order of the Eastern Star, find as true and faithful a guide as the seven wise men of the East found in the star that led them to Bethlehem.

The report on Correspondence was written by Sister Laura B. Hart and was particularly interesting.

A new Constitution and By-Laws, and By-Laws for Subordinate Chapters were adopted. A change from the old, vests the executive power in the hands of the Worthy Matron. The minimum fee is made \$3, and the per-capita tax \$.50. The charter fee is made \$30.

One evening session was used in the exemplification of the work by Tirzah Chapter. The following officers were installed by Grand Chaplain, Brother A. F. Hicks assisted by Brother R. G. Graves as Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Kirk, Grand Matron.

D. Ludlow, San Antonio, Grand Patron.

Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, Victoria, Associate Grand Matron.

L. S. Garrison, Dallas, Associate Grand Patron.

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

Mrs. Kate Birch, Denison, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Jennie Moore, Houston, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. J. D. Slawson, Bartlett, Associate Grand Conductress.

Tom Murrah, Austin, Grand Chaplain.

W. S. Hoskins, Victoria, Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Ruth Irwin, Mooreville, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Mae Gentry, Big Spring, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Anna Johnson, Austin, Grand Esther.

Mrs. Millsap, Coperas Cove, Grand Martha.

Miss Townsend, Kirk, Grand Electa.

Mrs. Sherburne, Denison, Grand Warder.

James H. Hogue, Fort Worth, Grand Sentinel.

Miss Nellie Hubbard, Dallas, Grand Organist.

The installation was followed by an elegant banquet served by Tirzah Chapter. Two very pleasant occasions were—The presentation of a beautiful basket of flowers brought from San Antonio as a token of esteem and respect from Adah Chapter for the Grand Matron. This presentation was made by Brother Ludlow and so surprised was the Grand Matron that tears was her only response but the Grand Patron gallantly came to the rescue and fittingly acknowledged the gift.—Past Grand Secretary, Brother J. D. Slawson was remembered by the sisters with a beautiful silver Nut Bowl—Sister Jennie Moore, Grand Conductress making the presentation. It is said that only women are given to tears but this instance proved that men also sometimes lose their self control.

Bro. Hicks, Past Grand Patron, presented to the representatives of Bartlett Chapter which is the latest organized, a tin rattle box which they were to use carefully and hand down to the youngest at the subsequent annual session.

The next meeting will be held at Dallas the second Tuesday in October 1895.

Thus ended one of the most successful and harmonious meetings ever held by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

A HANDSOME TREE.

One of the handsomest trees in the botanic gardens of Washington is a European hornbeam which was planted by Mr. Smith, the superintendent, about twenty-five years ago. It is very symmetrical in shape, and its branches spread out over a circle fifty feet in diameter. It has a stout trunk which breaks into a number of large limbs some four feet above the ground, although a distinct central stem continues much higher. The trunk measures six feet in circumference at its smallest point.—New York Post.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA 1894.

The Grand Chapter held its 22d annual session at the Masonic Temple, Sacramento, October 16, Grand Patron, Bro. Allen B. Lemmon, of Santa Rosa, presiding. Sixty-six chartered Chapters were represented.

From the address of the Grand Patron we learn that nine dispensations for new Chapters have been issued. In accordance with the action taken at the last session, charters were issued to the three Chapters in the State of Nevada: Electa, No. 120, at Austin; Esther, No. 121, at Carson; and Adah, No. 122, at Reno.

The Grand Patron made eighteen decisions, all except two of which were approved by the Grand Chapter. In conclusion Grand Patron Lemmon says: "I have no doubt of the value of this Society. Its teachings are of the most elevating character. Every Mason should be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and every good man should be a Mason. In many towns the attendance of Masons at our Chapter meetings is as great as at the usual convocations of the Lodge, and the working members of the Lodge are quite sure to be found in the Eastern Star Chapter. These men, most active and devoted Masons, find much of Masonry in this Order, and they have learned that a prosperous Eastern Star Chapter promotes the welfare of the lodge."

From the address of the Grand Matron, Sister Emma Haggood, of Marysville, we learn that she has granted special dispensations as follows: Three to elect officers; six to rebalot upon rejected petitions; and two to ballot upon petitions of persons who have not resided six months within the jurisdiction. During the year the Grand Matron has officially visited twenty-seven constituent Chapters.

The Grand Matron's address includes the report of the fourteen Deputy Grand Matrons of this jurisdiction, which show that the constituent Chapters, as a whole, are in a much better condition in every respect than ever before.

From the report of the Grand Secretary, Sister Kate J. Willats, we learn that the total membership in this Jurisdiction is now 7,409, being a net gain of 400 during the past year. The total receipts has been \$3,036.96; total disbursements, \$3,017.65. The total Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund of the Grand Chapter is \$1,841.20.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer, Sister S. Isabelle Hubbard, we learn that the total assets of the Grand Chapter is \$1,846.20, which includes \$1,039.25 deposited in the People's Home Savings Bank, a portion of which it is expected will be saved from the wreck in due course of time.

The petition for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter in San Francisco, to be known as Mission Chapter, was referred to the incoming Grand Patron.

The motion to meet at Los Angeles next year was decided in the affirmative by the Grand Patron, there being a tie vote.

All U. D. Chapters, except Fidelity, Dunsmuir, which was instituted very late in the year, and did not have its books and records before the Grand Chapter, were granted charters.

A committee of three were appointed to draft forms for trials.

At the future sessions of the Grand Chapter the minutes of each day's session will be printed and distributed among the members on the following morning.

The question of mileage of representatives was referred to the Finance Committee, to be reported upon at the next session.

By a unanimous vote of the Grand Chapter, the Stars and Stripes will hereafter be displayed at all its sessions. An example worthy of imitation by every Grand and constituent Masonic Body in the United States.

Tuesday evening, October 16, Naomi Chapter exemplified the work in a remarkably easy and perfect manner, followed by a reception and banquet.

On Thursday evening, the work was exemplified by Columbus Chapter in a most perfect and beautiful manner, followed by the rendering of the "Vocal Star" and the "Star Drill," two very beautiful ceremonies of Columbus Chapter. The evening closed with a reception and banquet.

On Friday evening, Naomi Chapter exemplified the "Olympian Degree" in a most interesting and amusing manner. Everything was perfect, even the G. O. S. T. The pass-word of the Olympian Degree, "Get Off And Treat" was punctually carried out, and again the banquet room was called into service. A dance ended the programme of the four day's session.

One and all agree in saying that the sisters and brothers of Sacramento are experts in the difficult art of entertaining. Many very highly commendatory remarks were publicly and privately made regarding the reception given the members of the Order.

The following are the officers installed for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Augusta D. Wilson, Oakland, Grand Matron.

Thos. Flint, Jr., San Juan, Grand Patron.

Mrs. H. E. Alexander, Los Angeles, Associate Grand Matron.

Powell S. Lawson, Sacramento, Associate Grand Patron.

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

Mrs. Julia M. Lubeck, Auburn, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary G. Dunn, Sacramento, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson, Benicia, Associate Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Charlotte Wood, Watsonville, Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Ida Stevens, St. Helena, Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Annie Sanborn, Lemoore, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Georgia B. Eddie, Arroyo, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Cora V. McKeag, Shasta, Grand Esther.

Mrs. Isadora Horton; San Francisco, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Phoebe T. Marshal, Reno, Nev., Grand Electa.

Mrs. Laura A. Barney, Dutch Flat, Grand Organist.

Mrs. Amanda Diniwiddie, Petaluma, Grand Warder.

Mrs. Benj. Woodworth, San Leandro Grand Sentinel.

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NEBRASKA.

Harmony Chapter, Columbus. During the month of November we have lost two of our officers, our A. M., Sister Green, who left for her new home in Lincoln, Neb., and our organist, Sister Flora Compton, whose family has just moved to San Diego, Cal.

Sister Green still holds her office, and meets with the Chapter once a month, but her loss is felt in our outside work, and in our social gatherings. On the last evening of her residence in Columbus, a special meeting was called, and a farewell reception and banquet was tendered her, the Chapter presenting her with a handsome gold souvenir spoon.

About two weeks later, Bro. and Sister Meagher offered the use of their pleasant home for a similar reception in honor of Sister Compton. A large proportion of the members were present, and a delightful evening was enjoyed by all. Sister Compton was presented with a beautiful orange spoon on behalf of the Chapter.

Notwithstanding several recent losses, Harmony is not falling behind. New petitions are being received, and new names have been added to our membership list.

Sister Meagher inaugurated the plan of having a social evening once a month for the members only. The first meeting was held at her house a few weeks ago, and was unanimously voted a success. It is our intention to keep up the custom throughout the winter, the different members taking turns in entertaining the Chapter. Much pleasure is anticipated by all.

H. H. S.

OREGON.

One more Chapter is added to our Constellation. Dec. 7, was one of the stormiest nights we ever had in Oregon and none but a thorough Oregonian would have turned out into the wind and rain. However, the raging storm did not prevent a merry party of members of our beautiful Order, from venturing out to take the 4:40 p. m. train for Hillsboro, whither we were bound to assist J. H. Bridgeford, G. P., to institute a new Chapter. We were met at the depot by our G. P. (who had preceded us) and a delegation of the petitioners, and escorted to the hotel where dinner was prepared for us.

At 7 p. m. we repaired to Masonic Hall, where we found 50 petitioners in waiting, and Tualatin Chapter was instituted in a manner

that convinced every one that the G. P. is thoroughly familiar with the work. Sister Littlefield was G. Mar. After the instituting ceremony, the "Ritual Work" was rendered by the following members of Myrtle, Pioneer and Lady Washington Chapters. The work was not up to the standard of Myrtle Chapter, still we believe it was an instructive lesson for Tualatin Chapter. We were favored with remarks by a number of able speakers. The most humorous and instructive was Judge McBride, who informed us why Eve was not a "Star," and also why King Solomon did not admit women into the mysteries of Masonry.

We predict a bright future for Tualatin Chapter, as its members are the leading residents of Hillsboro. Mrs. M. A. Hughes, W. M., Bro. W. D. Woods, W. P., Mrs. M. Hare, A. M. We were most cordially received and entertained by Tualatin Chapter, returning to Portland Saturday morning, all enthusiastic in their expressions of appreciation for their reception and entertainment. Thus closed an event long to be remembered by those who participated.

One of the prettiest installation ceremonies I ever witnessed, was the joint installation of Martha Washington and Myrtle Chapters, which took place Dec. 14, in Masonic Hall, (West side.) Sister W. B. Hall, D. D. G. M., served as installing officer. She was assisted by Sister M. Lutke, P. M., as G. Mar. The forming of "Our Star" with ribbon of the appropriate colors by the ten Star officers was very prettily done.

Masons and their families being invited, quite a number were present. How beautiful! were expressions we heard from every one. The following are the elected officers of Martha Washington: Sister B. M. Smith, W. M.; Bro. C. E. Miller, W. P.; Sister A. James, A. M.; Sister C. E. Rumsey, Sec.; Sister S. B. Guerin, Treas.; Sister C. Blakely, Con.; Sister D. L. Houston, A. C.

The following are the elected officers of Myrtle Chapter: Sister L. A. Bailey, W. M.; Bro. R. Martin, Jr., W. P.; Sister A. Pearson, A. M.; Sister F. E. Lounsbury, Sec.; Sister R. Freidner, Treas.; Sister J. Burke, Con.; Sister G. Pierce, A. C.

We were favored with the presence of Bro. J. H. Bridgeford, G. P. A good but lengthy program, vocal and instrumental, was rendered. Both Chapters have a very efficient corps of officers, which bespeaks prosperity for the coming year.

M. L.

PENNSYLVANIA.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—Believing that you will be interested in tidings relating to our Order, I will say that Keystone Chapter No. 2, Duke Center, has been a power for good in our midst. Its members are numbered with the best in the land. Another year has opened before us and though we may not look through its coming days with prophetic vision, let us hope that it will bring to us all a larger measure of happiness and prosperity than we have known before.

A few evenings ago we held our annual election of officers which was immediately followed by installation. Bro. P. L. Golden, P. P., assisted by Rata A. Mills, A. G. M., acting as Mar., conducted the installation ceremonies. For the ensuing year our Chapter will be officered as follows: Mary Grow, W. M.; John C. Mills, W. P.; Louisa Dana, A. M.; Eva Sprague, Sec.; John Chappell, Treas.; E. E. Salvage, Con.; Laura Duke, A. C. The appointive officers will be installed at our next regular meeting. There is one thing we should keep in mind, that the obligations laid upon everyone who is received into our ranks should make a deep impression, and each one should strive to live up to the vows taken at the altar, so that our Order may grow better and nobler as it increases in members.

KEYSTONE.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter, Salt Lake City, at their stated meeting held December 7, elected the following officers: Ann E. Budds, W. M., J. C. Budds, W. P., Mary E. Graham, A. M., Annie E. Potter, Sec., Susie H. Evans, Treas., Sallie Houghton, Con., Anna A. Robins, A. Con., Arthur M. Grant, Trustee.

On the 4th inst. we laid away Sister Mary Etta Clark, of Mistletoe Chapter No. 35, Fredonia, Kansas, it being the first time the Chapter has been called upon to use our beautiful and impressive burial service. Sister Clark, though not in membership with us, was loved by all who knew her. Since the organization of this Chapter she has been very helpful to us, always ready to assist us in filling temporary vacancies in officers, and doing her work well.

Bro. Clark has the sincere sympathy of this Chapter in his breavement which in due season will be conveyed to him.

WISCONSIN.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR: I believe we have never been represented in your worthy paper, and I take this opportunity to write you something in regard to Waukesha Chapter—hoping your readers will find as much pleasure in reading of us, as we find in gaining similar information in regard to other Chapters. We, as a young Chapter of only a little more than a year, can justly feel proud of our growth and our work. At our meeting Nov. 27, we presented to our Chapter and Matron a beautiful scarf becoming her station and our Order, and I am proud to say she has been unanimously elected for the coming year to wear it. At our last meeting Dec. 11, we elected officers for the coming year and initiated five candidates. We have been growing steadily since our organization, and now have over fifty members, and we are confident that another year will much more than double our present number. We are interested in all Chapters of the O. E. S., knowing the same star shines for all, guiding us in the same good work. May its influence always be with us, reminding us of the virtues it teaches.

H. J. R.

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Anamosa, Iowa.

THE EASTERN STAR says to all—"Happy New Year," and hopes that when 1895 shall have completed its course, the Order and its many members shall have recorded on its pages many "Red Letter days."

Some articles were crowded out of this issue, but will be given space in our next.

All subscriptions are continued until they are ordered discontinued by the subscriber and all arrearages are paid.

Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired and their renewal is earnestly solicited.

Any one who intends spending a few of the cold winter months in a pleasant and healthful climate, and look for first class accommodations in a private house, surrounded by orange trees, should correspond with John Hodler, Braidentown, Manatee county, Fla.

After November 1, 1894, the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, will be at 668 Kenmore Ave., Edgewater, Chicago, Ills., Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R., or Clark Street City Limits Car, connecting with the Electric Car direct.

Brother Alexander Hess, the newly elected Clerk of the Supreme Court and family, have taken up their residence in this city. Sister Hess is Past Matron of Wabash Chapter, and Past Department President W. R. C., and will be welcome to both Chapter and Corps.

Every member of the Order who desires to be informed of the work of the Order, should subscribe for some paper from which to learn of its doings. There is none better than THE EASTERN STAR, as it will prove to you if you will allow it a trial—subscribe and see.

The resolutions adopted by several Chapters in this Jurisdiction in memory of our deceased Grand Patron, Joseph A. Manning, have been sent for publication in THE EASTERN STAR. We are compelled to refrain from publishing any because of the space required for all.

Brother Frank M. Davis of Scottsburg, attended the recent meeting of the Scottish Rite and received the thirty second degree. He is the only man in Scott Co. who has reached that degree. Brother Davis is a lover of Masonry and while devoted to it he also shares his love with the O. E. S.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary, has been seriously ill with typhoid fever, but we are happy to say, and her many friends will also be happy to learn that she is convalescing. It is only the turn in the tide, and the coming back to strength and service is slow, and weeks must elapse before she will be again able to take up her duties full handed. May the improvement be speedy.

Sister Nettie Ransford is the only woman in the Order who owns and operates a printing office. All blanks for Chapter use are furnished by her and the work is done by sisters of the Order. By-Laws are printed and satisfaction guaranteed. Also cards of any description. Your patronage is solicited and it is hoped that a share may come this way.

Another year is added to the list of the departed and the story of its life is told. How many joys and sorrows are bound up in its closed pages, and how many who started out with it in the morning of its life, full of hope, have drooped by the wayside. A new year is waiting our welcome and we step upon the threshold with feelings of hesitation—wondering what it holds in its embrace for us. Well it is that it is opened only page by page, that upon them must be recorded mistakes and shortcomings is inevitable, because of the weakness of humanity, but they need not be blurred by wilful, premeditated misdoings—by the petty selfishness and injustice manifested so frequently one toward another. There is no especial merit in returning kind-

ness for kindness—any would do this. Let the pages of the new year bear as a first entry, worthy resolves, and then let them be conscientiously kept. Only by so doing can the last pages of '95 bear the record of "well done."

The officers have been elected and all things are now ready to enter upon a new year. But what of success or failure lie hidden in its embrace, only the unfolding days can tell. In the life of each Chapter it is possible to make the year one that may be counted as among its best. To do this it needs only that each member shall determine to consider first the good of the Order, and act in accordance with his or her convictions of right and duty. The officers were elected by the majority vote of the members present, and whatever may have been the choice before election, there should be but one choice after that. Every member should inwardly pledge loyalty and support, and manifest the honesty of their promise by faithful attendance and harmony of action. Each member is responsible in a measure for the weal or woe of the Chapter. The officers, having assumed the duties and responsibilities of office, should make the welfare of the Chapter a first and important consideration. Only sickness should prevent their attendance at the Chapter meetings, and no effort within their power and ability should be withheld, if by rendering it, the work may be advanced. Let each then, whether officer or member give only the best to this service. Let harmony be purchased by the surrender of self for the good of the whole, and let no spirit of discord mar the brightness of our Star, but let its light shine more and more through the kind words and good deeds of those who have seen His Star in the East, and have come to worship Him.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

It is said that after marriage the French woman gains her liberty, the English woman loses hers, and the American woman continues as before—to do as she pleases.

How fortunate we should all be if we were like the teacher of whom the little boy replied when asked if she taught the children politeness. "No she doesn't do anything. She just walks around and we all FEEL polite. We feel just as polite as—AS EVERYTHING!"

A bit of home'y philosophy appears in one of the new books which it might be well for us to carry into the coming year. "Ef ye pick a trouble it'll pick back, but there aint no trouble in the world kin stand up agin a good broad grin. So just ye give a grin stead of a kick, and ye'll feel all right."

I read that New Yorkers were fast becoming monologists, and went on far enough to

learn that a monologist is one who talks to himself without knowing it. It is said the principal cause of the disease is that we never allow our minds any periods of repose. We are said to be so full of plans and schemes that anything like a quiescent mood is unknown. Let us insist on some repose and not be called by that mighty name nor be classed with those people whom we have all met, and who look so foolish indulging in this habit.

"There is no such thing as luck in the world. There is only capability. Unlucky people are incapable in one direction or another."

How few people follow the advice Carlyle so wisely gave—that of never reading a book, no matter how popular, until it was at least two years old. He said that before that age puny infants usually die, and puny books cease to stand in the path of the reader.

The perfumes which the druggists handle to so great an extent these days, are said to be beneficial to health as well as delightful. Lavender is said to be a wonderful brain stimulant. Rosemary is said to strengthen the body. Sage strengthens life, it gives health, strength and beauty.

"Pansies? * * *. Here they grew,
From blue to deeper blue, in midst of each
A golden dazzle like a glimmering star,
Each broader, bigger than a silver crown ;

The very sunshine loved them, and would lie
Here happy, coming earlier, lingering late,
Because they were so fair."

The delight of being a nation, and a very big nation at that, has not yet with us lost all the charm of novelty, and we pelt one another with ridicule after the joyous aggressive fashion of schoolboys pelting one another with snowballs. Already there is a vast array of seasoned and recognized jokes which are leveled against every city in the land. The culture of Boston, the slowness of Philadelphia, the ostentation of New York, the arrogance and ambition of Chicago, the mutual jealousy of Minneapolis and St. Paul—these are themes of which the American satirist never wearies, these are characteristics which he has striven, with some degree of success, to make clear to the rest of mankind. Add to them our less justifiable diversion at official corruption and mismanagement, our glee over the blunders and rascalities of men whom we permit to govern us, and we have the curious combination of keenness and apathy, of penetration and indifference, which makes possible American humor. L.

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GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

To the members of the Order of Eastern Star throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternal Greetings, and sincere wishes for a prosperous, harmonious, and Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,

JENNIE MYERHOFF,
Grand Matron.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

On Wednesday evening Nov. 58th, by special invitation I met with South Bend Chapter in stated meeting. There was also present by invitation forty-five members of Buchanan Chapter, Mich. An elegant banquet was prepared for us, followed by a literary and musical program of unusual merit. The degrees were conferred upon seven candidates, and the work was perfect. The Floral work was also given in a most impressive manner.

The courtesies received at the hands of Brother and Sister Kelly. Brother and Sister Macomber will long be gratefully remembered. On Friday evening I was the guest of Brother and Sister Conrad at Warsaw. I met the members of Warsaw Chapter at a reception given by Brother and Sister Conrad, and enjoyed very much the opportunity of greeting personally these sisters and brothers. Saturday evening accompanied by several members of Warsaw Chapter, we drove to Princeton. Upon our arrival there we found a bountiful supper had been prepared by the kind forethought of Brother Conrad, to which we did ample justice. A special meeting of Princeton Chapter was called and we had the pleasure of witnessing the work of this most zealous and excellent Chapter. On Monday I went to Bourbon. Was met upon my arrival by Brother and Sister Griffin and hospitably entertained. A special meeting was called and the work rendered for my pleasure. This Chapter is well up in the work and give it in an excellent manner. The next day I went to Logansport, met Fidelity Chapter in stated meeting in the evening. It proved to be the most interesting session, being the election of officers. The utmost harmony and good will prevails in this large and flourishing Chapter, evidenced by the selection of the entire set of officers. I was most pleasantly entertained by Brother and Sister Pratt. During my enforced wait for trains at Plymouth, Brother Thayer took me to his hospitable home, and what might otherwise have proved a tedious delay, proved one of the most pleasant experiences of the trip. Upon arriving at Terre Haute, I was met by Sister Gardiner, W. M., who regretfully informed me that it was impossible to secure the Chapter room for that evening. But she had arranged for a reception at her own home. I enjoyed meeting quite a number of this Chapter. Each member deemed it a pleasant duty to add to the interest of the occasion

by recitation, song or speech, and a most delightful evening was spent. Ten o'clock came all too soon, and I reluctantly said good bye, and took the train for home.

JENNIE MYERHOFF,
Grand Matron.

IN MEMORIAM.

The hearts of the members of the Order beat in loving sympathy with Sister Jessie Pearsall, Grand Treasurer of Kansas, whose home has been invaded by the unwelcome messenger. Guy—the beloved son who was the pride of his parents and to whom only a few weeks prior had been pledged the troth of a sweet girl wife, was called to journey to the home beyond, leaving however as a legacy—the memory of a life, though brief—well spent. 'Tis hard to understand why a life that gave promise of usefulness and worthy purpose must count so few years on earth, but in a brighter, better clime Guy waits the coming of the loved ones and "some sweet day" will come the happy re-union.

Wabash Chapter has been bereaved of two of its beloved members and pays the following tribute of loving remembrance.

Sister Elizabeth Snyder was born in Ohio February 10, 1835. She early moved to La Fontaine, Ind., where she became an active worker in the Christian church, and remained so until her death. She became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star November 2, 1891. She great distance of her home from Wabash, prevented regular attendance at the meetings of the Chapter. Death came to her very suddenly at her home, October 16, 1864, again reminding us all of the "uncertainty of human life." She was buried at LaFontaine, Wabash Chapter performing the beautiful ceremony.

She was faithful to all her convictions and was always willing to extend a helping hand. No idle word, penned by the hand of a stranger, though bound to her in the mystic fellowship of a common faith, can voice the love and veneration those who knew her best still hold for her; nor can we ever tell what mighty influences are still widening the circles in the ocean of time starting from the shore of her life. She was a good woman, and true, and when we so say, no sweeter or lovelier flower can we lay on her tomb.

To our esteemed Brother Snyder and his daughter, we extend our most tender sympathy, asking God to sustain them in their affliction.

[The tribute to Sister Christman will be published in the next issue.—Ed.]

If you have any kind words about you any where, bring them out now and then. Say something good about somebody. The people are not all as mean as you think they are when you have the "blues." Most people are good—in spots at least. Look at those spots and make them brighter.

GLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Lamartine Chapter exemplified the work of the Order by presenting to an invalid a nice rocking chair, and she now says—"God bless the Eastern Star."

CONNECTICUT

The ladies of Naomi Chapter, Waterbury, gave a supper and entertainment in Masonic Temple Dec. 3, and was a grand success. The neat little sum of \$80 was realized towards furnishing a room in the Masonic Home. The tables in the banquet hall were arranged in the form of a star and prettily decorated with choice flowers. Banquet lamps having shades of crepe paper of the appropriate colors adorned the center of each table, and added greatly to their beauty. Supper was served from 5:30 to 8:30 and although there was a larger number at the supper than was expected, no one was obliged to go away hungry. After the supper all assembled in the Chapter room below where the entertainment followed, consisting of recitations, mandolin and guitar duets, and cornet solos finely executed by Master Willie Phoeing, 14, that few adults could equal. W. J. Stanley also rendered some fine organ selections. The ladies having the matter in charge were congratulated on the success of this their first undertaking.

V. G.

ILLINOIS.

Queen Esther exemplified the work in rather a unique manner on Sat. evening, Dec. 1, with the past matrons of the Chapter filling the chairs, nine candidates were admitted.

Lady Washington Chapter will not hold election until January, the regular election falling on Christmas night.

Edgar Isibell, one of Queen Esther's old members was instantly killed on Sat., Dec. 1, by a rock thrown by a blast at the drainage canal, he being one of a party of visitors who were inspecting the great work.

INDIANA.

Lois Chapter, Greensburg, elected the following officers for the year 1895: Eliza J. Crisler, W. M.; J. C. Pulae, W. P.; Edith Dickey, A. M.; Ella Childs, Treas.; Alma Connor, Sec.; Alma Drake, Con.; Dora Stout, A. C.

Scottsburg Chapter held its stated meeting Dec. 15 when the following officers were elected: Mattie L. Allen, W. M.; Amos H. Collins, W. P.; Susie McQueen, A. M.; M. E. Stevens, Sec.; L. De Thomas, Treas.; Cammie Thomas, Con.; Ida Whitson, A. C. The retiring W. M. and W. W. were surprised by receiving as a gift from Bro. Frank Davis, each, a Past officers jewel. Bro. Davis presented them in his own inimitable manner, first calling their attention to short comings on their part and when he had them wondering what they had done to merit this, he changed his tactics and healed the wound by presenting the Jewels. The Chapter is in a

flourishing condition and the officers were installed jointly with the Blue Lodge Dec. 27.

Naomi Chapter held its election Dec. 14. Mattie Connelly, W. M., James T. Peake, W. P., Ella Haller, A. M., C. C. Ritter, Sec., Hat-tie Peake, Treas. Two petitions were received.

Queen Esther Chapter held its election Dec. 21. Adel L. Hayes, W. M., Robert W. McBride, W. P., Kate Da Shiell, A. M., Nettie Ransford, Sec., Carrie Hornshu, Treas., Lizzie Crowe, Con., Clara Holderman, A. C. One candidate was initiated, and although the officers had not done the work since April last, it was exceedingly well done. Sisters Da Shiell and Crowe, Con. and A. C., were kept home by sickness, but their places were efficiently filled by Sisters Blodgett, P. M., and Holderman.

Sister Jennie Myerhoff, G. M., was the guest of Sister Mamie Conrad, G. Con., during her stay in Warsaw. A reception was given her by Sister and Brother Conrad, which was largely attended by members of the Masonic Fraternity. The evening was very pleasantly spent.

West Lebanon Chapter, U. D., was organized Tuesday, Dec. 21, Brother Fremont Goodwin serving as Deputy Grand Patron.

Terre Haute Chapter held its election Dec. 18. Sarah E. Gardiner was re-elected W. M., as was also Sallie E. Allen, Sec. Thomas B. Long, W. P., Mary E. O'Mara, A. M., Helen E. Reynolds, Treas., Mattie Adams, Con. and Maggie Kurtz, A. C.

Loyal Chapter, Richmond, held its first meeting in the new Temple Dec. 20. There was a very large attendance and a pleasant time. Annie Nixon, W. M., A. W. Hempleman, W. P., Sister Kates, A. M.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, has had an especially successful year. Twenty-eight have received the degrees during the year. At the last meeting eight were initiated. The net receipts from the Chrysanthemum show were \$219.38. The newly elected officers are, Minnie Goltra, W. M., Jere West, W. P., Harriet Wickirs, A. M.

KENTUCKY.

Dora Chapter, Dayton, was organized Dec. 18, by Isaac P. Gould, as D. M. Worthy Grand Patron. There were 32 Charter members. Bessie D. Ellis, W. M., Henry Barnes, W. P., Katie Thomas, A. M.

KANSAS.

Abilene Chapter elected for the ensuing year—Alice M. Johntz, W. M., Joseph Spangler, W. P., Lulu Hollam, A. M., Ruth Spangler, Sec., Sister Waring, Treas.

The Chapter O. E. S., of Solomon City, gave Lalia as an entertainment a few days ago.

A link has been severed from the golden chain of Hope Chapter, Pleasanton, by the death of Sister Louise Blakey, Nov. 19, 1894. Sister Blakey had only been with us a short time having formerly been a member of Martha Chapter, Burlington, her former home, and was for several years its efficient secretary. She was possessed of all the ad-

mirable traits which tend to make the life of woman most beautiful, and these together with her bright intellect made her worthy in every respect of the love bestowed upon her. Her wise counsel, bright smile and cordial greetings will be missed in the Chapter room.

To the young husband, whose heart and home she had gladdened for so short a time, and to the fond parents who have lost an affectionate and dutiful daughter, Hope Chapter extends sincere sympathy. Farewell, dear Sister, thy name will not be forgotten, but will be forever embalmed in the hearts of those who loved thee.

N. K.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Once again I am permitted to write you. Another year has ended, and those who are spared will begin a new year in O. E. S. work. The question of who we shall elect has been settled, and what shall we do is in order.

Punctuality is one of the greatest requirements necessary. Every officer on time and ready to take their respective parts, is the great secret of success in Chapter work.

Sept. 26 in response to a call from G. P., I instituted a Chapter at Galena. I was met at the train by Mrs. E. L. Hutchinson, W. M. elect. On reaching Masonic Hall I was surprised to meet Sister Lillie Fletcher of Venus Chapter, St. Louis, Mo., Sister R. Fletcher of Joplin, Mo., Sister McDonald, W. M., of Baxter Springs, and about thirteen other members from Joplin and Baxter Springs. There were twenty charter members. After the Chapter was instituted I asked Sister Fletcher of Joplin, Mo., to preside as W. M. and the other visiting officers to duplicate chairs with the officers of the new chapter. After the close of Chapter we were invited to a sumptuous banquet which the sisters of Amy Chapter U. D., had prepared. It was indeed a pleasant and long to be remembered social time, and I am under obligation to the visiting sisters for their kind assistance.

Oct. 24, I accepted an invitation to visit Amy Chapter. Four candidates were initiated, and I was happily surprised to find that in four weeks they had committed their work. The work would have been a credit to any good working Chapter in the State, and when it came for the good of the order the four new brothers said they were indeed glad to be members of the Order and complimented them on the manner in which they rendered the work, saying they were surprised to find such instructive and beautiful work and pledged themselves to assist in every way they could to make this Chapter one of the best in the State, which I feel certain it will be.

With gladness comes sorrow, and many who attended G. C. at Hutchinson will remember Bro. L. C. Bennett as one of the reception committee.

On Nov. 1st he was called to that home beyond and to which we are all journeying. It was indeed a shock to me as he was the very picture of health and just in the prime of life.

Bro. Bennett was loved by all who knew him; the Masonic fraternity as well as the Star loses a true and loving brother. Our bereaved sister and her only child has lost their protector, but weep not my sister for the great Master of all will guard and keep you from harm.

Electa Chapter gave the Trades Karnival two evenings which was a financial success, netting us forty-nine dollars, twenty-five dollars of which goes to liquidate our pledge to Masonic Home. At this writing Rob. Morris Chapter is giving the same play. Will give you result in next issue. E. M.

The officers of Eva Chapter, Independence, were publicly installed Dec. 18, by Elizabeth C. Grant, P. M. After the installation, Sister Viretta Hooper in behalf of the Chapter presented the retiring W. M., Sister Mary E. Sheesley, with a beautiful set of silver knives, forks and spoons, as a slight token of our appreciation of her sterling worth, to which she responded very feelingly. Eva Chapter was most agreeably surprised upon the night of election to find the altar draped with a beautiful scarf embroidered and decorated in the appropriate colors of the star, the work of Sister Hooper, for which she was tendered a vote of thanks. The Chapter has had many occasions to thank Sister Hooper for delightful surprises. Modest and retiring in all she does, self-sacrificing, denying herself for the good of others, she will not accept an office, declaring she can do more for the good of the Order without an office. In this, many would do well to imitate Sister Hooper. It gives us much pleasure to again welcome to our midst after two years absence, Brother Millard F. Wood and Sister Ida E. Wood, P. M. Two more conscientious members, living up to the principles of the Order, it would be hard to find. Eva Chapter starts out with a very efficient corps of officers for the coming year. With Sister Ella L. Foster, W. M., Bro. Geo. W. Finley, W. P., and Sister H. Millie Bowen, A. M., our prospects are as bright as the stars that shine. G. C. E.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

Nov. 8, I visited Adah Chapter at Lawrence, Brother Portlethwaite was also an honored guest, as was also Sister Nellie Faber from Newton, my home Chapter. On reaching our destination we were escorted to the hall where a banquet awaited us, which was duly appreciated after a ride of about five hours. After the banquet all repaired to the Chapter room. One candidate was initiated by the regular officers who proved their efficiency, and true interest in our loved Order. Success we hope and believe will ever be the report from Adah, and by your consent will again thank them one and all, through the columns of your paper, for courtesies extended, especially to Bro. Whitman, P. G. P., also Sister Becker, P. G. M. May God speed them in their every effort.

Stopping over night in Topeka on my return home, to visit a friend, the members o

Beulah Chapter held an informal reception in my honor at the home of Sister Ellen Carpenter, P. M. Music and social converse, with the usual refreshments, served to pass the evening only too quickly. "Very enjoyable indeed," was the verdict of all who were present on this occasion.

Nov. 16, I surprised Sister Emma W. Port, P. G. M., by entering her home rather unceremoniously, as I had written her in answer to her invitation to visit her Chapter and spend the Sabbath with her, that on account of sickness I would have to postpone my visit to them for a time, but I was assured that I was none the less welcome, and was treated royally. Bro. Portlethwaite, G. P., and wife were also guests of Sister Port, and with a goodly number of members from Minneapolis, Jewel City, Solomon City, Cawker City and Osborne, visited Naomi Chapter on that evening. Two brothers were initiated, the work as rendered by the officers being so beautifully done that the brothers were deeply interested, and I am sure that their regular attendance will prove their zeal in our cause. The Grand Officers were received by both officers and members in a cordial manner, receiving all honor due. Music, both vocal and instrumental, the piano, mandolin, guitar, triangle, all were deftly fingered, and deservedly enchored as was the Ladies' Quartette and Ladies' orchestra. But all things must have an end. The end came about one o'clock to a most delightful evening. Thanks are indeed due all who assisted in making it such a perfect success.

Monday noon arrived in Minneapolis. Was delightfully entertained by Bro. and Sister Thompson. In the evening was greeted by the officers and many members of Minerva Chapter. All work was beautifully rendered, two candidates received the degrees given in an impressive manner. The evening was spent most enjoyably in listening to the strains of lovely music and partaking of refreshments. Success will ever be the report from Minerva Chapter I feel assured.

Nov. 19, found me on my way to Abilene. Not knowing until late that morning that I could give them a short call on my way home, there were but few in attendance that evening, but though few in number, I was made to feel that I was indeed among sisters and brothers, all exclaiming what we might have done and would have done had we known sooner. I was entertained by Sisters Jontz and Spangler, and the desire to do so by Sister Fritz and others. I wish them God speed in all their undertakings.

Nov. 27, Newton Chapter entertained several of the members from Clover Leaf Chapter, Halstead. One candidate received the degrees, and was also given the Floral work, which was rendered as usual with great satisfaction to all present. Music was furnished, both vocal and instrumental, receiving deserved applause, after which a march was formed and all repaired to the banquet hall

where several tables were spread with refreshments, seemingly enjoyed by all. I would encourage this uniting of chapters by visitations, one chapter with another, ever remembering that all have taken the same solemn obligation, all are endeavoring to exemplify the beautiful lessons taught us by the officers of our loved Order. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father ever rest upon us in our united efforts in the bettering of humanity by such noble thoughts so beautifully expressed. LOTTIE E. TROUSLOT.

Beulah Chapter, Topeka, has closed one of its most successful years. One marked for its social enjoyment and prosperity. The annual banquet occurred Nov. 23, Lottie Trouslot, G. M., being the guest of honor. Her general manner and interest in the noble work in which she is engaged, attracted to her the respect of every member. Sister Trouslot's commendation of the beautiful work presented on that evening was a tribute and encouraged the officers. She can feel assured that no chapter in the state is more loyal to the noble principles of our order than Beulah. The Floral work was given, Mrs. M. M. Miller receiving the degree. Its beauty was enhanced by the use of colored lights appropriate to each point. The five colors were then blended in separate rays forming a semicircle around the front of the altar, while the W. M., Mrs. Julia M. Gordon, was giving her lecture. This was followed by a solo of touching beauty by Sister Ellen Humphrey accompanied by Sister May Gordon on the piano. A short and interesting program was then given after which E. W. Poindexter, W. P., announced that all should repair to the banquet hall. About three hundred guests were ushered in, Bro. A. M. Callahorn, first Patron of Beulah Chapter, invoked the blessing. Sister Trouslot was presented with a beautiful bunch of roses. After the repast, all repaired to the large hall where an informal reception was tendered to the G. M., and Helen B. Farnsworth, A. G. M.

