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GEORGE S. BARBER.

Past Grand Patron of New York.

This brother came from England to New York city in 1875, a stranger in a strange land, and without friends. In 1879, he joined Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 585, F. & A. M. of Brooklyn, also Nassau Chapter, R. A. M., and in 1885, Clinton Commandery No. 14, K. T., of which he is now Junior Warden. During the year 1879, his wife, our Past Grand Ruth, joined Mizpah Chapter, since which time our Brother Barber has been interested in the Order. In 1886, he joined Orient Chapter, and was elected Worthy Patron the same year. Since then, except one year, he has served successively as the Worthy Patron. In 1887, he was appointed Grand Marshal, and served as Grand Lecturer part of the year 1889. He was Associate Grand Patron in 1890, and Patron in 1891. He has been Chief Commissioner of Appeals of the Grand Chapter for three years.

It is a pleasure to note the above facts pertaining to the gradual advancement of a brother whose zeal and interest have been recognized in the honors that have been bestowed as already indicated in the brief history that is here mentioned for the inspection of the Order at large. Brother Barber is one of the active members who never allows his enthusiasm to lag, no matter what the surroundings may be. No conditions of atmosphere, nor dissensions, cavils, or whatever the disturbing elements may be, and such things are common with all organizations, make any difference to his untiring activity in the best welfare and prosperity of the Order. While Brother Barber's name is enrolled on the list of members of Orient Chapter, he is a frequent and welcome visitor at the other Chapters and always a ready

helper—ever ready to “lend a hand” in furtherance of work for the upbuilding of the Order. Our Brother is highly appreciated and respected for the efforts he has put forth, and he is credited with reasonable praise for the many years of hard and laborous duty he has manifested, that the Order of the Eastern Star in the Empire State may gain in good work and popularity. It is the universal wish that the guiding star of Brother Barber may long continue to shine.



And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, comes perfect days;
Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays.

DO YOUR BEST.

Whatever the work in hand, do your best, and you will be enabled to do more efficient work by and by; for the faculties of both mind and body grow and become stronger by exercise, while they are weakened by disuse. Though the work performed may bear many imperfections, and men may criticise and condemn it, the master critic weighs the hidden motives of the heart. Let us remember that those upon whom great gifts have been liberally bestowed will be held accountable for the use they make of them in proportion as these qualifications outnumber those possessed by their less favored brothers. It is not a sufficient excuse for inaction, that others are doing more than we can hope to accomplish by our best endeavors. We are doing work for divine inspection. It is not the striking elegance of style so much as true sincerity of purpose that commends us to God.

With the true spirit of advancement we shall try always to improve the talents intrusted to our keeping, that we may gain our talents, so we should never rest satisfied with imperfect attainment but strive faithfully to improve every opportunity.

“A lady once crossed a street where a little boy was busily sweeping the crossing. She noticed with pleasure the care with which he did his work, and smiled as she said to him: ‘Yours is the cleanest crossing I pass.’ He lifted his cap and quickly said, ‘I am doing my best.’ All day the words rang in her ears, and for many days afterwards; and when a friend inquired for a boy to do errands and general work for him, she told him of the little fellow at the crossing. ‘A boy who would do his best at a street crossing is worth a trial,’ said the man. He found the boy, engaged him and was so well pleased with him that he sent him to school and fitted him for

a higher position which he filled with honor. 'Doing my best at a street crossing made a successful man of me,' he was wont to say in after years."

Yes, doing our best is all God requires of us; and knowing this, we have no right to yield to discouragements.—Ex.

HARMONY.

There is an expression in the Scriptures reading thus, "So that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any kind of iron heard in the house, while it was building." This refers to the erection of the temple of King Solomon. Both the wood and the stones were prepared in forests and quarries very many miles distant, and all parts were fitted with that exactness and correctness, that putting them in their places in the structure was an easy matter, and the least part of the work.