The election of officers occurred at the first regular meeting in Dec., and the following officers were elected: Anna King, W. M.; E. W. Poindexter, W. P.; Mary S. Sargent, A. M.; Helen B. Farnsworth, Sec.; Sarah Porter, Treas.; Bessie Wellman, Con.; Sallie Keener, A. C. Beulah Chapter has an excellent corps of officers, and we bespeak good things for the coming year.

The officers of Newton Chapter, Newton were installed Dec. 18, by Lottie E. Trouslot, G. M., a lap supper following the installation.

Lottie E. Trouslot, G. M., installed the officers of Victory Chapter, Arkansas City. An elegant banquet followed and the toasts which completed the refreshments were much enjoyed and received deserved applause. "Victory" is very appropriate for this occasion as also for many others held by this Chapter.

The Grand Matron, Sister Trouslot, also installed the officers of Accasia Chapter which was an added pleasant occasion.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Athena Chapter, Orange, Dec. 4, held a very successful children's sociable, at which there was a large attendance. The first part of the evening was pleasantly passed in playing games, after which a short entertainment was provided by the committee, consisting of "Living Pictures," representing popular advertisements, and much amusement was occasioned by guessing the advertisement given. Mrs. Ruggles' Tea Party and a few musical selections were also rendered.

At a special meeting in Nov. six candidates were initiated, and six more at a special meeting Dec. 19, which will make a total of forty-three members this year, and eighty-two in the last two years. J.

Although the rain fell in torrents, Nov. 23, it did not prevent the Masonic Hall, Leominster, from being well filled for the constitution of Temple Chapter. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms and potted plants for the occasion, and everything was so bright and cheery that one could hardly remember that the moon was not shining brightly outside. The G. M., G. Sec., G. Mar., G. C., G. R., and G. War., were present to assist in the ceremonies. Sixty-seven members are enrolled on the list, and the Chapter is in charge of Mrs. Mary A. Blake, W. M., assisted by Harry L. Pierce, W. P.; Lillian A. Davidson, A. M.; Abbie M. Pratt, Sec.; Emma A. Greenleaf, Treas.; Stella Pierce, Con.; Emma F. Chase, A. C.; Tarissa O. Tisdale, Chap.; Hattie F. Maynard, A.; Annie G. Chandler, R.; Ella J. Graves, E.; Hattie L. Smith, M.; Sarah E. Moddy, E.; Jennie M. Ellis, War.; Fred W. Greenleaf, Sen.; Helen G. Rice, Org.

The souvenirs of the occasion were double cards, on the upper right hand corner of the face of which, were the letters "O. E. S." in bronze;—and from this was a turned corner, bearing a raised star outlined in gold, and bearing our emblematic colors and emblems. Below, in blue, was the legend "Temple Chapter No. 45, Leominster, Mass., Constituted Nov. 23, 1894. Convenes the 1st and 3d Monday evenings of each month at Masonic Hall." Inside, was the entire list of officers and members of the Chapter. Eleven chapters were represented. A grand banquet was served.

Keystone Chapter gave a Bon Bon Party at Knights of Honor Hall, Nov. 27, which proved very successful. A large number were present, and the usual jolly good time enjoyed, which is always the case with Keystone's parties. Barrett's orchestra furnished the music.

One petition was received by Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Dec. 7. The committee in charge of the "Sale and Supper," held Nov. 2, reported the net proceeds to be \$44.90. Several nice articles were left over from the Sale, which will assist considerably toward a like occasion at some future date. Visitors were present from Queen Esther, Keystone, Ruth, and Highland Chapters, and from Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Ill.

The annual meeting of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, was held Dec. 14. Four petitions were received. The reports showed a membership of seventy-six, and a neat surplus in the treasury. This Chapter has done a good year's work, but has lost so many by death, and otherwise, that the gain has not been as great as at some other times,—yet altogether, 1894 has proven a very prosperous year.

One candidate was affiliated and the work exemplified in a pleasing manner, in Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, Dec. 6. Visitors were present from Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Ill., and from Vesta and Crescent, of this state.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, initiated one candidate in a very pleasing and impressive manner, Dec. 5. At the close of the meeting the members engaged in a peanut hunt, in which Mrs. Fannie I. Dill proved the most successful hunter. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter.

Seven candidates were elected and initiated in Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Dec. 3. The annual meeting of this Chapter was held Dec. 17. The reports showed a membership of 201,—and the Chapter in a flourishing condition financially.

Nov. 22, Crystal Chapter, Malden, received six petitions, elected one candidate, and initiated six in the usual pleasing manner. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter. A banquet was served.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, received two petitions, elected one candidate, and initiated six, Nov. 21. Dec. 5, a New England Supper was served at early evening, after which a very pleasant meeting was held. Two candidates were elected and initiated Dec. 20, and the officers elected for the ensuing term.

The annual meeting of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, was held Dec. 19. The reports showed the Chapter to be in a flourishing condition financially, with a membership of 139. The annual Sale of this Chapter was held Dec. 4, and netted \$79.76, with several articles yet to be disposed of. R. E. L.

Oct. 27, 1894, a society was formed called the "Massachusetts Star Association," to which all members of the order in good standing are eligible. The objects are, "For the purpose of promoting each other's interests socially and morally." Four regular meetings will be held each year, one each quarter. The admission fee is twenty-five cents. Ten Chapters were represented at the organization and five have since been added with a membership of sixty. A circular letter has been sent to each Chapter soliciting co-operation.

MINNESOTA.

Golden Rod Chapter, Fergus Falls, is one year of age, and has a membership of eighty, to which two were added at the last regular meeting in Nov. The work was well rendered, after which all repaired to the banquet room and partook of an elaborate lunch. Music helped to pass the evening pleasantly. One petition was also received at this meeting. A very successful dancing party was given by

this Chapter Nov. 9, at the "Grand Hotel," forty couples participating in the mazes of the dance. Dec. 12, a whist party was given, Miss Jennie Corliss and W. T. Bell, securing head prizes and Mrs. A. Brandenburg and A. A. Kirk, foot prizes.

Sister Effie Cole is again able to be among her friends after a long and serious illness.

Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, elected the following officers Dec. 14: Annie Chadwick, W. M.; John Chadwick, W. P.,—Bro. Chadwick being also the W. M. elect of the Blue Lodge.—Lucy S. Atwood, A. M.; Ellen S. Chipman, Sec.; Lillie Weld, Treas.; Emma Dooley, Con.; and Belle McConnell, A. C. A joint installation with Plymouth Lodge F. & A. M., took place Dec. 27.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, and many other members of the order there, were most delightfully entertained at the home of Sister and Bro. A. H. Runge, Dec. 12. Cards, and music by the accomplished violinist, Miss Alice Bagley, accompanied by Miss Mabel Runge, and refreshments were the features of the evening's entertainment.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, selected Eleanor Young, W. M., Wm. Dampier, W. P., and Martha A. Gordon, Sec., at the last regular meeting in Dec.

Harmony Chapter initiated one candidate Dec. 11. Sister Flora E. Moore, A. G. M., has returned from a pleasant visit at Zumbrota.

Jessamine Chapter, Taylors Falls, held a reception on the evening of Nov. 30, at Masonic Hall. A short program of music and readings, preceded by a generous lunch closing with a social, rendered the evening enjoyable to all present.

Sister B. G. Jillson, of Unity Chapter, Austin, has recently come to Minneapolis expecting to make it her future home.

Query. Why do we see the terms square and compass used Masonically?

Webster defines COMPASS as an "instrument consisting essentially of a magnetized needle turning freely on a point, used to determine horizontal directions in reference to the north and other cardinal points." He defines COMPASSES as an "instrument for describing circles measuring figures etc., consisting of two, or rarely more pointed branches usually joined at the top by a rivet, on which they move." In view of these definitions, is not COMPASSES the correct word?

Sister and Bro. Frank P. Smith have recently been bereaved by the death of little "Ida" one of the twin daughters christened in Minneapolis Chapter Sept. 24. Jesus took little children "up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them."

Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, entertained as invited guests, members of Granite Chapter, St. Cloud, Dec. 3, and conferred the degrees upon two candidates. Past Grand Master F. & A. M., Alphonso Barto and wife were among the visiting members from St. Cloud.

Isabel Lewis, W. M., and L. R. Barto, W.

P., have, judging from results, faithfully kept their installations pledges. "The welfare of the Chapter has been promoted, the rules and regulations of the Order enforced, the officers thoroughly instructed in their duties, and the ritual work of the Order properly rendered." The W. M. has had as her "Constitutional adviser" a person of honest intentions, liberal opinions, pre-eminently qualified intellectually and morally, and capable of administering with prudence and moderation, the government of any society. The paraphernalia of the Chapter is the finest your correspondent has seen in the Jurisdiction. The brothers did themselves proud, on this occasion, as refreshment committee.

Mrs. M. T. Emery, P. M., of Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, is in Paris studying art.

Calumet Chapter, Pipestone, gave a social Dec. 7th. All Masonic brethren and families were invited, and each member of the O. E. S. had the privileges of inviting one friend. The entertainment consisted of literary and musical numbers and queries. There were fifteen of these asked, and each person not answering correctly was fined one cent, and those not answering in any way were fined two cents. The receipts of the evening amounted to nearly ten dollars.

Dec. 14, St. Paul Chapter elected the following officers: Sister H. W. Heine, W. M.; Bro. Bishop, W. P.; Belle Godfrey, A. M.; Lizzie Brookins, Sec.; Sister Cook, Treas.; Sister N. O. Ainey, Con.; and Sister Brink, A. C. Miss Cora Ainey, daughter of the Con. elect, was initiated the same evening. Sister Cora will prove a helpful member in the Chapter, for she is a good elocutionist, and always ready and willing to contribute to the happiness of others. Refreshments were served. Visitors were present from Minneapolis and Excelsior.

Sister Merritt Melvin, wife of Bro. Melvin, W. P., of Valley Chapter, Chaska, was a recent visitor among friends in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis Chapter, extended an invitation to Stillwater Chapter on Nov. 26, to be present and witness the initiation of twelve candidates, which invitation was accepted by forty-three members. If the practice of visitation among neighboring Chapters was more generally observed, great pleasure and profit would be the result. Minneapolis Chapter was much gratified by the cordial acceptance of the invitation, and trusts the future has many more like pleasant occasions in store.

Mary C. Taylor, G. M., will visit during the holiday weeks many of the chapters of the Jurisdiction and install the recently elected officers.

Principal officers elected by Zenith Chapter, Duluth, for the coming year are: Laura Van Brunt, W. M.; J. T. Armstead, W. P.; Sister Hough, A. M.; Sister Gearhart, Sec.; Sister Gillan, Treas.

Lorraine Chapter elected the following officers Dec. 17: Lizzie Thomas, W. M.; Bro. Switzer, W. P.; Clara Malone, Sec.; Sister Lewis, Treas.; Sister James, Con.; Sister Carr, A. C.

The infant son of Sister and Bro. Albert B. Rand, W. P., of Minnehaha Chapter, was christened in the lodge room Dec. 7, Rev. J. B. Hingeley performing the ceremony. The name Frank Lee was given him in honor of Frank Gunther, first W. P., and Charles Lee, second W. P. of the Chapter, which is three years of age, hence the young gentleman bears the name of all the W. Ps. the Chapter has had.

At the regular meeting of Arcana Chapter Dec. 18, two candidates were conducted through the ceremonies of initiation, followed by the election of officers, which resulted in the selection of Sister E. L. Buie, W. M.; A. J. Morrill, W. P.; May Kinmore, A. M.; Alice Brown, Sec.; Sister Barber, Treas.; Sister S. Speare, Con.; Stella Finch, A. C. Bro. Sheldon Speare, the retiring W. P., was re-elected as a reward for his ever faithful and efficient performance of duties, but in declining to again accept the office voiced the sentiment that there were others in the Chapter equally capable and felt that an injustice might be done such ones, if continued re-elections to positions of honor in the Chapter became the rule. A joint installation with Blue Lodge will occur Dec. 22, the O. E. S. Chapter being the invited guests of the brothers at that time, and no doubt they will be royally entertained when Bro. Dan Brown, the W. M. elect, and Brothers Morrill, Frost, Tollman and Saggitt compose the committee.

Sister and Bro. Charles D. Boyce, of Harmony Chapter, have the sympathy of their O. E. S. sisters and brothers in their sorrow. On Dec. 5, their little son, John R., aged seven and one-half years, died of diphtheria. Owing to the contagious nature of the disease the funeral was private.

"They want him close in the dear old way;
But life goes forward and will not stay,
And He who made it, has made it right,
Yet they miss the darling out of their sight,
Although, they know
He is in that land where they shall go."

LOUISE LYON JHONSON,
Grand Correspondent.

MARYLAND.

Nov. 27 Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, celebrated in an appropriate manner the 300th meeting. Ella V. McCahan, W. M., August Eidman, W. P., Anna D. Heer, Asso. M., Mammie Late, Con.; and Maggie Virtue, Asso. Con., were in their chairs; the regular work was gone through with. The Floral work was exemplified; among those who took part in the cast were: Lousia S. Marx, Margaret

Kunz, Katie Eidman, Mary A. Collins, Alvina Cortes, Annie Becker and Annie D. Stoffel. Bro. Albert B. Lyman, M. D., delivered an address: he traced woman's secret organizations through early ages in Europe down to the introduction of the Eastern Star Masonry in the United States and the formation of Alpha Chapter in Baltimore in 1879, and followed her advance and progress to the present meeting when the Chapter has about 80 members, one-third of whom are Master Masons; this lecture was followed by a recitation, "An Eastern Star Poem." By this time a table in the rear of the hall loaded down with all kinds of good things, decorated lavishly with most beautiful chrysanthemums, was discussed. After an hour most pleasantly spent at the festal board all retired looking forward to the 400th meeting for a repetition

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The official visitation of this Chapter took place, Nov. 15, and although several of the officers were filling their stations for the first time, they did so with credit to themselves and honor to the Chapter, receiving the commendation of the G. M., who saved this Chapter among her number for inspection. A nice banquet was served at early evening, and beautiful flowers adorned the Chapter room in honor of the distinguished guests. Four petitions were received, two candidates elected, and seven initiated in a very pleasing manner.

Oct. 25, was the Grand Matron's day with Crystal Chapter, Malden. She was accompanied by the G. P., A. G. M., A. G. P., A. G. C., Gr. Esther, Gr. Sen., and a large number of Grand Chapter members. This Chapter is presided over by the G. C., and she was in her station in the East. The meeting was held in the large Masonic Hall which was elaborately decorated with palms and potted plants for the occasion. Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, N. H., was present by special invitation. There were also visitors from New York, and from fourteen chapters in this jurisdiction. One petition was received, thirteen applicants elected, six candidates initiated, and the Floral Work exemplified.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, received the G. M. Nov. 9. The large Masonic Hall was procured for the occasion, but was found none too large to accommodate the members and visitors present, thirteen chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions being represented. Two candidates were elected and six initiated in a very pleasing manner, drawing forth many words of praise from the Grand Officers. A banquet was served at the close of the Chapter.

Grand Matron Stebbins officially visited Keystone Chapter, Boston, Nov. 16, accompanied by a large number of present and past G. O. and members of the G. C. This is the home Chapter of G. P., Wm. A. Blossom, and an extra effort was put forth by the officers and members of the Chapter to do him honor. The chapter room was beautifully decorated with palms, potted plants and evergreens, and a grand banquet served. The souvenirs were in the shape of a heart,—the face bearing the seal of the Chapter,—a keystone within the star; the reverse, the legend, "Official Visitation, Nov. 13, 1894. Mary A. Stebbins, G. M., William A. Blossom, G. P." One hundred and forty-one visitors were present representing fifteen chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions. One petition was received, one candidate elected and initiated. The G. M. was presented with a book of poems; the G. Mar. with a pepper and salt set. A. G. M. Carrie S. Fairbairn then approached the G. Mar. Sister Kate L. McBain, and in behalf of the members whom she entertained at the time of the official visitation of her Chapter,—Lady Emma, Fitchburg, and presented her with a beautiful silver mounted fruit dish. Sister McBain manifested a wonderful amount of choking,—but that was all she could say.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, initiated three candidates Nov. 12,—and for the first time exemplified the Floral Work,—the officers acquitting themselves in a very pleasing and creditable manner. A large number of visitors were present, nearly every chapter in the vicinity being largely represented. Refreshments were served.

One petition was received and one candidate was initiated in Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Nov. 16. The committee in charge were not prepared to make a final report of the "Sale and Supper" given the first of the
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MRS. ANNIE BUCHANAN.

Police Matron of Indianapolis.

The birthplace of Annie Mather was Newcastle-on-Tyne, Northumberland county, England, and the date December 22, 1845. Her parents were natives of Aberdeen, Scotland, but in 1854 they concluded to try the fortunes of America, and, aboard the Queen of the West, the family, consisting of the parents and three little girls took passage.—The children were known on shipboard as the three brown hoods, being clad in brown suits with hoods to match. They settled in Indianapolis which has since been their home. Soon after their arrival here the mother's health failed, and as it was impossible to procure help, Annie being the eldest, assumed charge of the household affairs with the care of the three younger children, one a babe of six weeks. In consequence she was denied the opportunities of school advantages until she had reached her eleventh year. At the age of fourteen she took service as governess, in which position she continued for some years. At the death of her father the burden of providing for the family—a mother and two sisters, the elder still a school girl who had yet four years before she was graduated,—rested upon her. Her father being an employee of the state at the time of his death, Annie was appointed to a position at the Girl's Reformatory and Woman's Prison, which position she resigned and for seven years following she was a devoted wife and home keeper.

Again it became her duty to become a bread winner, and she accepted the position offered her of Superintendent of the Home for Friendless Women, at Louisville, Ky. Upon assuming her duties, the task seemed almost hopeless, for the work had been car-

ried on for eleven years and they were yet quartered in rented property—a tenement of ten rooms. During her five years stay with them a large lot was procured on which was erected a building containing sixty large rooms, and the property valued at thirty-five thousand dollars, upon which there was no encumbrance. Also, there was an industry

respondence with a number who were former inmates of the Home. Some are married and pleasantly situated in homes of their own, while many are filling positions of honor and trust and earning a comfortable living.

In the fall of 1890, Mrs. Buchanan decided to return to home and friends, but her resignation was met by the Ladies who composed the Board, with urgent requests to continue with them, and when they found her resignation not withdrawn, their words of commendation and "God speed" followed her into her new field of labor.

After her return to the city she was for four months in charge of the Home for Friendless Women, when she was urged by the women interested in the creation of the office, to accept the position of Police Matron. For a time she shrank from its acceptance, not because of the duties and associations imposed thereby, but from its publicity. However, this was overcome and she was duly sworn in as a member of the Indianapolis Police Force with full Police powers, to have entire charge of all women and children under arrest at the Police Station, accompanying them to the Police Court, and caring for them generally.

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inaugurated which earned for the Institution from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars per month. Here the fallen were received without money and without price, and were given an opportunity to reform. Many footsteps were guided in the right path, and at the present time Mrs. Buchanan is in cor-

an elder woman to help her back into the old sweet ways—her value to this class can only be counted in that day when He shall make up His Jewels. 'Twas the blessed Saviour who taught the lesson by His example, that the hand that would help must reach down and lift up the less fortunate, and the heart must be tuned to the minor strains if it would bring harmony into the lives of those, who, though fashioned after His Image, know not the sweetness of His love.

Mrs. Buchanan is richly endowed by inheritance with the necessary qualities for filling the position with honor and credit. She counts among her ancestors on both the mother's and father's side, those who have filled places of trust under the government and in the colleges of the old world. From all with whom she is associated in her line of work, she receives the respect and courtesy which is due a woman, and the esteem and endorsement of every member of the Force in which she is a co-worker.

Mrs. Buchanan's connection with our Order began with the organization of Queen Esther Chapter—she being one of its charter members, and at different times filling positions. She is also a member of the W. C. T. U., Humane Society and Chosen Friends. She is also a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Buchanan is at present deeply interested in the passage of a bill which she has been instrumental in having introduced in the Legislature—providing for Police Matrons in cities having a population of ten thousand and over. It is to be hoped that every woman may catch some inspiration for work in this line, so far as lies within her power, and "lend a hand" toward the movement that is to bring a better condition of things, for the women, who, from any cause have placed themselves outside the influence of the better things, and if possible lead them to realize that the real pleasure of life is experienced when its duties and responsibilities are faithfully discharged.

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THE ANIMUS.

The animus of the Order seems to be a proper topic for reflection. Ample time has now elapsed for a study of the general outline and plan; sufficient opportunity has been given to contemplate the histories of the heroines whose eminent lives grace the ceremonies selected. The intervening years since the establishment have conclusively proved that women are well calculated to conduct an Order, and more especially, a secret one. It is a most gratifying commendation, that so far, no instance is recorded wherein the trust has been violated. It is always pleasant to hear the stories of our central Star recited when related intelligently they are constantly interesting; new beauties are unfolded, and new truths are revealed at each recital; hence it is that witnessing the ceremonies make the Order attractive, as well as instructive. The person that sees nothing new, or that becomes weary of the work, in my judgment, is deficient of appreciation. The object of the frequent recital of the histories is to create a taste for the beautiful. By the system now arranged our regular attendance creates a character that is fraternal and social.

By systematic progress our zeal is increased, and by observation and observance we view the human family with more sympathy, and more consideration than if no work of this nature is in being. This reflection will round off our inclinations and dispositions, and make us adept for the duty before us. With these thoughts relating to our society, we must go far beyond the vista, and in our imaginations picture out the future, and what our probable success will be. We cannot comprehend our position, and our object without a clear purpose of the result of our efforts. We must form our animus on fixed principles, that we may understandingly pursue our course. While we may, without a fixed idea be successful, and have great accomplishments, still the safest manner of procedure is with a complete knowledge of the principles that make success an assured fact. With regard to our Order everything centers on the heroines, the spirit of their lives, or, to be more explicit, on the incident that make the heroines famous.

With us there are five illustrations, or examples, all corresponding to the points of the five pointed star. What a beautiful combined symbol; one of much interest and thought, and one of much reflection and research. Study and attention are extremely important in our search for knowledge in our mystic rite. We must closely observe every point; it is by thinking and of observing that a just and complete comprehension will be formed. We therefore readily see of what significance a well founded animus is for absolute success. These beautiful lessons are not the work of a day; they were formed for a special object. All are the daily actions, performed without any special intent or design. The doers had no forethought of the result, or benefit of

their actions for mankind, but the historian was not unmindful of what was transpiring. He saw in those daily memorandums what we hail today as worthy of our earnest endeavors, viz., to imitate those heroines in their brilliant lives and examples. In the contemplation of the animus we see the elegant arrangement that has been designed for the people of this day. I am positive that as time advances there will be no cause for regret or remorse, on the contrary, the deeper we delve into our principles the more we will be convinced of the efficacy and usefulness of our Order, in our various dealings and minglings in society.

A. J. BURTON.

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 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 misconstrue 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 than another.

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 feel the love of Christ constraining them, they at once become singular in the eyes of the world, and to a certain class are 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.—Dawn.

Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, light to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just and beautiful, of which it is the invisible, but nevertheless dazzling, passionate and eternal form.

Charity is never lost. It may be of no service to those it is bestowed upon, yet it ever does a work of beauty and grace upon the heart of the giver.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

New Year that with glad greeting
 Hast come once more to me,
 In whispers still repeating
 Words oft said tenderly.
 Thy voice my soul now heeding,
 To noblest aims I rise,
 And on where God is leading
 Tread with uplifted eyes.
 Though all be darkly hidden
 Along the path I take,
 No tear shall fall unbidden
 Nor foe my peace shall break,
 Thy hand shall kindly feed me;
 Give rest by waters still,
 Or if through storms it leads me,
 My soul accepts thy will.
 When years so swiftly flying
 Shall all have run their round,
 When Death itself is dying
 And earth no more is found,
 O Saviour, then behold me
 From Thy great judgment throne,
 And let Thine arms enfold me,
 Thy lips call me Thine own.

—RAY PALMER.

OPHELIA'S LACE.

BY JULIA BACON.
[Continued.]

"Do you not give your pupils holidays on Saturdays, Miss Wayne?"

"Always."

"Then why did you not make your appearance on the croquet ground last Saturday when we played?"

"My pupil Dora was ill, and I sat by her. I watched the game from the window, when she slept."

"Yes, I saw you."

"Indeed? I never thought I should be noticed, or—" Her cheeks flushed crimson.

"Or what? Don't you like the game?"

"O, yes. I believe I like nearly all the games I know, and I am ashamed to say how many I do know," she replied with a laugh.

"I thought you looked interested," he would not say "and wistful," but instead, "as if you knew the game, and I asked Mrs. Briggs to get you out on the ground, but she said it was 'perfectly impossible' for you to leave Dora at that time."

Ethel said nothing to this; she was not surprised at any maneuver on Mrs. Briggs' part to keep her out of the way of meeting any one of Miss Amelia's beaux. Mrs. Briggs was much too wise to run any such risk. Miss Wayne, although only a governess, was altogether too pretty, stylish, and attractive; and marriageable young men, rich and handsome, were "few and far between" in that section. Clyde Randolph being one of the eligibles, it behooved Mrs. Briggs to keep her governess out of sight, for the sake of her second daughter's matrimonial prospects.

"Do you know, Miss Wayne, that I am to be best man at Miss Ophelia Briggs' and Tom Clayton's marriage in November next?"

"I did not know it, but supposed so, as Amelia is first bridesmaid."

He turned his brown eyes upon her inquiringly, but she continued

"I do know, however, that the real lace the milliner ordered for Ophelia's bridal robe, for which I was requested to go to the village after yesterday, is the primary cause of my presenting myself, an unexpected guest at the Grange, today."

"Unexpected, but not unwelcome. I bless that bit of lace, Miss Wayne."

She laughed merrily, and its music thrilled him.

Mrs. Stanhope recognized Ethel immediately, and was pleased to see her, though she did not betray the surprise she felt at receiving her as a visitor on that most unpropitious morning and at so unusual an hour. She met her at the threshold smilingly, and greeted her cordially.

"An unexpected pleasure, my dear Miss Wayne, but the French say, it is the unexpected that always happens. And Shakespeare says, 'For time brings in some boats that are not steered.'"

"Miss Wayne is inclined to believe that misfortune is steering her boat today, aunt. The bridge is washed away and the creek is boiling like a caldron."

"Indeed, Mrs. Stanhope, I do not know what I should have done if I had not met Mr. Randolph. My pony is lame; the bridge is gone, and there was not a dwelling house in sight where I could get assistance. I never was in just such a predicament. I do believe there is going to be another heavy rain."

"It is coming now," said Clyde, "and I must see about the pony."

"Be quick then Clyde, breakfast is nearly ready. Come into my room Miss Wayne, and lay aside your hat and gloves. Your riding-skirt is quite wet around the bottom. Dinah can dry it at the kitchen stove before the color has time to run."

"What a dear, fussy little woman," thought Ethel. "I know I shall love her!"

Mrs. Stanhope was a gentlewoman past the prime of life, dignified yet unassuming; not a bit "fussy" as Ethel thought; indeed, there was something soothing and restful in her very presence. A small, dark-haired, grey-eyed woman, with a heart as large as all out of doors, and its warmest and best corner was filled by her nephew whom she had reared from infancy—an upright, honorable fellow of whom she was naturally proud.

Ethel had ever felt reserved and constrained in her employer's family—there being nothing in common between her and them, but with Mrs. Stanhope she soon found herself at perfect ease; both being by nature sympathetic and genial. It is said that when congenial spirits meet in this world, they recognize each other instantly. It is reasonable to suppose that this is so, but lamentable that they do not meet oftener.

At the breakfast table Ethel found a half-blown rose at her place. She picked it up exclaiming:

"How lovely it is! My favorite rose, Malmaison." Then with a quiet "Thank you" to her hostess, she pinned it at her throat. Mrs.

Stanhope was about to disclaim the credit, when a quick look from her nephew effectually sealed her lips and caused her to smile.

"Roses are admired and loved by all; rich and poor, high and low, and even the dear little wild rose is not to be scorned," said Mrs. Stanhope.

"What other flowers do you like specially, Miss Wayne?" asked Clyde helping her plate to a hot buttered waffle.

"Heliotrope and night-blooming jessamine," she replied promptly.

"Ah, you go in for fragrance. Now auntie, let us hear from you."

"I am old-fashioned in my taste and dearly love the hearts-ease or tricolored violet. A bed of these little beauties all seeming to look up at you with innocent, kittenish faces, puts one in a pleasant humor, and to me it is delightful to sit near an open window and inhale the odor of other prime favorites, such as the immaculate cape jessamine."

"How partial are ladies to fragrant flowers! They are the flowers best loved, and those most admired are odorless," said Clyde.

"Which one do you most admire?" asked Ethel.

"Not one, but many,—too many to enumerate. Achania, malvacicus, not only for its brilliant scarlet bloom, but for its persistency in blooming. Then the manettia cordifolia, a most beautiful vine and a continuous bloomer also, and when covered with its tube shaped, coral-colored blossoms, there is nothing prettier."

"How partial gentlemen are to red," said Ethel smiling. "I remember you wore a chancas in your button-hole the day I saw you playing croquet."

"Did you notice that?" he asked quickly.

"I notice flowers wherever I see them," was her quiet reply, which set him thinking, "perhaps it was my 'bouronies' that attracted her after all—and the game, and not me. She said she saw me though, and I can swear I saw her—watching me too! Therefore, score one for Clyde Randolph." His thoughts were interrupted by the sound of a downfall of rain, hard and heavy.

Ethel glanced at Clyde, he answered her look by saying:

"I think the rain has set in for the day, Miss Wayne, and you will hardly get back to the village—"

"Go back there? Have you forgotten anything, my dear?"

"Nothing at all, Mrs. Stanhope, but—" after a pause she proceeded to explain, how, in her dilemma she had begged the loan of a horse from her nephew, expecting that she would be compelled to remain in the village until she could cross the creek and get back to Mr. Briggs.

"You shall remain with me, my dear, and pleased am I to have you."

"I am perfectly content to be with you," replied Ethel gratefully, "and the only thing that troubles me is, they will not know where I am, and Mrs. Briggs may fret, on account of

my absence from the school room today, and Ophelia feel uneasy about the safety of her face."

The rain still continued to pour, and the wind blew in fitful gusts with such force as to bend the small, slim saplings nearly to the ground. They had risen from the table and Ethel now stood at a window watching the shubbery bent bow beneath the wind and driving rain. Clyde came up and stood near. Looking through the window, he said:

"We are having a real equinoctial storm. How glad I am that you are not in it."

"So am I; thanks to you for bringing me to a shelter. I do not think I could survive such a storm unsheltered. I should have lost my wits, for I was at my wit's end when you first saw me, this morning."

"It was rather lucky that I happened to go around that way. I was riding about the place to see what damage had been done during the night, and thinking the water from the dam might float the ancient bridge away, I rode around to see."

Mrs. Stanhope joined them at the window and Clyde brought chairs,—they seated themselves and watched the storm. The conversation drifted from one topic to another, until Ethel, drawn on by Mrs. Stanhope, found herself speaking of her home in the Old Dominion. She had but a dim remembrance of her mother, but her father had been all in all to her. He too was dead; had failed in business; the shock had brought on a stroke of paralysis from which he never recovered. After his somewhat complicated affairs of business had been settled and debts paid, she found herself penniless. Determined to seek employment far from painful associations, she advertised. Mr. Briggs answered her advertisement and made her a fair offer, and that is how she came to be in Alabama.

"Trouble comes to all, in the course of time," remarked Mrs. Stanhope. "Pleasure and pain are equally blended. Few lives are all darkness, and few all sunshine. We all have some painful memories among the pleasant, and it is our duty to make the best we can of life and enjoy our moments of sunshine in a rational way, and with a thankful spirit. Clyde's parents both died in dear, old, Virginia. His mother was my only sister; she died twenty-two years ago when Clyde was but a few months old, and he has never known any mother but his auntie."

"The best and dearest auntie and mother!" exclaimed her nephew laying his hand fondly upon her shoulder.

"By-the-way, Miss Wayne,—"

"Call me, Ethel, please Mrs. Stanhope."

"I will, my dear. Miss Wayne sounds so formal. You shall be Ethel to me always. You very much resemble a friend I once had, by that name. The same light brown hair and deep blue eyes, Ethel Fairfax."

Ethel started, and regarded Mrs. Stanhope with a look of unaffected surprise.

"Why, Mrs. Stanhope, that was my mother's maiden name!"

"My dear!"

"And my name is Ethel Fairfax Wayne."

"Oh, my dear, I have suspected this some months and have tried to get an opportunity to become acquainted with you, for I wanted to lead you on to speak of your parents, without letting you know my thoughts. You are the only child of my dearest friend Ethel Fairfax who married Col. William Wayne of the United States navy."

"You are right, Mrs. Stanhope. But after he married my mother he resigned his commission and entered the merchantile business, for which he was unfitted. He was only a success as a soldier and a sailor. Dear Mrs. Stanhope, did you see much of my mother after her marriage?"

"Very little indeed, dear. I was away most of the time—traveling about from place to place—spending the winter in Florida, the summer at Newport, and when I did get back home, your mother was dying. I held you in my arms when you were born and three years after I held your mother's hand when she was dying. Your father had his arms about her neck and her head rested on his breast. She spoke to me just before she drew her last breath, 'Allie tell Fred good-bye.'"

"Who was Fred?" asked Ethel, a tear rolling down her cheek.

"My husband, Fred Stanhope, and your mother's own cousin."

"Mrs. Stanhope!" and "Auntie!" exclaimed Ethel and Clyde simultaneously.

"True, my dears! The ways of Providence are past finding out. Last Sunday, all the way home from church I was wondering when I could see Ethel Wayne, and how I could get a chance to speak to her sometime soon; calling to see her at Mrs. Briggs', even on Saturday, proved a failure. I never dreamed that the time would come so soon and in my own home. That is why I said, 'Fortune brings in some boats that are not steered.' Now my dear, my deceased husband's people are my people. You are one of us, and must so consider yourself. Come to me Ethel, if you ever need a friend or a shelter. My home is yours, under any and all circumstances."

"Spoken like my own true-hearted aunt!" exclaimed Clyde, throwing his arms around his aunt's neck, and giving her a kiss on the cheek.

Ethel was too much affected to find her voice, but a silent pressure of the hand expressed her gratitude.

"It is delightful to me that aunt has claimed you as a family connection, Miss Ethel. It gives us a right to watch over you—"

Mrs. Stanhope smiled, "And take charge of you, and interfere in your affairs, and make ourselves as officious as possible."

"Oh, what a pleasure that would be to me! I am so thankful to have the least claim on one who knew and loved my mother; to have some one to take a little interest in me, and care just a little for me. I shall not feel so lonely, so helpless, so unprotected now. It

gives me a new interest in life and I shall love to live! Oh, I am so very, very glad and thankful!"

And this silly girl of nineteen hid her face on Mrs. Stanhope's shoulder and actually cried; and that lady gathered her into her arms, and Clyde wisely retreated, preferring not to witness the commingling of "pearly drops from dewy eyes."

The autumnal gale had scarcely spent its force when the day closed, but continued to storm at intervals two days longer, to Clyde's intense satisfaction, during which time Ethel was kept a willing prisoner at the Grange.

On the afternoon of the fourth day, the roads were passable, and the ford, a mile below the bridge, or where the bridge once had been, was entirely safe for crossing. The pony had been reshod and was no longer lame. Ethel was ready to start, accompanied by Clyde. Mrs. Stanhope said:

"Remember dear, you are no longer a stranger, but a dear friend, always more than welcome. I shall come to see you often and when I can, without giving offense, will surely bring you home with me on Saturdays. You should be free on that day always, to do as you please and go where you please. How much longer are you engaged there?"

"Four months. I engaged for ten months, but Mrs. Briggs thinks I should teach the twelve, says she had to go to school twelve months."

"Shade of Webster!" exclaimed Clyde with affected surprise, "I never thought she had ever been to school a single day!"

"She is very amusing at times, especially when she gets excited, or wants to show off," said Ethel.

"Ridiculously so," answered Clyde with a laugh.

"I hope they will not insist on your teaching the twelve months, Ethel," remarked Mrs. Stanhope.

"Mrs. Briggs will, but I do not think I shall consent."

"Of course not! said Clyde. Your guardians will not hear to that."


[To be continued.]

It is passing strange that people cannot learn that true friendship is shown by sticking up for their friends when their friends are absent. The person who is your friend only when you are around and ever ready to say mean little things when not around is not only incapable of true friendship, but is void of the qualities which go to make up true men and women. Such people do not seem to know that sooner or later their stories become twice told tales and eventually find a harbor in the breast of those most directly interested.

God never calls anybody to a work that can be done with head and hands without any help from the heart.

THE BLUE RAY.

VIOLETS.

 Well may poets sing
The little loving flower that comes in Spring,
By bards immortal sung
For it is ever young—forever young.

When the belated drift
Of April's sugar-snow, doth slowly lift
Like lids from azure eyes,
Beneath the snow the modest violet lies.

'Tis then the world is seen
Turned upside down. The meeting boughs are green
Above; and on the ground
A mimic sky of violets is found.

Flower of fidelity,
The lover's emblem of sweet constancy,
Blue as the Summer skies
And gemmed with dew, like tears in Beauty's eyes.

Emblem of Adah's youth;
Emblem of innocence, and faith and truth.
Long be the story sung.
Maiden and flowers are young, forever young.
MRS. McVEAN-ADAMS.

IN MEMORIAN.

MARY CHRISTMAN.

Sister Mary Christman, whose maiden name was Mary Lower was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, Sept. 24th, 1840. She moved with her parents to Wabash county, Indiana, in 1848, where she has ever since resided. She was united in marriage to Brother John Christman in 1858, and their blest companionship continued until her death.

The beneficent Author of nature who doeth all things well, called our Sister from the tender embrace of a pleasant home, where the husband, six sons and one daughter mourn the loss of a grateful wife and a loving mother. She was called from our companionship and relieved of all the vicissitudes of life, October 3rd, 1894.

Our Sister was one among the first petitioners for membership after Wabash Chapter was instituted, and received the degrees December 9, 1889. She was a bright Star in our galaxy, by her presence and ever kindly words shedding light and luster for us all, by the exemplification of her many virtues, she has, in this impressive way directed our attention to that "Star in the East," to whom we should all look with a renewed and trustful faith.

She, whose character is worthy of all emulation, has passed from a large society of mourning friends, and her place in our Chapter is forever vacant.—Wabash, Ind.

MARGARETTA N. SECREST.

Margretta N. Nelson was born in England near London; was brought by her parents to the United States, when quite a babe. She was married to Henry Secrest in 1855. Two years later an attack of inflammatory rheumatism settled in her spine, between her shoulders, making her a cripple, and disfiguring her very much, and making her more or less an invalid all her life. In spite of this she was cheerful and hopeful, and met the trials and discouragements of her daily life

with patience and fortitude. Owing to the failure of her husband's health, the added burden of providing the living was laid upon her. It was while absent from home, on one of the necessary errands pertaining to the small business they were engaged in, that the end came,—not to the husband, whose probable death they had been discussing only a few days before, and the preparations needful talked of,—but to the patient, devoted wife. Those in the car noticed that she turned pale and fell to one side, only a square from home. The car stopped at the door, the husband was called, and with strength born of the awful fear in his heart, took her in his arms and bore her into the house. She looked up at him, and said "I am dying, what will you do?" He laid her on the sofa, turned to get a restorative, and she was gone.

Sister Secrest was a charter member of Queen Esther Chapter, and as long as health and strength permitted, an active one. She was laid to rest in beautiful Crown Hill, the Chapter having charge of the funeral, and conducting its services.

"Can I beg thee for dear words of parting, with eager passionate breath?
Or lament thy so instant transition from life to this marble of death,
And if I named all thou art leaving, should it be indeed matter of grief,
That thou leavest the sowing for reaping—the seed for the full ripened sheaf."

—Indianapolis, Ind.

ROBERT MACOY.

Robert Macoy, who has been Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York for forty-four years, was buried on January 13th, in Greenwood Cemetery. Funeral services were held in Aurora Grata Cathedral, Bedford Ave., and Madison St., at 2 o'clock, and were conducted by the officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

The funeral procession included five hundred Knights Templar, seventy-five Past Commanders of Commanderies, and all the officers and most of the members of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. The parade escorting the body to the Cathedral was headed by a squad of mounted policemen.

De Witt Clinton Commandery had charge of the arrangements. The procession formed at the fountain at Bedford avenue and Clymer street, and as soon as the services at the house had been concluded proceeded to the Cathedral. Thousands of people lined the sidewalks along the route.

The Cathedral was crowded when the funeral reached there, and several hundred Masons stood on the sidewalk to look at the face of the dead Knight. Right Eminent Sir John Bowden, Grand Commandery of the State of New York, and the Rev. C. L. Twing, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery, conducted the services. Eulogistic remarks followed by Right Worshipful John Stewart, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in New York, and Eminent Sir John Mapes, Grand Generalis-

mo of the Grand Commandery. The body was followed to the grave by the Grand Commander and his staff, and final services were held there by American Lodge.

The Eastern Star burial services were given at 11 o'clock at the residence, 130 Clymer street, by the officers of Wyona Chapter, in which Brother Macoy held membership. The member turned out in large numbers, and the funeral was claimed to be the largest Masonic funeral ever held in Brooklyn.

Brother Macoy had been prominently identified with the Order of the Eastern Star since 1868, and was the second Grand Patron. He was a very enthusiastic worker, and from the authority given him by Brother R. Morris in 1875, he styled himself the Supreme Grand Patron of the world. Brother Macoy was very much respected by the Order, and his absence will be exceedingly regretted.

Of his three daughters, but one, Sister Clara Clark, belongs to the Order. She has a membership of two or three years in Wyona Chapter.

STORIES OF LITERARY INTEREST IN CONCORD, MASS.

THOREAU'S HOME.

Much interest clusters around the spot on the shore of Lake Walden, where in 1845 Thoreau built a house 10x15, and as far as I know, the only house ever owned by the Poet and Philosopher. There he walked and talked with nature. He exemplified the lines which says, "Man wants but little here below" for his house only cost \$30 and he lived nine months on \$9.76, or about one dollar, nine cents a month. He wished to enter a protest by his simple living, against the extravagance of the times and the demands of society which he considered frivolous and senseless. How much his self-denial shortened his days, I know not, for he died in 1860, aged only 45. His grave is near that of Hawthorne and is marked by a small column of red sand stone.

AN OLD HOUSE

That interested me very much is one that was owned by Elisha Jones, when the fight at the old North Bridge occurred. The Commissioners were stowed in the cellar or rather secreted there. Mr. Jones was told to go there with his family when the Red coats came in sight. He obeyed orders as far as his family were concerned, but when they were passing he could not restrain his curiosity or indignation, so he went into the L part and drawing aside the curtain gave them a foretaste of what was to follow. As the red coats believed in returning their debts promptly one of them sent a bullet into the wall near the door, and the place is marked by a bronzed star. This information was given us by the then owner John S. Keys. There are many houses of interest in Concord. Maj. Buttrick's house still stands on Ponkawlassett Hill; it was built in 1712.

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pleton; Lola Chapter, Marshal; Electa Chapter, Hastings; Halcyon Chapter, Albert Lea; Unity Chapter, Austin; Robert Morris Chapter, Spring Valley; Columbia Chapter, LeRoy; Rueben Wells Chapter, Preston; Sunrise Chapter, Montevideo; Constellation Chapter, St. Paul; Charity Chapter, Redwood Falls; the account of the last appearing in the daily paper under the heading "An Eastern Star Shines" and states that, "several hundred people were present and witnessed the ceremony as conducted by the G. M., which was considered perfect by the well-posted Masons of the city."

Jan. 7, Minneapolis Chapter and Lorraine Chapter united in a public installation in the Commandery room at Masonic Temple, the ceremony being conducted by the G. M. assisted by Sister Jennie L. Flynn as Mar. for Lorraine Chapter and a sister belonging to Minneapolis for that Chapter. As the ten sisters, who represented the five rays of the central star of the two chapters were conducted to their several stations, a perfect star was formed and the ribbons of the appropriate colors drawn from one to the other, to clearly define the outline of the star, the five colors from the stereopticon was then thrown upon the scene in regular order, meanwhile the installing officer was reciting a fitting verse for each point and the marshals presenting the "star" sisters with emblematical flowers. The program at the close included music by the Lorelei quartet, violin solo by Miss Alice Bagley, accompanied by Miss Mabel Runge, recitation by Miss Cora Ainey, of St. Paul, violin solo by Prof. Allsbury of Boston, vocal solo by J. M. Root of the Masonic quartet and a vocal duet by Misses Belle Ralston and Nellie McCullum. Officers of Minneapolis Chapter are Sister H. A. Flint, W. M.; W. B. Hixon, W. P.; Brother Hixon is P. W. M. of Minneapolis Lodge F. & A. M., which numbers the largest membership of any lodge in the U. S.—(and if one of the brothers were dictating this account he would say in the world, but sisters ever aim to express themselves discreetly (?) and so I will limit myself to the U. S.) Sister W. M. Walker is A. M.

Joint installation of Arcana Lodge F. & A. M., and Arcana O. E. S. officers, occurred Dec. 22, W. P. Roberts conducting the Blue Lodge installation assisted by M. VanCleve, and Sister Jennie Ring, P. M., conducting the O. E. S. ceremonies. A coincidence of this occasion was the installation of Dan Brown, W. M.; son of Chas. D. Brown installed Tyler, and Alice Brown, sister of the W. M., installed as Sec. of the O. E. S., while the father was again conducted to the west of the altar and invested with the "cross swords within the star" badges of the O. E. S. sentinel. A fine banquet under the supervision of Bros. Brown, Suggett, Frost and Dingman was a fitting close to a profitable and pleasant occasion.

At the opera house, Buffalo, on New Year's eve occurred the installation of officers of

Nelson Lodge, F. & A. M. and the officers of Galilee Chapter O. E. S., the former ceremonies being conducted by Bro. J. M. Williams, P. M., of Minneapolis Lodge, and the latter by Sister Ida M. Wing, G. Sec., O. E. S. Visitors were present from the Chapters at Annandale, Rockford and Monticello. Sister Wing was entertained at the pleasant home of Sister and Brother Hillier. Sister Austin Knight is W. M.; O. H. Bushnell, W. P.

Jasper Chapter of Rush City, the home of J. D. Markham, G. P., gave a private mask dancing party on Thanksgiving eve. The proceeds from a literary and musical entertainment given by the Chapter, assisted by Bro. Franklyn, W. Lee, of St. Paul and Sister Stowe, wife of Rev. A. D. Stowe of Stillwater, increased the exchequer to such an extent, that now the officers make their appearance attired in new and beautiful robes. Prosperity is evidently perched upon the banner of Jasper Chapter, for the annual reports showed all bills paid, a balance in the treasury and a membership of sixty-four—the same number enrolled upon the records of Jasper Lodge—the meetings are made interesting, and at all times a good attendance the result. Nov. 27, two candidates were conducted through the ceremonies of initiation and on Dec. 11, three more were instructed in "those sublime virtues exemplified in the lives of the distinguished heroines of our Order," after which refreshments were served. One petitioner was elected same evening to receive degrees. Election of officers for the ensuing year occurred Dec. 26, and these were duly installed at the regular meeting Jan. 8, by J. D. Markham, G. P., assisted by S. C. Johnson as G. Mar. The following are the sisters and brothers who have been installed into their respective stations and have entered upon their duties: Emma J. Jackson, W. M.; Dr. A. J. Stowe, W. P.; Addie A. Markham, A. M.

Many members of Star in the West Lodge F. & A. M., Sauk Center, accompanied by their wives, responded to the invitation extended them by the members of Naomi Chapter O. E. S., to be present Jan. 1, and witness the installation of the officers, which ceremony was conducted by the retiring W. M., Sister Isabel W. Lewis. Having memorized the work and being gifted with a clear voice, she was able to make the ceremonies impressive, and rivet the attention of the audience throughout the whole. It is no small task to commit to memory the entire installation ceremony, and when a member of the Order does so, she has the love of the Order at heart, for she realizes that "first impressions are permanent and should be for good." The outline of the evening was as follows, "Welcome" song by the Chapter; Words of Welcome and Greeting, W. M.; Address "Touching the Purposes of the Order" by L. R. Barto, W. P. Installation first three officers—First three verses of Installation Ode by Trio, installation of remaining officers; last verse of Installation Ode, Trio, then the final charge to the

Chapter and new W. M., Ode by the Chapter. After a social chat all adjourned to the banquet hall where a bountiful supply of good things awaited members and guests. Truly of this Chapter can be said "Peace and Harmony prevails." The officers now are Ella F. Whipple, W. M.; Geo. Ingram, W. P.; Regina V. Barto, A. M.

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON
Grand Correspondent.

NEBRASKA.

Adah Chapter, South Omaha, secured the services of some of the members of Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, Ia., to render "Female Masonry a La Lease" for the benefit of the former Chapter. The hall was crowded, and the visitors manifested their hearty enjoyment of the play by frequent applause and laughter. Only one little accident happened to mar the performance. In the fever of excitement caused by the "Man" attempting to obtain entrance into the woman's lodge, the goat tugged so violently to escape, with the candidate seated on it, that it overturned the table to which it was hitched and down came skull, cross bones, gong, scepter, &c., in a tumbled heap on the floor, but the audience thinking it was all in the play applauded more vigorously than ever, and the performers gracefully retired, thinking "Alls well that ends well." The ladies netted nearly forty dollars from the performance.

NEW YORK.

Jan. 15, the G. M. instituted a new Chapter in New York city, to be known as Hope Chapter.

A certain Brother of Auburn, has signified his intention of presenting to the Eastern Star Home association sufficient land bordering on one of the beautiful lakes of central New York, for the purpose of erecting the proposed Home. Such a timely gift has already gladdened the hearts of the votaries engaged in the cause of this proposed enterprise.

Jan. 22, about 75 of the members assembled at the residence of Mrs. M. T. Sutton, W. M. of Stella Chapter, and tendered a birthday surprise to Mrs. Emily A. Gillon, R. W. G. A., who had on that day reached her fiftieth birthday. Bro. Geo. S. Barber, in behalf of the Chapter members and other friends, presented her with numerous gifts. The affair was exceedingly enjoyable, and the whole entertainment was in every way satisfactory. Our surprised sister was assured by this unexpected event, that she is in the midst of a host of sincere friends, as was attested in the gathering herein described.

The annual official visits on the part of the G. C. Os. began with that of Alma Chapter on Jan. 16, and will continue for about a month, then an interval of a month will occur while the chapters in the other parts of the State are visited. About the third week of March the visits will again be resumed, and continue up to the 1st of May. The system is to make about three visits a week. The occasions are very pleasant. Numerous presents are given

to the G. M. The programs are quite varied, refreshments are always served, and addresses and speeches are made. The members look forward to the official visits with much pleasure, and they are always well attended.

The benefit of wearing an Eastern Star badge was fully demonstrated in Brooklyn on Jan. 15. The A. M. of Architect Chapter had just called on a lady proposed at the recent meeting, on her return home, and when in front of a private residence, she became extremely ill, and sat down upon the steps moaning. The lady of the house hearing the same went to the relief of the sister ill, and seeing the Eastern Star pin had her taken into the house, and a physician sent for, but she died in a few minutes. The body was sent to a neighboring undertaker's establishment, and notice put in the papers that an unknown woman, on whom was an Eastern Star badge, had died suddenly, without recognition. The members of the city hurriedly viewed the remains, she was identified, and her family notified.

In the Floral marches given by Stella Chapter on Jan. 19, for the benefit of the Grand Officers, a Processional Hymn was introduced and sung by a choir of excellent voices, composed of the members of the Chapter.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTER:—Acacia Chapter, situated at Sherman, Chautaugua county, received its charter in June 1894, after working one year under dispensation. There were twenty-seven charter members in the beginning, to which number has been added twenty-three. Two have withdrawn, having taken up a residence in a distant state in a location where no chapter exists; and three others have passed on from "Friendship's golden chain," to join with the Departed Heroines in the brighter chain in the more glorious Chapter above.

Though but in her infancy, Acacia Chapter shows a strong and healthful state, not a small part of which is due to the interest manifested by the brethren. The Chapter finds their counsel of immeasurable worth, and their occasional speeches lend life and cheery pleasure to the meetings. Bro. I. H. Russell, who was recently elected secretary, had assisted in the responsible duties of that office for some time previous, the former secretary being in ill health. The office being, as yet, unsalaried, the members thought to surprise him and give a slight hint of their appreciation of his worth and work so they took the occasion of his installation, after which ceremony he was presented in the East when the W. M. addressed him, and in behalf of the Chapter, presented him with a nice sleigh robe. Considerable merriment was manifested in the hall, for the whole affair had been arranged in a trice and the brother having the robe had no means, save his power of mind-reading, to determine when to bring forward nor how to proceed. His rare judgment aided him, and at the fitting moment, he wrapped the robe about Bro. Rus-

sell as the W. M. finished, and the Chapter applauded. We learn that the robe is prized as a token from his friends and that it was an opportune gift, he having recently purchased a fine pony and pleasure sleigh.

The fifth Wednesday of this month, Acacia Chapter celebrates with a social when we propose to determine who is the best speller, and when they may hear "Bridget's Views on Masonry."

We are looking forward to the visit of the G. M., hoping our work may bear her approval.

Not wishing to take too much of your valuable space, I will conclude by assuring you that THE EASTERN STAR is a welcome visitor, and has been invaluable as an aid to me in O. E. S. matters. I set much by its counsel and the help of the items and suggestions from the various chapters. Fraternally,

HARRIET S. MARSH, W. M.
PENNSYLVANIA.

Canawacta Chapter, Susquehanna, Dec. 19, met in Masonic Hall and elected officers for the ensuing year. We had a very large meeting and much interest was displayed, and everything passed off pleasantly. Dec. 21, the following were installed: Mary A. Strachen, W. M.; George W. Gleason, W. P.; Bertha Fordyce, A. M.

Our year has passed very pleasantly. At our first meeting two were initiated and we had three petitions. We are talking of getting robes, but as our Chapter is young and not very rich, we will get them ourselves so it will not be any expense to the Chapter.

I love the work dearly, and since it was started here over a year ago, I have not missed a meeting, and I think if we live up to its teachings we cannot help but become better.

WISCONSIN.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—Waukesha Chapter has fallen into line installing officers for the ensuing year on Dec. 26. Our installation was public and the pleasure was augmented by a banquet given by our Chapter to Masons and their families. Mrs. Martha Ross, A. G. M., of Columbus, read a very interesting article upon the origin of "the Eastern Star, its purposes, etc," after which she installed officers:

Mrs. Laura Ott, W. M.; W. D. Jones, W. P.; Mrs. Lillie Yantis, A. M.

The banquet hall was next in order, plates being spread for about one hundred guests. After proper attention had been given the wants of the inner man, toasts followed, Miss Hattie Bacon serving as toast master. First "The Masonic Fraternity," responded to by Mrs. Harriet Robinson. Second "The Eastern Star" Mr. H. M. Horning responding to the same. These were followed by short remarks or stories by many of our visitors, some of which were very humorous and the evening and feast ended most pleasantly, those partaking wishing for many returns of the same.

Response to the toast to "The Masonic Fraternity"—

I can assure you my friends I consider it an honor to be called upon to respond to this toast, "The Masonic Fraternity." How can woman who has never been permitted to enter the sacred portals do justice to this noble subject? Were I as well posted as Mrs. Mary Lease says she is, or Mrs. Salome Anderson who claims to have taken three degrees in Masonry, and is well versed in the 32nd, I might say some things which by me must remain unsaid, for unfortunately, I have never taken the degrees. Hoping the more learned will spare their criticisms I offer my humble attempt.

"THE MASONIC FRATERNITY."

This is the oldest, grandest, and best order in the world. It is the grand old vine, the parent stem from which so many other organizations have received their origin.

The Masonic order was founded for the benefit of those hardy sons of toil, the masons, who were working to erect structures which should be the pride of the world. When King Solomon he sent abroad for Hiram the Syrian, the widow's son, to erect the temple which should be the grandest the world had ever seen. Since that time the Masonic Fraternity have been building temples for humanity throughout the entire world. Homes for the widows and orphans of brother masons have been generously provided and their lives made brighter by the helping hand. From early childhood we have been taught to respect and love the name of masonry, and since we have arrived at years of maturity and seen and felt its influence in the family circle, surely that respect and love has not diminished. We are taught to believe that from within its sacred shrine nothing emanates but what is good, pure and ennobling, and that we, as wives, daughters and sisters of masons may look up to the fraternity for guidance, protection and assistance. May the great esteem in which we have always held your ancient and noble institution never be less.

Although we are from necessity barred from your "Holy of Holies"—in our beloved Order the Star is shining, the latch string is out, and a welcome for all good and worthy members of the "Masonic Fraternity." All honor to this grand and noble Brotherhood, God bless it forever. H. J. ROBINSON.

The installation of the officers of Vesper Chapter, East Troy, was held Dec. 29. Sister Susie Rogers, P. M., was installing officer, and Belle Watrous, Mar. Sarah Reynold, W. M., John Chafin, W. P.; Ella Randolph, A. M. After the installation, an address by the W. M., and appropriate remarks by the W. P., were listened to, and then refreshments were served by the incoming officers, and enjoyed by the members, and Masonic brothers and families. R.

Writers of fiction should be careful how they trifle with natural science. One popular novelist described with much eloquence a tropical full moon, and represented as occurring immediately afterwards a total eclipse of the sun, an astronomical impossibility at such a time. An American novelist represents one of his characters as pointing to a certain star in the course of conversation, and names as the exact date of the incident a day when the star is visible in no part of the earth.

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The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin will hold its Fifth Annual meeting in Milwaukee on the third Wednesday in February.

Subscribers finding this paragraph marked will understand that their subscription has expired and their renewal is earnestly solicited.

Several items are obliged to wait until next month for want of space, and in giving the officers it was found necessary to give only the first three.

Among the many new clubs for women, the Mother's Parliament is the one where the members meet and give individual experiences in the training and guidance of children.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin is again able to attend to her duties but not with full strength, and the doctor has ordered her South. We trust that a brief rest in the southland may fully restore her, and this is but the echo of the wish of her many friends.

Every member of the Order who desires to be informed of the work of the Order, should

subscribe for some paper from which to learn of its doings. There is none better than THE EASTERN STAR, as it will prove to you if you will allow it a trial—subscribe and see.

After November 1, 1894, the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, will be at 668 Kenmore Ave., Edgewater, Chicago, Ills., Milwaukee & St. Paul R. R., or Clark Street City Limits Car, connecting with the Electric Car direct.

Any one who intends spending a few of the cold winter months in a pleasant and healthful climate, and look for first class accommodations in a private house, surrounded by orange trees, should correspond with John Hodler, Braidentown, Manatee county, Fla.

The Chicago Woman's club has withdrawn the color line and elected a colored woman as member. Hereafter members will be admitted on their own merits. The Sanitary society of Indianapolis has many colored members who work among their race to secure better sanitation.

Do we ever stop to think in the busy rush of life of the many little kindnesses that we could extend to each other without inconveniencing ourselves? A smile or encouraging word would go far toward making another happy and our own happiness would also be increased.

Thanks are due to many sisters who have aided by looking after the subscribers in their locality, and adding to our list new names. The kindness is greatly appreciated, and we trust they will not weary in well doing. There should be in every Chapter, subscribers to THE EASTERN STAR.

A teacher has written the Boston Transcript favoring the making Forefather's day, Dec. 21, Thanksgiving day. This, she argues, will save much expense to teachers who wish to spend both holiday vacations at distant homes and will make a better division of the school term possible.

The women of New York who did such courageous work in fighting Tammany hall in the recent political campaign, have taken up arms against the overcrowded unhealthy school buildings which are a disgrace to the city. How many mothers ever make a personal visit to the schoolroom to see how their children are housed for six hours a day?

Sister Nettie Ransford is the only woman in the Order who owns and operates a printing office. All blanks for Chapter use are furnished by her and the work is done by sisters of the Order. By-Laws are printed and satisfaction guaranteed. Also cards of

any description. Your patronage is solicited and it is hoped that a share may come this way.

Our Sister Etta E. Houk of Westfield Chapter and Department Secretary of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps, has been called to mourn the loss of her father. He has been ill with lung trouble for several months, but on the morning of January 23rd, he was released from suffering. The love and sympathy of of both orders is extended our sister in the great sorrow.

The Daughters of the Revolution have taken for their work, to instill and foster patriotism in the boys and girls as well as the men and women of today. This is a noble work, though it is a shame to Americans that patriotism has so small place in their lives. The English ridicule our poor imitations of them, and cannot understand why we so cheapen our own individuality as a nation by aping foreigners. Let us strike for American literature, American customs and American homes, and above all let us teach our children not to be ashamed of the stars and stripes which is the grandest coat of arms a man can have.

The officers in the several Chapters have entered upon their duties. What shall the close of this year record for the Chapter? Success and harmony, or failure and discord? That depends, not upon the officers, but upon officer and member alike. The officers, having assumed the obligation should see that the duties incumbent upon them are discharged to the best of their ability. Each individual member is also responsible for the weal or woe of the Chapter and should guard its happiness as conscientiously as they would that of their own family. It is a family, for in the most sacred manner were they made members of the household.

St. Valentine's day will soon be here. "Too old for valentines?" Nonsense my dear sister. You may be beyond the Cupid and lace paper heart stage; but there are many other valentines which you have the power to brighten the day with. Have you a sick friend? Send her a growing primrose, a cluster of violets, or lilies of the valley. Do you know some poor soul shut in hospital or cottage? Bundle up your old magazines and papers and send them to her. Have you a dear old lady friend who loves her tea? Send her a dainty cup and saucer to drink it from. She will bless you for it, and for the memories the valentine gives her. Make the day a gift day for some one less happy than yourself.

The week beginning February 18, will be an interesting one for women throughout the United States, for the second triennial session

of the National Council of Women of the United States will be held in Washington, D. C. The General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will be represented by Mary C. Snedden of Missouri. Mrs. May Wright Sewall of Indianapolis, is the president of the National Council of Women and will preside at the meetings. The subjects to be discussed cover nearly every line of work, religion, philanthropy, patriotism, education, industry, politics, municipal legislation, improved dress, divorce reform, peace, temperance, government and moral reform. Prominent women in all these lines of work will speak, and the meetings cannot fail to be of rare interest. Apparently the National Council of women does not recognize the press, for this department of women's work has no place on the program. Yet the assistance of the press is asked for every great work.

"Schools for mistresses" has been the solution of the much-discussed servant question, given by a bright woman. After all may not this be the very thing that is needed to oil the joints of the household machinery? How many mothers give any thought to preparing their daughters to rule over households? The modern girl is taught how to sing, to paint, to speak in different languages; but does the mother ever take into consideration that her daughter needs a training in managing a home? Every girl should be taught to cut and fit her own dresses, to mend and to darn, to cook and to nurse, to buy for the table and to furnish her house. The domestic training schools are doing this for poor girls, but rich girls would find they would lead far happier lives if they understood how to run a household. It matters not how many servants one has, she should understand the proper way of doing things. Because a merchant hires three hundred clerks is no reason that he should be utterly ignorant of his business, but the woman who has housekeeper, cook and maids, says: "I pay them to care for my house, I know nothing about caring for it." Here is another great work for mothers.

WOMAN AND THE LAW.

The Local Council of Women of Indianapolis proposes to take a hand in matters legislative, by petitioning the state legislature now in a session, to modify the law against wine rooms. As the present law is, women cannot be arrested for visiting these dens of vice unless they are proven to be women of notorious character. There is no law to prevent men and women from drinking together if they so desire. As everyone knows these wineroms have proven a pitfall to hundreds of innocent girls who are unaware of the nature of the places, and the Local Council of Women are earnest in their efforts to stop the evil. In this matter they have the hearty support and co-operation of the city Superintendent of police. The legislature will also

be asked to modify the law relating to gambling, to cover the slot machine now so largely patronized by boys, girls and men. These machines are found in many drug stores and places of business and are said to foster gambling. The third matter which the ladies will present to the legislators, is a bill authorizing the appointment of a police matron to care for female prisoners and young children, in all cities of ten thousand inhabitants or over. Mrs. Anna Buchanan the Indianapolis police matron is back of this petition and has secured the names of thousands of prominent persons.

These are each matters which every liberal minded woman will approve, and she should lend her encouragement and support to the ladies who are striving to have the law amended. They are also matters in which every woman may help, even if she does not mix actively in public affairs. If she is a mother, she should give her most careful attention to the companions and the whereabouts of her daughters and sons. She should encourage her children to enjoy themselves at home, and should sacrifice her own enjoyment to occasionally accompany them to places of amusement, rather than to have them deceive her and drift into bad company. Too much sympathy is wasted on "broken-hearted parents," when the latter should have guarded their children from babyhood. The gambling evil may be stopped among women as well as men, by the former's refusing to play cards for prizes, or to sanction church and charity raffles of vases, quilts, etc. There is much work for women here.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Miss Frances E. Willard's mother said to her when she first began her social reform work: "Be quiet, my dear; we are not born to reign, but to wrestle."

Do we honestly differ widely from "Bab" who in a recent letter says—Men have an idea that women like exercise. They don't. Women like warm weather, good food, fresh boubons, interesting books and laziness. I don't mean, of course, that all women are lazy, but if it was possible, I think they all would be.

Children are impressionable and proper attention should be given to their surroundings. To have refining pictures on the walls is one way of cultivating in them the aesthetic sense. Copies of the finest pictures may be had at low cost, and it is just as desirable for a child to make the acquaintance of the masters in painting as in literature.

Robert Louis Stevenson told a Washington writer that his story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" had for its foundation an incident related to him by a London doctor who made diseases of the brain a specialty. None of his work was absolute fiction, and most of it

had a basis in actual experience. "I do not believe," he said, "that any man ever evolved a really good story from his inner consciousness unaided by some personal experience or incident of life."

With this month comes the good old St. Valentine's day, ushered in by cupids, garlanded in roses, and made musical with the cooing of doves. Sentimental associations cluster about this day; coming in bleak midwinter, 'tis yet a day of color and sunshine, of youth and love, and the memories connected therewith grow very pretty and picturesque, viewed through the perspective of the years.

Mrs. Whitney speaks a truth suggested by the day when she says—"There is now and then a romance of boy and girl love which runs on into manhood and womanhood and fulfills itself. But I do not believe in these romances as a general thing. There comes a time when the girl is suddenly so much more than the boy,—when she has got so much farther. And once waiting for him to catch up,—ah! that may be an angel's ministry, but it is not a woman's blessedness." L.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

For the Eastern Star.

In response to an invitation from Terre Haute Chapter, I took the train early on the morning of January 1st, for that place, for the purpose of installing the officers elect. In the hospitable home of Sister Gardiner, I had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Secretary who had been invited to assist in the installation. Sister Ransford was accompanied by Sister Arthur of Indianapolis. An elegant dinner was served by our hostess, to which we devoted our serious and individual attention.

Repairing to the Hall at 7:30, we had the pleasure of greeting a large number of the members of this most prosperous Chapter. Sister Gardiner was installed Worthy Matron. Her selection was complimentary evidence of her successful administration of the affairs of the Chapter last year. Judge Long, a prominent and zealous Mason was installed Worthy Patron. After the installation short speeches were made by the Grand Matron, Grand Secretary and the Worthy Patron. This officer expressed a commendable interest in the work and called upon the new officers to meet for rehearsal and practice before the next stated meeting, that the beauty and solemnity of the work might not be impaired by faulty and imperfect rendition. Refreshments were served and we spent some time in social converse, renewing old acquaintances and forming many pleasant new ones.

When at last we reluctantly said good bye, we felt strengthened by their strength and encouraged by their zeal.

JENNIE MEYERHOFF,
Grand Matron.

GLEANINGS.

COLORADO.

For the Eastern Star.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, held its annual installation of officers Dec. 26. Sister Carrie Reef, P. G. M., officiated as installing officer. Pauline Augerman, W. M.; George D. Greenfield, W. P.; Emma Hobbs, A. M. Our Chapter enjoys prosperity in full measure, the officers are enthusiastic in their work and our members turn out in full force at every session.

CONNECTICUT

At the annual meeting of Olive Chapter, Seymour, the following officers were elected:

Miss Bessie T. Emery, W. M.; Sharon D. Beach, W. P.; Mrs. Cora A. Varney, A. M.

After the election of officers, Frank G. Bassett, P. G. P., presented the retiring W. M., Sister Julia M. Smith, with a P. M.'s Jewel, in behalf of the Chapter, in the following language:

Worthy Matron, eight years ago, a little band of thirteen members of the Order met in this hall, and were organized into a Chapter by the then G. P., John M. Page, assisted by the late Frances R. Martin, G. Sec. We at once sent forth the Dove of peace to the Masons and their female relatives, in this vicinity, and it has continued to return with Olive branches, until we now number 81 members. The Angel of Death has removed but few of our members over the silent river, for which we return thanks to Him who doeth all things for the best. By this we are reminded of the beautiful lessons taught by the Order. First the lesson of Adah, by submitting to the will of God in all conditions of life; second that of Ruth, by faithfully laboring for the benefits of others, no matter how high or how humble may be their station in life; third, that of Esther, by defending the character of all, so far as truth and justice will warrant, even at the hazard of our lives; that of Martha, by faithfully serving and loving Him, who died that we might live; Electa, by steadily persevering in the path of right, for naught but holiness will serve as a sure passport to gain admission into that rest prepared from the foundation of the world.

During our existence as a Chapter, we have had six Matrons, Sister Thayer, our first Matron serving three years, faithfully and with great ability, Sisters Booth, Castle, Bassett, Pickett, and yourself, and as merit should be rewarded, and as every lady should be invested with the emblem of their rank and station, I am requested to present you with this beautiful jewel, as a token of their appreciation of your labors for the benefit of the Order of the Eastern Star, and especially Olive Chapter. It is an emblem of the Star of Bethlehem which guided the wise men of the east, to that place of our Saviour's nativity. It is encircled with a wreath, to remind us that we are bound together by an endless chain of love and sincere affection, which should never be broken, except by death. It further reminds us, that if we have lived according to the teachings of the Ritual, we shall be reunited in the Grand Chapter above, where death comes not, and joy and happiness is everlasting.

Take it Worthy Matron, and when you wear it, remember that it is a token of the love and esteem in which your Sisters and Brothers hold you.

It was a perfect surprise to the W. M. and

she was very much affected. In response she said, she was much pleased to know that her labors were appreciated. She thanked the members for their beautiful gift, and she would wear it with pride and should ever hold the members dear in her heart.

CALIFORNIA.

Pasadena Chapter met Dec. 27, 1894, for the purpose of installing the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. The Chapter room was tastefully decorated for the occasion. About 250 members and visitors were present. Sister Arelina Jaunita Cornell, P. M., assisted by Sister Carrie Belle Hoff as Mar., deserve great credit for the manner in which they installed the following officers:

Sister Ella Adella Sears, W. M.; Bro. Chas. Joseph Willets, W. P.; Sister Mary Grace Wiley, A. M.

Bro. Edward Gaylord, P. P., made a few remarks for the good of the order, before he presented, on behalf of Pasadena Chapter, to Sister Crowell a P. M.'s Jewel, which was received by her with many thanks to the Chapter. Refreshments, speeches and dancing, closed a very enjoyable evening.

The months of November and December are gala months for California Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star. In those months they install their newly elected officers. The Chapter rooms are decked with beautiful flowers in token of such an event, and the banquet room is made to yield all its glory.

The first installation I witnessed this year was that of Golden Wave Chapter, at San Leandro, a small town on the road to Haywards going from Alameda. The rooms were decorated with pretty flowers, and the chairs of the A. C., Con. and Star officers were draped with sashes and vines. The Points of the Star all wore dresses appropriate to the several colors, and for a small Chapter, about fifty members, the choice of these officers especially, was well made. After the conclusion of the ceremonies, guests and members were invited to the banquet room, where they were treated to a delightful repast.

Oak Leaf Chapter installed at the Masonic Temple in Oakland in November. This is one of the largest Chapters on the coast and the work done here is well worthy of imitation. The work of their installation night was not only done well, but it was beautiful. After the ceremonies, the Olympian degree was given as the first number on the program. The participants wore robes of a beautiful design, and all enjoyed it thoroughly. Notwithstanding it was a public installation, the banquet room was opened, and all enjoyed its bounties.

The next Chapter to install was Unity Chapter, West Oakland. The G. M. of California Grand Chapter, is Sec. here, and she presided as installing Officer. This is Sister Wilson. Other Grand Officers were present of whom I can only recall the name of Sister Mary Patridge, who I think, is the R. W. A. G. M. of the G. G. C. We had a pleasing

speech from her at the close of the installation. Then came another repast, and the journey home.

In December Carita Chapter, of Alameda, installed, throwing its doors open to members and families. The evening passed without a flaw. The hall in the Temple was tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and palms leaves. The American flag here played an appropriate part, being draped in the East. I also noticed this feature at Oak Leaf in Oakland. The installing ceremonies were performed by Bro J. N. Young, P. G. P. The following program given during during the later part of the evening was as follows:—

Violin Solo, Miss Olivia Sansom; vocal duet, Misses Maud Chappell and Olivia Sansom; song, Mrs. Nelson; violin solo with piano accompaniment, the Misses Serening; vocal duet, Misses Cora Fackrell and Millie Nobmann. A banquet and dance followed and it was midnight before we left for home.

A SISTER.

ILLINOIS.

The officers of Henriette Chapter, Turner, were installed Jan. 3, jointly with the Lodge F. & A. M., and the Chapter R. A. M. Sister Jennie A. Walker, P. G. M., served as installing officer. She was assisted by her daughter, Sister Allie Nichols as G. Mar. The installation was open to masons and their families and was well attended. The installation of the officers of the O. E. S. was particularly well rendered by the officers in charge. A banquet followed which was in keeping with the rest.

IOWA.

Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, held a public installation on New Years eve. There were a great many friends present and after the installation was over supper was served, and then a social time was had until the bells and whistles told us that a New Year had dawned and that 1894 was a past number.

P. G. M., Mrs. Maria Jackson, installed the officers, Mr. G. H. Jackson, acting as G. Mar. Mrs. M. Duquette, W. M.; Mr. Chas. E. Walters, W. P.; Mrs. Chas. E. Tucker, A. M.

Jan. 11, was a gala day for Sister and Bro. Theodore Schreiner, of Mt. Pleasant, being their 60th wedding anniversary. They held a reception in the evening from six to ten o'clock, when hundreds of their friends called to greet the venerable couple; while innumerable letters and telegrams from abroad testified to the high esteem of their many friends who were unable to be present. Father Schreiner has guarded the doors of all the Grand Masonic bodies for these many years, and it will not appear the same Iowa G. C., Commandery, or Lodge, when he is not there to greet the guests at the outer portals of the lodge room; may he yet be spared many years to faithfully fill his station, and when he is called up higher, may Father Schreiner be one of the first to welcome the sisters and brothers to the Grand Chapter on high.

Emerson Chapter held joint installation

with the Masonic brothers on the evening of Dec. 21, Mrs. Maria Jackson P. G. M., acting as installing officer. The following will serve the Chapter in their official capacities for the ensuing year: Sibyl J. Tubbs, W. M.; M. L. Evans, W. P.; Laura Culver, A. M. At the close of the ceremonies the visitors and members were invited into the dining room to partake of an elegant repast, and even after all had been banquetted to their heart's content, it appear as though the fragments remaining equaled those in the biblical story of old. Emerson Chapter knows how to royally entertain its guests, and is, considering the size of the town, one of the best, liveliest, and most enterprising Chapter in the State. Among the distinguished guests from abroad were Bro. and Sister Houghton, from Red Oak, the latter being the efficient G. Treas.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

For the Eastern Star.

Purity Chapter, Vinita, after working two years under dispensation, was granted a charter and given the No. 20.

Bro. Leo E. Bennett, G. Sec., was deputized to install the officers. We then asked the G. M. to allow us to elect from the floor. She granting our petition, we elected—

Rebecca M. Swain, W. M.; Thos. J. McCain, W. P.; Viranda Franklin, A. M.

The first duty the new officers had, was to bury their Sen., Bro. George Davis, a much loved brother. Sadly we miss his face and words of cheer.

At our first meeting after election eight petitions were received. Every meeting makes us feel glad that there is an Eastern Star Order that can cement our hearts in friendship strong and true.

Our charter and jewels are draped in mourning for our G. Treas., Harriett Wright, who was summoned to the Supreme Chapter on High on Christmas day. While we bow in submission to the hand of our God, we know that beyond the grave our loved ones are waiting to welcome us to our eternal home.

"The Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of giving practical effects to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry and is worthy of the protection and support of all good Masons."

Every day we find the good brothers are more willing to give us this support, and the day is coming when to be a Mason will be to be a Star. S.

INDIANA.

Jan. 10, South Bend Chapter held its regular meeting. Two petitions were received and one balloted on. The Chapter now numbers over 100.

Jan. 3, Ivy Chapter, North Manchester, held joint installation with the Lodge F. & A. M. A delightful evening was spent. Although the town is small, and the membership not large, the meetings are well attended and Ivy Chapter is moving steadily onward. Nellie Dunbar W. M., E. M. Rager, W. P., Clemantine Baird, A. M.