This temple has ever been the great attraction of history, as it is supposed to be the most beautiful building ever erected. And yet it was a small building, not covering by twenty times as much ground as the recent Chicago Fair. And still further, I doubt if the architectural design of Solomon's temple was really as beautiful as the Chicago buildings, but we must remember that in the age of Solomon, gold, silver and precious stones formed a conspicuous part of the embellishment. In the decoration fabulous amounts of these valuables were used, hence the building ranks as the most elegant structure known. In those days they were in possession of arts that are now lost, for example, the moving of heavy stones, and there is a probability that the system of colors far exceeded ours. But the charm of Solomon's temple was the organized system of labor which he originated and introduced, and which has ever been the pride of succeeding nations. The temple of Solomon has ever been the ideal of human perfection and a proper example for personal copy. None doubts that the record does not over estimate the beauty and grandure of the holy building. In the building of the spiritual temple, which is nothing more than attaining perfection in the laws of Harmony, and which if observed, will tone every passion and desire to absolute symmetry and agreement. We find in Solomon's plan the most complete pattern and design. Heavenly perfection is earthly perfection, and the effect of one is readily perceived in the other. When we prepare for one, we diffuse its good qualities in all our surroundings, hence the term spiritual means the perfection of action and deportment.

Solomon was most assuredly in sympathy with the heavenly MAKER, for the reason that the work was manifestly approved in the instance of fire coming down from heaven in the ceremonies of dedication. "Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep my commandments

to walk in them: then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father."

The principle embraced in the verse quoted, in the physical forces is represented in what is known as the attraction of gravitation, while in the mental or moral world it is the unseen power that controls, or propels onward the myriads of things or objects that work out these ages of progress in the arts and sciences, that have brought around this most satisfactory condition of peace and prosperity. The law of harmony should enter every detail of our lives. The person that has no set form for the various duties of the day, both in that of avocation or instruction and improvement, will accomplish but little, as compared with the individual that apportions the hours of the day into proper divisions for culture and calling. In the social and family circles the principle of harmony can be introduced with far better results than any where else, and this preparation makes us better fitted for the more severe duties and calls of active life.

"There is a destiny that shapes our end,
Rough hew them how we will!"

Harmony is that quality of agreement, uniformity, regularity, or anything that blends into perfect and absolute consistency. When there is the presence of any quality that partakes of discord, contention, or out of proportion, then we cannot expect harmony.

Take but one degree away, untune that string,
And, hark, what discord follows!

In Freemasonry we are reminded how to erect the spiritual temple through the agency of the very crude implements, for example, stone, hammer and chisel; with skill to eliminate all uneven surfaces and excrescences, models of perfection may be wrought.

In the Order of the Eastern Star, through the instructive lessons of the five heroines of old, wherein respect to the vow, devotion, loyalty, faith and charity are introduced, the model wrought out is equally as elegant and beautiful as any other system.

And this is the work of the unseen power. We know it from actual observation of the day, and yet of all the reminders there is none so forcible as the passage in the opening of the Bible, "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light."

This unseen power is demonstrated in nearly every walk in life, but we must possess penetration sufficiently to discern it. We see it as clearly in the work of the mind, as that of the hand, and it is the great work of calculation in the instance of Solomon that attracts our attention and admiration.

A. J. BURTON.

HOME INFLUENCES.

Nothing but sin can ruin a home. No misfortune, if it has not a sin for ally, is powerful enough to wreck it. There may be emptiness in larder, the house may be in ashes, sickness may lay its hand on one and another of its members, even death may assail it, but

the true home lives in triumph over all. A part of the family may be on the other side of the mystic veil, children may be scattered over the globe, but home remains a blessed fact. Rich, indeed, are those whose treasure is filled with the wealth of three homes, those of their childhood, their manhood and their old age; the first with their parents, the last with their children.