Petersburg Chapter elected officers Dec 18, and installed them, jointly with the Flue Lodge, on the evening of Dec. 27th. A heavy snow had been falling the day and night previous, and then turned so cold, that few of the sisters outside of the outgoing and incoming officers, were present, but our good sentinel had made the rooms unusually pleasant and attractive by good fires, and freshly polished stoves and lamp globes, and after thawing out we all felt repaid for braving the elements.

The Blue Lodge officers were installed first by the retiring Master, Mr. George E. King, in an impressive manner. The Chapter officers were installed by the retiring W. M., Mrs. Lillie T. Hammond, assisted by the retiring W. P., Mr. G. J. Richards, who acted as both Chap. and Mar. The installing officers work was done without the aid of the ritual, as has been all her work throughout the year, and every one expressed themselves delighted at the beauty of the ceremony. The new officers are all working members and we are expecting as prosperous a year as the one through which we have just passed. H.

Wabash Chapter is doing good work. At the stated meeting held Dec. 24, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. Lizzie Myers, W. M.; Mr. Edwin Edwards, W. P.; Mrs. Emma Teague, A. M.

One of the nicest installation ceremonies was the joint installation of the Blue Lodge and O. E. S., which took place Jan. 8, at Masonic Temple, the Masons and their families and Eastern Star members and their families being present. The crowd was really larger than had been anticipated and a little delay occurred at the supper table, and the friends were not served as promptly as desired on that account. Rev. G. B. Van Arsdale delivered a short address after the installation previous to going down to supper, which was well received. The Blue Lodge installed their officers first. J. W. H. McGuire was the installing officer and Aaron Simon, Mar. The installation of the O. E. S. followed, retiring M., Mrs. Lizzie Chapter, acting as installing officer and Mrs. Fannie Lawton, Mar. Mrs. Chapter was highly complimented for the manner in which she installed the officers. Every one was very well pleased with the evening's exercises. Twenty-six received the degrees of our beautiful Order last year which is very encouraging and peace and harmony prevails. A MEMBER.

KANSAS.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR.—The account of the election and installation of officers of Eva Chapter, at Independence, was incomplete, as it failed to mention the presentation of a solid silver pocket match safe to Bro. A. B. Clark, the retiring P., by Sister Viretta Hooper. The impromptu presentation speech was delivered with that ease and elegance, that none but Sister Hooper could command. The surprise that this gift caused Bro. Clark, only aided to brighten his thoughts, and he responded with that feeling and eloquence

that was befitting an able lawyer and retiring P. upon such an occasion. A MEMBER.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—A large number of members, Masons and their families, assembled at Masonic Hall, Eureka, Dec. 20, to partake of an excellent banquet served at six o'clock, and to witness the installation of the officers of Queen Bess Chapter by the retiring W. M., Sister Hattie Kelley. The following officers were installed: Clara J. Miller, W. M.; Henry J. Kenner, W. P.; Kate Smyth, A. M.; Lucy Dittmore, Treas.; Ellen A. Kenner, Sec.; Delia Croft, Con.; Nannie Harlan, A. C.

Two excellent selections were sung by a quartette composed of Sisters Miller and Kenner and Bros. Lamb and Clark. Miss Laura Whitbeck of Fredonia, who was in the city the guest of Sister Johnson, favored the assembled ones with two beautiful vocal solos. Sister Kate Smyth who is an excellent reader, read an appropriate Masonic article, one that was highly entertaining and very instructive. When the program was fully rendered the Chapter closed. The remainder of the evening was then devoted to that very excellent virtue—true sociability.

Queen Bess has had a very prosperous year and enters the New Year with bright prospects. SECRETARY.

Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, met in regular session in December and elected officers for the ensuing year. As usual, a fine corps was selected and the installation was held St. Johns night, Dec. 27. They were invited to hold a joint installation with the Blue Lodge and Chapter. A fine banquet was prepared by the ladies and as all of our brothers enjoy good things to eat, the compliments extended in their behalf were cordially received. They were surprised upon going to the hall that night to find two large boxes of fine flowers, cut roses, mistletoe and Japonicas, coming all the way from Beaufort, South Carolina. How thoughtful of Brother and Sister Barrows so far from us to remember us upon that night. Evidently, they were with us in spirit, if not in body. Return thanks to the absent ones so far away and trust they will soon be at work in our beautiful order there. Sister Pitkins has opened up a correspondence with the brother Masons, and I shall expect to see our work extending in that direction and wish them success.

Olive Chapter will long remember the year of 1894 just passed. So many links of her golden chain have been broken and the loved ones gone to join the Grand Chapter on the other side, to rest in our "Heavenly Fathers Mansions" not made with hands. Dr. B. F. Hepler was called Sept. 21, Judge Bawden, our Sec., followed Dec. 6. On the 30, a loving sister, Sarah Mitchell, was glad to lay her burden down and journey to the promised home of "Rest." On Nov. 24, the death messenger knocked at the home of Brother and Sister Pearsall and took their oldest son, just stepping into manhood with such a bright future, home to the Lord who gave. His was

a beautiful death, prepared and willing to go. A few days following, Sister Taylorn was called upon to lay her loving husband to rest. The messengers call has left so many aching hearts in a few short months.

The Chapter has done fairly good work this year. Fifteen members have been added to her chain. Seven were granted demits. Four moved away, but still call Olive their home. May the year of 1895 bring less sorrows and more cheer is the best wishes and prayer of your sister.

J. M. P.

During the year many have been caused to mourn for the loved ones in the Kansas Sisterhood. Our dearly loved Sr. P. G. M., Sister M. A. Hepler mourns the loss of her husband, and dear Sister Pheobe Colton, P. G. M.—her home has been saddened by the death of her husband, Bro. G. A. Colton, who was a P. G. P. Sister Jessie M. Pearsall, G. Treas., has her heart almost broken by the death of her brilliant and talented son a short time since. Then our dear A. G. C., Sister Dell Bennet by the loss of her husband, one who was loved by all who knew him. Thus while our immediate G. Chapter stands unbroken, its dearest ties are severed in many homes made sad at the Yule tide season. Our holly wreaths and mistletoe boughs have been sad mementoes of our gaily decked homes of one short year ago.

A faithful officer honored,—at a recent meeting of Rob Morris Chapter, Pittsburg. Just before the close, Sister Lucy Johnson, in behalf of the Chapter, presented to Sister Fannie Moore, P. M., a beautiful solid gold ring set with opals and diamonds, as an expression of the esteem in which she is held by those whom she has served for the past two years as W. M. Sister Moore was surprised, but found words with which to express her thanks for so beautiful and costly a gift, assuring the donors that she should ever hold green in her memory the kindness of heart that prompted the gift, and thanked the members for their attendance during her official term, and the promptness with which they had seconded her every effort for the good of the order.

Another faithful officer honored—Sister Harriet Smith, Sec. of Marnego Chapter, received on Christmas eve an elegant O. E. S.—double star pin and chain attached, with the names of the kindly donors. Sister Smith has just been installed in office for the fourth year. A better Sec. could not be found.

Six new chapters have been organized in Kansas this year, all bright and in good locations and thriving in all ways, both social and financial.

MONTANA.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Officers of Martha Chapter, White Sulphur Springs, were installed Dec. 27. Mrs. Minnie Collins, W. M.; Dr. T. M. Hampton, W. P.; Mrs. Bettie Sklower, A. M. We are interested in all Chapters of the O. E. S.

SISTER MINNIE J. COLLINS.

MISSOURI.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Pleasant Hill, has just enjoyed a visit from our G. M., Sister Sue M. Tuttle, Bro. W. A. Wakefield, G. P., also Sister Mary E. Wakefield, P. G. M. Our new officers for the ensuing year were installed and the golden chain lengthened by a very bright link—Miss Clara D. True being initiated. A dainty little supper was served and a profitable and enjoyable time had by all present. Our G. M. presided with great grace and dignity, and won the admiration of all.

On the following day, Jan. 4, our G. officers accompanied by several of our members went to Harrisonville to visit Bayard Chapter.

M. S. RUSSELL, Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Jan. 4, the officers of Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, were installed by Mary A. Stebbins, G. M., and Kate L. McBain, G. Mar. Previous to the meeting a fine supper was served, the whole of the work being done by nine brothers. The work of the installing officers was highly complimented.

Another link is taken from our Chapter to the Grand Chapter on high. Sister Addie L. Prouty our first Ruth, died in Chicago, Dec. 26, but her many deeds of kindness will ever be fresh in the memory of those

"Who knew her but to love her
Who named her but to praise."

Hattie E. Ewing, P. G. M., assisted by Sister Lamb, P. G. Mar., installed the officers of Themis Chapter Jan. 4. Thirty were present from Athena Chapter. A trio of sisters gave a pleasing selection from the cantata of Ruth.

Sister Caswell presented Sisters Lamb and Ewing in her own original way, elegant teaspoons with the word "Athol" engraved in the golden bowl of each, and on the handle, Themis Chapter, No. 30. These will be pleasing souvenirs, not only of that evening, but of many like occasions in the past. A dainty supper followed the exercises in the hall.

The first three officers are: Lizzie E. Caswell, W. M.; Charles H. Forbes, W. P.; Emma M. Wilson, A. M.

At the regular meeting of Athena Chapter, Jan. 9, one candidate was elected and one petition received. After an hour's regular business was disposed of, Sister Gale invited Sisters Ewing and Lamb to install herself and associates. When the installing officer invited the officers to vacate their stations, the Con. and W. M., followed by the Chap. and W. P., began a line of march picking up each officer at her station, which formed a pleasant feature of the evening's work.

After the installation service, Sister Porter presented the retiring M. a P. M.'s jewel. Sister Lamb was quite overcome and could not reply at first, but as soon as she was able to speak, expressed her appreciation of the gift and of the hearty support given her by the officers and other members during her term of office, in a manner that brought tears to many eyes.

Cake and coffee were then served when the twenty-five visitors from Themis Chapter

were obliged to leave. Athena members returned to the hall when the Chapter was closed in form. The first three officers are—Annie M. Gale, W. M.; Charles D. Hendrickson, W. P.; Julia C. Ide, A. M. An original poem was sung after the installation of Star officers.

Carrie S. Fairbairns, A. G. M., installed the officers of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, Jan. 1, before a large and appreciative audience. She was assisted by Maria W. Hyde, G. Chap., and Pauline Shaw as G. Mar. Annette Gove is W. M.; J. L. Blackman, W. P.; Maggie Richmond, A. M. A parlor tea was served.

Jan. 3, found the A. G. M. at Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, for the purpose of installing the officers of that Chapter, and accompanied by the same assistants as at Signet. An early supper was served, which was made public, as well as the installation ceremonies. Clara W. Palmer is W. M.; Lyman Feuer, W. P.; Grace H. Rawlings, A. M.

The following officers were elected in Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Jan. 14: Mary A. Johnson, W. M.; Gorham Tilton, W. P.; Ernestine E. Spavin, A. M. The annual reports showed a membership of eighty-nine,—a net gain of fourteen during the year,—and a well filled treasury with which to begin the work of the new year. Seven candidates were elected.

Lizzie J. Havener, P. M., installed the officers of Electa Chapter, Waltham, Jan. 2, assisted by Etta Mitchell, Mar. and Anna I. Mulloy, Chap. The souvenirs of the occasion were lucky bones, in blue, tied on white cards with red and yellow baby ribbon. Around the bone was "Compliments of Electa, No. 19,—Jan. 2, '95,"—while in the center of the card were the mystic letters "F. C. I. S. F."—a mystery we are not yet able to solve. Fannie I. Dill is W. M.; Alden French, W. P.; Edith I. Randall, A. M. Bouquets were presented and refreshments served.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, elected six candidates Dec. 27, and held the annual election of officers. During the two years of its existence this Chapter has attained a membership of over 200, and has a neat surplus in its treasury. The officers were publicly installed in Masonic Hall, Jan. 24.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, mourns the loss of one of its most faithful members—Bro. Chas. H. Scolly, who died at his residence, Dec. 23, after a few hours illness. He was always at the meetings when circumstances would permit, and ever ready to lend a helping hand in any way that he could best serve the Chapter, although he was never an aspirant for office. His kind and genial manner won him many friends who will sacredly cherish his memory.

Jan. 18, the officers of Vesta Chapter were installed by Maria W. Hyde, assisted by Walter I. Sprague as W. P., Clara W. Palmer as Mar., Helen A. Atkins as Chap., and Lula T. Jacobs as Org. A large number of visitors were present to witness the ceremony, eleven chapters being represented. Grace E. Cou s

ins is W. M.; Chas. H. Burroughs, W. P.; Jennie M. Marston, A. M. Flowers were presented to the installing officers, and a Jewel to the retiring W. M., Ella G. Sprague. Refreshments were served.

Jan. 7, the spacious Masonic Hall, East Boston, was well filled to witness the installation of the officers of Mystic Chapter. The ceremony, which was public, was performed by the retiring W. M., Maria W. Hyde, assisted by Clara W. Palmer as Mar., Helen A. Atkins as Chap., with Myra A. Andrews as A. M.; Emily Little, Sec.; Carrie A. Odiorno, Treas.; Hannah L. Knowles, Con.; Mary E. Fitch, A. C. The hall was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion, the officers dressed in white and the Mozart Quartette gave selections during the ceremony and also sang later in the evening. Linda Wood is W. M., Wm. H. Jackson, W. P.; Sadie Allard, A. M. At the close of the ceremony, flowers were presented to the installing officers, and a jewel to the retiring W. P., Edward G. Graves, after which very flattering remarks were made by Rev. Brooks, P. G. P., Frank E. Shaw, Rev. John Cummings, Missionary to China, and A. G. M., Carrie S. Fairbairn. Banquet was served.

Fannie K. A. Bliss publicly installed the officers of Keystone Chapter, Boston, Jan. 8, assisted by Pauline Shaw as Mar. and Carrie A. Odiorno as Chap. The hall was well filled to witness the ceremony, eight chapters being represented. Viola E. Borland is W. M.; Edward C. T. Eddy, W. P.; Lillian M. Johnson, A. M. Souvenir poems were presented to the installing officers and a jewel to the retiring M., Jennie C. Nickerson. Refreshments were served.

Helen I. Hadley publicly installed the officers of Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, Jan. 17, assisted by Mary E. Fitch as Mar. and Helen A. Atkins as Chap. Every available place in the hall was occupied, making the path of the marshal an intricate one, yet she performed her duties with much credit. Flora E. Kensen, W. M.; James B. Hawkins, W. P.; Jennie M. Whitney, A. M. Flowers were presented to the installing officers, and a banquet served for all.

A large number of members and visitors assembled in Highland's Chapter rooms, Somerville, Jan. 16, to witness the installation ceremony performed by the retiring W. M., Abby I. Carlton; Dr. Horace Gleason, W. P.; Georgine D. Clark, G. M.; Viola E. Borland, Sec.; R. Emily Little, Treas.; Grace E. Cousins, Con.; Sarah B. Westgate, A. C.; Helen A. Atkins, Chap.; Pauline Shaw, Mar. The hall was very elaborately decorated with flowers, palms and potted plants for the occasion, and a grand banquet served. Carrie A. Cushing, W. M.; Frank A. Noyes, W. P.; Belle S. Davis, A. M. Beautiful flowers were presented to the installing officers, and an elegant P. M.'s jewel to the retiring M., the presentation being made by our veteran Masonic brother, Daniel E. Chase, with words both instructive and complimentary.

R. Emily Little installed the officers of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, Jan. 11, assisted by Dora Baker as Mar., Mary E. Fitch, Chap. and Fred O. Wickerson, Org. The hall was well filled to witness the ceremony, five chapters being represented. Fannie I. Terwilliger, W. M.; Wm. Woodruff, W. P.; Sarah L. Hanscom, A. M. Bouquets were presented to the installing officers, and to the retiring P., Arthur H. Rice, and a P. M.'s jewel to the retiring M., Annie L. Lincoln. A banquet was served.

Although the rain fell in torrents Jan. 10, it did not prevent a large gathering at the "Union Whist Party" given by the Eastern Star Association, at the American House, twelve chapters being represented. It was a very pleasant reunion, and a neat little sum was netted for the treasury of the Association. A large number of those present sought admission to the Association. The next in the series of parties will be held at the American House, Boston, Feb. 14. Tickets limited to four hundred. R. E. L.

MINNESOTA.

Sister Brant of Julien Chapter, Dubuque, Ia., visited Minneapolis Chapter, Jan. 14.

Excelsior Chapter, Excelsior, has recently lost by fire all property belonging to it, except the officers' robes.

Sister and Bro. Hurd of Laurel Chapter, Elkton, S. D., were among the welcome visitors at Minneapolis on Dec. 24.

Dec. 15, Laura A. Mertz, of Electa Chapter, died at her home in Hastings, the funeral occurring the following Monday.

Sister Otis Staples, member of Stillwater Chapter, died suddenly Jan. 16, the funeral occurring Jan. 18, O. E. S. chapter conducting the beautiful funeral service of the Order.

Sister Elliott, with her son and daughter, all former members of Halcyon Chapter, Albert Lea, have recently removed to Minneapolis and will make it their future home.

Sister Young, of Lathrop Chapter, Appleton, is the guest of her mother Mrs. Burrage, of Minneapolis, during the session of the legislature in St. Paul, her husband being a member of that body.

Amid all the festivities and gladness of the holiday season, there is yet time among the members of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Craft for elections and installation of officers, accompanied by musical and literary programs of merit, and elaborate banquets. Joint installations of Blue Lodge

and O. E. S. officers have been numerous throughout this jurisdiction. These annual installation reunions of the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star, tend toward the uplifting of the great Brotherhood and our beloved Order, and thereby greatly enhance the opportunities for the "accomplishment of those beneficent purposes for which we are associated together, and increase the happiness of ourselves and others."

Officers of Lorraine Chapter, Lizzie Thomas, W. M.; Sweitzer, W. P.; Lizzie Canterbury, A. M.

Dec. 19, Calumet Chapter, Pipestone, installed the officers for the ensuing year, at which time the officers of the Blue Lodge were also installed.

Dec. 27, Jassamine Chapter, Taylor Falls, elected the following officers who were duly installed Jan. 7. Mary A. Gibbs, W. M.; B. E. Sevey, W. P.; N. H. Thoen, A. M.

Officers of Minnehaha Chapter were installed by Sister Flora Adam Pattee, P. M., assisted by Sister W. H. H. Williams as Mar. Sister Cox is W. M.; Bro. Martin, W. P.; Sister Axie Thing, A. M.

Harmony Chapter, Minneapolis, initiated eight candidates New Years eve, followed by a banquet. The newly elected officers of the Chapter were installed by Mary C. Taylor, G. M., Jan. 15. Clara Huntington, W. M.; W. P. Washburn, W. P.; Mary Boyce, A. M.

Owing to a previous engagement of the G. M., a deputy appointed by herself acted as installing officer, assisted by Jennie L. Flynn, of Minneapolis, as Mar. at St. Paul Chapter Jan. 11. Sister H. W. Heine, W. M.; J. W. Bishop, W. P.; Belle Godfrey, A. M. A fine musical and literary program was enjoyed by all.

Maj. Bowler installed the officers of Bird Island Lodge F. & A. M., and Sister Alice

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Sheppard, P. M., installed the officers of Bird Island Chapter O. E. S. at public installation, a large number being present. The installing officers were the recipients of many congratulations for the able manner in which they performed their parts. A bountiful repast closed an enjoyable evening.

The officers of Winslow Lewis Lodge, F. & A. M. and the officers of Winslow Lewis Chapter O. E. S. were installed Dec. 26, G. W. Savage acting as installing officer of the Blue Lodge assisted by M. Bailey, as Mar., after which the O. E. S. installation was conducted by the G. M., assisted by Sister Jennie L. Flynn, P. M. The Lorelei quartet, composed of Misses Belle Ralston and Nellie McCullum and Mesdames Kendall and Richmond of Minneapolis Chapter furnished the music.

Dec. 18, the G. M., reorganized Beulah Chapter, at Howard Lake, at which time degrees were conferred upon twenty candidates, officers were elected and installed. The degrees were conferred by the officers of Annandale Chapter, with the exception of the W. M., whose place was supplied by the G. M., the illness of the W. M.'s daughter preventing her presence. The work of the officers was highly satisfactory to the visiting G. O., and the revival of the Howard Lake Chapter a gratifying result for the earnest effort in that direction. Alice Taylor, W. M.—at whose home the G. M. was entertained—E. T. Clinton, W. P.; Mary Morgan, A. M.

Dec. 27, the pleasant and spacious hall of Plymouth Lodge F. & A. M., was filled with members of the Masonic fraternity, Order of the Eastern Star and invited guests, to witness the installation of the officers for both the lodge and Plymouth Chapter O. E. S. Bro. Geo. R. Chipman officiated as installing officer for the lodge, and a P. M. assisted by Sister Jennie L. Flynn, P. G. Mar. as Mar. After the installation, Rev. C. B. Moody, pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational church and chaplain of the lodge, gave an informal talk concerning his experience with the Order and some of the benefits derived from membership. After a social hour the company was invited to the banquet prepared by the sisters, Bro. John Chadwick, W. M.; S. P. Wright, S. W.; Otto Lohff, J. W.; Plymouth Chapter—Annie Chadwick, W. M.; John Chadwick, W. P.; Lucy Atwood, A. M.

The "Progress" speaking of this quartet says, "The quartet from Minneapolis was up to, and beyond expectation. When we can listen more frequently to the charming melody of cultured artists, we may hope to make longer strides in the way of advancing civilization." Bro. Owen is W. M. of the lodge and his wife, Sister Stella Owen, W. M., of the Chapter, Bro. Smith, W. P. and Sister Agnes Savage, A. M. After the installation ceremonies Judge George D. Emery, P. W. M., of Khurum Lodge, F. & A. M., Minneapolis, delivered an excellent address upon "Masonry." Sister Owen, W. M., recited a pleasing selection, and the quartet favored the audience

with several vocal selections. Refreshments were served.

Mary C. Taylor, G. M., has visited and installed the officers of Golden Rule Chapter, Herman; Jacoby Chapter, Breckenridge; Granite Chapter, St. Cloud; Valley Chapter, Chaska; Sheba Chapter, Northfield; Myrtle Chapter, Farmington; Lathrop, Chapter, Ap-

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MRS. HATTIE K. EWING.

Grand Matron of Massachusetts 1893.

The introduction to your readers, of the original of the accompanying engraving, should be the embodiment of simplicity. Fair as is the casket which enshrines the jewel, yet far more beautiful is the gem. So in the name of Athena, we present her as our sister, our almost mother, our faithful, loyal friend; faithful not only unto us, but to each subordinate chapter of the Grand Body in which she holds so high prominence.

Hattie Eliza Sibley of West Springfield, Massachusetts, was born March 3, 1855. A graduate of the Westfield, Normal School, and being a thorough student and greatly interested in the young, success in her chosen vocation, was from the first assured. For twelve years she continued in the work, and when she retired from the educational field, it was to the regret of pupils, associate teachers and officers.

July 4, 1876, she married Frank S. Ewing of Westfield, Massachusetts, where they resided until 1880, when they removed to Orange, which is now their home. Two little ones were born to them, whose lives early blossomed into immortality; but the mother-heart knew where to leave them, until they should again be given to her.

Sister Ewing is a charter member of Athena Chapter No. 25, of Orange. She was elected Associate Matron the first and second years, and the next year installed as Worthy Matron, holding the office two years. From her initiation into the Order of the Eastern Star, her position has been progressive, being elected Associate Grand Matron in 1892 and Grand Matron in 1893.

She is a thoroughly christian woman, a

member of the Congregational church, and untiring in her labors for the Sunday School. To the bedside of the sick and dying, she bears her messages of hope and trust, and their benedictions abide with her. Justly may we say, "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She stretcheth out her hand to the



poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. Strength and honor are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come."

Of her in memory we shall sing,
Framing full many a picture rare--
Fast holding here the golden link
Still to be ours in lands more fair.

A SISTER.

LADIES IN A NEW ROLE.

For a LADY to lay the foundation stone of a Masonic Hall, seems to imply a somewhat injudicious departure from the established usages and customs of the Order in respect to such ceremonies; but be this as it may, Mrs. Tucker P'ain, wife of a Past Master of the Budley Lodge, Exmouth, Devonshire, recently officiated by invitation in that town in the manner indicated. Of course such a striking innovation has not altogether escaped the notice of the secular press, and in the friendly columns of the "Daily Telegraph," there appears the following reference to it: "One of the most cheering signs of the times is the sympathetic attitude now adopted towards ladies by Freemasonry. For long the two were supposed to be antagonistic. There is a legend that a lady whose husband was a Freemason hid herself in an eight day clock which stood in the Lodge room, to find out the secrets, and only escaped the just penalty for such hardihood by the assembled brethren acceding to the tearful request of her spouse to initiate her into the mysteries in order to preserve them inviolate. But in the present day Freemasons are much more bending to women—if the latter content themselves with less inquisitiveness—than formerly. The other day a lady was selected to lay the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall in the southwest of England; and on Saturday the Gallery Lodge—which may be considered the center of literary Freema-

sony—gave what was called a "Ladies' Night," in Anderton's hotel, when the wives, sisters and aunts of members were entertained to all the conviviality and none of the mystery which the Order commands. This augurs well for the future. It is even whispered among outsiders that part of the mystic

ceremony, in which only the initiated can take part, consists in singing a rollicking ditty, of which the refrain is—

"No mortal can more the ladies adore
Than a free and an accepted Mason."

This, however, may be only rumor, the fact remains that ladies are gradually making their way into Freemasonry."—Trestle Board

GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN.

A copy of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Michigan for 1894 has just reached us, from which we glean the following:

The Grand Chapter met in its Twenty-eighth Annual Session in Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids, October 10, at 12 o'clock. It was opened by the Grand Matron, Louese A. Turck; with prayer by the Grand Chaplain. Eighteen Grand officers were present, also eight Past Grand Matrons, eleven Past Grand Patrons, and representatives from seventy-six subordinate Chapters. Sister Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron of Indiana, and Brother H. H. Hinds, Right Worthy Associate, Grand Patron, were present, and invited to seats in the East, where they received the Grand Honors.

The Associate Matron of Peninsular Chapter, Mrs. Mary M. Bryant, gave the address of welcome, which was responded to by Sister Belle Wade Prindle, Grand Adah.

The Grand Matron's address was conclusive evidence of a busy year. Among other good things, she says:

"The past is beyond recall; the present if our allotted time for work, and the future, with its great possibilities and bright anticipations, is before us."

We are gathered here to-day from all parts of this Grand Jurisdiction, to counsel together and receive instruction for the work that lies before us, and I trust that our deliberations may stimulate that fraternal interest which is essential to the growth and prosperity of our Order. May we have grace and wisdom, and all our acts be full of the spirit of kindness and forbearance, one towards another. Let wise counsel prevail, and nothing be done that will cause a single ripple to mar the peace and harmony that exists throughout the Order in this State. If conclusions were to be drawn from observation, I should say that ties of kin, rather than Chapter vows, bind together the members of the various Chapters. They meet as one family and in fulfilling life's best and noblest work, each and all are made to feel that we are indeed, sisters and brothers who can rejoice together in prosperity, sympathize in sorrow, and give aid in misfortune.

The wisdom of heeding the command "Be ye also ready" comes home to us to-day as we gather here and pay our tribute of respect to the memory of those who have, since our last convocation, exchanged their earthly habitation for one "not made by hands, eternal in the heavens." Let us stop a little in our hurry of work and care, to offer our tenderest sympathy to those whose homes have been made desolate, and commend them to the loving care of a tender and merciful Father. Soon

We, too, shall come to the river side,

One by one.

We are nearer its waters each eventide,

One by one.

We can hear the noise and dash of the stream,

Now and again through our life's deep dream,

Sometimes the floods its banks o'erflow,

Sometimes in ripples the small waves go,

One by one.

The experiences of the year have enabled me to realize more fully than ever before, the dignity and consequence of this high position. A deep sense of the varied and essential qualifications required of those who shall undertake these momentous duties, has caused me to tremble lest I should, by my inefficiency, fail to sustain the high standard which has been maintained by my predecessors.

I should not be true to my convictions of duty, if I failed to acknowledge, thus publicly the deep and abiding sense of my obligation to the Worthy Grand Patron, who has at all times, "in season and out of season," been ready to assist me with good counsel and advice. Whatever of success has been achieved during the year now closed, is due to his untiring energy, zeal and devotion to the cause we represent. He has spared neither time nor means for the advancement of the Order, and many and bright are the "Links" which, through his efforts, have been added to the "Golden Chain of Stars."

The Grand Matron instituted one Chapter, and assisted the Grand Patron with nine others.

Grand Representatives of Michigan were appointed as follows: Sister Emma Hapgood, California; Sister Carrie Reed, Colorado; Sister Sophia Scott, Illinois; Sister Carrie M. Perkins, Indian Territory; Sister Sarah E. Wood, Iowa; Sister Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts; Sister Minnie Heller, New Jersey; Sister Elizabeth Raymond, New York; Sister B. J. McClintock, Ohio; Sister Rose J. Wilson, Oregon; Sister Emma R. Herrick, Wisconsin, and letters of acceptance received from all.

Invitations to attend were received from eighteen Grand Chapters, which had to be answered with regrets; many special invitations to visit Chapters in Michigan were accepted when possible, forty nine of the Chapters being visited by her.

One call to visit officially was received from Bethany, of Unionville, and July 24 Sister Turck gave them instructions in the work.

Six hundred and seventy-two letters were written, eight telegrams sent, and 2,500 miles of traveling done in the interest of the Order.

The Grand Patron made it his first duty, after his election, to look over the field carefully, see where there were strong Masonic orders without an Eastern Star, and then sent letters, either to the Worshipful Master, High Priest, or Eminent Commander, setting forth the object of the Order, and giving instructions how to proceed to secure an organized Chapter, naming the cost and asking their co-operation. He reported twelve Chapters instituted by him, in addition to the others, making twenty-two in all, with memberships ranging from thirty-five to one hundred and forty; forty-three Chapters visited by himself, and much correspondence regarding the work and need of the Order.

At the evening session (after an informal reception at the Morton House parlors) the Grand Officers gave place to the officers of Peninsular Chapter, who proceeded to exemplify the work. This was beautifully done, and congratulations are due this Chapter for her proficiency in the ritualistic work.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipts for the year, \$2,115.56. The disbursements were \$2,035.94. Balance in the treasury in 1893, \$1,099.27, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1,178.89.

Fourteen charters have been issued and twenty-two dispensations. Number of Chapters in the Jurisdiction, eighty-five; under dispensation, twenty-three.

The Committee on Jewels have purchased an elegant set of Jewels for the Grand Chapter; they consist of eighteen pieces in sterling silver, triple gold plated, upper bar with State Coat of Arms in center and the words Grand Chapter in gold in field of dark blue enamel; the lower bar with Michigan in letters of gold in field of white enamel; the stars all enameled in the five colors; emblems of office and point emblems in gold and all engraved in the finest possible manner.

The Grand Chapter decided that a dimitted member of any Chapter in the O. E. S. not presenting it for membership within one year, should lose the rights and privileges in the Order that an active member may have, without the consent of the Chapter.

A motion prevailed that \$25 be paid the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary C. Snedden; and that the representatives of those chapters whose dues do not amount to their mileage and per diem, to be paid the balance from the treasury, this year only.

The following officers were installed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary C. Snedden:

Mrs. Louese A. Truck, Alma, Worthy Grand Matron.

Allen S. Wright, Ionia, Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lida Pratt, Jackson, Associate Grand Matron.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Susan K. Winans, Lansing, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, Mt. Pleasant, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Ida Joslin, Northville, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Grand Matron elect appointed her officers as follows:

Mrs. Elizabeth Bange, Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Chaplain.

Miss F. Rena Layle, St. Clair, Grand Adah.

Mrs. M. M. Knight, Buchanan, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Lizzie H. Smith, Detroit, Grand Eather.

Mrs. Clara Wilson, Burr Oak, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Isabel Herrig, Saginaw, Grand Electa.

Mrs. Hannah Chase, Danawille, Grand Warden.

Mr. T. Shimmons, Saginaw, Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. Sate Page, Petoskey, Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Addie Dobson, Saginaw, Grand Organist.

Mrs. Ida J. Martin, Ithaca, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter then closed, to meet in Saginaw, the second Wednesday in October, 1893, at 12 m. Guests of Bethlehem Chapter

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Night in the garden, and the moon,
The southern moon, smiles softly down,
And gilds, amid the flowers of June,
The yellow jessamine's golden crown.

Here let us sit in silence sweet,
Breathing the heavy rich perfume,
While love and joy together meet
Amid the yellow jessamine's bloom.

O, flower of Constancy! Thy breath
Brings back the tender tale of Ruth
Lovely and lowly, full of faith
Unfailing in her love and truth.

Delicious dew drops softly down,
Sparkling in moonbeams clear and cold,
Like jewels for love's golden crown—
The yellow jessamine's crown of gold.

MRS. McVEAN-ADAMS.

OPHELIA'S LACE.

BY JULIA BACON.

(Continued.)

About two hundred yards from the public highway stood the imposing mansion of the Briggs'. It, too, like the Grange mansion, was built of granite, and also surrounded by a handsome park. It was the pride of its owner's heart, and said to be the loveliest place in the county, Panola Grange not excepted. A colonnade, supported by huge fluted columns, extended the whole length in front, giving it quite a city air, as Mr. Briggs was wont to say. A man of wealth and influence was the portly and pompous Joshua Briggs. He was just and honest in all his dealings; hated everything underhanded or sneaking; was kindhearted, stubborn, unpolished—in other words, a "diamond in the rough." Had represented his district in the Legislature, and did so well—his chances were good for another term. He was fairly well educated, read the papers and kept in touch with the times. His two eldest daughters had had better advantages than most country girls, and were rather accomplished. Madame Mere, poor woman, had been deprived of educational advantages and refining influences in her youth, and had grown up as illiterate as the heart of her niggardly old father could wish. Illiterate himself, he said what was good enough for him was good enough for her. But when she married Joshua Briggs she entered a better class of society and imbibed higher tastes. Having a dim idea that a little "larnin" was better than none at all, she tried hard to improve herself and fit herself for her new station in life; diving deeply into magazines and newspapers; listening to others, and catching up all she could in a desultory, helter-skelter way, which was perfectly appalling when she undertook to give her learning an airing, which she seldom did in the hearing of her two accomplished daughters. She seemed less sensitive to ridicule from her husband, perhaps because she had had so much of it to bear she was hardened.

Several months before the opening of this

story Mrs. Briggs spoke to her spouse in this wise:

"I say, old man, we must have a governess. The Trovers have one, and we are more richer than they, and live more better. Edna and Dora actilly play with them little niggers, day in and day out. And they've got jist that yallow! And when company comes they're never fit to be seen for the dirt."

"Well, Melindy, as we have set ourselves up as aristocrats and autocrats, I suppose we must have what the other crata have. I'll look over the ads in my newspapers and pick you out a governess." With this Mr. Briggs took a tobacco pouch from his pocket and proceeded to fill his pipe.

"And Joshua, Amelia says the governess must be fat and forty."

"Fat and whatty?"

"Forty."

"Great Scott! Tell Amelia to go to the — land of pure delight. Melindy. I'll manage the business to suit myself. You and I are fat and forty—fat enough for four families, and what she wants with another fat one in the house is more than I can see. What will you expect a governess to do, Melindy?"

"To teach Edna and Dora their books and give them music lessons and drawing; to keep them clean, make their clothes and help with the family sewing. That's what the Jones and the Trover's governess does."

"Not Joneses, Melindy."

"Well, the Trover's, then. I am not so intimate at the Joneses."

"There are many small-souled people in this world, Melindy, and these Trovers are a couple of the smallest. A hundred such souls as theirs could dance on the point of a cambric needle, and not be overcrowded, either."

"Joshua, how you do talk!" remonstrated Mrs. Briggs.

"Don't cramp your soul until it gets to be as small as theirs. They are the kind of people who, when they pay out a dime it looks as big as a cart-wheel, but when one is paid to them it looks the size of a silver three cent piece. When I say I'll engage a governess I don't mean nurse and seamstress all in one. Hire a nigger girl to attend to the children, and give all the sewing you have to the Carden girls, as you have done heretofore, and pay them well for it, too, and don't try to beat a poor woman down in her price when she is trying to make an honest living."

"Did I ever do do that, Joshua?"

Mr. Briggs was doubtful; He had no answer ready, and therefore ignored the question, but continued:

"When this Miss or Mrs. What's-her-name, the governess, comes, she is to teach five hours a day, music included. The rest of her time is her own, to do with as she will. If she does sewing for you she must do it for extra pay. I cannot stand imposition—my motto is to 'Live and let live.'"

Mr. Briggs put his pipe in his mouth and strode majestically from the room, leaving the madame to ponder well and digest what she had heard. Although master in his own house he was never admitted behind the scenes, and like some other men, was unaware that small, mean domestic dramas were often acted in the bosom of his own family, in which his "better half"—save the mark!—took a prominent part.

The weather was calm and serene on the afternoon that Ethel Wayne, escorted by Clyde Randolph, rode up the long avenue leading to the Elms—the name of the Briggs residence. The mother and daughters were seated, in amiable discussion, on the colonnade. Mrs. Briggs, a tall, fleshy, large-framed woman, with a large mouth, large eyes, and a nose like a gourd handle, was knitting and doing most of the talking. Ophelia, a tall blonde with a rather attractive face, was deeply interested in consulting the latest Harper's Bazar for the most becoming fashion for her new traveling suit. Amelia, vain and pretty, sat with folded hands and complained of feeling "out of sorts."

"I do wonder what has become of our governess," remarked Mrs. Briggs, glancing at the listless Amelia.

"She is able to take care of herself, wherever she is," snapped Amelia.

"I'm sorry she got water-bound and had to remain away," said Ophelia. "If she could have got back home—and she would but for the storm—she could have finished my bridal dress, all but the lace, which she went after. I wonder if she got it, or whether she has lost it coming home?"

"How do you know that she is ever coming home?" retorted Amelia.

"If your father had not been away all this time he would have hunted her up afore this," said Mrs. Briggs, with an uneasy conscience. "I really don't know what he will think, or say."

"Well, answered Ophelia, "Ethel is all right, and I do hope my lace is, also. She is even now riding through the park gate, and Clyde Randolph holding it open for her. 'Go, hang your harp on a willow tree,' Amelia."

Mrs. Briggs shaded her eyes with her hand and looked towards the park gate. Amelia looked and her lip curled.