Unconsciously, then, parents are influencing their children toward a right or wrong marriage. Not for an instant must it be felt by them that "children are a necessary evil," that household cares are only a burden, that life would have been better and far happier for them if they had never married. This root of selfishness will send its poison not only through the home of today, but into the homes of the next generations. Too often the vow taken to cleave to one another "for better or for worse" is forgotten as the months and years develop faults which did not appear in the days of courtship, and morbid criticism and unwillingness to recognize self-failures breed ill-temper which turns love into hate. It is probable that in the majority of households one may be sure that for every fault discovered or imagined in another, there is one to mate it in the self-satisfied critic. An early recognition of this truth, and a consequent humility and forbearance, would preserve happiness and give abundant harvest of blessing. But leaving general and unconscious influences, there are direct and definite questions which occur to wise, earnest and devoted parents in respect to the marriage of their children. Perhaps the daughter seems more easily guided, and the duties of a parent toward a son more difficult to understand and to perform, but the obligation to faithful care is as inexorable in dealing with one child as with another.—Mrs. Lyman Abbot, Ladies' Home Journal.

WISHBONE PARTIES.

A wishbone party is a happy diversion. A card, with a wishbone painted in the center and a quotation written beneath, is torn in halves and a piece given to a lady and gentlemen respectively. Partners are secured by matching the pieces, and the company, in pairs, then move about to scan and locate, if possible, the other quotations as well as the one which has united them. Prizes, of course, reward the leading successes. At one given recently just as the party broke up a little tray of gilded wishbones was brought in, and every pair broke one between them, making a wish at the moment. On this same occasion, too, a huge wishbone hung under the central chandelier. It was cleverly cut from stiff paste board, gilded and smilax wreathed. It may be added that the wishbones requisite for the final wishing were accumulated by the young hostess in a short time, with the assistance of one or two friends, and were bona fide portions of fowls' anatomies.

THE RED RAY.

THE RED ROSE.

The red rose joyfully lifts up
Her chalice sweet.
Ah, what a dainty loving-cup
For two lips to meet!

The perfumed golden lining there
Is hid from view,
The curved and scalloped edges fair
Are gemmed with dew.

The Charity Electa shows
All hearts should move,
The language of the sweet red rose
Is fervent love.

MRS. McVEAN-ADAMS.

OPHELIA'S LACE.

BY JULIA BACON.

[Concluded.]

Ophelia's wedding was a brilliant affair, and the supper-table, as well as the bride, a marvel of beauty. Mrs. Briggs shone resplendent in gray satin, and scowled at Capt. O'Doole. After the ceremony and congratulations that followed, Clyde and Ethel walked together on the veranda in the bright moonlight, while Amelia made music on the piano for Capt. O'Doole, from which Mrs. Briggs distracted Mrs. Stanhope's attention by pointing out an elderly man across the room, and saying:

"See the man in the corner wiping his eyes with a red banana?"

"A—h! You mean the gentleman with the red bandana?"

"Yes, that's what I said. Well, he's one of Ophelia's old beaux."

"Indeed!" answered Mrs. Stanhope politely, not knowing what else to say, and then added: "He seems to have a cold."

"Oh, no!" Mrs. Briggs asserted. "He is grief struck over Ophelia's marriage. He is taking it to heart, but he ought not. He might have known that he was too old for Ophelia, and she wouldn't have him."

"She has chosen wisely. Mr. Clayton is a man of excellent reputation."

Mrs. Briggs smiled, and looked proudly at her son-in-law.

"If Amelia would only do as well!" she whispered.

Amelia had deserted the piano and disappeared. Clyde and Ethel were still on the veranda, star-gazing and conversing in soft, low tones.

"Yes," said Ethel in answer to some question from Clyde, "this is a glorious evening. I never saw the stars brighter or more beautiful."

"The most beautiful stars to me Ethel, are your dear, earnest eyes." He bent his head and kissed her. Somebody coughed. They turned quickly and confronted Amelia.

"Beg pardon. I am looking for George."

"We have not seen him, Miss Briggs," replied Clyde in an easy tone.

"Of course not, Mr. Randolph, as his present habitation is not among the stars." Then

turning to Ethel she asked, impudently: "How did you like it, Miss Wayne?"

While poor, timid Ethel shrank as from a blow, Clyde answered:

"Miss Wayne has promised to be my wife, Miss Amelia. I hope you will congratulate me?"

"Indeed! Then we lose our GOVERNESS?"

"You will, certainly, I am happy to say."

"It seems that she has lost no time in making up her mind!" With this parting shot, Amelia turned and left them.