"Ophelia, I told you I had a presentment as if something was happening against me somewhere, and it always does when I feel like that. You should have sent a servant for that lace, as I begged you."

"Too precious by far to be trusted to a servant," was Ophelia's reply.

"Mean, sly creature!" exclaimed Amelia, apostrophizing Miss Wayne, "I never did like her, and now I hate her."

"You never do like any girl who is prettier or more intelligent than you. You are envious and jealous, Amelia."

"How in all the world did them two come to get together?" asked Mrs. Briggs dolefully "After I have tried so hard to keep 'em

apart all these months—me and Amelia. To keep 'em from getting acquainted with each other, and now everything is spoiled. It must be Fate."

"Fate!" echoed Amelia contemptuously. It was Ophelia's lace. If Sam or another servant had gone for it she never would have made his acquaintance until—"

"After he engaged himself to you? I have an idea he would have taken time to do that," retorted Ophelia.

At this time the promising scion of the house of Briggs, a boy of thirteen, joined the trio, and seeing Clyde and Ethel approaching, gave a prolonged whistle and said: "Your goose is cooked, Amelia! Give it up, Sally! She's gone and knocked all the spokes out of your wheel! He's rounded her up at last!"

"Go away, George, with your unbearable slang. Ophelia laughs as if she had something to laugh at. Suppose it was Tom Clayton with Ethel Wayne, how would you feel?" This to Ophelia.

Ophelia opened wide her eyes and looked at Amelia a little curiously, but replied slowly:

"I shouldn't mind. Tom and I are engaged, you know, and will be married soon. You and Clyde are not engaged, nor likely to be. I always said if he made Ethel's acquaintance your chance was gone."

"I'm awful glad; too," cut in the young hopeful. I like Miss Wayne, and I do hope she'll say yes when Ran axes her, 'cause he's the very jolliest fellow I know."

"Go to your room, George, and stay there!" commanded his mother.

"Not much I won't," was the undutiful reply. "The governor's away now, and I'm head of the family."

"I don't see what Randolph means by keepin' company with a penniless governess," said Mrs. Briggs, querulously, to which Ophelia replied:

"Mother, don't make short rhymes on short notice. Miss Wayne is well-bred and a lady—a fact which Randolph is not slow to recognize and appreciate."

"I am sorry she ever came here," said Amelia. "You must get rid of her, mother, at once."

"I will see your father about it."

"No, don't. Pay her for the time she engaged to stay and send her off immediately. It would kill me to stay in the house with her four months longer."

"I will speak to her on the spot."

"On what spot, mother?" asked Ophelia, flippantly. "Not before Randolph, I hope."

"After he is gone."

"Not even then, mother. I need Miss Wayne's help with my tresseau. She knows what style is. After my marriage you can give her congé, if you wish."

"And just for your selfishness I must bear the sight of her hateful presence, Ophelia," asked Amelia, raspingly.

"I suppose so, Amelia. Tom likes her and would be sure to make unpleasant inquiries, and I should be sure to tell unpleasant truths."

"That would be in keeping with all the rest of your heartlessness."

"I should be under the painful necessity," continued the bride-elect, "of informing him that Miss Wayne was discharged because she unintentionally and unconsciously interfered with the matrimonial plans of my amiable sister, who had become so blindly jealous as to lose all sense of self-respect and decency."

"Ophelia! You are enough to exasperate a saint!"

"It might give Tom a bad opinion of us as a family, you know. He would be sure to tell Randolph. Men tell each other everything. By the way, Tom says you and I wear too much jewelry!"

"Don't tell me what Tom says," interrupted Amelia, with concentrated rage. "Tom says this, and Tom says that! as if I would regulate my life by what Tom says!"

"Girls! Do stop," expostulated Mrs. Briggs. "Randolph has lifted Miss Wayne from the saddle and they are comin' in. It took 'em a precious time to ride through the avenue—poking along as if they were follerin a funeral."

[To be continued.]

A TRIBUTE.

[Published by request.—An original poem composed by Sister Carrie Siperly, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and read before Magnolia Chapter, Nov. 18. This poem is dedicated to Sister Eleanor Burton, Past Grand Matron, on the twenty-third anniversary of her membership in the Order.]

The Star of love,
Of hope, of fame,
And then of heaven,
This Star to you is freely given,
Your work in life
Will soon be done;
It shall be said,
Thou good, thou faithful one;
Come and receive your
Great reward, of work well done.
From year to year, you've seen
The Order grow; advice and
Courage from your life were spoken.
You've seen loved ones
Pass from earth to heaven;
You've wiped the tears
From weeping eyes, and pointed
To the starry skies of heaven.
You've held the gavel in hand,
When but a few were known
Throughout the land.
The highest honors to you
Were given, as Grand Matron
Of the Eastern Star, the star
Of Hope divine. Many changes
All along the line of march,
Since in the east you laid
Your gavel down; the Eastern Star has grown
To great renown.
Acknowledged by the
Master Masons throughout
The land. We as an Order
Of the Eastern Star are known.
Working for the good and great;
Banded together one and all,
To give relief to old and young,
Should sickness, want, or sorrow come.
To build a Home that
All may come. And may

You live to see this work
Well done. And may
You be call'd to lay the
Corner Stone; holding
In your hand the Bible,
The precious book of God divine;
And ritual of the Eastern
Star sublime; and gavel,
And the badge, side by side
Those colors bright;
Of blue, yellow, white,
Green and red; nestle
In its bed, and then
May a face of you be seen.
A photograph taken twenty-five
Years ago; also one of later
Days to show the glorious
Work of Women, and by
Your hand, sealed with
The official stamp, and
Placed in the corner stone,
Until generations pass away.
And then in centuries,
That shall come; perchance
Be brought to light;
Then show the work
The Order of Eastern Star!
The noble work of women,
The mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters
Of all good Master Masons,
Then peaceful be your life,
Along until the setting of the sun,
To rise again at the last day,
Until you hear the
Still small voice
Of Jesus amid countless
Stars of night, Awake
In heavens eternal light,
Your work on earth has
Been well done. Come and
Receive your great reward
Thou good, thou faithful one.

THE CHARM OF GIVING.

A prettily dressed little American boy was walking along the streets of Paris one day, when, as he tried to cross the crowded boulevard, he was knocked down by the pole of a carriage. In a moment the crowd had collected, but the first upon the spot was a little crossing sweeper, ragged and dirty, who had seen the danger, and sprung to help the child almost before the pole had touched him. Tenderly he carried him through the crowd and into a drug store near by.

It was found that the boy was not as much hurt as might be expected, and soon the crowd dispersed. The druggist bound up the boy's wounds, the little crossing sweeper standing by in sympathy, and, when the work was done, he ran out, paid his fare and told the conductor where to stop. As the omnibus rolled away and the crossing sweeper turned back to his work, a gentleman who had been looking on spoke to him offering him six cents. "Here, boy," he said "you can't afford to pay that rich child's fare. Let me give it back to you."

The crossing sweeper put his hands behind him. "Oh, no," said he, "for there would'nt be any charm."

He meant the charm of having done the kindness would be lost to him if it cost him nothing, and he was quite right. The poor little crossing sweeper understood the true secret of happiness in giving or in doing good. —Sel.

PLACES OF INTEREST IN CONCORD, MASS.

THE HOME OF THE ALCOTT'S.

When I was in Concord I asked to see the Alcott Home, and was asked "which one," as they had lived in several houses about town. They said the Orchard House was most noted as they had lived there several years. It stands about a half a mile below the house of R. W. Emerson and next to the Wayside, a house he once owned. It is a large unpretentious looking building surrounded by trees. Near by is the School of Philosophy, a plain little structure, without luxury or ornament. The Alcott family are buried in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Mr. Alcott's grave, as also his daughter Louisa, is marked by a low stone on which are simply engraved their initials.

The Orchard House was purchased of Mr. Alcott by Dr. N. T. Harris, of St. Louis, in 1884. In the grove back of the house Dr. Harris erected a tower around the tallest pine on the hill, with stairs ascending to the top. In company with cousin I went up, but the swaying motion of the stairs made me dizzy, and I went down much faster than I went up.

There is a sort of a weird fascination for me in old-time places of laying away loved ones in their last resting-places. I like to note the changes in style of sepulture, stone and epitaph. In early times in our history so many characteristics of the departed were chiseled in stone, and thus perpetuated, that not only their descendants, but strangers are reminded that good, talented people once lived. As I went through the Old Hill burying ground in Concord, Mass., and read about the good men and women who once lived, I said I wish their mantle had fallen on some of their children, and those children had settled in the West. I will copy one in full to

Samuel Hoar,
of Concord, Mass.,

Born in Lincoln, May, 1778,
Died in Concord, Nov. 2, 1856.

He was long one of the most eminent lawyers
And best beloved citizens of Mass.,
A safe counselor, a kind neighbor
A Christian gentleman.

He had a dignity that commanded respect, and a
sweetness and modesty that won the affection
of all men.

He practiced an economy that never wasted
and a liberality that never spared.
Of proved capacity for the highest offices,
He never avoided obscure duties.

He never sought stations of fame or emolument,
and never shrank

from Positions of danger or obloquy
His days were made happy

by public esteem and private affection
To the latest moment of his long life
he preserved his clear intellect unimpaired,
and, fully conscious of its approach,
met death with the perfect assurance of
immortal life."

Think of this unselfish life, ye lawyers that seek places of emolument and fame, and that neither practice economy or liberality, and how many of them can say their "days are

made happy by public esteem and private affection?"

The most celebrated epitaph, and one that has been widely copied, is that of John Jack, an old slave who died in town in 1773.

"God wills us free, man wills us slaves,
I am as God wills; God's will be done.
Here lies the body of

John Jack,
A native of Africa, who died
March 1, 1773, aged about 60 years
Though born in a land of slavery
He was born free.

Though he lived in a land of liberty
He lived a slave;
Still by his honest, though stolen labors
He acquired the source of slavery,
Which gave him his freedom;

Though not long before
Death the grand tyrant,
Gave him his emancipation.
And put him on a footing with kings.

Though a slave to vice,
He practiced those virtues
Without which kings are but slaves."

On another stone I read:
"She was a good conversationalist
And gifted in prayer."

two grand acquisitions that some of us in this later day might well covet.

On a stone erected by her sorrowing husband to his wife, it noted the fact that

"She lived with her said husband 69 years, and then departed for a better life."

Was that any reflection on the "said husband?"

Here is one that I often see quoted:

This stone is designed
by its durability
To perpetuate the memory,
And by its colour
To signify the moral character

of
Miss Abigail Dudley,
Who died Jan. 4, 1812,
Aged 73.

This was the first white stone placed in the Old Hill burying ground.

In the same cemetery is this beautiful epitaph:

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Dilectissima
Orpha Bryant,
Born Dec. 24, 1797.
Died Oct. 1, 1897.

She was the joy of her father, and the delight of her mother.

ADDRESS

[Delivered by Brother H. F. Trenk at a banquet recently given by Julian Chapter, Dubuque, Iowa.]

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Some time ago, in conversation, a remark was made to me by one of the Brothers of the Order, prominent in Masonic work, and quite prominent in "Society," in which he deprecated the fact that a certain man had joined the Order; not on account of anything wrong with the man himself, but solely on account of his being a "laboring man," and that his wife, not being brought up to all the conventionalities of society, would not make a "good showing," when attending any Masonic gathering where the families of Masons came together.

Now, as this Brother has a reputation for intelligence, the only reason I can ascribe for this remark is that he is plainly misjudging Masonry, and incidentally the Order of the Eastern Star.

Masonry, like the great "Reaper" who swings the "Scythe of Time," knows no dis-

inction between the high and the low, rich or poor, capitalist or workingman!

Our Order is no "SOCIETY" institution. It is not an organization that tends to lift a certain favored few high on the pinnacle of fortune, fame and ease, whilst pushing the great majority of mankind down to drudgery and poverty, as does our so-called SOCIETY of to-day!

Masonry's aim is to LIFT UP, not crush down. It is not intended for the FEW, but the MANY, and its sway is calculated to be as universal as is the belief in God. While its aims and objects are many, yet one of its chief objects of existence is to unite men of every sect, creed, and nationality into one common band of friends and brothers; it is to make men wiser, better and consequently happier.

I wish the brother who made this aforementioned remark would tell me, how that laboring brother or his wife, could ever be made wise, happier or better, if they were never allowed to associate with those wiser and happier than themselves?

I would ask the brother, where he would be or what plane of society he would stand on today, if those wiser and better than himself would have ignored his early attempts at gaining wisdom; had they refused him recognition and kept him in ignorance?

And who knows, in the uncertain future, when times of turmoil and trouble come upon us, but this now sneered at and humble laboring brother may prove an untold blessing to others in the Order. Who knows but he may prove to the now "Society" brother, what the mouse proved to be to the lion, when that lord of beasts was caught in the trappers net?

I tell you, Sisters and Brothers, it won't do for any of us to draw the "society" line on one another. It is contrary to the usages of the Order. It is contrary to the spirit and teachings of Masonry. It is contrary to the spirit and teachings of all churches and religion, and is in direct conflict with the will of the Almighty Ruler of the Universe, in whose image we are created, and Who in His book of Life, exhorts us to "Love one another," and "to do unto others, as we would have others do unto us."

We can not but feel however, that when the brother who made this remark, fully realizes the true import and intent of Masonry, when he has read up the history of Masonry and its concordant orders, and becomes inspired with the same love for the institution that actuates the publishers of and contributors to such papers as the "Voice of Masonry" (and THE EASTERN STAR, he will be more inclined to "lift up" than to push down, and when the test comes, he will not be found wanting in Masonic Charity, but, like many others of his abilities and qualifications, a strong supporter of this honorable institution; this, the pride and delight of thousands of earth's grandest men and women."

IN MEMORIAM.

By special request we publish the resolutions passed on the deaths of Brothers Henry Bamford, of Augusta, Me., and James S. Elston, E. Las Vegas, W. M.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, Henry M. Bamford, be it

RESOLVED, That, in the death of Brother Bamford, Rose of Sharon Chapter has lost an esteemed and faithful member.

RESOLVED, That the members of the Chapter do hereby extend to the relatives of our deceased Brother our most sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

RESOLVED, That in token of our esteem and respect, the Charter and jewels of this Chapter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days. And be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Chapter, and that a copy be sent to the relatives of the deceased, and also the same be published in the EASTERN STAR.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his wisdom to remove our Brother James E. Elston from his labors on earth to a brighter sphere, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in his death we have lost an esteemed member of our Chapter; his family a devoted husband and father.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved family our sympathy in their great affliction.

RESOLVED, That the Charter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days; That these resolutions be spread upon our records, that they be published in the "Daily Optic," and O. E. S. paper, and a copy thereof be presented to the family of our deceased Brother.

HALL OF WINCHESTER CHAPTER No. 60,
O. E. S., Winchester, Ind., Feb. 22, 1895.

TO THE WORTHY MATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF WINCHESTER CHAPTER No. 60, O. E. S.—We, your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of our recent bereavement, occasioned by the death of our beloved sister, Mariah Mongar Carter, late a member of this Chapter, would beg leave to report the following:

Mariah Mongar was born at Washington C. H., Ohio, on the 9th day of February, 1827. She removed with her parents to this county, and settled at Winchester in March, 1836. She was baptized by Rev. Benjamin Smith, of the M. E. Church, in the summer of 1841, being at the time fourteen years of age. She maintained and kept up an active relation with the church of her choice as long as she lived, and always manifested an unflinching trust and confidence in her Saviour; and in her life and conduct she was consistent with her professions as a Christian woman.

On the 31st day of December, 1848, she was married to her now bereaved husband, John D. Carter, who still survives her, and with whom she always lived pleasantly and happily.

She joined the Order of the Eastern Star February 22, 1889, and her enthusiasm for the Order and its teachings never for a moment relaxed or waned; and she was always present at its meetings, unless un-

avoidably detained, until stricken down by disease. During her sickness she was a great sufferer, and all that loving hands could do was without avail to relieve her mortal anguish.

Early on Sunday morning last, 17th inst., Death, the "Grim Harvester," came as a kindly messenger to translate her from this imperfect to that other, perfect, glorious and celestial life on the "farther shore," where there is no sickness, pain or death, and where sorrows never come.

Her body was laid to rest in beautiful Fountain Park, Tuesday Feb. 19, from the M. E. Church in Winchester, after appropriate religious services by her pastor, Rev. J. K. Waltz, assisted by Rev. W. O. Pierce and Elder I. P. Watts, and the beautiful and impressive Funeral Ritual of our Order, conducted by our Worthy Patron and Worthy Matron, assisted by our "Floral Star," and the members of our Order here and at Farm-land Chapter.

We, your Committee, therefore offer for your consideration the following:

RESOLVED, That in the death of Sister Carter our Chapter has sustained an irreparable loss; her family has been bereft of a loving wife, mother, sister and friend, and the community and society has lost an honored and respected member.

That we hereby express profound sorrow and grief for this mutual bereavement, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to those with whom we mourn.

That our Charter and Insignia be draped for the usual time with the emblems of our sorrow.

That a Memorial Page be set apart in our records, and devoted to the memory of our departed sister. And that a copy of this report and resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and to the Winchester papers, and to the EASTERN STAR for publication.

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appropriate addresses will be delivered by members of the various organizations of which she was a member.

The officers of Unity Chapter, Austin, were installed Jan. 30, by the G. M. Visitors were present from Celia Chapter, Lansing, among whom were—Sister Mary LaBar, W. M. and other officers, also Sisters Flora Adams Pattee, P. M. of Minnehaha Chapter, and Mary Breasley, P. M. of Minneapolis Chapter. The G. M. was entertained at the lovely home of the W. M., Sister Carrie Johnson.

The officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Newport, were installed by the G. M. Feb. 7.

The paraphernalia of Calumet Chapter, Pipestone, is such that any Chapter in the jurisdiction might well be proud to possess it. A floor cloth of plush in the appropriate colors, white chairs and white stands adds to the beauty of the effect. A new Masonic Hall with handsomely furnished reception rooms makes the O. E. S. home a pleasant place and the efficiency of the officers renders it a pleasure for all present who witness the work.

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON
Grand Correspondent.

NEW JERSEY.

Charlotte Chapter, Jersey City Heights, was organized Jan. 4, by Minnie Heller, G. M. and Albert Sault, G. P. There were thirty charter members.

Lucinda Chapter, Elizabeth, was organized Jan. 19.

Feb. 7, in the midst of an awful storm, about twenty-five members of Caroline (German) Chapter, Hoboken, went to Elizabeth and conferred the degrees upon a number of candidates, who were afterwards organized as Augusta Chapter. A large delegation from Esther Chapter, Jersey City, went out and conferred the degrees and assisted in the organization.

At the close of each organization entertainment was provided.

There is a promise for two more Chapters in the near future and quite an increase of membership. * * *

NEW YORK.

DEAR EDITOR AND SISTER:—Acacia Chapter, Sherman, celebrated the fifth Wednesday in January by inviting several of their friends and holding a lively social. A program, literary and musical, was given by Chapter talent, which was much liked. Special praise was accorded the singers and Sister Thayer, A. M., who gave a very choice paper on the subject, "Charity." The company joined in an old-fashioned spelling contest, which served to carry the participants back to their youthful school-days. Everyone was rejoiced to see the ability of Sisters, Brothers and their guests, to handle words of puzzling orthography. Occasionally one or more would be overcome, and after a time the inevitable came in the shape of the word "desiccate." Sister Hall, A. C., always does everything in an excellent manner, and is loved by the whole society, but many reproachful looks were cast towards her for choosing such a word for Acacia Chapter. Acacia's members know no such word as dry, nor one that means anything like it. And while the long line of defeated spellers exhibited sorrowful expression of countenance, the whole party broke into a lively chatter of joyful glorying and pardonable boasting of such praiseworthy ignorance. H. W.

NEBRASKA.

Tuscan Chapter, Kearney, has lost two links from its golden chain, within a short time; Bro. J. A. Clark was the first to go, and Sister Letha Barber also obeyed the summons. These are losses to which nothing remains for us but submission to the Divine Will, and preparation for the divine Call whenever it comes.

Hebron Chapter, is doing good work and is well attended. As literary work it has taken up the lives of eminent women and at each meeting an interesting program is rendered.

On January 15, Harmony Chapter, Columbus, gave an elaborate reception and banquet in commemoration of its nineteenth anniversary. Invitations were extended to mem-

bers of the Masonic Fraternity and the ladies of their families, and about one hundred and twenty-five in all were present.

Promptly at 8 p. m., the officers of the Chapter entered the hall of Gethsemane Commandery, which had been courteously placed at the disposal of the Star by the knights of the order. Several figures of Mrs. Simpson's beautiful Floral March were executed before the officers proceeded to their stations and were seated by the usual rap of the gavel.

The address of welcome was delivered by the W. M., and was responded to by the Eminent Commander of Gethsemane Commandery.

Several fine musical selections were rendered, and a history of the Chapter was read by one of the charter members, after which a short time was given up to social conversation before proceeding to the banquet room.

The hall of Lebanon Lodge was used for this purpose, and was beautifully dressed for the occasion. A large floral star was suspended in the east, and the room was decorated with palms and handsome foliage plants.

The tables were arranged to seat the whole company at one time, and were unusually attractive. A profusion of hot house plants in full bloom graced their entire length, and a fragrant boutonniere lay by each plate. The doilies and similar decorations, which had been especially prepared, represented the five colors of the Order. Several toasts and speeches enlivened the banquet, and the entertainment was universally pronounced a success.

HELEN H. STIRES.

OHIO.

By special invitation the officers of Crown Chapter, Columbus, visited the beautiful Chapter room in North Columbus, which is the home of Lorraine Chapter, on the evening of Feb. 8., and conferred the degrees on several candidates in a very satisfactory and impressive manner.

Feb. 22, Grace Chapter, Geneva, gave a reception to Geneva Lodge F. & A. M. It was an elaborate affair with customs and costumes of "ye olden time," and many reminders of the days Washingtonian.

Mrs. Annie E. Ninceheler and Mrs. Lizzie Williams of Caroline Chapter, Mechanicsburg, were the guests of Mary Chapter, Feb. 8. Mary Fry, was the name written upon the link added to Mary Chapter's golden chain that evening, and she remarked to a sister, a day or two afterwards, "Well, if the work always impresses your candidates as it did me, then the Order of the Eastern Star will do much good."

Fairfield Chapter was instituted early in Jan. by Frank W. Van Dusen, D. G. P., of Norwalk. Work was exemplified by the officers of Queen Esther Chapter.

Chapters will be instituted in the near future at Richmond, Union county, and at Montpelier, Williams county.

OREGON.

"Columbia" Chapter was instituted at The Dalles on the evening of Feb. 7, by I. H. Bridgeford, G. P., assisted by Mrs. Margaret E. Kellogg, A. G. M. and Mrs. Emily McLean, P. M. of Myrtle Chapter, Portland, and Mrs. Jennie G. Muckle, W. M. of Mizpah Chapter, St. Helen. The officers of the new Chapter are—Mrs. Mary S. Meyers, W. M.; Bro. H. A. Baker, W. P.; Sister Ella H. Garretson, A. M.; Mrs. Eleanor Crossen, Sec. After the institution of the Chapter and exemplification of the work, the G. P. and his asso's. gave some timely advice to the new members. The Chapter was closed in due form by the new officers after which all adjourned to the banquet hall where the ladies of the Chapter had prepared a superb feast which was enjoyed by all those present, and the lights were not shunted until after the town clock struck one. The G. P. and his associates returned to Portland on the early morning train.

Columbia Chapter starts on its career under favorable auspices with thirty-one members and others anxiously waiting to enter by petition. Our regular meetings will occur on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Visitors please come and see us.

H. A. B.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter, Wheeling, elected and installed their officers on Jan. 18, in Masonic Temple, with every indication of a prosperous year before them. Sister E. J. McFadden, W. M., Stephen, Waterhouse, Jr., W. P., Sister L. W. Crayton, A. M. and Mrs. M. Anna Hall, Sec., are the principal officers. After the work and business were finished, the friends repaired to the banquet hall, which was handsomely decorated with holly, &c., where a bounteous and elegant repast had been prepared by Mrs. Joseph Hall and Mrs. J. E. Robinson. Toasts were offered and responded to. The W. P. presented a fine gold pen and holder, and a beautiful Eastern Star pin to Sister Hall, who has been the efficient Sec. of the Chapter ever since its organization; and when, at a late hour, all retired to their homes, they felt that it had been good for them to have been there.

WISCONSIN.

DEAR EDITOR:—Perhaps a few words from Waukesha Chapter will be as welcome to others as those of their Chapters are to us. Our little band still continues to increase, having added five new members within the past month, and three more to be added at our next meeting, Feb. 26. Several of our members had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the Grand Chapter held at Milwaukee the 20th and 21st. There was a large attendance, and the spacious hall in which the meetings have heretofore been held appears to be in great danger of becoming too small for the great gathering of Sisters and Brothers. Chapter opened at 2:30, with an address of welcome by Sister Kinney, W. M. of the Milwaukee Chapter, followed by a response by Martha D. Ross, both articles

written and delivered with a warmth and feeling of welcome that dispelled all doubts (if any existed) that we were not at home. 2nd. An able and lengthy paper by Sister Friend, G. M. of the work that has come under her supervision during the past year, showing how industrious she must have been to accomplish the amount of work within her jurisdiction. It will be with great regret that we see her lay down the gavel and take her place in the private ranks. Also an address by the G. P., beautifully written and finely delivered.

The evening was devoted to the work of Milwaukee Chapter, conferring the degrees upon eight candidates. The work was exemplified in a most impressive manner. The work was followed by the Floral Work, done by the Virginia Chapter. Many were present who had never before had the pleasure of seeing this work done, and it more than met the expectations of all.

The morning of the second day was devoted to business, discussions, etc. At 1:30 Prof. Flaville gave an organ recital, favoring us also with two songs with organ accompaniment, "Young as I Ever Was," and "Cameron's Host," the grandeur of which must be heard to be appreciated. The Grand Chaplain then gave the memorial address, after which the following Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Evans, G. P., Mrs. Martha Ross, G. M.; C. M. Hutchinson, A. G. P.; Mis Ann Philips, of Mineral Point, A. G. M.; Mrs. Laffin re-elected G. S., and, pardon my pride when I add our W. M., Laura Ott, was honored with an office, that of G. Mar. We all returned to our homes feeling that we had seen, heard and learned much to think of until permitted to meet again.

HARRIET J. ROBINSON.

Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay, is enjoying a slow but healthy growth. The annual election held Dec. 20, '94, resulted in the promotion of Sister Cora E. Rank, A. M., to the W. M.'s station. Bro. J. C. Rank was elected W. P., to take the place of Bro. W. A. Lawrence, who has successively and very successfully filled the position from our first existence, and was in fact the founder of Honor No. 1. Sister M. C. V. Whiteside, who for months has been teaching us to "Love one Another," was promoted to the A. M.'s chair.

The efforts of Sister Livonia B. Lawrence, the retiring Matron, have been very successful in behalf of Honor Chapter, and her earnest, untiring cheerfulness and devotion to the work will never be forgotten by her associates.

Tomah Chapter, Tomah, installed officers Dec. 29, in the presence of members and Masons and their families as invited guests. Sister Agency Irons, P. G. M., acted as installing officer, Sister Elizabeth Barrows, P. M., as G. Mar.

The work was done in a commendable manner, and elicited much praise from all. Mrs. Minnie I. Reigle, W. M.; Winfield W. Warren, W. P.; Mrs. Clara Quigg, A. M., Mrs. Lucy Wells, Sec.

After the officers were installed the new W. M. installed Sister Agency Irons, Chap. After the ceremonies were concluded guests and members gathered in the dining hall, where refreshments were spread, after partaking of which they repaired to the Chapter room and a few hours were passed socially and pleasantly.

Recently the Chapter gave a reception in Masonic Hall, at which time the hospitality of the Chapter was extended to more than a hundred friends of the Order, regardless of "society, religion or politics." It was an occasion of pleasing sociability, and will be repeated in one form or another throughout the year.

L. S. W.

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Just as we go to press a telegram announces the death of Sister Rebecca Killian, of Eureka, Grand Martha. No particulars have reached us, but we extend sincere sympathy to those who mourn.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago will accept thanks for invitation to attend their social gatherings. It was not the will that prevented personal acknowledgement of the remembrance, but the time. Thanks, and may the future make it possible to attend.

Every member of the Order who desires to be informed of the work of the Order, should subscribe for some paper from which to learn of its doings. There is none better than THE EASTERN STAR, as it will prove to you if you will allow it a trial—subscribe and see.

Brother A. W. Hempleman, Grand Patron of Indiana and his wife, with a party of friends are taking a trip through California—going first to Pasadena and vicinity, thence to San Francisco, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, and Denver and home. THE EASTERN STAR wishes them a pleasant journey and a safe return.

Just in time to catch the last chance for space in this issue, comes from our Sister Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron, a partial report of her trip, which will be read with interest by the readers of THE EASTERN STAR. As will be seen she will complete the report next month. Her Greeting to the Council from our Order accompanied the report, but for want of space will not appear until next month.

FROM THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Before I left home a number of our Sisters wrote that they would expect to read an account of my trip in your pages, and that they may not be disappointed I will now try to tell them of the Official visits. On February 12 I arrived in Wheeling, W. Va., and although the mercury had been down to fifteen degrees below zero, I received a warm welcome from Miriam Chapter. Brother and Sister Hall and Brother and Sister Waterhouse met and escorted me to the house of Sister McFadden, W. M., whose home was mine for the time. A number of Sisters and Brothers called during the evening. At 3 p. m. on the 13th we met in the beautiful Masonic Temple, where the work was exemplified by Sister McFadden, W. M. Brother Waterhouse, W. P., and the full corps of officers, whose names I failed to receive, but each and all deserve praise. This Chapter, the only one in West Virginia, has been organized three years, and my visit was the only one they had ever received. But one or two had ever seen the work rendered by another Chapter. After a brief talk and some suggestions from myself, the Chapter closed, and all repaired to the floor below, where a fine supper was served, which proved the Sisters adepts in the Sixth degree. We then went to the Chapter room and had some music, and soon the invited guests began to come in, for the Chapter had extended an invitation to Masons and their families. Ohio Lodge was to hold a regular meeting, and like the courteous brothers they are, they held said meeting in the banquet room. At 9 p. m., they closed, and all came into our midst. Brother Joseph Hall called to order, invited the Past and Present Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, to the East, giving me the gavel. He then introduced me and I made an address giving the Brothers a little of our history and purposes. Addresses were then made by Brothers Hall, Past Patron, and Waterhouse, Worthy Patron, and by Past Grand Master White and others.

Sister Hall, Secretary, then presented me with a magnificent bouquet, imbedded in which were the letters O. E. S. in immortelles. It was a graceful compliment, much appreciated.

As my train for Philadelphia was due at 1:45 A. M., Brother and Sister McFadden and daughter, Brothers Waterhouse and Geo. Garden and I spent the time pleasantly in social chat, until the carriage called, when the two latter brothers accompanied me to the depot, and I can never express my gratitude to Brother Garden who stayed with me and saw me safely on board the belated train at 3:30 A. M., and then had to go to his home four miles distant, through a blinding, cutting snowstorm and bitter cold. Surely the Eastern Star is a tie which binds us to the Masonic Fraternity as no other could.

I reached the City of Brotherly Love the next evening and Bro. Philip C. Shaffer, G. P., met me, took me to dine and then saw me to the home of my aunt, one of my mother's sisters I had never seen. I need not say I enjoyed my stay with her. On the next day Brother and Sister Shaffer and Sister Kate M. Dierkes, Past Matron, entertained me. A visit to Masonic Temple, and other points of interest was followed by dinner and a delightful evening with Brother Shaffer and wife, who had invited Miss Belle Senderling, Worthy Matron, Brother and Sister Frank Dierkes, and Wm. E. Dierkes, Secretary, and the charming family of two grown sons and two daughters, who grace the home.

On Friday we visited the Mint, and through the courtesy of Brother Christ, Treasurer, we had a carriage, and with Sisters Shaffer and Dierkes, visited many places and saw the sights.

It not being the regular meeting night for St. John's Chapter, it was found impossible to secure a hall for the purpose of exemplifying the work, but the parlor of Lulu Temple, Mystic Shrine, was tendered and I had the pleasure of socially meeting many members of the Chapter, and gave them some information regarding our work. The Knights Templar band (the only brass band in the world composed of Knights Templars) had a rehearsal in the Temple proper and invited us in, playing several selections in magnificent style. We then filed out to a caterers where a sumptuous banquet was served. I found the members all earnest and zealous and if they, as well as the members of Miriam, Wheeling, would encourage the organization of new chapters in their midst, it would be better for the Order. The exchange of visits would incite them to better work; this has been proved by the Order in the District of Columbia, but as I am not through with my visit here I will leave this for the next issue, and will only give you the greeting extended from the Order of Eastern Star to the Council of Women.

At 10 A. M., February 18, the Council of Women was called to order by the President

Mrs. May Wright Sewall, who introduced the officers and members of the Council and then called upon the Fraternal Delegates for greetings. She provoked a little laughter by introducing me with my FULL title and the full name of General Grand Chapter' Order of the Eastern Star.

A delightful reception was given at the parlor of the Ebbitt House on Monday afternoon, and as I reached the receiving party Mrs. Sewall said, "This is Mrs. Snedden who forgave my little joke about her long title, and said she thought our Order ought by all means to unite with the Council." Mrs. Bagley, Vice President of the Council, represented the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and she too hoped to see us become a member of the Council.

I will only say further, that I am the guest of Brother F. G. Alexander, Past Grand Master of the District and Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter. He and his wife have left nothing undone for my comfort and entertainment.

MARY C. SNEDDEN.

VISITS OF THE GRAND MATRON.

Feb. 9.—In company with the Grand Secretary I proceeded to Richmond for the purpose of visiting Loyal Chapter. Although the thermometer was at zero, the warm welcome accorded us dispelled all thoughts of weather. We were cordially received by Brother and Sister Hempleman, and entertained in their hospitable home.

In the evening Loyal Chapter conferred the degrees in a beautiful manner, illustrated with the stereopticon. The excellence of the work was equaled only by the zeal and harmony of the members. At the close of the work we were conducted to the spacious banquet hall, where elegant refreshments were served, and enjoyed by all present.

On Feb. 15, by special invitation, I visited Queen Esther Chapter at Indianapolis. The meeting was well attended. The exemplification of the Ritual work was of unusual interest. The excellence already attained by the new officers promises well for the perfection of the year's work. At the close of the Grand Matron's remarks the Grand Secretary arose, and in a few choice words, on behalf of the officers of Queen Esther Chapter, presented a beautiful spoon to the guest of the evening. The surprise was equaled only by the pleasure of the recipient. After Chapter was closed the guests were served with dainty refreshments, and unique favors bestowed upon each. A musical and literary program closed a most pleasant evening.

Feb. 18.—I was privileged to meet with Missisnewa Chapter at Marion. The Wabash Chapter had been invited to be present at this meeting. Sixty of their members responded in person. Associate Grand Conductress Marietta Ross invited the Grand Matron to be present also. The expected visit was kept a profound secret, and was a complete surprise to all present. The Floral Work

was presented in a beautiful manner. Elaborate refreshments were served, followed by a number of impromptu speeches that were most enjoyable.

The following evening was spent with Kokomo Chapter. In their beautiful Chapter room they met and welcomed me in the true spirit of fraternity. Here also I witnessed the Floral Work rendered in a most impressive manner. The zeal and harmony of this Chapter is commendable. At the close of the Chapter meeting, refreshments were served in a delightfully informal manner, and I departed with most pleasant memories of Kokomo Chapter.

I visited Danville Chapter Friday evening Feb. 22. Their membership numbers about fifty. Twenty-five were present, quite a number being reported ill. I was especially pleased with the personnel of this Chapter. The Ritual work was exemplified, the degrees being conferred on three candidates. Although this was the first time the new officers had performed the work, it was done in a highly creditable manner. They were so modest in disclaiming their ability that I was agreeably surprised. The utmost harmony prevails among the members. Peace rests upon them like a benediction. I hope much from Danville Chapter in the future.

JENNIE MYERHOFF,
Grand Matron.

WEDDING BELLS.

"Look down, you gods,
And on this couple drop a blessed Crown."

So thought we all as the young bride clad in her pure white bridal gown leaning on the arm of her father slipped into the parlor and to the side of one to whom, from henceforth she was through life's journey to walk. No one who had listened to her beautiful rendition of Adah—for she was Queen Esther's Adah last year—doubted her appreciation of the binding force of a vow.

The beautiful and impressive marriage ceremony of the Episcopal church was said by the Rev. Mr. Carstensen, Rector of St. Paul's church and Cora Belle Barrows and Arthur Russell Edmunds were no more twain but one flesh. Cora is the only daughter of Brother and Sister Barrows and the four who composed the home circle were members of Queen Esther Chapter—the brother serving last year as Worthy Patron.

The home was beautified by palms and ferns and all things combined to brighten the occasion. The gifts were numerous, Queen Esther's being a dozen pearl handled silver knives and forks and a beautiful berry spoon in a case. The families and immediate friends were privileged to witness the ceremony and a reception from seven to ten followed.

The home was furnished and waiting, only a half square away. It is the wish of all that the journey so auspiciously begun may not be shadowed by untimely storms and that He will lovingly guide them.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Dean Hole is the authority for the opinion given in his latest book that for one silly young woman, there are fifty silly young men. Can this be the effect of the "New Woman"?

Chesterfield comfortingly says, "I am very sure that any man of common understanding may, by culture, care, attention and labor, make himself whatever he pleases, except a great poet." May we prove this a TRUTH!

Work thou for pleasure; paint or sing or carve
The thing thou lovest, though the body starve.

Who works for glory misses oft the goal;
Who works for money coils his very soul.

Work for the work's sake, then, and it may be
That these things shall be added unto thee.

"Wise are we," says a reverend doctor, in a sermon on 'Don't Worry,' "if we learn this part of the lesson, never to waste a moment in worrying over what no human power can give to us again. This is true even in sorrow. Sadness only unfits us for duty. There is no other such enemy to noble living and heroic achievement as worrying."

It is such a good rule, and one that brings a world of satisfaction in its pursuance, to be on the lookout for what you can do to make others happy, rather than to resolutely shut one's eyes to everything but one's own individual interests and pursuits. Selfishness has scores of votaries in the ranks of those who would loudly deny that they counted that fault as one of their possessions. It is a weed that grows thickly, covering up good intentions until they are lost sight of altogether. Guard against it by careful watchfulness. Put others' pleasures before your own, and then when night comes there need be no regrets for the good that you might have done, but of which you thought too late.