"Oh, Clyde, she is going in now, to make us the subject of ridicule! What is best for us to do?"

"Circumvent her, by having our engagement publicly announced. Are you brave enough to 'face the music,' dear?"

"With you, yes."

"My aunt knew my intention to ask you this evening, and will not be surprised. Come."

Mr. Briggs made the announcement in his most pompous style, and tendered his congratulations. Tom Clayton hoped that Randolph might be as happy as he. O'Doole was delighted to have Clyde out of the way, he said. Mrs. Briggs was talking to the man with the "red banana," and pretended not to know anything going on.

Mrs. Stanhope embraced Ethel, and smiled at the scornful curl of Amelia's lip. Dora and Edna whispered and giggled together. Master George exulted, and was highly exuberant in his approval of the engagement, pleasantly spending a part of the evening in making faces and rolling his eyes at his disappointed sister, and in other boyish demonstrations.

Mrs. Briggs continued in a frozen state towards Miss Wayne until the marriage at the Grange, when Dora and Edna were invited as bridesmaids, and Master George as "best man." Then Mrs. Briggs' motherly heart thawed and bubbled with a generous warmth, which threatened to reach the boiling point, quite destroying the germs of prejudice and ill-will toward the family at the Grange, and which promises to be lasting. "So may it ever be." ADIOS.

To do an evil action is base; to do a good action, without incurring danger, is common enough; but it is the part of a good man to do great and noble deeds though he risks everything. There are a hundred things which you cannot do; and which you are not called upon to do; but you can always do what is your duty here and now. There are a thousand places which you might conceivably fill, but the fact remains that, at the present moment, you are only called to fill one place. Do the one thing; fill the one place. He who sees all things and all places will take care of the rest.

Sweet and satisfying indeed is the desire to add to another's happiness.

BURDEN LIFTING.

We are individually born into this world under certain conditions. Those conditions are immutable laws which force us into obedience. Perhaps there is an ideal state in which one is so obedient and so in harmony with environments untampered with, that there is no burden to bear but the existing state of the society of the human family, the more progressive the society the greater the burden of the individual.

The laws of society and politics place burdens upon us that we would never have to bear if left to the perfect freedom of the individual, and the wise man must not obey the laws too well.

These burdens are divided into two classes. One class are those which others can aid us to bear, and the other those which each individual must bear for himself.

In the moral teaching of the Holy Writ there has been thought to be a contradiction in regard to bearing burdens. In one place it is said: "Each man shall bear his own burden," and in another an admonition, if not a command, "bear ye one another's burdens." These passages refer to the two respective classes of burdens. There is a class of burdens that no one, no matter how closely related to us in friendship and love, can help us to bear. These are the burdens that have the closest relations to our inner life. Often they are most sacred,—too sacred to trust to ears that may prove false or treacherous,—too personal to be probed and laid bare by careless hands that ought to uphold and soothe. These burdens must be borne alone, in solitude where the soul is alone with itself, where the soul gets a harsh but sure and melancholy development. These burdens are inevitable from the immutable laws of our natures and environments, and the test of the heart is the manner in which these burdens are borne.

The other class of burdens is from the false laws of society and the extra exertions one may make to better the conditions of others.

These burdens arise from and are the direct result of laws, and arise from social conditions and internal interest in these laws.

These burdens being the result of laws cannot be removed without frustrating the scheme of evolution, and are fixed and unavoidable facts. Being facts, let us deal with them as such, and inquire into the best methods of making them lighter for each other.

It might be possible to live a recluse and escape many burdens, but while we remain in society we must be to a great extent dependent upon each other.

In this state of society it is impossible to estimate the influence of an individual, as we are each functions of the great supernatural moral force. Under this great scheme, we may have our little schemes and one of them is Fraternity.

By this scheme we band ourselves together

in fellow feeling, called sympathy and in this beneficent spirit we take upon ourselves the burdens of our brothers. Thus the individual burdens are lost sight of in the great Brotherhood thus formed. Here the cold isolated man is warmed by his associates until he is enveloped into the bond of the spirit into loving to bear the burdens of others thereby forgetting his burdens in helping to bear those of others. To bear another's burden in the spirit of friendship is no burden. How blessed is Fraternity, the Burden Bearer of the age.—Fraternal News.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The following instructions must be strictly adhered to by members of the "Eastern Star," who contemplate attending the General Grand Chapter which will convene, Thursday morning, in the city of Boston, Mass., August 29th, 1895.