One mother has introduced a new occupation to her children. This is the construction of a scrap-book of noted people of the day. Each has a page on which a newspaper picture is pasted at the top. Beneath this photograph the child writes when the person was born, the briefest account of his or her life up to date and possibly the time of death. Among the fast-growing list are the Russian royalties, the little King of Spain, the Queen of Holland, Dr. Holmes, Robert Louis Stevenson, President Carnot, the Emperor of Germany and his children, etc. Another mamma has varied this idea for her own family of bright little ones. She has set them to work collecting for a scrap-book all the pictures they can find of royalty. The result is very interesting. They are, of course, those from Russia, the cunning pictures of the German princes, the youthful rulers of Spain and Holland and several among the English family.

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GLEANINGS.

CONNECTICUT

Olivet Chapter, Bristol, held its annual meeting Dec. 17, and elected officers. Mrs. A. M. Sigourney, W. M., Dr. E. P. Woodward, W. P., Mrs. Alice Olcott, A. M., and Miss Bertha Hall, Sec. Dec. 26, they joined with Franklin Lodge F. & A. M., and Pequabuc Chapter, R. A. M., in public installation ceremony. There was a large attendance, although four churches gave their Christmas entertainments the same evening. The work was finely done.

CALIFORNIA.

Ungava Chapter, Riverside, is progressing finely under the able management of Sister Emma G. Gray.

Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, gave a Valentine social, Feb. 14, when the amusing farce entitled, "Female Masonry," was given. Masonic Temple was filled with friends desirous of witnessing the conferring of the last degrees and all expressed themselves as delighted with the work in all its phases. The costumes were arranged with care, and the sisters presented a picturesque appearance as they marched into the Hall. Over 300 persons were present. There was also a postoffice where valentines were freely distributed by five young lady members. Just before the officers entered the hall, one of our brothers read the poem composed by Rob Morris entitled "She wanted to be a Mason." An elaborate banquet was served and dancing followed. The proceeds will be used to purchase a silk flag for use in the Chapter room.

ILLINOIS.

Sister May Brown of Pana, G. M., has suffered the loss of her dear little boy, aged eleven years, his death being the result of a severe fall. The sympathy of the entire Order goes out to Sister and Bro. Brown in this bereavement. Queen Esther Chapter unanimously concurred in resolutions of sympathy for our Sister.

Rising Sun Chapter, Aurora, gave a "Character Party," Feb. 7. It was an extremely cold night but notwithstanding that, the hall was crowded with many distinguished guests. "King Ahasuerus" and "Queen Esther" led the grand march, followed by at least seventy-five couples. The prizes were won by Miss Eva Gardner, A. C., as "America" and Mr. Meyers as a "Farmer." There were many handsome and several unique costumes.

Tuesday evening, in company with my mother I visited St. Charles Chapter, it being the occasion of their first public installation. Mrs. Mate L. Cherter, G. M., installed the officers, and Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, P. G. M., acted as G. Mar. Guests were present from Elgin, Dundee and Aurora. Mrs. Edna C. Wilcox, W. M., Mr. E. C. Cook, W. P., Mrs. Jennie Powers, A. M., and Mrs. Matteson, Sec., were all re-elected.

Mate L. Chester, G. M., has instituted four Chapters U. D. Alta; 2nd., Windsor; 3rd.,

Allie May —, and 4th., Jefferson. Feb. 5, by special invitation she instituted a Chapter at St. Charles, the charming little city which was Sister Chester's old home, and the W. M. was at that time a child, and it was with much pleasure that the G. M. accepted the invitation.

Queen Esther had a very enjoyable meeting, the first after installation, a dime social and quilt raffle being the chief attraction. Bro. Nurse was the lucky one and kindly donated the quilt to Miss Rosa Ross. The Chapter has decided to withdraw from the "Relief Association," the burden falling on too few chapters, thinking it wiser to care for her own. The sad and gay seem to go almost hand in hand, for while the ceremonies of installation were in progress, a brother of Sister Lamb died. It appeared doubly sorrowful, as they lived in the same house (lower flat) as Sister Chester. Suitable resolutions were extended the Sister by the Chapter.

Miriam No. 1, invited Sister Chester, G. M., to install officers. A banquet followed the ceremonies, and a beautiful souvenir was presented to the G. M.

INDIANA.

Clinton Chapter, Frankfort, has lost by death, Sister Eliza Byers, a charter member of the Chapter, and one of the best and most active of its number. The Charter and Jewels were draped in mourning for thirty days, but the members still mourn her loss and will always cherish her memory.

At Masonic Hall, Hartford City, on Jan. 1, a triple installation took place. The officers of Blackford Lodge F. & A. M., were first, then those of Purity Chapter, O. E. S., followed by Blackford Chapter, R. A. M. We are pleased to note that, by vote of a large majority, the work of the ladies was the best. These ceremonies were followed by a fine banquet at Ingram's hotel. Toastmaster H. B. Smith, was at home in the position assigned him, and Dr. Davisson responded to "The Masonic Goat," J. A. Hindman, to "Masonic Influence," and Mrs. A. H. Crannell to "The Eastern Stars" with a large degree of wit, eloquence and literary merit.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, has three petitions in and five members who wish to affiliate with this Chapter. Mrs. Welthea Crume is W. M., and Frank L. Davies, W. P.

Hope Chapter, LaFayette, installed its new officers on Jan. 7. Mrs. E. V. Wishart, W. M., H. H. Lancaster, W. P., Mrs. George Swartz, A. M., and Mrs. Mabel H. Glasscock, Sec.

Remington Chapter, U. D., was duly organized, Feb. 15, by Chas. Guy Spitzer, W. P., of Evening Star Chapter, Rensselaer, as Special Deputy. Thirty petitioners were obligated. Among the officers appointed, were Isadore Morris, W. M., Wm. H. Marquess, W. P., Florence Landon, A. M., Sarah L. Lally, Sec. Members of Evening Star Chapter were invited to take the offices and exemplify the work, which they did in due form. A ban-

quet was then served and a pleasant social time enjoyed by all.

Farmersburg Chapter, U. D., was organized Feb. 2, by J. D. Wilson, P. P., of Terre Haute Chapter, as Special Deputy. Twenty-six petitioners were present. Mrs. Callie Neal is W. M., Chas. S. Manwaring, W. P., Mrs. Blanche Conchman, A. M., and Mrs. Ida M. Heap, Sec. After organization, the officers of Terre Haute Chapter went through the initiatory work with two candidates, and left the new Chapter in the best of spirits for future work. Terre Haute Chapter was represented by fifteen members, and Evelo Chapter by five.

Electa Chapter, Milan, is prospering, and its members manifest great interest in the work.

Bro. John D. Wilson, P. P. of Terre Haute Chapter, organized Evelo Chapter, U. D., Prairie Creek, Nov. 24, 1894. Sister Gardiner, W. M. of Terre Haute, with her officers, assisted him in the initiatory work. Twenty petitioners were obligated. Miss Lulu Morgan, W. M., John D. E. Kester, W. P., Miss Leta Thomas, A. M., and Mrs. Eliza Harper, Sec., are the first officers, and they took hold of the work with a will. The friends from Terre Haute went over in a large wagon early in the morning and it was a long day of continued pleasure.

East Chicago Chapter, U. D., was recently organized by Bro. F. P. Griffin, P. P. Bourbon Chapter, with the assistance of eleven members of his own Chapter, including two who live in Whiting. Hammond was represented by about forty members, and one of the visitors was from Brooklyn, N. Y. The work was done in a most impressive manner, after which a nice "lap banquet" was served, and several excellent speeches made.

By special invitation of Mississinewa Chapter, sixty-six members of Wabash Chapter paid us a visit on Feb. 18. Reaching Marion at 7 p. m., a committee met them at the station and conducted them to Masonic Hall, which was appropriately decorated with smilax and palms, the favors being carnations.

At 7:30, Chapter opened. The visitors were introduced, and an address of welcome given by Ella Williams, our W. M., which was responded to by Sister Meyers, W. M., of Wabash Chapter.

The Chapter was favored by the presence of three G. C. officers, Jennie Myerhoff, G. M., of Evansville, who made a very appropriate address; Lettie Simons, G. R., Wabash, who spoke a few kind words of encouragement, and Marietta E. Ross, G. A. C., Marion.

The Floral work was exemplified, after which a banquet was served, and the evening spent in a social way long to be remembered by all present. The guests repaired to the depot at 12 o'clock m., where a special train, in waiting, carried them to their homes.

B. M.

IOWA.

Julian Chapter, Dubuque, has a membership of over 80. It is clear of debt, with money in the Treas. and not a discordant feature shows itself at any of our meetings.

Ten chapters have been organized since the meeting of the G. C.

The new Masonic Temple in Stuart, was the scene of a pleasant gathering Jan. 15, when Stuart Chapter O. E. S., greeted its friends in hospitable manner. The occasion was the installation of the officers for 1895. Sister Jackson, P. G. M. and Bro. Jackson, P. G. P., of Council Bluffs, acted as installing officer and Mar. Stuart Chapter invited Columbia Chapter, of Anita, to meet with them also. The guests arrived about 4 p. m., and were conducted to the lovely Masonic parlors where a social time was enjoyed until 5:30, when a bountiful supper was served, after which the officers of Columbia Chapter exemplified the Ritual work. Then the officers of Stuart Chapter gave the Floral work and march, after which the installation services were held and the following officers will serve Stuart Chapter for the ensuing year: Mrs. Dora Gillmore, W. M.; Geo. Lynch, W. P.; Mrs. Emma F. Neal, A. M.; Mrs. Kate Cook, Sec.

You may be interested in hearing again from Iowa. Our order is growing in this State, and I believe the growth is a healthy one. Since the last session of the Grand Chapter, dispensations have been issued for ten new chapters, eight of which have been instituted. The other two will be as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made as to date.

Jan. 17 I visited Ames for the purpose of inspecting Laura Chapter and installing Sister Louisa Bosworth as G. Electa. This being the regular meeting, the business of the evening was transacted, after which the work was exemplified very satisfactorily, although many of the officers are new, filling their stations for the first time. The chapter is in a flourishing condition and working harmoniously.

At Wall Lake I met the same cordial welcome and hospitality which characterized my reception at Ames, and indeed all the chapters I have visited. The meeting here was a special, called at my request. Two candidates were initiated, the work being well done, followed by the Floral Work, and a pleasant and I hope profitable evening spent.

I next visited Sac Chapter at Sac City, where I spent the Sabbath at the home of Mrs. Emily Goldsmith, W. M. This chapter does excellent work and bids fair, under the efficient leadership of Sister Goldsmith, to shine as a star of the first magnitude.

Monday, 21st, I went to Kingsley, where I met the twenty-five who solicited the light and privileges of our Order, and established Garfield Chapter, which gives promise of a bright and prosperous future. The W. M. is Mrs. S. M. Conrady; W. P., Dr. J. J. Wilder; Sec., R. B. Thompson.

At Correctionville it was not possible to hold a formal meeting, but the members assembled in the afternoon, discussed matters relative to the welfare of their chapter, and I gave them such counsel and encouragement as they seemed to require, and trust the time

spent there will result in good to the Chapter.

After a week at home I set out again, and on Feb. 2 instituted Cambridge Chapter, with twenty-five charter members. Capable officers, earnest and enthusiastic members, and good Masonic support make the success of this chapter certain. The W. M. is Mrs. Ida Thompson; W. P., M. M. Keller, Sec. Mrs. Eva Silliman. Sisters Webster, Cheshire and Thornton, of Crystal Chapter Rhodes, were present and rendered valuable assistance during the progress of the work.

I paid a visit of inspection to Collins Chapter on Monday Feb. 4, and found them in good working order, and confident of continued prosperity. The work was well rendered, and the evident desire for still greater proficiency in the work was quite gratifying.

Occidental Chapter, at Madrid, met in regular session on the occasion of my visit to them Feb. 5. Though little more than six months old, this chapter compares favorably with many older chapters in its rendition of the Ritual work, as well as in other respects. Notwithstanding the cold, which was severe and intensified by a cutting wind, the attendance was good, and all seemed to feel that it was good to be there.

The next point was Scranton, and though the storm raged with increasing severity, and trains were all delayed and I had to change cars twice, I reached my destination in ample time, and had the pleasure of meeting with Crescent Chapter, Feb. 6.

The attendance of the members on such a night attests their zeal and earnestness, and their work within the chapter room showed careful preparation on the part of the officers.

At Jefferson Thursday evening a pleasant meeting was held—their regular session. The storm had abated but the cold was intense. Here, as in the other chapters visited since the beginning of the year, part of the officers were new, and some of the regular officers absent, but the work was well done, nevertheless. This chapter is in splendid condition financially, having a goodly bank account and no debts.

At Sioux City Feb 8 I instituted Isis Chapter, with the full quota of members allowed, quite a number of whom presented dimits from other chapters. This promises to be a very bright star. There is much in their favor, and they feel confident of success, and with officers worthy and well qualified, and members active, zealous and working together with singleness of purpose, they may expect to see their highest anticipations realized.

On the way home I spent a few hours with Sister Jackson and family at their pleasant home in Council Bluffs, adding much to the enjoyment of a trip which will always be a memorable one, and in spite of the storm and consequent anxiety in regard to meeting engagements, etc., will always be recalled with feelings of pleasure, and thanks for the thoughtful care shown me everywhere.

KENTUCKY.

Dora Chapter, Dayton, was organized in Dec. by Isaac P. Gould, D. M. W. G. P., with thirty-two charter members. The principal officers are Bessie D. Ellis, W. M., Henry Barnes, W. P., Kate I. Thomas, A. M., Catherine Stoll, Sec.

KANSAS.

Olive Chapter, Fort Scott, held its regular meeting on the 15th inst. All of the officers were found prompt at their stations, and did good work. We were glad to see our room filled with so many old members. They were welcome among us again.

We had the W. M. from Ossawatimie, who is also G. A., with us. Were pleased to see her and entertain her the best we could. Also had a brother and sister from Armordale. We felt proud of their compliments as to our work and hospitality.

Sister Cunningham, who is a member at Independence, favored us with her presence. Nothing does more good for chapters than visiting each other and exchanging different ideas.

On the 6th Sister Pearsall entertained all the P. M.'s and present ones at her home, in honor of the visiting Matron in our city. While the day outside was one long to be remembered; the worst storm of years raging with terror, inside all was comfort, and many ideas were exchanged for the good of our order. The next day all met at Sister Cunningham's, and there we formed a club for Olive Chapter, the fund raised to go towards a piano. No gentlemen were allowed, so we could easily dispense with refreshments. Trust another year we will have a fine piano in our hall.

On the 10th Sister Worly and myself were invited to attend the Girard Chapter, on the 12th to go to Pittsburg. Owing to the extreme cold weather I did not dare leave home. Sister Worly went, and I know she will receive a warm welcome from both places. I speak from experience, having visited there several times. I hope this summer we will be able to visit and entertain Chapters that are near us. It has a tendency to make us all do our work better and make more enthusiasm in the chapters.

J. M. P.

MISSOURI.

Hesperia and Golden Gate Chapters, Kansas City, held joint public installation services in Hesperia Chapter Hall, Dec. 26. Many of the G. O. of the Order in Missouri, several P. G. Officers and a large attendance of members of Harmony Chapter were present, besides friends not members of the O. E. S. After the G. O. had been conducted to the East and saluted with grand honors, Mrs. Sue Tuttle, G. M., and W. H. Wakefield, G. P., took charge of the ceremonies. The officers-elect, in a double semi-circle, west of the altar, were then installed in an impressive manner, and being conducted to their various stations, listened to several short speeches

from G. and P. O. present. The G. M. spoke eloquently of the duties of members and appealed to them to remember the Masonic Orphan's Home and Chapel at St. Louis. An elegant bouquet of flowers was presented to her by the Chapter. Refreshments were served informally by the Committee. Time passed so pleasantly it was near the "wee sma' hours a'yant twa" before the company dispersed.

Chillicothe Chapter was first organized in 1876, but its present Charter was received fifteen years ago, and Feb. 19 it celebrated this anniversary. A literary and musical program was arranged by the "Esther" Committee, which gave much pleasure to a large audience. Chas. A. Loomis, W. P., gave an historical address which was listened to with closest attention. The program closed with the beautiful tableau of Queen Esther before the King. Refreshments were served in the banquet hall in a most charming manner, and everything passed off in a way to satisfy the most critical. This Chapter has twice entertained the Grand Chapter, and given many pleasant entertainments, and is well known as a charming hostess.

MICHIGAN.

Wayne Chapter, Detroit, was organized Jan. 14, by Allen S. Wright, G. P., assisted by Mrs. Louese A. Turck, G. M., Mrs. Lida Pratt, A. G. M. and Mrs. Lizzie H. Smith, G. E. The new chapter is the fifth one in the city of Detroit and starts with fifty charter members, and bright prospects for good work and prosperity. Mrs. Effie Tunison, W. M., O. L. Murray, W. P., Mrs. Ellen M. Murray, A. M.

Lexington Chapter, Lexington, was organized Jan. 15, by Allen S. Wright, G. P., assisted by Sister Louese A. Turck, G. M. The chapter starts with twenty-seven charter members. Mrs. James Grice, W. M., Rudolph Pfast, W. P., Mrs. Maria Clark, A. M. Nine chapters have been organized since the meeting of the Grand Chapter last October.

Middleville Chapter at its last regular meeting received one petition and balloted upon four.

To the Eastern Star.

Thinking that perhaps you would be interested to know something about what is being done in Michigan for the O. E. S., I take the liberty of addressing you. Last year from Feb. 23, to Oct. 10, there were twenty-two Chapters organized, nearly all of them in the larger villages and cities of Michigan. From Oct. 12, to the present time, ten new Chapters have been organized. Feb. 12, in company and with the assistance of the G. M., Sister Louese A. Turck, of Alma, and P. G. M., Sister Sarah L. Marsh, of Quincy, I instituted a Chapter at Homer, with Mrs. Estella Bangham, G. M., Arthur D. Bangham, W. P., Mary E. Shaw, A. M. There were twenty-nine charter members. Feb. 13, with the assistance of the W. M., I instituted a chapter at Clayton with twenty-four charter members. Mrs. Mattie Wirtz, W. M., W. W. Cooke, W. P.,

Mrs. Deborah Gambo, A. M. Both chapters start out with bright prospects of success. We are fortunate in Michigan in having a G. M. fully alive to the work of our noble Order, ever ready to give of her time and means to further the cause she loves so well. And while it takes much of her time, yet no Chapter in Michigan is so small or weak that she is not ready to assist them in their work. She is trying if possible, to have a uniformity of work all over the state, and her counsel and advice is sought in all directions. The evening of Feb. 16, was one of pleasure and profit to the Chapter at Lowell, who entertained Venus Chapter, of Grattan Center by exemplifying the work on three candidates, with credit to themselves and profit to her guests. At the close a royal banquet was spread, together with music, recitations and short speeches. The G. P. and his wife were invited guests. Long live Cyclamen Chapter and its efficient Corps of Officers. A.

Feb. 18, Bro. Wright, G. P., instituted Romeo Chapter, with twenty-five members. Mrs. Minnie Parkin, W. M.; Melvin D. Coe, W. P.; Mrs. Jennie D. Crawford, Sec.

MONTANA.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Since reading of so many Chapters in your February number, I thought you might add a few lines from Olive Chapter, Great Falls. We had a joint installation with the Blue Lodge, Dec. 27. Our Chapter was installed first, and following installations a banquet was served. Sister Mary S' Powers, P. M., was installing officer.

We were called to another pleasant evening Jan. 4, when the Royal Arch and Knights Templar had public installation, with invited guest for the dance and banquet.

After our regular meeting Jan. 24, we had a Masonic Social under the auspices of our Chapter, with dancing and cards from 9 to 12 o'clock. Such a pleasant time was had that evening that the entertainment committee decided to have another one just like it. So on St. Valentine's we had another. There are no more pleasant gatherings in town than these socials with us during the winter season. This is a strong and flourishing Chapter, with Mrs. Nettie M. Race, W. M.; Judge W. H. Race, W. P.; Miss May Gallagher, A. M., and Mrs. Emma A. Berry, Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The officers of Golden Chapter were installed Jan. 18. Mrs. Louisa J. Provin, P. G. M., was installing officer assisted by Mrs. Sarah C. Walkley, as Chap., William B. Cornwell as W. P. and Mrs. Effie M. Carson as Mar.

Masonic Hall was beautifully decorated with palms and fragrant flowers. There were visitors present from several other Chapters, also a large number of Masons and their families who were present by invitation. Choice music, both vocal and instrumental, was introduced with pleasing effect. Mrs. Walkley, first W. M. of Golden Chapter, gave a brief history of the growth and prosperity of the Chapter during the ten years of its existence.

After the close of the ceremonies a banquet was served.

Mrs. Nellie Conner, W. M.; Harry M. Gowdy, W. P.; Mrs. Agnes C. Broga, A. M.; Mrs. Theodora A. Towle, Sec.

Golden Chapter has had a happy and prosperous year which has just passed and there is every prospect that the one upon which she is just entering will be equally successful. At the last regular meeting, held Feb. 15, four petitioners were elected to receive the degrees and two received.

Three petitions were received, two candidates elected, and one initiated in Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, Feb. 7, the new officers filling their stations quite acceptably. Although the weather was something dreadful for people not accustomed to blizzards, yet a goodly number were present, including visitors from Iona Chapter, Bradford, Vt., and Vesta and Mystic, of this State.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, initiated three candidates, Feb. 4. The second meeting was spent socially, after the regular routine business.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, received two petitions Feb. 5. A grand ball was given on the thirteenth of the month which was greatly enjoyed.

Four petitions were received by Keystone Chapter, Feb. 12. Visitors were present from Vesta, Signet, Martha Washington Chapters, of this State, and from Iona Chapter, Bradford, Vt.

Two candidates were elected and six initiated in Melrose Chapter Feb. 8. Visitors were present from Crystal and Vesta Chapters. Refreshments were served.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, received two petitions, elected three applicants, initiated three candidates, and affiliated one, Feb. 6. Refreshments were served.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, received three petitions, elected three candidates, and initiated two, Feb. 15. Visitors were present from Ruth and Queen Esther Chapters.

The officers of Crystal Chapter, Malden, were publicly installed Jan. 24, in Masonic Hall, before a large and appreciative audience, the ceremonies being performed by Hattie F. Ewing, P. G. M., assisted by John P. Loring, P. G. P., Maria W. Hyde, G. Chap., and Lena W. Lamb, P. G. Mar. Beautiful flowers enlivened the scene everywhere,—and bouquets were presented to the installing officers. It was a large gathering, nearly every chapter in the vicinity being represented,—besides the Masonic friends who were the especial guests of the evening. A banquet was served at early evening, and later, ice cream, cake and coffee. Jewels were presented the retiring M. and P.,—Miss Hannah L. Knowles and Dr. Horace F. Gleason. Mrs. Faustina Clapp, W. M.; Bro. Nute, W. P.; Mrs. Sarah E. Gleason, A. M.; Mrs. Ida I. Cunningham, Sec.

Mrs. Maria W. Hyde installed the officers of Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Jan. 28, assisted by Walter I. Sprague, W. P., Mrs. Helen A. At-

kins as Chap. and Mrs. Clara W. Palmer as Mar. The chapters in the vicinity were well represented; there were also visitors from Iona Chapter, Bradford, Vt. Two petitions were presented and one candidate received previous to the installation. The retiring M., Mrs. Mary E. Fitch, was presented with a P. M.'s jewel,—and flowers were presented the installing officers. Mrs. Mary A. Johnson is W. M.; Gorham H. Tilton, W. P.; Mrs. Ernestine, E. Spavin, A. M.; Mrs. S. Elizabeth Sprague, Sec.; Mrs. Mary A. T. Wild, Treas. Refreshments were served.

The second in the series of whist parties given by the Eastern Star Association, was held at the American House, Feb. 14, and was quite successful. R. E. L.

MAINE.

Marguerite Chapter, Vinalhaven, was organized July 26 with twenty-one Charter members, and by Dec. 1, had grown to sixty-seven members, and they hope to increase to one hundred this year. On Jan. 7, the new officers were installed by Mrs. Jennie R. Stewart, G. M., assisted by Mrs. R. H. Burnham, as G. Mar. Music, both vocal and instrumental, bouquets of choice flowers, and the rich regalias of the officers, combined to attract and please. In the banquet hall, eleven young ladies, in white caps and aprons, with badges of ribbons of the star colors, served most appetizing viands. Later on, the tables were removed to make room for dancing, and they did not go home till morning.

Rose of Sharon Chapter, Augusta, began with a membership of twenty-five and has grown to seventy-nine. The officers are most faithful and the prospects bright and encouraging. Sister Rose B. Emery, W. M., in honor of whom the Chapter is named, and her husband, Bro. D. W. Emery, were given a surprise on their thirtieth wedding anniversary, by members of the O. E. S.

About thirty-five were present and all were greatly pleased with the event. A handsome silver ice pitcher, fish fork, and cake dish were presented with the following remarks by Miss Blanche Davis:

"1864—1894—four from four leaves naught—six from nine leaves three—thirty long years. Friends of that time may not be with you tonight, other than in thought, we of later years have come to take their place. Accept our friendship, believing it to be as sincere and deep as that of the friends of '64; accept, too, these gifts—not that we believe such is needed as proof of our sincerity, but that in future time, when change or death has cast our lot apart, you may be more forcibly reminded of the present occasion. Again, accept our friendship and accept our gifts; and that the thirtieth day of August, through many years to come may dawn on the same happy life, is the echo of each of us and all."

Mr. Emery responded as follows:

"My friends, when I was young, as many of you are now, I confess that I derived much pleasure on occasions like this evening, in surprising my friends as you have surprised us this evening, but had I known how small it makes one feel to be placed in the position you have placed me, I would have felt

like asking their forgiveness, and I only hope they would have forgiven me as freely as I do you.

"It is pleasant to be remembered, but much more pleasant to be remembered by those whom we feel bound by nearer, dearer and stronger ties than are formed by the ordinary social relations of life. I notice that you are nearly all members of an Order which we hold most dear, and if any evidence was wanting of the ability of that Order to unite its worthy members in the strong bonds of fraternal affection, that evidence has been furnished tonight.

"Looking back upon the past thirty years, I will say that we have probably received our proportion of the good and bad things of this life. We have shared together life's joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. The hand of time has not fallen heavily upon us, the world has not always dealt unkindly with us, the breezes of thirty summers, and the storms of thirty winters have passed over us, and though they have changed the hair of my companion to a beautiful matronly hue, they have not all been ill winds. And so I feel that with an unbroken family circle, and surrounded by such friends as we see before us, we have no cause to complain of our lot.

"We can only thank in words tonight for this manifestation of your friendship, and for these beautiful presents; we shall prize them highly, not for their intrinsic value alone, but for the brotherly and sisterly regard which speaks out to us from their beautiful workmanship."

The visiting party then served a splendid collation, consisting of ice cream, cake, etc., which they had generously furnished.

MINNESOTA.

Lathrop Chapter, Appleton, extended a cordial invitation to the members of Appleton Lodge F. & A. M., and their families, to be present at the installation of officers, which occurred Friday evening, Jan. 11. Mary C. Taylor, G. M., conducting the O. E. S. ceremony. It was considered one of the most delightful gatherings ever held in the village.

The beautiful ritualistic ceremonies has been given complete by the G. M. ever since she first installed a corps of officers, for she long ago memorized the entire ritual, your correspondent having heard her at various times and places give every part therein. After the installation, refreshments were served and the time until a late hour passed in sociability, interspersed with singing, impromptu addresses, and a recitation by the G. M. Among the guests from Montevideo present, were, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crooker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunbrack, Mesdames Aggas, Spellman and Plummer and Mr. Wells.

Valley Chapter, Chaska, and the Blaine

Lodge held a joint installation Dec. 26. W. C. Odell, D. D., conducted the Masonic installation, and the G. M. the O. E. S. Sister E. P. Sargent, W. M.; Bro. Merritt Melvin, W. P.; Sister Sathheimer, A. M. After the exercises refreshments were served and a pleasant time spent, rendered more so by "social enjoyment and cheerful companionship." The W. M. of this Chapter is greatly encouraged, and believes a prosperous year is before her. Two candidates were initiated at a recent meeting, two others elected and one petition received. New robes have been made and five sociables held which netted the Chapter a neat little sum.

Dr. W. B. Pineo, Past Master of Hennepin Lodge F. & A. M., and a member of Minneapolis Chapter, was, on Feb. 13, presented by the Lodge with a Past Master's jewel, set with a handsome diamond.

Lorraine Chapter gave a card party Feb. 15 at the residence of Sister and Bro. James R. Canterbury.

Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, recently gave a very unique and interesting program at one of the popular socials of the chapter. Music, charades, recitations and illustrated advertisements and a "Library" were the features. One illustrated advertisement was "Cottolene needs shortening," which was represented by L. R. Barto, P. P. Others followed creating much merriment. Among the Library Books were "Pioneers," "pie on ears of corn" and so on until 32 volumes had been similarly represented, a prize being given to the person

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guessing the greater number, Sister Isabel W. Lewis, P. M., securing the prize.

Miss Jennie Corliss, daughter of Sister Elizabeth Corliss, W. M. of Golden Rod Chapter, Fergus Falls, has recently arrived in Minneapolis expecting to remain for some time.

Corinthian Chapter was organized at Morris, by James D. Markham, G. P., Jan. 31. Flora E. Morse, P. G. M., was invited to assist at the organization. The G. M. regretted that a previous engagement prevented her from accepting the cordial request to be present. Sister Lottie J. Swartout, W. M., of Golden Rule Chapter, Herman, was present and assisted the G. P. during the organization. Bro. Swartout and Sister and Bro. Bell, of Golden Rule, were also present. The officers are: Sister Marion Sherwood, W. M.; Bro. Wm. P. Munroe, W. P.; Sister Ida S. Hancock, Sec.

Geneva Chapter, Madison, was recently organized by James D. Markham, G. P., and Mary C. Taylor, G. M., assisted by Sisters Lizzie Thomas, W. M. of Lorraine Chapter, Alice Willard, P. M. of Excelsior Chapter, and Charlotte S. Schmahl, Sec. of Charity Chapter, Redwood Falls. After the instituting ceremony a fine banquet was served. Sister Laura C. Brown, W. M.; Bro. Henry F. Hauck, W. P.; Sister Christine A. Farnbram, A. M.; Sister Nellie C. Clark, Sec.; Sister Kate Little, Treas.

Feb. 14, Benton Chapter, was organized by the G. P. and G. M., assisted by Sisters Lizzie Thomas, M. E. Mathews, G. Mar., Nancy E. Gary, G. M., two sisters from Lathrop Chapter, Tracy, and Bro. Mathews, of Marshall. Bro. John McKenzie was elected W. P., but owing to illness was unable to be present. An oyster supper followed the organization. Sister Kate A. McKenzie, W. M.; Bro. James M. Addington, W. P.; Harriet F. Lafferty, A. M.

Cereal Chapter, Mankato, was recently reorganized by the G. M. with every prospect for future prosperity. Sister Esther Warner, W. M.; Bro. Clark Keyser, W. P.; Sister Kate Linder, A. M.; Sister Stella Hart, Sec.

Jan. 28, Minneapolis Chapter conferred the degrees upon five candidates, the recently installed officers doing the work in a most commendable manner, Sister H. A. Flint, W. M., and Bro. W. B. Hixon, W. P., delivering the lectures in a manner that was "creditable to themselves and the Chapter, and conducive to the success and welfare of the Order." Sister and Bro. Sargent, of Columbia Chapter, Chicago, and Sister Wilson of Red Wing, Minn., were among the guests that evening.

Calumet Chapter, Pipestone, was visited by Mary C. Taylor, G. M., Jan. 24. Elaborate preparations had been made for the occasion, members from neighboring chapters having been invited, but owing to the sudden death of Sister Olivia Smith, at that time, the festivities were deferred.

Sister Smith was taken ill in St. Paul and, after an illness of only three hours duration died; the remains being taken to her home in Pipestone for interment. Sister Lettia Marsh, Sec. of the Chapter is the daughter of our de-

parted Sister. The resolutions adopted by Calumet Chapter, O. E. S., relative to the loss they have sustained and conveying to the bereaved husband and daughter the sympathy of loving hearts, bespeaks the fond remembrance in which the Sister will ever be held.

Sister Mary E. Starkweather, member of Minneapolis Chapter, died at her home in Minneapolis, Jan. 25. Sister Starkweather was for years closely identified with the work of the W. R. C., having been the first Dept. Treas., then for two successive years was Dept. Pres., then for five years was Dept. Coun. She also served as Nat'l J. V. Pres. At the time of her death, and for some years past, she was permanent chairman of the soldier's home committee. A memorial service will be held in her honor at the convention which convenes in St. Paul, Feb. 27. Members of Minneapolis Chapter have been invited to be present and Mary C. Taylor, G. M., asked to deliver the O. E. S. memorial address—other

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FRANCES R. MARTIN.

Grand Secretary of Connecticut, 1885-1893.

Thou wast, but art not here forever more;
Such is thy story;—
Thy life was bright and happy, but 'tis o'er;
Thou hast gone seeking dear ones gone before,
And from the slopes of that celestial shore,
Hast risen to glory.

There, as eternal cycles roll away,
Thou art at rest,
Around, the everlasting sunbeams play;
Through golden streets, through sweet fields
thou shalt stray,
And in yon Heaven shall spend an endless day,
Among the blest.

Frances R. Pierpont was born in London, Ontario, November, 17th, 1828, during a temporary residence of her parents in Canada. Soon after her birth, they returned to New Haven, Connecticut, where she lived until her marriage in 1860, to Lieutenant Elias G. Martin of the United States Navy, who contracted consumption while on blockade duty off Charleston, North Carolina, and died in 1867. After his death, she chose New Haven as her home and resided there till her death which occurred Dec. 20th, 1893.

Mrs. Martin was a descendant of loyal Puritan stock. Was great-great-grand-daughter of Rev. James Peirpont, first pastor of Center church, New Haven, and grand-daughter of Evelyn Pierpont, an officer in the Revolutionary war. Her maternal grandfather and two uncles were in the war of 1812, and five brothers in the late war. She was a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps, holding many local and state offices in that Order, among them being that of Inspector General, and Vice President of the National body. Was a zealous worker in patriotic work during the war, and ever since its close. Her con-

nection with the Order of the Eastern Star began in Myrtle Chapter, October 22, 1878, and the following December she was elected Associate Matron. December 1879, elected Worthy Matron, December 1881, elected Secretary, served twelve years, and was re-elected at the meeting prior to her death. In the Grand Chapter of Connecticut she served four years as committee on Foreign Correspondence, Grand Secretary eight consecutive years, and was re-elected for the ninth term but declined on account of her health.

How well she loved the Order, was manifested by the faithful manner in which she fulfilled the duties of her several offices,

never failing to be present at the meetings, doing her part promptly and willingly; and whose heart and hand were given to the advancement and improvement of the Eastern Star. Of Sister Martin, it can be said, she possessed rare intellectual gifts, quick at repartee, a ready speaker, a loyal friend, just and true in her dealings with friend or foe. Delegates from the societies of which she was a member attended the funeral services at the Congregational church, New Haven.

Her remains were taken to New Britain, Connecticut, and there they were met by a delegation from the local Chapter, escorted to their last resting place and laid beside her husband's
C. B. CURTISS.



A great deal of unhappiness in home life comes from misunderstanding the people one lives with. Each of us is more or less afflicted by the personal impression of a conversation, incident or episode. The way it strikes us is very apt to push quite out of sight the way it may strike another. In consequence, we misinterpret moods, or attribute to our kindred motives which have never occurred to them. The quiet manner is taken to mean irritation when it is simply weariness, or the impulsive speech is supposed to spring from anger, when it may have its origin in embarrassment or in indiscretion. At all events, life would be smoother in many a home if everybody would endeavor to UNDERSTAND his or her neighbor in the home, and if everybody were taken at the best, and not at the worst valuation.—Christian Intelligencer.

What do you mean to do with your own life? Do you mean that it shall have any serious, earnest, really robust and righteous purpose at all, or do you mean to go on leaving it to be shaped and colored and filled out just as any chance hand may choose to mix the colors and lay them on?

separately and weighed in the balances of Wisdom, Charity, Love and Truth. Wisdom, that judgment may be dispensed with in all requirements, and other matters arrived at with due allowances. Charity, that it shall be done, regarding all mankind alike in nature. Love, that our desires should be to bring our fellow-men closer to each other. Truth, that which should be our constant friend, ever on tongue-tips, as it were, at all times, that none can become offended, or others become offensive. With these beatitudes before us, further consideration of a petition will be made easy, and procedure can be made with safety on the "building" without fear of defiling the house of the Lord.—Trestle Broad.

SLEEPY HOLLOW CEMETERY.

"MORTUA LACHRYMABILLIMA."

In this yard is the grave of Major John Buttnic who led the fight at the Old North Bridge. On Main street is another old burying ground. The oldest stone is that of Thomas Hartshorn who died 17 November, 1697. The date of its opening is unknown. In this ground is a stone "erected to the memory of a young man an orphan, heir to a great fortune, oh the vanity of youth, oh the vanity of wealth" and a couple of yards more telling of the beautiful characteristics of that "heir to a great fortune." Much interest clusters around Sleepy Hollow Cemetery which was laid out in 1855. It had long before borne the name of Sleepy Hollow. "On the 19 of April, 1856, a tree bee was organized and over one hundred trees set out by citizens, each one of whom brought his own memorial." Many of the most important graves are on the Ridge. Ascending the hill by Ridge path we soon reached the grave of Hawthorn. It is surrounded by a low hedge of arbor vitae. Nothing but his name on a plain white stone is seen. Just back of the grave is the grave of Thoreau "The poet, philosopher and naturalist." A small red sand stone monument marks the spot. A little further on is the grave of Ralph Waldo Emerson. A large pine stands near the head of the lot. The grave is marked by a pink quartz, just as it came from the quarry. It is destitute of lettering and but for the family name on various stones in the lot, a stranger would be puzzled to find the Poet's grave. Many notable persons are quietly resting in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, and among them can be found the graves of Bronson Alcott and his gifted daughter Louisa. They were both living at the time I visited the place so I can not locate them. I noticed that all the great deeds and acquirements were not noted on all the stones of the inhabitants of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery.

He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause.

JACQUIN'S ECHOES.

If you would be spruce in your old age, don't pine in your youth.

Strive to impress on your children that the only disgrace attaching to honest work is the disgrace of doing it badly.

When you see an old man amiable, mild, equable and good-natured, be sure that in his youth he has been just, generous and forbearing. In his end he does not lament the past nor dread the future.

"I have something to ask you," said a young eagle to a learned melancholy owl. "Men say there is a bird named merops, who when he rises in the air flies with his tail upward and his head toward the ground. Is that true?" "Certainly not," answered the owl; "it is only a foolish tradition of man. He is himself a merops, for he would fly to heaven without for a moment losing sight of earth."

A man's greatness lies not in wealth or station, as the vulgar often believe, nor yet in the intellectual capacity, which is often associated with the meanest moral character, the most abject servility to those in high places, and arrogance to the lowly; but a man's true greatness lies in the consciousness of an honest purpose in life and a steady obedience to the rules which he knows to be right without troubling himself what others may think or say.

Character is formed by a variety of minute circumstances more or less under the control of the individual. Not a day passes without its discipline, whether for good or evil. There is no act, however trivial, but has its train of consequences, as there is no hair so small but casts its shadow. It was a wise saying of Mr. Shimmelpennick's mother never to give way to what is little; or by that little, however you may despise it, you will be practically governed.

Amusement in itself is a real need, which always makes itself felt, and in some way or other is sure to get supplied. It is not, as some suppose, a sort of superfluous luxury which should be patiently waited for till all other desirable advantages are secured. It is rather a deep-seated necessity which in all circumstances must and will be supplied—if not from fountains pure and sweet, then from sources unwholesome and corrupt. The young need it more than the old, the busy more than the idle, the poor as much as the rich; but all need it, and all seek it in some form or other.

"So tired," is the moan, and "so tired" it must be until we have learned not so much how to rest from any work as to rest in work—to keep faculties in full exercise, yet never over-strained; to choose the wisest methods for body and mind and soul, and to follow them through chance and change of this mortal life—learn what to leave undone, what to slight, and what to pursue steadily. Rest must be daily; not a month of "resting like fury" after eleven months of working the same fashion, but a deliberate stopping to be

still, to collect forces and to draw the long full breath, without which climbing is impossible.

It is a solemn thought connected with middle life that life's business is begun in earnest, and it is then midway between the cradle and the grave that a man begins to marvel, that he let the days of his youth go by so half-enjoyed. It is the pensive autumn feeling; it is the sensation of sadness that we experience when the longest day of the year is past, and every day that follows is shorter, and the lighter and feebler shadows tell that nature is hastening with gigantic footsteps to her winter grave. So does man look back upon his youth. When the first gray hairs become visible; when the unwelcome truth fastens itself upon his mind that he is no longer going up hill but down, and the sun is always westering, he looks back on things behind. But now there lies before us manhood, with its earnest work and then old age, and then the grave, and then home. There is a second youth for man, better than his first, if he will look forward and not backward.—Square and Compass.

Says Mirabeau—"The education of a child should begin twenty-five years before his birth, in the education of the parents." Education—the forming of habits of mind and conduct—which is the work of the home, is confused with instruction or storing the mind with facts: head teaching with heart teaching. It is a cruel wrong to equip a child with intellectual culture and leave him ignorant of the means of self-conquest. The work of greatest importance to society is the training of children in Christian principles, and the character of a child is formed during the first ten years of life in a great measure by the influence of the home and above all by the mother. She stamps herself on them at an age when their minds are daily receiving indelible impressions, when the imitative faculty is at its highest development. "What is learnt in the cradle is carried to the grave." This is proved by history, biography, and our own universal observation. "Most good men have had good mothers." Napoleon said one day to Madame de Campan, "The old systems of education are worth nothing; what is wanting in order that the youth of France be well educated?" "Mothers," replied Madam de Campan. The reply struck the Emperor, and he said, "Be it your care to train up mothers who shall know how to educate their children."

Diligence and moderation are the best steps to climb to any excellence. Nay, it is rare if there be any other way. The heavens send not down their rains in floods, but by drops and dewy distillations. A man is neither good, nor wise, nor rich at once; yet softly creeping up these hills, he shall every day better his prospects, till at last he gains the top. Every year something laid up may in time make his stock great.

THE GREEN RAY.

THE FERN.

Along the vales and hillsides,
Where Flora used to pass,
Were flowers of many a lovely hue,
And trees, and shrubs, and grass.

But oft the goddess pondered,
As on her light feet flew,
How she could beautify the earth
With something rare and new.

She prayed the wise Creator,
Who, only, hath the power,
For something finer than the grass,
And lovelier than a flower.

And soon, to bless with beauty
All mortal hearts that yearn,
The vales and hillsides were adorned
With graceful fronds of fern.

And when the frosty twilights
Turn Autumn woods to brown,
All reverent with their heads bowed low
The baby ferns kneel down.

How old King Winter loves them,
Each little child may learn,
Who sees upon the window-pane,
These frosted fronds of fern.

MRS. McVEAN-ADAMS.

OPHELIA'S LACE.

BY JULIA BACON.

(Continued.)

"Why did you not prevent Miss Wayne going with Mrs. Stanhope, mother?" inquired Amelia with vexation.

"I couldn't. It's after school hours, and her time is her own. Your father will have it so, and you know how set he is in his notions," replied Mrs. Briggs.

"It seems you might have asked her as a favor, to write something or other for you, or read something, or take the children out for a ramble," persisted Amelia.

"No. I couldn't do anything of the kind!" retorted her mother. "If you had seen Mrs. Stanhope, and heard what she said, you couldn't, either."

"What was it, mother? asked Ophelia who joined them at this moment.

"Why, girls, Mrs. Stanhope told me that she had discovered that Miss Wayne's mother was an own dear cousin of her late husband's and when Miss Wayne quits us she is prepared to offer her a home for life, and in the meantime, to watch over her as a family connection and protect her when necessary, and when her time's out she goes to the Grange. Furthermore, says she will have her at the Grange every other Saturday and Sunday."

"Farewell to your hopes, Amelia," laughed Ophelia.

"I do not believe one word of Miss Wayne being a family connection," asserted Amelia. "It is just a pretty little plot they have hatched among themselves to get Ethel to the Grange."

"Well, whether or not, I guess Miss Wayne will go there after Ophelia's wedding, Amelia."

"No, she is not going to leave us until her time is out," said Amelia with decision.

"I thought you wanted me to get rid of her!" exclaimed Mrs. Briggs.

"I did. But I prefer that she remains with us until her time is out. It might please her and Mrs. Stanhope too well, otherwise."

"And Randolph?" asked Ophelia.

"Well,—yes. I have a presentiment that he is in the carriage with them at this moment."

"No, he is not, indeed Amelia," protested Mrs. Briggs, "I looked in the carriage and saw a big bunch of roses and hydranders—"

"There comes Sam, call him mother, and ask him who that was waiting near the park gate when he came through."

Mrs. Briggs did so and the answer was, "nobody ma'm, as I see."

"There now, Amelia! You've had your cantantrums for nothin'."

"Ask Sam if he saw nobody lower down the road," still persisted the gentle Amelia.

"Yes'em, I see Mr. Randolph."

"Now, mother, what did I tell you!"

"What was he a doin', Sam?"

"He was a talkin' to Mr. Craddock, ma'm. Mr. Craddock is a goin' roun' wid a prescription fur de neighbors to sign to help him fix up his mill dam. Says it mus' be fixed up right away, or we'll all be sufferin' for de corn pone, 'fore we git it."

"You can go now, Sam," and Sam went. Mrs. Briggs and her daughters repaired to the family sitting-room, where Amelia threw herself into a willow rocker, exclaiming:

"I am surprised that Randolph should do anything so cowardly and sneaking! Why couldn't he come to the house like a man, and ask for Miss Wayne?"

"Cause he knowed I'd make it too hot for him, that's why," said Mrs. Briggs emphatically.

"Yet you did not oppose Mrs. Stanhope carrying Ethel away."

"No, Mrs. Stanhope has a way of making people do her way without any palaver. If he had been in the house with her, I could have found plenty of excuses I 'spose, though now I think of it, Mrs. Stanhope did say, he had come with her, but she had dropped him on the road. But I never thought no more about it, till Sam spoke. I was thinking of all the other things she told me, about Miss Wayne's mother and father."

"Mother, you have managed badly."

"Amelia this is the first time you ever complained of my management! I have been keepin' Miss Wayne out of the way of all the legible young men around here for some months, and only yesterday, I kept her from goin' to meetin'. But that's the way with the world; you may work your fingers to the bone for some people, and you don't get no thanks and no credit, and the more you do, the more they expect you to do,—even unto impossibilities. I'm sure I could not help the rains rainin', and the winds blowin', and the waters

risin', and bridges breakin', and ponies goin' lame, could I?"

"Oh well, mother, I'm not blaming you. Things have gone wrong for me, that's all. It has all come about through Ophelia's lace."

"If Miss Wayne and Randolph should happen to pull together in the same boat, as Tom and I will, I shall make her a present of that lace, for she will think that the beginnuing of her happiness is, or was, surely interwoven in its beautiful meshes," replied Ophelia.

"Don't be nonsensical, Ophelia! I hate Miss Wayne for coming between me and my plans. I did so want to get—I may as well confess it,—the lion of the neighborhood at my feet. I should have succeeded too, had Ophelia sent Sam to the village for the lace, as I begged her to do. I would have enjoyed a flirtation with Clyde Randolph, immensely, and I should have taken the conceit out of that Irishman. How very miserable he would he would have been!"

"Not he," said Ophelia. "He is not the kind of a man to make himself miserable about any woman, I imagine."

"Amelia!" exclaimed Mrs. Briggs, looking surprised and indignant. "I thought all the time you wanted to marry Randolph, and was settin' your cap at him! If I had a knowed that you jest wanted to flirt with him and jilt him, I wouldn't have done one thing to help you on,—not one thing!"

"She wouldn't have jilted him mother," said Ophelia. "She was too eager to get him; threw herself at his head, in fact."

"Go on, Ophelia, say what you please, I can bear it all," and Amelia leaned back in her chair resignedly, and looked doleful.

"I wonder what Capt. O'Doole would think of you, if he could hear you now, Amelia."

"Anything it might please him to think, Ophelia."

"I'm glad to hear you say that, Amelia," said her mother. "It sounds like you don't care for him, and I didn't know but you might sometime, if Clyde didn't stand between you. I never want a daughter of mine to marry a bull-headed Irishman!"

"Amelia is only flirting with the Captain, mother," observed Ophelia, ironically.

"Maybe so. But girls often end by marrying the very man they flirt with," replied Mrs. Briggs, uneasily regarding Amelia, who sat looking the picture of hopelessness, with her head resting against the back of her rocker and her eyes closed. Mrs. Briggs continued: "Alabama is good enough for my girls to live in, and I don't want them to marry no furriner and go to Ireland and live with the Irish in a castle of cork with the pigs and the pony! Specially in a castle with the outlandish name of Ballywallyscallywagin." A peal of laughter from her daughters echoed through the room.

"I'm glad you can laugh, Amelia, if I don't know what at! It's better than cryin' over spilt milk, or goin' into cantantrums"

"Mother, Capt. O'Doole is an officer of the Crown, and has a string of letters after his

name, a foot long," said Amelia impressively. "Pshaw! what of that? Your father has been and will be again, an officer of the State, and can write a string of letters after his name, two feet long, if he wants to!"

"You don't understand, mother."

"Then I don't want to understand, Amelia. I've heard you say that he is the grandson of a British admirable, and has blue blood in his veins, but red blood is good enough for me. I've got no opinion of people with a long line of ancestry, as they call it. Haven't any myself, and don't want it. It's a sight better to have a long purse. Ancestry don't keep the wolf from the door, but the long purse does, and that's just what we've got."

"But we have no pedigree."

"Don't want it, if there's no money in it! Let our Jersey cows have the pedigree. We can do without it."

"But mother, we are snobs."

"Don't matter, we are rich."

Amelia sighed, and closed the argument.

"Capt. O'Doole knows you dislike him mother," remarked Ophelia.

"Glad of it, Ophie, saves me the trouble of tellin' him."

"He's Tom's friend, mother, and I wish you would treat him with more civility, for Tom's sake."

"I'm willin' to do anything to gratify Tom Clayton," answered Mrs. Briggs, "because he is one of our people, and a professional man. But I'm afeared I can never be polite to that snaky Irishman."

Then Amelia, gazing straight at her mother, with flashing eyes, said

"You would like him, if he would condescend to pat you on the back, as Randolph does."

"Amelia Briggs!" almost screamed her mother. "What do you mean? Randolph PAT ME ON THE BACK! Me, your mother? I want you to understand that no man ever patted me on the back except your father."

"It was only a figure of speech, mother," explained her daughter laughing.

"Well, I don't like such figgers, and I think you have a good deal of insurance to interduce any such in your speech. Talk sense, Amelia, when you talk to me."

The indignant woman flounced out of the room. Ophelia went off to her sewing, but Amelia sat still, gazing out of the window, thinking. Her thoughts running thus:

"What curious results spring from insignificant causes. Ophelia's lace has brought about a meeting between two persons who never met before; been purposely kept apart, by fair means and foul. They become friends; friendship ripens into love, and marriage follows. I see it as plainly as I can see my own hand. Just when I thought his lordship had fallen a victim to my charms,—or wiles, the rain comes, and everything else happens, to turn the scales in Ethel Wayne's favor, and leave me stranded, or I suppose I would be, were it not for that irresistible and I may say, most irrepressible, O'Doole. If Capt. O'Doole

had not been quite so marked in his attentions, circumstances might be different at present, because I noticed Randolph always hung aloof in O'Doole's presence, as if fearful of intruding. A bad sign that! When a man loves a girl, he generally forces the other fellow to the wall. I am satisfied that the captain is dead in love with me, and me only. He has vowed it often, and seeing that I am not easy to win, makes him the more eager. He has yet to learn that he has a greater influence over me than any one else on earth! I keep that to myself; it is not well to let a man know that he has any influence over a girl, even after he declares himself. I do not think I am the least bit in love with O'Doole, and yet, I like him, because he is good-natured, pleasant and sensible; I respect him because he is cultured and well-bred; I esteem him, because he is a gentleman! What more can a girl want? Yes, I think I shall marry O'Doole in spite of my mother's unreasonable opposition. He is the second son of a baronet and we are—snobs! But America is full of snobbery and we are not an isolated case, by any means. Some day, if I live, I may be Lady O'Doole of Ballygoolan castle, county Cork, Ireland. Who knows?"

At this moment her reverie was interrupted by the voice of a servant, saying:

"Missy, Capt. O'Dooly's in de parlow and axed for yer."

[To be continued.]

To my mind Masonry stands out pre-eminently as the best institution ever devised by man. Its tenets embrace his whole duty to God, his neighbor and himself. Much as we love and venerate the institution for its antiquity and universality, yet if it did not come into the hearts of the men of to-day, and nerve and encourage them to live better in the present, it would be as well to let it die. But Masonry has ever kept step with the advancing strides of civilization. Its banners have always been at the front in the ranks of progress, and to-day it stands as a synonym for progress, the rights of humanity and the best interest of the human race. It makes of us better men, better citizens, better sons, and better husbands. In short, if lived up to in its full scope and teachings, it makes us perfect men, and even if we often fail in reaching our higher ideal, we shall be the better for trying.—J. C. Moreland, Grand Master of Oregon.

The value of our life on earth will not be judged by the success, but by the purity of our endeavors and our perseverance, even where there was no great result. We ourselves do not even know what we have done in our own strength, how much we owe to others, and how much to a Higher Will. It will be good not to put too much to our own account.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Mystic Chapter, Fort Gratiot, Michigan, has been bereaved.

RESOLVED, That in the death of Sister Harvey, our Chapter has lost an esteemed and faithful member.

THAT we hereby extend to the family of our deceased Sister, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their great affliction.

THAT in token of our respect and sorrow, the charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

THAT these Resolutions be spread on the records of the Chapter, a copy be sent to the bereaved family, and one to THE EASTERN STAR.

Sister Rebecca J. Killian "Grand Martha," was a charter member of Eureka Chapter and its first Worthy Matron. Being successively elected she continued in the office until the time of her death, which occurred February 25th, 1895. Devoted to the work, she inspired those who were associated with her. She exemplified in her own life the true spirit of Fidelity, Constancy, Courage, Faith and that fraternal love which characterises the teachings of the Order. She was ill only one short week and like a tired child fell asleep. Of her the present Worthy Matron of Eureka Chapter says: "She was a true lady in every sense of the word; her sweet smile, and words of welcome will be greatly missed by the members of the Chapter. She was a consistent christian, ever ready to discharge her duty. She left a devoted husband, who finds his loss almost more than the heart can bear, together with a large number of relatives and friends.

The following Resolutions were passed by Olive Chapter, Great Falls, Montana, and are printed by special request.

WHEREAS, For the first time Death has passed our Sentinel, invaded our Chapter, and taken from our circle Sister Elizabeth Wright, who was among the first to kneel at our altar and learn the lessons of our Order.

RESOLVED, That it is with sorrow we thus part with our Sister, whose quiet and gentle ways made her loved by all her associates; and that her memory will be kept fresh and bright in our hearts as we look forward to the Life beyond the River, when with hands clasped in hers we shall take up the links of the "Golden Chain" now severed.

RESOLVED, That the sympathy of this Chapter be extended to the sorrowing husband, and to all relatives and friends of our departed Sister.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our Chapter and a copy thereof under the seal of the Chapter, be sent Brother Fred Wright, the bereaved husband.

If there is any truth which life—and especially this intense modern life, in the midst of which we are—seems to be declaring with profound and reiterated emphasis to youth, it is that the results of all endeavor, all aspiration, in one's maturer years depend upon early training. According as we shape, and govern, and furnish our lives during the period of preparation, the season of youth, so will be the achievement, the influence, the power, which we shall enjoy in middle life and old age

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA, 1895.

The Grand Chapter met in its Twenty-first Annual Session in Grand Lodge Hall, April 24th, at 2 P. M. It was opened by the Grand Matron, Jennie Myerhoff, assisted by Associate Grand Patron, A. W. Hempleman.

There were fourteen Grand Officers, four Past Grand Matrons and eight Past Grand Patrons present, also three hundred and sixteen representatives from one hundred and twenty-one Subordinate Chapters.

The Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were escorted to the East and received with Grand Honors.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Credentials—Nettie Ransford, Flora Pearson, Mattie Connelly.

On Finance, Ways and Means—Fremont Goodwin, Robert W. McBride, Electa Moody.

On Unfinished Business—Thomas A. Walker, Mattie L. Allen, Susie Mattingly.

On Pay Roll—Frank L. Davies, James W. Morrison, Phoebe M. Link.

On Jurisprudence—Henry G. Thayer, Mary E. Spittler, Thomas B. Long.

On Appeals and Grievances—Wm. Conrad, Emma Lewark, Mollie Rice.

On Dispensations and Charters—Oliver B. Sargent, James P. Hale, Sarah E. Gardiner.

On Foreign Correspondence—Helen E. Macomber.

A special Committee on Obituaries was appointed by the Grand Matron, consisting of Willis D. Engle, Eliza J. Crisler, Nellie I. Ford.

The Acting Grand Patron read his annual address, a part of which follows:

Again the hand on the dial of time has moved forward, bringing us together in this our Twenty-first annual assembly, having now attained our majority; and to all we offer fraternal greeting, devoutly raising our hearts in gratitude to Almighty God, for his watchful care over us during the year that is now closing.

We are reminded by the solemn draperies in the East, that a golden link has been severed and that he whom we all loved has been taken from us.

"So fades a summer cloud away,
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er,
So gently shuts the eye of day,
So dies the wave along the shore."

Let us cherish in perpetual memory the good deeds of our beloved Brother Manning, and be ever ready to imitate his zeal for our Order.

Notwithstanding the business depression that has come like a pall over the country, we have just cause for congratulation that the Order of the Eastern Star, has moved steadily forward in this Grand Jurisdiction; many new Stars have been added to the Galaxy, that will shine to make brighter the pathway of many a life.

The papers and memoranda coming into my possession in succeeding to the labors and duties of our deceased Grand Patron, have made it quite difficult to accurately report what has been done.

He reported the appointment of special deputies to constitute thirteen Chapters that were chartered at the last session, and twenty-nine dispensations granted.

The Grand Matron's Address gave proof of a busy year. She says:

According to established custom, the time has arrived for the formal surrender of the trust committed to me one year ago. Fully realizing that responsibility accompanied the honor conferred, I took up the work, and have endeavored to conscientiously discharge all the duties incumbent upon me.

From my associate officers I have received strong support and assistance, and hereby tender to them my most cordial thanks.

With heartfelt sorrow we note two vacant chairs in our Grand Chapter today. Death has been busy in our midst.

"And they no longer weep. Here where complaint is still;
And they no longer feel. Here where all gladness flies;
And by the cypresses softly overshadowed
Until the Angel calls them, they slumber!"

When the early autumn leaves were falling the shadows came upon us. On October 26th, the summons came to our Grand Patron. He laid down his life work and entered into eternal rest.

Brother Manning's life was full of helpfulness and care for others, and seemed only to have reached its noontide. But it went out suddenly, leaving us mute with grief. Only the Divine proclamation "I am the Resurrection and the Life, Whosoever believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live again," can give us comfort in an hour like this. The loving sympathy of the Grand Chapter was extended to the bereaved family; the Order was represented at the funeral by the Grand Secretary, and an appropriate floral offering was sent in the name of the Grand Chapter.

Brother Hempleman, by virtue of his office of Associate Patron, has performed the duties of Grand Patron and has proved a most efficient help and able adviser. On February 25th, we were again called to mourn the loss of one of our Grand Officers. Sister Rebecca Killian, Grand Martha, after a brief illness was called home, and to her loved ones earth was desolate.

"There is no flock however watched and tended
But one dead lamb is there,
There is no fresher howsoever defended
But has one vacant chair."

"There is no Death! What seems so is transition:
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death."

I would recommend that a suitable space be set aside in the journal for the proper record of our Beloved Dead.

The Order has been fairly prosperous during the year, twenty-eight new chapters have been organized, I have granted sixteen dispensations, written three hundred and fifty official letters, visited fifteen chapters, installed officers in two chapters and traveled nearly two thousand miles in the interest of the Order. I was obliged to cancel several appointments, much to my regret, on account of the severity of the weather and sickness in my family. I was received with uniform courtesy and kindness and shall ever remember with grateful appreciation, the loving care manifested for my comfort and pleasure. Many invitations came to me that I found impossible to accept.

On June 9th, notice was received of a peaceful adjustment of affairs in the Jurisdiction of Minnesota. Notice was also received of the organization of a Grand Chapter in Pennsylvania. To this new sister we extend fraternal fellowship and cordial good will. Many questions have come to me for decision. Some of these involving points of law have been answered by my predecessors. New chapters organizing, have no means of learning these, and I urge upon this Grand Chapter the necessity of having a digest of de-

isions prepared, at once, and a copy furnished to each chapter. As a rule chapters are anxious to conform strictly to the law as made known to them. In consideration of the fact that the number of representatives in Grand Chapter has been increased nearly one hundred this year, and bids fair to increase in a like ratio, I would recommend that the number of representatives be limited to the first two officers of each Chapter.

I cannot close this report without tendering to our faithful Grand Secretary my sincere thanks for the prompt service and ready response to every demand made upon her; by her efficiency and energy she has contributed largely to whatever measure of success we have attained during the year. And now may peace and love abide with you; may wisdom govern and prosperity follow your legislation.

Reports of her visitations at various chapters have appeared in this paper from time to time.

The Grand Secretary reports the receipts for the year \$2,461.35. The disbursements were \$1,650.01. Balance in treasury 1894, \$3,342.14, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$4,153.48. Five chapters were reported delinquent—Bloomingsburg, Gentryville, Milroy, Minerva and Ireland.

Charters were granted to twenty-six chapters, five dispensations were granted and three chapters continued under dispensation.

The Special Committee on Revision of Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, reported through its Chairman, Martin H. Rice. The report was received and will lie over until next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Matron, Jennie Myerhoff, was appointed Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Indiana, for the Grand Jurisdictions of Kansas, Oregon, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and Pennsylvania. Sister Helen E. Macomber, Past Grand Matron, of the Grand Chapters of Minnesota, New Jersey and , and Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron, of the Grand Chapters of Maine, North Dakota, Arkansas and California.

The following officers were elected and with the exception of Grand Ruth and Grand Chaplain, installed.

A. W. Hempleman, Grand Patron, Richmond.

Mrs. Olive E. McGrew, Grand Matron, West Indianapolis.

P. E. Hoss, Associate Grand Patron, Kokomo.

Mrs. Jennie T. Nye, Associate Grand Matron, Laporte.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

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Dr. C. B. Stenien, Grand Chaplain, Fort Wayne.

W. H. Glascock, Grand Marshal, Greenfield.

Mamie Conrad, Grand Conductress, Warsaw,

Lizzie J. Smythe, Associate Grand Conductress, Indianapolis.

Mamie Cushman, Grand Adah, Logansport.
Elsie Hathaway, Grand Ruth, Winamac.
Sarah E. Gardiner, Grand Esther, Terre Haute.

Maggie Cooperider, Grand Martha, Scottsburg.

Rosella Bennett, Grand Electa, New Goshen.

Lila Orwin, Grand Warder, Rushville.
Sarah W. Burns, Grand Sentinel, Indianapolis.

The retiring Grand Matron, Jennie Myerhoff, acted as Installing Officer, assisted by Past Grand Patron, Willis D. Engle, as Grand Marshal.

THE OIL OF PEACE.

The absence of small courtesies in the family life destroys the beauty and harmony so essential to its perfection. The lack of attention when one member attempts to speak, and the habit of all speaking together, are responsible for that confusion of talk which takes the place of the graceful conversation that is so desirable an art, and one that lends so much to the pleasure of family life—and pleasure is an important factor in its perfection. The polite formalities of "Excuse me," "Thank you," "I beg your pardon," the habit of attention; the avoiding of subjects of conversation which arouses heated arguments, are the constant offerings to hosts of people in whom we have but slight interest, and who reciprocate in kind and degree; we never feel like omitting these formalities, and use them as the current coin in polite society. Yet where should society be so polite as within the walls of home? And where does it minister so much to the happiness of the individual as in the circle that bounds his world?

Much of the awkwardness, brusqueness, lack of power of expression that handicap many people in their intercourse with the world can be traced to the lack of polite intercourse in the home, the timid one growing more timid, and losing the self-confidence which is necessary to dignity; the aggressive one being unsuppressed he becomes a tyrant at home and a nuisance abroad.

Politeness does not mean formality; it means graceful kindness. Said a lady recently, whose manner is full of charm: "My children are my best critics. When I hear the remark, apparently rude but intended as facetious, 'Mamma has on her company manners,' I know I have offended against some good taste." The charm of that household lies in the perfect manners which reduce friction to the minimum and bring social training to the point of perfect naturalness. You never think of manners when in that home,—Christian Union.

It costs nothing to be civil, and pays to be kind and generous.

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able absence were read from Henry R. Wells, A. G. P. and M. E. Mathewes, G. Mar. Two candidates were conducted through the ceremony of initiation. Interesting remarks by the G. M. and G. P., were listened to with pleasure, the officers of St. Paul Chapter receiving merited commendation from each. Refreshments were served.

Jasper Chapter, Rush City, the home of James D. Markham, G. P., received the official visit of the G. O.s, March 26. One candidate received the degrees, the work being done in the most creditable manner. The G. M. was entertained at the home of the G. P.

Sophia M. Hodges, P. G. M., leaves May 10 for California, intending to make that state her future home.

At the last regular meeting of Minneapolis Chapter, Bro. W. B. Hixon, W. P., presented the Chapter a handsome gavel made from a piece of oak taken from the house in New Rumley, Ohio, where Gen. Custer was born. In presenting the gavel, the Brother alluded to the pride he, as well as other native Ohioans felt concerning the distinguished hero, and in brief related incidents in the life of the man whom "he thus delighted to honor." As a whole, the presentation speech was worthy of the subject, and Sister H. A. Flint, W. M., in accepting the gavel on behalf of the Chapter responded in the following words:

"WORTHY PATRON:—On behalf of Minneapolis Chapter, I thank you for this token of your manifest interest and regard for this branch of the adoptive rite. To me it signifies that you desire to inculcate not only the principles exemplified in the lives of the heroines of our Order, but to perpetuate the memory of our Country's heroes.

I recall, Worthy Patron, that Sunday in June of that year when our nation was celebrating its centennial anniversary, how the 'gallant Custer' and his brave three hundred met Death at the hands of the savage and relentless Sioux. I also remember, that anxious wives and timorous children waited in vain at Fort Lincoln for the return of loved ones who would never come back.

I notice that the wood from which this gavel is manufactured bears the marks of age and decay, and that it is bound about by a silver band of strength, suggesting the thought that day by day we should labor for the welfare and happiness of others, that when old age overtakes us, we shall find that our good deeds have been silver cords of love binding us to the hearts of many. Worthy Patron, I again thank you and relying upon your wisdom and experience I trust that I shall never use this emblem of my authority in an arbitrary or dictatorial manner."

The silver band on the gavel bears the inscription, "Presented to Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, O. E. S., by W. B. Hixon."

March 12, Athens Chapter, Faribault, was organized by James D. Markham, G. P. Thirty-five sisters and brothers from Sheba Chapter, Northfield, were present and exemplified the work in a faultless manner. Bro. Herbert Johnson of Minneapolis, and Bro. Sterling of Annandale were also present. L. S. Gale, W. M., Walter Birche, W. P., Cynthia Davis, Sec. Radiant Chapter, Janesville, was organized.

March 13, by the G. O.s, assisted by sixteen members from Hope Chapter, Waseca, whose work on this occasion the officers of this new addition to our Order may well strive to imitate, and by so doing they will "serve to strengthen the Chapters throughout the state." Mrs. Adelaide Cordry, W. M., Miss Lavinia Hagan, Sec.

Assisting the G. P. and G. M. at the organization of Ionia Chapter, Springfield, March 14, was Victoria C. Little, P. G. M., eight other sisters and brothers from Virginia Chapter, Tracy, and Sisters Maud Crowell, W. M., and Anderson. Con., of Orient Chapter, New Ulm. The officers include Mrs. Clara Soot, W. M., Bro. H. O. Schlender, W. P. and Dell Wright, Sec.

Twenty names will grace the charter of Friendship Chapter, which was organized at Barnesville April 8, by the G. P., assisted by the full corps of officers of Golden Rod Chapter, Fergus Falls, whose excellent exemplification of the work will be an impetus to the members of the new organization. Mrs. Patterson, W. M., Bro. Gowenlock, W. P.

Bro. Thomas C. Sharpleigh, W. M. of Hallock Lodge F. & A. M., is also W. P. of Lota Chapter and Mrs. Douglass, W. M., which the G. P. organized with seventeen Charter members at Hallock, April 9. The Con. for whom the Chapter is named, is an artist and will use her talent for the benefit of her namesake by painting the floor cloth.

Six candidates were "instructed in those sublime virtues exemplified by the heroines of our Order," in the home Chapter of Bro. Thomas H. Warren, G. L., Stillwater, on the occasion of the official visit of the G. M. April 8. Each officer of the Chapter is thoroughly "familiar with the duties of her office and fills it with credit to herself and with honor to our Order."

Welcome intelligence has been received that Martha D. Ross, G. M. of Wisconsin, and Bro. Eugene B. Dyke, G. P. of Iowa, will be our guests at the annual session of the G. C., O. E. S. of Minnesota, which convenes in Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 8, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Masonic Temple.

Sheba Chapter, Northfield, will exemplify the work of the Order at the Grand Chapter and Lorraine Chapter will give the "Floral Addenda" at that time.

LOUISE LYON JOHNSON, G. Corr.
OHIO.

Evening Star Chapter, Edgerton, though not yet three years old, is doing good work, and trying to interest those outside the Order, as well as its members, by means of socials and entertainments, where the objects and history of the Order can be made prominent.

OREGON.

Our new Chapter, Columbia, is doing finely. March 12, we initiated three candidates and elected five, for the next initiation March 26. The officers went through the first initiation in splendid manner without the use of a ritual from beginning to end, a feat seldom performed by beginners. The result was noticed by

expressions of delight at the work of the Order, by all the new officers, members and visitors. Therefore we can confidently predict a bright future for Columbia Chapter.

It is with regret we have to part with our very efficient Con., Miss Nellie M. Burke, who goes from our jurisdiction to that of Washington. The W. M. and members however did not let her go without a silent reminder, and the Chapter presented her with a beautiful star pin, the W. M. making the presenting remarks, taking our sister completely by surprise. All enjoyed the dainty feast spread by the ladies of the Chapter after initiation. Visiting sisters and brothers to The Dalles will receive a cordial welcome to our Chapter.

H. A. B.

NEW YORK.

The following remarks were made by Sister Mary T. Sutton, W. M., of Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, on the event of the official visit on Jan. 19, of the M. W. G. M.:—"It is indeed a great pleasure for us to welcome you and your associates here this evening. I am fully persuaded that your visit here is out of pure love for our noble Order, and that in this annual reunion you are doing your utmost in making the ties of sisterly love and regard all the more strong. I see in the galaxy of Grand Officers, new faces from those of a year ago, but I am none the less convinced that the new are but carrying along the work of the old. I can assure you that the year past has been a most auspicious one, and for this we welcome you all the more ardently. Our books are open for your careful inspection, and I am quite sure that you will see nothing to reprove, but rather to announce to the Grand Chapter that Stella Chapter is doing good work.

"We extend to you the compliments of the season, and we are sure that happiness and prosperity are enjoyed by you all. We hope, that in the brief time you spend with us tonight, the exchange of courtesies will be most pleasing and satisfactory, and that as we all leave this room we will see the Order in a new light, and with a deeper appreciation than ever before, that its design is a good one for its followers. There is no more precious word in our language than unity, and I am fully convinced that this is the watchword of this gathering. I again welcome you in behalf of Stella Chapter, and extend to you a sentiment, M. W. G. M., that will characterize your term of office as well as the remaining days of your life."

"May you live

Longer than I have time to tell your years,
Ever beloved and loving, may your rule be;
And when old time shall lead you to the end,
Goodness and you fill up one monument."

NORTH DAKOTA.

On Dec. 21, 1894, by special request, I installed the officers of Lady Washington Chapter, Jamestown, being a joint installation with the Blue Lodge, the Grand Master, Geo. L. McGregor, installing the officers; invitations were sent out to all Masons and their families. A banquet followed the installation

This Chapter has a membership of one hundred and is the oldest and largest in the state, being organized before Dakota was divided.

Jan. 30, instituted Venus Chapter, at Minnott, with twenty charter members. Mrs. Rosie Truax, W. M.; J. McJannett, W. P.; Mrs. Jannett, A. M. This is the first Chapter instituted under the G. C., and I was royally entertained by the members. The thermometer stood at 30 below zero the two days I spent in this beautiful little city on the Mouse River. On my return, I stopped at Valley City; was met by the G. P., T. N. Ritchie, and taken to the home of Mrs. Winterer's, W. M., of Woodbine Chapter, where all the members were waiting to meet me. Had dinner at this lovely home with Miss Kate Black, G. Chap.

Queen Esther Chapter, Mandan, is very progressive and energetic, and for some time has felt the need of robes that their work might be more beautiful and impressive. With this thought in view, two or three members, assisted by a few outside friends, gave a most successful amateur theatrical entitled, "A Box of Monkeys." The patronage was liberal and the play highly appreciated; the participants earned unstinted credit for themselves, and netted nearly one hundred dollars which will be presented to the Chapter. The untiring efforts of the executive officers to place this Chapter among the best in the state has been a source of pride and pleasure to the entire membership.

A Chapter was organized in Devil's Lake, Feb. 23, by G. L. McGregor, grand master of the state of North Dakota, acting as deputy for T. N. Ritchie G. P., of Valley City. The Chapter starts out with twenty-six charter members, with as many more, waiting to petition. The following are the officers: Mrs. S. A. Nye, W. M., Judge D. E. Morgan, W. P., Mrs. Fred W. Mann, A. M., Miss Rena Percival, Sec. After the organization was effected the officers took their proper stations and, with the assistance of Mr. McGregor, duly exemplified the work of opening a chapter, conferring the degrees and closing, taking hold of their duties like experienced members. The Chapter starts out with the brightest prospects, having a very talented set of officers, and good material to work upon, and is destined to soon become one of the best Chapters in the state.

ELIZABETH WHITE, G. M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Queen Esther Chapter, Epping, is prospering, though still in its infancy. The members are proud of the organization and are working now to raise funds for the purchase of a piano. An Easter sale was recently held for this purpose.

Queen Esther Chapter, Epping, held their regular meeting April 12, with the largest attendance since the organization of the Chapter. Three candidates were initiated, four petitions received, and present indications point

to the continued growth and prosperity of the Order. The officers were becomingly costumed in white, and the rendering of the ritualistic work was finely executed. The exemplification of the Floral work was particularly artistic. A pleasant feature of the occasion was the presentation, by the Chapter, of an emblematic pin, Star pendant with diamonds in center, to the organist, Miss Emma Pike, in appreciation of her faithful attendance and performance of her duties. The presentation was made by Rev. E. G. Smith, whose remarks were impressive and interesting. At the close of the Chapter, the members with invited guests repaired to the banquet hall, to partake of a bountiful repast, after which a social time was enjoyed, when the party separated amidst the resplendent beauty and glimmering of stars above and around us, and feeling indeed that there is pleasure in contributing to the happiness of others.

The Easter sale and social at the home of Mrs. Rebert Pike, given under the auspicious of the Order of the Eastern Star was well attended. Tea and chocolate were served by ladies of the O. E. S. The tables were beautifully laid with silver and china. Supper was also served, with a full bill of fare. The tables containing fancy and decorative articles were well patronized. A lovely basket of Easter eggs, in all the colors of the rainbow, was to be seen. Vocal and instrumental music were interesting features of the occasion, and at a late hour good nights were spoken, the company taking their leave well pleased with the result of their enterprise.

M. M. H.

WISCONSIN.

DEAR STAR:—I wish to correct an error made in my last article. The floral work so beautifully exemplified at G. C., Milwaukee, was done by the Viroqua Chapter, not the Virginia. It was done so unusually well I wish the credit to go where it belongs. Sixteen of our members visited La Belle Chapter at Mukwonago, at their last meeting. We always hope to learn something from our sister chapters, and in this instance we were not disappointed. The regular work, initiation and floral work were all exemplified in a very able manner. Following which a banquet was served, and I believe we all came away with the unanimous verdict—the ladies of La Belle Chapter know how to cook.

Our Star is still shining. March 12, we received three new members, and March 26, five more new members were added to our number. Refreshments were served. An Eastern Star poem recited by Mrs. Ira Gantes, our A. M., was well delivered.