1st. "Round trip tickets limited to September 10th, 1895, will be sold at one first-class limited fare by the route travelled, going and returning by same route.

2nd. Tickets will also be issued by variable routes, limited to September 10th, 1895, when the round trip rate shall be 60 per cent. of the sums of the recognized first-class rates of the routes traveled.

3rd. The boundaries of the territory for variable route tickets shall be Montreal on the north, and Louisville, Cincinnati, Washington and Baltimore on the south.

4th. Tickets will be sold, and accepted from connecting lines, only on August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1895, and shall not be honored for passage unless they bear the full signature of the original purchaser, written in ink.

5th. Going journey shall be commenced on the date of purchase of ticket, as indicated by the stamp of the selling agent, and shall be used through to Boston not later than August 27, 1895, inclusive.

6th. Tickets shall be valid for return at any time up to and including September 10, when stamped by the Joint Agent of Boston terminal lines at Boston, and must be used through to point of original purchase on or before September 12, 1895.

7th. Between the dates of September 10 and September 30, 1895, tickets may be renewed for continuous passage, commencing on date of such renewal, to original point of purchase, upon application to and satisfactory identification by Joint Agent of Boston terminal lines.

8th. Stop-over privileges, within the transit limitations prescribed, may be accorded under the local regulations of the roads over which tickets read.

9th. Lines of this Association will issue individual notices to their agencies and to connecting lines indicating the direct and variable routes over which they desire tickets shall issue, and the excursion rates to apply, as determined by paragraphs Nos. 1 and 2, of this circular."

The above is official and reliable as it is furnished us by the Secretary of the "Central Traffic Association."

A Bureau of Information will be established by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, at "The Union Hall," 48 Boylston St., opposite Masonic Temple.

Visiting members may have mail directed

directed to the foregoing address, marked "Care of Grand Chapter Committee, Order of the Eastern Star."

Members familiar with Boston and vicinity will be in attendance during the entire week, for the purpose of giving information to visitors.

Information desired in advance will be furnished, if possible, by the Chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee, William Alden Blossom, 31 Centre St., Roxbury District, Boston, Mass.

Parties purchasing excursion tickets must be particular and ask for "Knights Templar Ticket," and not "Eastern Star Ticket," as Station Agent will not be instructed to sell any "Excursion," at the above date except for the "Knights Templar Conclave." This last instruction is imperative and must be observed.

Delegates, not otherwise provided for, desiring rooms and board during the session, should communicate with Mr. Joseph Hill, Charlestown, Mass., as soon as possible.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. G. Sec.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS, 1895.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas convened in the city of Wichita, in Garfield Hall, on May 15th. Grand Chapter opened in ample form with all Grand Officers at their stations, except two. There was present with us our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Snedden, Past Grand Patron, Brother Engle of Indiana, Past Grand Patron, Hathaway of Colorado and Grand Secretary, Sister Carrie Perkins of Oklahoma. They were all escorted to the East and saluted with Grand Honors. Then all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of Kansas were escorted to the Grand East and saluted. There were also Sister Swain, Worthy Matron, and Sister Bond of Vinita Chapter. We were glad to see our Past Grand Matron, Sister Hall, who now resides in Chicago, with us. She came to meet with her old Chapter, Ivy Leaf, and attend our Grand Chapter.

After the opening of Grand Chapter, business was rapidly transacted all day, and in the evening, Ivy Leaf Chapter exemplified the work for the benefit of Grand Chapter. Much credit and honor is due them as the work was rendered perfectly.

The Grand Chapter elected and installed the following officers on the afternoon of the 17th:

Helen B. Farnsworth, Grand Matron, Topeka.

J. A. Regnell, Grand Patron, McPherson.

Ellen A. Kenner, Associate Grand Matron, Eureka.

August Anderson, Associate Grand Patron, Wichita.

Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer, Fort Scott.

Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary, Ottawa.

Della Bennett, Grand Conductress, Hutchinson.

Libbie B. Towner, Associate Grand Conductress, Kansas City.

All work being finished, the evening of the 17th was devoted to Ivy Leaf Chapter conducting a Chapter of Sorrow, in honor of the loving links that have been broken from our chain here and gone to join the golden chain above, where there will be no more parting or suffering, but waiting for the loved ones left here until their work is finished and they also may journey to the promised land of rest. The work has never been more finely exemplified, its rendition being perfect. Brother Engle read a very touching letter from his wife, who is the author of this beautiful addenda to our work. The flowers used were given to those present who had been called upon to give up their loved ones in the past year. The red point was given to the writer for which she extends thanks.

I wish to mention the beautiful decorations of the hall, which were designed and superintended by Brother Anderson, and Ivy Leaf Chapter for their untiring efforts to make this one of the most enjoyable sessions of our Grand Chapter. Also the sweet music rendered by Grand Organist Smythe, and the beautiful solo "Flee as a Bird," by a brother whose name I failed to learn, contributed much to our pleasure. The morning of the 18th was occupied in paying off our delegates.

I was invited to take dinner with an old friend, Mrs. W. F. Greene, formerly of Fort Scott, and upon my arrival there found an invitation for an afternoon luncheon given by Mrs. Murray Myer, in honor of the Eastern Star ladies, Most Worthy Grand Matron Snedden, Worthy Matron Ivy Leaf, Cosset, Sisters Towner and McDonigal of Kansas City. Mrs. R. Nichols favored us by reciting "The Rescue" beautifully. Mrs. Dr. Turley with an instrumental solo "Tarantelle." Then followed guessing on flowers of which Sisters Snedden, Towner and myself were ties, and had to cut for the prize. While Sister Snedden outranks me, I could not let St. Louis carry off the honors of our state, so I was the lucky one. I return thanks to Mrs. Myers for the very pleasant afternoon in her lovely home, and as the best of friends must part, each going their way, mine led me to the Rock Island depot, where I found Sister Mottram bound for Wellington. Had a pleasant visit with her that far on my journey, Round Pond being my destination. Found my daughter well and of course happy to see me. Will remain here two weeks and on my way home will visit Wellington, Wichita and Eureka Chapters and will write you later of these visits. Our next Grand Chapter meets in Kansas City, 1896. J. M. P.

Every young man is a sower of seed on the field of life. The bright days of youth are the seed time. Every thought of your intellect; every emotion of your heart; every word of your tongue; every principle you adopt; every act you perform, is a seed, whose good or evil fruit will prove a bliss or bane of yours in after life.—Wise

A TRIBUTE.

[Read by the author, Brother C. C. Linthicum, at a reception tendered Sister Mate L. Chester, Grand Matron of Illinois, by Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, March 2nd.]

Worthy Grand Matron, hail! all hail!
This noble title, nobly won,
Was ne'er before bestowed so well
For work performed, for duty done.
And as we meet to honor thee,
We, too, are honored by thy worth;
And in thy course the light we see
Which shone at our dear Order's birth.

Whence came the name we proudly bear?
Why was it chosen, why seems it meet,
That we adopt and guard with care
The sign which brought the wise men to the feet
Of Him they sought from distant lands afar?
What sign e'er gave of promise such full store,
As that bright star the wise men saw of yore?

And does that star still in the Heavens shine?
May we poor mortals see its dazzling light?
Yes, by the eye of faith we may divine
Its luster, though invisible to human sight;
It shines for us, as for the wise men three
It shone above the Manger where He lay,
And if we follow when the star we see,
'Twill lead us on unto the perfect day.

What lessons may we from this Order learn,
What truths, what precepts does it teach?
My sister, brother, do you not discern
The good that lies within your reach?
Turn back the records of the past and see
What noble deeds we here commemorate,
Then let your great ambition ever be
These heroines of old to emulate.