H. J. R.

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The Grand Chapter of Kansas will hold its
twelfth annual session at Wichita, as the
guests of Ivy Chapter, May 15. Preparations
are being made to extend to the guests a roy-
al time.

The Massachusetts Eastern Star Associa-
tion, organized October, 1884, held a special
meeting April 27th, at the American House,
Hanover St., Boston, with a social hour, in-
terspersed with readings by Miss Henrietta
Gilman.

Harmony Chapter, Salina, Kansas, lost all
its effects recently by fire. It is a serious
drawback but the members will not allow
themselves to be discouraged, and are mak-
ing efforts to place themselves in working
order again.

From down in Georgia there came to my
desk the little pictured face of Nettie Lorraine
Maxey, and we hope some day to see the orig-
inal. Both sisters whose name she bears feel
complimented to have a namesake down in
the Southland.

Sister Marie Haslep, a member of Queen
Esther Chapter who went to China seven
years ago as a Medical Missionary, is return-
ing home. She left Shanghai on March 2,
but does not expect to reach Indianapolis un-
til sometime in June.

The Nineteenth Annual meeting of the
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will be held
on May 14th, beginning at ten A. M., at Marl-
boro. The members will be the guests of
Mizpah Chapter. May the meeting be pleas-
ant and well attended.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota will hold
its Seventeenth Annual Session at the city of
Minneapolis, Wednesday, May 8th, in Mason-
ic Temple. The invitations are very pretty
and we trust the meeting may be largely at-
tended and harmonious.

Every member of the Order who desires to
be informed of the work of the Order, should
subscribe for some paper from which to learn
of its doings. There is none better than THE
EASTERN STAR, as it will prove to you if you
will allow it a trial—subscribe and see.

We have decided to offer Will Carleton's
paper "Every Where," to each new subscriber
whose name, accompanied by the cash, comes
to us during the months of May, June and
July of this year. This is a very generous
offer and large numbers of our friends should
take advantage of it, and send in their names
as soon as possible.

Brother Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Secre-
tary F. & A. M. of Michigan, will please ac-
cept thanks for the transactions of the Grand
Lodge F. & A. M. for 1895. It is of unusual
interest being the twenty-first annual meet-
ing, and containing a brief history and pic-
ture of each Grand Master that has presided
over the Grand Lodge since its organization.

Sister Nettie Ransford is the only woman
in the Order who owns and operates a print-
ing office. All blanks for Chapter use are
furnished by her and the work is done by
sisters of the Order. By-Laws are printed
and satisfaction guaranteed. Also cards of
any description. Your patronage is solicited

and it is hoped that a share may come this
way.

The date given in our last issue for the
meeting of the General Grand Chapter, at
Boston, Mass., on August next, was not cor-
rect. Instead it will be held the last week of
August, the meeting beginning the 29th.
Headquarters will be at Union Hall, 48 Boyl-
ston St., which will be open for the reception
of visitors during the entire week. Those de-
siring accommodation should communicate
with Brother Joseph Hall, Charlestown, Mass.

An invitation to be present at the next reg-
ular meeting of the Massachusetts Eastern
Star Association, May 9th, at 7:30 P. M., at the
American House, Boston, on the occasion of
the official visitation of the Grand Officers,
has been received. From the program en-
closed we judge a very enjoyable time may
be expected.

[Thanks, brothers, we should certainly
like to attend, but the distance is too great to
be speedily overcome and time is precious.
Our sympathy is with the "Candy Date."]

Brother Andrew P. Swanstrom, Past Grand
Patron of Minnesota, will receive the sympa-
thy of his friends throughout the Order, in
the loss of his Mother. She had reached her
74th year and in two years would have reach-
ed the fiftieth milestone in her matrimonial
journey. The five children who survive her,
were looking forward with pleasurable antici-
pation toward the celebration of the "Golden
Wedding." The father is still with them. The
Reaper gathers here the ripened grain, and
again the blossom and bud, but all are wait-
ing for the happy re-union in that land where
love reigns and parting comes not.

The Order seems to be on the increase both
as to members and interest. In the several
Jurisdictions new chapters are being added to
the number, and new members to the chap-
ters. There also seems a desire to render
more perfect Ritualistic Work and this is to
be, above all else, commended. The chapters
whose officers thoroughly memorize their
work and render it in an audible, intelligent
manner, will not be likely to have its mem-
bers effected with indifference. The practice
that prevails in many chapters to arrange at
each meeting for something to entertain and
amuse is not a healthful one and should be
discouraged. Make the work first and let
other things be added as the occasion de-
mands.

The Third Annual Meeting of the Local
Council of Women, was held in this city, May
22, and 23, at the Propylaeum. The address-
es and reports of the Officers and Chairmen of
committees were very interesting, and the re-
gret was that there were no more to hear
them. There are fifty societies represented

by the Local Council. It was deemed inexpedient to place a woman in nomination for a member of the School Board this year. Twelve Societies, through their Presidents, made reports. At the evening meeting the principal addresses were made by the retiring President, Mrs. May Wright Sewall, and the newly elected President, Mrs. Josephine R. Nichols. Miss Julia Harrison Moore is Secretarr, Mrs. Hester McClung, Corresponding Secretary and Miss Agnes Dilks, Treasurer.

The new Edition of "The Poetry of Freemasonry," by Rob. Morris, L. L. D., Masonic Poet-Laureate, comes to us from The Werner Company, of Chicago. It contains an excellent biography of Bro. Morris, written by his son, the poem read at his funeral, and his hitherto unpublished poems; also two full page portraits of the Brother, one at the age of fifty-four and the other from his latest photograph. The book is printed on heavy calendered paper, bound in silk cloth, with emblematic stamp in ink and gold, and, with plain edges is only \$2.75; with gold edges, \$3.50. It is a book that should find its place in every Masonic family, for in a charming way it illustrates the symbols and teachings of Masonry and the Order of the Eastern Star. Members of the O. E. S. will be especially interested in the "Part Fourth" of the book,—*"Melodies of Adoptive Masonry"*—as Brother Morris was the originator of the entire system and the father of its literature.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

For the Eastern Star.

By special invitation I visited Petersburg Chapter on April 16th. I was met at the station by Dr. and Mrs. Link and taken to their hospitable home where I was entertained pleasantly during my stay.

Sister Link is Worthy Matron of Petersburg Chapter and devoted to its interests. Quite a large attendance greeted us at the hall, and the work was exemplified in an excellent manner, the officers showing great proficiency. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a general good time enjoyed by all present.

JENNIE MYERHOFF,
Grand Matron.

NOTES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

As the Grand Chapter was about to close, Brother Wm. H. Smythe extended an invitation, on behalf of Naomi Chapter who desired to tender a reception to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, to every member of the Order who should be in the city tomorrow night to meet with them, it being their regular stated meeting.

Wednesday evening, Queen Esther Chapter exemplified the Ritual Work, in Grand Lodge Hall, before the Grand Chapter and a large number of visitors. In spite of the fact that they had never worked in this hall before, and at the last, some of the officers' places had to be supplied and changes made

on account of illness, the work was done in such a beautiful manner as to call forth the heartfelt commendation of the Grand Matron and Patron, as well as other friends. Four candidates were initiated and Queen Esther feels a just pride in her latest acquisitions, and rejoices that she has the material which can supply at short notice and do the work like veterans.

The reception tendered the Grand Matron and Grand Patron by Naomi Chapter, on Friday evening, was largely attended in spite of the pouring rain and all seemed to enjoy themselves in a most thorough manner. Unfortunately the retiring Grand Matron, and the Grand Secretary were members of the Committee at a reception given the Past Department Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps and their friends, from eight to ten the same evening, and were obliged to retire almost immediately after the opening of the Chapter, and so their voices were missed in the short and pleasant speeches which followed "for the good of the Order," when the regular business had been completed. Music and recitations added to the pleasure of the evening, ice cream and cake was served, and when the hour for separating arrived, even the clouds overhead were breaking and the stars appearing in the sky.

Just as the gavel was about to sound, the retiring Grand Matron rose to a question of privilege, which being granted, she called upon the Worthy Matron of Queen Esther to "prefer charges." Sister Hayes advanced to the platform carrying a superb bouquet of roses, which she delivered to Sister Myerhoff, who thereupon addressed the Grand Secretary, and informed her that inasmuch as thirty-seven years ago she had committed matrimony, her friends in Queen Esther Chapter and among the Grand Officers, who had stood side by side with her for many long years, been her companions over thorny paths, when clouds hung low, and appreciated her loving service and loyalty, had remembered the anniversary and chosen these thirty-seven roses in which to voice somewhat of the love they bore her, the fullness of which could not be made manifest until the last day when all shall know as they are known; and expressed the hope that the remaining years of her life might be as bright as the roses and without the thorns. Sister Ransford was thoroughly surprised and much moved by this fragrant testimonial of love and loyalty, but responded in her usual gracious manner, reviewing in brief some things which have made the ties so close between Queen Esther's members and herself, and returning thanks for this latest evidence of their continuing regard.

H. B. J.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Intelligence is a luxury, sometimes useful, sometimes fatal. It is a torch or fire-brand, according to the use one makes of it.

Mme. Tolstoi holds a diploma from the University of Moscow, although she married when she was seventeen. It is said that she is quite as learned as her husband and if she has less genius, possesses more good common sense.

It is said that William Cullen Bryant began to write verse when he was only ten years old; and not only that, but he was paid for it, having received a nine-penny coin from his grandfather for a rhymed version of the first Chapter of the Book of Job.

Dr. Paola Moutegazza wisely says:—"Waiting cures caprices and strengthens true love; waiting kills false love and makes the true ones great and noble; to wait means to be sincere, prudent, good, holy." He also shows his discernment of the signs of the times when he remarks: "Modern civilization is preparing for woman the sweet possibility of living single and happy."

The foxy boy applied for a job. "Do you want a boy?" he asked of the magnate of the office, standing before him cap in hand. "Nobody wants a boy," replied the magnate, eyeing him sharply. "Do you need a boy?" asked the applicant, nowise abashed. "Nobody needs a boy," came the discouraging reply. The boy stuck his cap on the back of his head. "Well, say, mister," he inquired, "do you have to have a boy?" The magnate collapsed. "I'm sorry to say we do," he said, "and I guess you're about what we want."

There seems to be a growing desire to question all things that have any flavor of antiquity, and to deny their truth, or substitute some other origin than the one commonly believed in. Regarding the Lord's Prayer the prevalent belief doubtless is that in whatever exact words it was originally spoken, it was wholly the creation of Jesus himself, and therefore of divine origin. The facts seem to show that such is not the case. In Conway's "Sacred Anthology," which is composed of selections from the sacred books of all religions, will be found the the ancient Jewish morning and evening prayers, with which Jesus was, of course, familiar, and of which the Lord's prayer is evidently largely a condensation: "Our Father who art in heaven, proclaim the unity of Thy name and establish Thy kingdom perpetually and reign over us to all eternity. Our Father who art in heaven, Thy will be done on high; vouchsafe to bestow a peaceful and tranquil mind on those who honor Thee on earth, but do, O Lord what seems good in Thy sight. Give me only bread to eat and raiment to put on. Forgive, O Lord, those who have this day offended me. Let us, O Lord, not fall into the power of sin, transgression or iniquity, and lead us not into temptation. Subdue our inclinations that they may be subservient to Thee. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, power, glory and majesty."

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Unity Chapter, situated in Oakland, celebrated its fourteenth anniversary March 25, entertaining its many friends with a fine literary program and Paper Flower Carnival. The evening was enjoyed by all. This is the home of the G. M., Sister Wilson, who was present, also R. W. A. G. M., Sister Partridge. May Unity Chapter prosper and live to double this anniversary.

April 1, visited Tulare Chapter. It is in a fine condition, officers and members working together harmoniously. They number among their members many of the most cultured and refined people of that community. This occasion was the official visit of the D. G. M., Sister Ella Hall, and a fraternal visit of the G. M., Sister Wilson. The work was rendered in a very acceptable manner. A fine program and banquet followed the ritualistic work. The toast-mistress was Sister C. J. Anderson, who was a success in that peculiar position. Several toasts were given, among which was "Our Grand Officers," responded to by Judge Davis. "Our Pledge," responded to by Sister Shuey, of Porterville. "Our Social Gatherings," this was responded to, by Sister Ada Kruse, and last but not least was the concluding toast, "Not in it," responded to by Mr. Ratliff, a brother Mason but not an Eastern Star. Altogether, this was a most delightful evening.

April 2, found the G. M. at Lucerne Chapter, situated in the thriving town of Hanford, King county. This chapter was instituted about 11 months ago. They have an elegant hall, handsomely furnished, and a strong support from the brother Masons. Sister Nellie Malone is W. M., ably assisted by an excellent corps of officers. Two links were added to our fraternal chain, and two were elected. This Chapter has a membership of over 60, and we look forward to a bright future for Lucerne Chapter.

April 4, in company with Sister Ella T. Hall, D. G. M., Sister Wilson, G. M., officially visited Lily of the Lake Chapter, situated at Le-moore. Work was exemplified for the inspection of Sister Hall. The W. M., Sister Angie Sanborn, a young lady, presided with great dignity. The membership is somewhat scattered, but those who were present, gave every evidence of a deep interest in the work of our Order. Several members from Lucerne Chapter were present. A fine banquet concluded the evening's entertainment.

April 5, Martha Washington Chapter, situated at Visalia, was officially visited by D. G. M., Sister Ella T. Hall, and G. M., Augusta D. Wilson, was also present. This is one of the pioneer chapters of the state. The scene in the Chapter room was like a Fairyland. Flowers and vines were used in decorations while five parlor lamps, with shades appropriate to the points of the star, lent a mellow light to the room in connection with the gas light.

The work was well done. A large delegation from Tulare and Lucerne Chapters were present. Remarks from the G. O.'s were in order, also from many of the visiting members. The Order in the Twelfth District is in a flourishing condition. W.

April 12, Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, celebrated its twenty-third anniversary by having a "Children's night." The spacious hall was crowded with the genial members—and their happy children, who furnished the entertainment of the evening. An elegant flag had been purchased for the use of the Chapter, and Sister Partridge thought that on this occasion, it would be appropriate to present it. On behalf of the committee appointed to purchase the flag, and at their request, Sister Partridge and Bro. Ruthford, two veterans of the Order, assisted by two children, Gussie Merritt and Loyd Hunt presented the flag, Sister Merritt, W. M. received it. "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," were sung by the children in a most spirited manner. This was followed by quite a lengthy program consisting of recitations, music, fancy dances and Indian club swinging. The flag is a handsome silk one, five feet wide and seven feet long, edged with gold bullion fringe, complete in every detail, a perfect beauty, and was "proudly hailed" by each one present. The grand March to the banquet hall was led by the little ones, the older ones forming in line and the visiting members coming in at the rear. A fine spread was enjoyed by all. Oak Leaf Chapter is the banner Chapter of the Pacific Slope, and their success is due to the fact—they begin with children and educate them to desire the privileges, by inviting them to share in the pleasures of the Order.

ILLINOIS.

Rock Island Chapter, Davenport, celebrated its first birthday April 17. A special meeting was held. Sisters Mae Chester, G. M., and Mary C. Snedden, M. W. G. M., were present, and many members from Moline, Coal Valley, Geneseo, Galesburg and Cambridge, Ill. and from the new chapter, two weeks old Davenport, Iowa; also Sister Hunter, W. M. of Mt. Carroll, who had come several days before to instruct in the Floral March. Altogether, about three hundred were present. The officers rendered the work like old regulars although several were new members. After the close of the Chapter, the Floral Work was rendered; the officers wore new robes and carried torches. Short remarks were made by Sisters Snedden and Chester, and the W. M. presented them each a bouquet of pink roses. At the close, a reception was held, dancing indulged in, cake and coffee served, and a general good time enjoyed. Sister Eva M. Conover entertained the G. M. and M. W. G. M. and they were given a carriage drive over on Government Island, to Davenport, and Black Hawk tower, a beautiful summer resort

IOWA.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—I have looked in vain, when reading your Iowa news, for some mention of Des Moines Chapter. I will say that things do occur occasionally that are worthy of note, and may be of general interest to the members of our Order. We have added four new members thus far this year and have one candidate for initiation at our next meeting. We keep up the interest in various ways; the ladies meet at the Masonic Temple on an afternoon to do charity work, take their suppers and at six o'clock are joined by husbands, brothers and lovers, when all partake of a lovely spread, then we adjourn to the hall for business, or degree work; after closing, a game of charades is indulged in, to the merriment of all. We had a Washington supper Feb. 21, that being our stated meeting, over one hundred participating in a genuine New England supper; after which a literary salad consisting of the Washington maxims—110 in number—was passed them, beginning at the head of the table, each read his or her maxim aloud, we then adjourned to the hall for a Washington examination; the prize, consisting of a beautiful little hatchet, was awarded our Sec. Elinore Goodwin. Prof. W. M. Wilcox gave a fine talk on Washington as the "Hero of our Country," which won merited applause. We closed the exercises with all singing "America. We have met once or twice a month with some sister to assist in the charity work so necessary the past winter, and have accomplished much, besides enjoying a very pleasant social hour while refreshments were being served. I must not forget to mention that we have given the farce, "Female Masonry" twice; the second time by request. It was a decided success, two-thirds of the play being original with us and very laughable. From the many inquiries we are having, relative to the farce, and our production particularly, some are quite inclined to publish a book of our own composition. W. M.

Villisca Chapter celebrated its fifth anniversary on March 19. Ten were initiated, and at the close of the exercises a banquet was served and an hour spent in social converse. The Chapter was instituted March 19, 1890, by G. M., Sister Harriet A. Ercanbrack, assisted by the officers of Emblem Chapter, Corning. At the meeting of the G. C., held at Colfax in Sept. 1890, a charter was granted Villisca, and on Oct. 9, of same year, the Chapter was constituted and officers installed. Starting out with 30 charter members, we have added to our number during the 5 years of our pilgrimage 45 members. We have granted 10 limits to members who, with one exception, had moved to new homes and were not able to meet with us. We have suspended but 4 since our organization. 1894 was our red letter year in point of members gained, 13 having been added to our number, but it was also the year of our greatest loss, 5 having been dimitted and 2 suspended. Be-

ginning with an empty treasury, we have paid all bills as they were presented, and with the G. C. dues for 1895 paid, we can show a cash balance on hand of \$79.

We have had a steady, healthy growth, have made haste slowly but surely, gaining each year, until now we have 61 members, double the number we began with. A spirit of harmony has prevailed, and while we were increasing in numbers, our love and loyalty to the principles of our Order has never flagged. Brothers and sisters have worked together in the true spirit of fraternity, seeking not individual good but the best interests of the Chapter. Our work has been pleasant, enlivened by many a social evening. We have entertained other chapters and been hospitably entertained in return, thus cementing together the golden links of our chain in bonds of undying friendship. It is not in numbers alone that strength is found, but in purity of heart and unselfish loyalty to the principles and teachings of our beloved Order, the lessons whose inspiration is the Star of Bethlehem. May each be guided by that Star and led by the spirit of the lowly Nazarene, and in the years to come, as in the past years, be filled with the spirit of love and charity for each other, and when the Grand Patron shall call us to rest, may we meet on unbroken land around the great white throne, and receive the crown which has been prepared for all those who love his appearing. F. P.

Crystal Chapter, Rhodes, held a special meeting recently and received two new members. A great deal of interest is manifested in the Chapter and other accessions are expected soon.

Julien Chapter, Dubuque, received a visit from the G. M., Sister Sarah E. Woods, April 4. After exemplifying the work, the seventy members present out of a possible eighty-three, sat down to a bountiful supper, in the banquet-room. After the repast and the speeches, every one went home firm in the belief that the "Eastern Star" caps all fraternal institutions where both sexes are allowed to join.

Columbia Chapter, Anita, presented the farce "Female Masonry a la Lease," April 5, in the opera house. A crowded house enjoyed the fun, of which the play is full, and highly appreciated the work of those who took part. There were over fifty characters. The costumes of "A vision of Fair Women" were very fine. "Riding an Eastern Star," a recitation by Miss Anita Bruce, was the most clever thing, and warmly applauded.

INDIANA.

The fifth anniversary of the organization of Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City, was commemorated in a quiet way, at the last regular meeting of the Chapter, Monday evening, March 18. The refreshment committee surprised the members with a novel banquet, which for appearance was a veritable railway lunch counter, but for daintiness and variety

would have reflected credit upon Delmonico himself. A deafening gong called the members from labor to refreshments, and in the "twenty minutes for lunch" all ate at railroad speed. A Japanese Wedding ceremony formed an entertaining feature of the evening, which was so thoroughly enjoyed that a repetition is suggested for the benefit of the Chapter treasury. H. C. W.

Noble Chapter, Kendallville, gave a most enjoyable banquet on the evening of April 2. In response to invitations received from this Chapter, about twenty members of Forest Chapter, Butler, and twenty-five of Avilla Chapter, Avilla, were in attendance. Among the visiting sisters were Carrie M. Fanning, P. G. M., Sister Long, W. M., Forest Chapter, and Sister Carver, W. M., Avilla Chapter. Promptly at six o'clock, the members and visitors repaired from the Chapter room to the Christian church parlors, the scene of the banquet. The dining room presented a very attractive appearance and covers were set for one hundred and twenty-five. Five tables were placed in the order of a star, and each table adorned with an emblematic color—the blue, yellow, white, green and red. The hospitable term "Welcome" appeared on one wall of the room, while on another, "We have seen His Star in the East." After the repast toasts were responded to, Agnes Hartsuck, W. M. of Noble Chapter, gracefully presiding as toastmistress. All then returned to the Chapter room where two candidates were initiated into the degrees, the Floral Work also being rendered. At the close of some very interesting remarks by many visitors and members, the Chapter closed. All felt that the evening had been pleasantly spent. X.

Attica Chapter has received and initiated ten candidates, five ladies and five gentlemen, since the installation of officers. Each time they have had a surprise lunch, consisting of cream and cake, donated by different ladies of the Order.

Bourbon Chapter has lost two members. Bro. J. A. Paulus, died on the morning of March 2, and Sister Almira Babcock in the afternoon of the same day. There is also a great deal of sickness among the Chapter members.

Naomi Auxiliary, Indianapolis, was held at Sister Stafforn's April 11.

At their first stated meeting in March, the members of Terre Haute Chapter celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. The room was handsomely decorated with flowers and plants. Their beautiful signet, with the picture of Rob. Morris on one side and Dr. Van Valzah, to whom the Chapter owes its birth—on the other, standing in the East. The large hall was well filled and the exercises were such as to make the time one long to be remembered. Of the 208 members, fully 100 were present to enjoy the celebration, among them two of the eleven charter members. A program consisting of papers, music, readings and recitations was given; short speeches were made by Eva M. Hollinger, P. G. M.,

Mollie F. Haggerty, P. M., Judge Long, W. P. and Sister Vanbrunt, one of the early members. With the conclusion of the program and after an hour's pleasant conversation the Chapter adjourned.

Rockville Chapter U. D., was organized April 26, by Bro. J. D. Wilson, P. P. of Terre Haute Chapter, with twenty-four of the petitioners present. After the organization was completed and all but one had taken the obligation, the W. M. opened the Chapter in regular form, the "one that was left" was brought in and initiated, the new officers being anxious to do their best in the new work, and succeeding very well under the circumstances. Sallie A. Newlin, W. M., Mahlon W. Marshall, W. P., Ella Shoop, A. M., Clara Goatley, Sec.

KANSAS.

At a stated meeting of Woolbine Chapter Douglass, March 11, five candidates were initiated and one admitted by affiliation, after which a few friends of the newly initiated were invited to the hall where the tables were spread with the good things necessary to carry us through the labyrinth of human life. A social time was reported by all present.

M. E. B.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, is busy practicing, and the officers are doing excellent work. The M. has appointed a P. M. to select officers and put the Chapter of Sorrow on the Floor during G. C., which meets with them in May. The new robes are nearly finished, and are beautiful, being made of the best quality of Henrietta cloth and silk. They have had work, balloting and receiving petitions, every regular meeting so far this year, and will soon number one hundred members.

I visited Andrina Chapter, Eldorado, April 24. A large membership was in attendance, the verdict of one and all being "a glorious time." This Chapter is sure to prosper with its efficient officers and seemingly everything necessary to perfect the growth and interest of our loved Order. The work being committed, was rendered satisfactorily to all, both the Floral Work and Floral March being given after the initiatory work. The usual social banquet followed. The brothers voices were of great assistance in the music, and we might add at the tables also. I was the guest of Sister Nelson and others.

LOTTIE E. TROUSLOT, G. M.

MICHIGAN.

March 15, by special invitation, Mrs. Louese A. Turck, G. M., and Allen S. Wright, G. P. drove from Alma to Shepherd, eleven miles, in company with Mrs. Hannah Holt, W. M. of Alma Chapter, and her husband, and on arriving there found about twenty from Mt. Pleasant Chapter present. The Chapter was opened in due form, and Coe Chapter, Shepherd, conferred the degrees in a manner worthy of commendation. This Chapter is doing good work and although less than two years old, their work was almost entirely done without the use of Ritual. Sis-

er Turck and Brother Wright are endeavoring to visit all the chapters in the state, giving instruction when it is needed, and seeking to get a uniformity of work. After the work was concluded speeches were made by Mrs. Helen E. C. Balmer, G. C., Louese A. Turck, G. M., Mr. Durit of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, also the G. P. as well as others, after which all sat down to a royal banquet. On leaving for home, all felt that they had enjoyed a pleasant evening, also one of profit. "Long live the Eastern Star" A. S. W.

MISSOURI.

Missouri is often not reported in your very interesting paper except through the words of our M. W. G. M., Sister Snedden, who resides in St. Louis. Venus Chapter, St. Louis, has the distinction of having her on its roster as an honorary member, and to reciprocate, her only daughter, Miss Irene. "passed through the labyrinth of our Star," March 28. A classmate in the St. Louis High School, Miss Ada Reber, was her companion. The flowers presented at each point of our Star blending with youth and innocence, made a very pretty picture. A large bouquet was brought from its hiding place and presented by our W. M., Sister Huppert, in a few well chosen remarks to our now honorary member, Sister Mary C. Snedden. Her husband honored us by his presence, and was introduced as P. P. of Mendias Chapter, Kansas.

A recent letter from Bro. W. H. Wakefield, G. P., states that Sister Wakefield, who has not been well for some time, is gaining strength. His many friends rejoice with him.

R.

Venus Chapter, St. Louis, though small in numbers, is alive to the work for which she was organized. She was the first of the city Chapters to respond to the call for funds for Masonic Home Chapel and has raised over \$100.

MONTANA.

Olive Chapter, Great Falls, is working up renewed interest in the Order. They have had Masonic Hall fitted up with new carpets and paper, and now have steam heat and electric lights in the six rooms at their disposal. At a recent meeting they initiated Miss E. B. Dibble, one of the public school teachers, into Star membership, and then had an informal social and lunch, which was enjoyed by all.

March 20, Ruth Chapter, Butte, gave a social in celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the organization of the Order in that city. All Masons and their families were invited. The hall in Masonic Temple was tastefully decorated, four long tables with snowy cloths, pyramids of flowers, and resplendent with china and silverware, were arranged on either side and ends of the hall; in the center were six small tables, arranged to represent the five-pointed star, decorated with emblematic flowers and colors of the Order; all laden with the delicacies of the season. Over two hundred guests were pres-

ent. At 8 o'clock, the W. M., Mrs. J. J. Cambers, called to order, and gave a brief address, touching upon the purpose of the gathering and extending a cordial welcome to all. A screened quartet sang greetings; and a very enjoyable program, consisting of select readings, recitations, music, both vocal and instrumental was given, followed by Eastern Star tableaux. This "feast of reason and flow of soul" was followed by an elegant supper, after which the friends adjourned.

MAINE.

Since the meeting of our G. C. in September last, the interest in the Order of the Eastern Star in the state has not only been upon a steady but rapid increase.

Our G. P., R. H. Burnham of Rockland, has thus far proved himself to be the man for the time and for the place; ever exhibiting a loyal and unselfish spirit for the greatest good of the Order.

Although there still continues a strong spirit of opposition on the part of many of the older Master Masons of the state, there are many others who extend both hands and hearts, as they learn concerning the Order and its objects, and as they enter the portals and become one among us, they bring with them such an air of manliness and strength as to make those of us who are in, working with them feel refreshed and the better able and more determined to push forward with renewed zeal.

Eleven new chapters have been born and several others are anticipated in the near future. Bro. Burnham has taken particular care that every Masonic Lodge in the State should be in the possession of the fact that there existed in Maine an organization of the Order of the Eastern Star and also know its aims and purposes.

Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, G. M., residing in the same city with our G. P., and being a woman of ability and tact, has done her part in perfect time and harmony, thereby aiding the northeastern star of our country to glow with a more brilliant hue.

ANNETTE H. HOOPER, G. Sec.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The regular monthly sociable of Athena Chapter was held March 22, and the name Population Party, caused much wonderment as to its meaning. After a short musical and literary program, the members were handed a paper with the names of flowers written thereon, with the letters much transposed. At the end of fifteen minutes time was called and the names counted to see who had discovered the most names correctly. Then each lady was given a circular card on which was written the name of the capitol of some prominent state, and to each gentleman was given a small card on which was pasted a map of a state cut from colored paper with no name thereon. The gentlemen were requested to find out his state and the lady who held the capitol of the same was his partner at drive whist. The counters were tiny dolls, one inch

long, in fancy bags, and the state and capitol which together won the most points, were declared the victors. Maine won the most. Although other attractions in town caused a somewhat smaller attendance than usual, a very pleasant evening was spent.

"Patriot's Day" was made memorable to the members of Hawthorne Chapter, Concord Junction, by being the day on which the Chapter was constituted with appropriate ceremonies. Most of the G. O.s were present to assist in the ceremonies, and a large number of visitors, twenty chapters being represented. The Masons at Concord, and their families, had been invited to be present and witness the ceremonies, and a large number had availed themselves of the opportunity. Wayne W. Blossom, W. P., and William A. Blossom, G. P., met the visitors at the train and escorted them to the Chapter room where an informal reception was held, after which all were invited to the banquet hall and refreshments were served. At the close of the ceremonies of constitution, G. P., Blossom delivered an address on the origin and growth of the Order, after which an intermission was declared, and light refreshments served to all. Later in the evening, the officers were installed. The souvenirs were double cards, the face of which was embellished with raised pansies in blue and gold and the word "Souvenir" in a gilt bound diagonal panel, beneath which was the date, April 19, 1895. The reverse was of watered cards, across the center of which was a panel bearing the inscription, "We have seen His Star in the East" in gilt, above and below which the rays appear. On the first page is the Seal of the Chapter in bronze, which is a five pointed Star with the letters "A. T. A. L. F." on its points and in the center a keystone bearing the number, "48." Beside the seal is the legend "Organized September 19, 1895." The second page bears the entire list of officers, of which Mrs. Clara F. Hart, W. M.; Wayne W. Blossom, W. P.; Mrs. Sarah E. Young, A. M.; Mrs. Henrietta M. Chase, Sec.

After a short business meeting April 16, during which two petitions were received and three candidates elected, Signet Chapter celebrated its anniversary by an informal reception, entertainment and banquet. The first number on the program was the reading of "The Miner's Story," by Miss Grace Phillips who, later, recited "In a Hammock" in a very impressive manner. Mr. Frank L. Pratt followed by singing "The Skipper" and on encore, "Odd Fellows Hall." Miss Bessie Randall, from the Emerson School of Oratory, recited during the evening "Naming the Baby," "Rejected" and other choice selections. Miss Viola Campbell sang "In a shady nook" very sweetly, and several other selections. Again Mr. Pratt greatly amused the audience by his rendering of "The girl I love is mine," and "Love me little, love me long." Miss Grace Smith was the accompanist. The banquet hall presented a very pleasing appearance, the five tables being decorated, respectively,

with the five colors of the Order and covered with mica spangles. Altogether it was an evening long to be remembered with pleasure.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, received three petitions, elected three candidates and initiated eight, March 28. A large number of visitors were present. Refreshments were served, after which the time was spent socially until a late hour.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, elected two candidates and initiated three, April 1. At the close of the work, the Sec., W. G. Smith, informed the W. M. that he had been requested to invite all present to the banquet hall for refreshments. After being led through winding passages, immense store rooms, 'neath the Star Spangled Banner &c., the folding doors of the spacious banquet hall were thrown open, and behold—its glistening floor with naught to mar its beauty—"nothing more," while from every chandelier swung large placards bearing the suggestive inscription "April Fool." At this juncture a miniature goat, bearing a like inscription, was drawn in and presented to Sec. Smith, before the meekest appearing audience it was ever our privilege to witness. After enjoying space for a short time, the doors on the opposite side of the hall were thrown open, where a Committee of ladies stood behind the tables, waving their handkerchiefs while they waited to serve most delicious clam chowder, cake and coffee.

The chapter room of Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, looks very bright and cheery in its new furnishings, and seems to add to the enthusiasm of the officers to do their work as nearly perfect as possible. One candidate was initiated April 18, and three at the previous meeting. An entertainment was given on the 18th, consisting of piano solos by Miss Gilbert; violin solos by Miss Bertha Gilbert. The musical part of the program was interspersed with recitations by Miss Martin, who gave "The house on the hill," "Giddy girl," "Wanted" and "Lady Bird's race." Refreshments were served.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, received two petitions, elected one candidate and initiated two, April 10. Visitors were present from Ruth, Queen Esther and Highland Chapters.

One candidate was initiated in Electa Chapter, Waltham, April 17. Arrangements were made for celebrating the anniversary of the Chapter, May 1. A photograph party was held at the March meeting which was greatly enjoyed.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, celebrated its anniversary, April 8, by a short literary entertainment and banquet. Visitors were present from Morristown, Vt., and Peterboro, N. H., who made pleasing remarks giving very interesting facts in regard to the status of the Order in their jurisdiction. Miss Edith Forest entertained with piano solos, and Miss Lillian Sprague, from the Emerson School of Oratory, a member of the Chapter, with recitations.

Two petitions were received and two candi-

dates initiated by Keystone Chapter, Boston, April 9. March 26, was devoted to a "Mock Trial," which caused considerable sport,—and all for evading a five cent fare. Messrs. Arthur Clifford and Dudley Prescott, humorists, added much to the entertainment.

Queen Esther Chapter held the first meeting in its new quarters, Encampment Hall, Odd Fellows Building, Tremont street, Boston, April 10. Hereafter it will meet at that place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Two petitions were received.

Six petitions were received, two candidates elected and two initiated by Melrose Chapter, Melrose, April 12. A large number of visitors were present. The mystery box party proved very successful, netting the Chapter \$24.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, held a very successful whist party April 17, which netted the Chapter over \$50. The Chapter will celebrate its anniversary May 1.

MINNESOTA.

Myrtle Chapter, Farmington, initiated three candidates and elected one at a recent meeting. Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, a member of this Chapter and P. G. M., visited Harmony and Lorraine Chapters, at their last meeting in March.

Sister Melvia, wife of Merritt Melvin, W. P., of Valley Chapter, Chaska, was a visitor among Minneapolis friends the second week in April.

Sister Hawk, Rockford Chapter, and a member of the W. R. C., whose death occurred in March, was buried with the O. E. S. funeral ceremonies. A number of members from each organization were present from Minneapolis.

A special meeting of Jessamine Chapter, Taylor Falls, was held March 25, in honor of the G. M., who was accompanied by Sister Lizzie Thomas, W. M., of Lorraine Chapter. Work was exemplified for the benefit of the visiting G. O., after which all listened with pleasure to an address and to recitations given by the honored guest of the evening. It was pronounced a most enjoyable and enthusiastic meeting. The following afternoon the visitors were given a drive through the beautiful Dells of the St. Croix, destined to be the state park of Minnesota.



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Thursday evening, March 19, eighty friends of Miss Mae Nichols, Sec. of Adah Chapter, Brownton, assembled in the Masonic Lodge room to witness her marriage, the fortunate young man being Mr. Fred Senescall. The ceremony was public to all Masons and their families, and members of the O. E. S., also to a few guests invited by the members. The officers of the Chapter were in their respective stations. The Con. and A. C. led the young couple in at the separate doors, up the outside of the Star, the bride passing around Electa and the groom around Adah, meeting west of the altar and then faced to the East, the organist playing the wedding march. The ceremony was then performed by the father of the bride, and at the close of the benediction the members gave the response. They were then led to the East, faced about and introduced to the assembly by the W. M., and received the hearty congratulations of all, for the bride is well known and is a favorite among the Fraternity of Brownton. The bride was then presented with a handsome silver fruit dish and set of fruit knives. She heartily assured them that the token would be always cherished as a kind reminder of her friends. It was now Bro. C. Arnold's turn to be surprised, when Mrs. Fred Senescall said, "Sisters and Brothers, at my last hour among you, you could not have conferred upon me an honor which would give me greater pleasure than that of presenting our esteemed brother and friend to us all a token of our friendship. Brother Arnold, on behalf of the

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April 12, eighteen members of Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, accepted an invitation from Winslow Lewis Chapter, Osseo, as did also the G. M. and two members from Minneapolis Chapter. It was a beautiful evening and the drive of twelve miles was enjoyed by all. Two candidates were initiated, Sister Stella Owen, W. M., by request of the W. P., giving his lectures as well as her own. Should any one doubt that this added to the impressiveness of the ceremony it is wished that such a one could listen just once to Sister Owen, resting assured he would never afterwards be classed among the doubters. Refreshments were served and a pleasant and profitable evening passed.

At the last evening in March, Sister Partidge presented Minnehaha Chapter with a handsome gavel made from Vermillion wood. As the name implies this wood is of rich color and has some qualities that renders it of peculiar interest. In its natural state it has the quality of reflecting light. It is so hard that brads will not penetrate it without boring and its weight is one quarter more than that of the hardest oak; it is remarkable for its durability and comes from that far away

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March 15, thirty Sisters and Brothers from Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, visited Granite Chapter, St. Cloud. Five candidates were initiated, the officers wearing new and beautiful robes, and the work being done in a manner that was highly commended by the G. M., who was also present. A program of merit, and refreshments, served in a dainty manner, concluded the evening's enjoyments. The next afternoon, visitors and members of Granite Chapter were greeted at the home of Past Grand Master, Alphonso Barto, Sister

Barto being assisted in receiving by Sister Stevens.

April 20, Naomi Chapter will celebrate its second anniversary and preparations are being made for an excellent program.

April 12, St. Paul Chapter entertained the G. O. Invitations were sent to all. Mary C. Taylor, G. M., James D. Markham, G. P., Sophia M. Hodges, P. G. M., as committee on Foreign Correspondence, Nancy E. Gary, P. A. G. M., as G. Martha, and G. Corr. were present. Communications regretting unavail-

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