Adah, who gave her young life willingly
To keep her father's vow unto the Lord;
Ruth, humble gleaner, striving loyally
Old age to succor and to keep her word;
Esther, the noble Queen who did not swerve
When duty bade her people to preserve;
Martha, the loving sister; Electa, martyr rare—
These are the names we cherish, these our Jewels rare.

Then let our grand traditions be ever kept in view,
Cherished with that fidelity we typify in blue;
Ever constant for the right as is our yellow ray,
With light, purity and joy, make white each day.
Let us keep green our hope of immortality,
With the red ray of Christian fervency;
And when the summons comes for us to die,
We'll meet in the Grand Chapter up on high.

Worthy Grand Matron, if we read aright
The record of thy actions in the past,
The future is with hope and promise bright—
Success shall crown thy efforts to the last.
We fondly hope that this your term shall be,
The banner year of this fraternity,
And if good wishes will your hands uphold
We give them freely, yea, a hundredfold.

BEAUTIFUL MOUNT AUBURN.

In beautiful Mount Auburn lie the remains
of Longfellow, Agassiz, Margaret Fuller's child.
It will be remembered that Margret (Fuller)
Ossoli, husband and child were drowned
when near New York, and their bodies were
never recovered, except of the child. Charlotte
Cushman, the actress, Charles Sumner,
Wooster the Lexographer, Rufus Choate,
Channing Everett, Bowditch, Bulgingane, and
the immortal Fanny Fern, who went to college
to see her dignified brother, and when he
saw her rushing toward him said, "Kiss
me if you insist upon but do not mash my
dickey."

In Bunhill Fields Cemetery, London, I saw
the graves of John Bunyan, Isaac Watts,
Daniel DeFoe, Susanna Wesley, mother of
John, Charles and seventeen more children,
also Richard and several other Cromwells.
John Milton, his father, and Fox, author of
Fox's Book of Martyrs, are buried in the old
church. Cripplegate, Dickens, Tennyson,
Darwin, Browning, Livingston, thirteen kings,
fourteen queens and a host of celebrities lie
in Westminster Abbey.

Two of the unfortunate wives of Henry
VIII, of England, were beheaded in the Tower
and are buried side by side in St. Peter's
Chapel in the Tower grounds. They were
Anne Boleyn and Catherine Howard.

ABELARD AND HELOISE

Are buried in Pere la Chaise, Paris. On the
basement, under a canopy supported by four
pillars, are the recumbent figures lying side
by side, united in death if divided in life. He
was said to be a learned Britian who studied
at the Paris University. Heloise became his
pupil, and naturally enough they fell in love
and were secretly married. They soon separated,
because a married man could not be a
priest and only the clergy could be scholars.
He officiated for a while in the old church St.
Denis, but finally became a monk. Heloise
went into a convent. She survived him and
after his death wrote this epitaph, "Here lies
Pierre Abelard to whom alone was opened
all possible knowledge."

IN THE PANTHEON, PARIS,

Are the remains of Victor Hugo. We saw
the empty coffins of Voltaire and Rasseau.
Charlotte Corday's victim, Marat, was also
put in the Pantheon Crypt. We visited the
grave of Hennrich Steine, the German Poet,
at the Cemetery at Montmartre, Paris.

"You know, you have nothing in America
to show." Well, if we live long enough, we
shall get over the green age, the new will
turn to old. We are beginning to hoard up
relics of the past. I will mention a few things
I saw in Old South church, Boston, a few
years ago. These things seemed very old to
me then, but when I visited the Hotel de
Cluny, Paris, and went into the old Roman
Baths built in 1167, years before Columbus
set sail from Palos in Spain, the things in Old
South Church, Boston, seemed new for a fact.
But lest some of your readers have never
been to the "Hub" I will copy from my note
book:

Bed quilt snatched from a burning house
in Charleston, June 17, 1775.

A sermon preached in Old South Church,
1740.

Door Lock used by Geo. Carver.

Silver thimble made in England in 1755.

Pieces of the Charter Oak.

Bible published, 1752; Prayer Book, 1740.

Buckles from a shoe of Thomas Melville,
one of the men that helped to make a cup
of tea for Her British Majesty in Boston Harbor.

Autograph letter of Gen. Washington.

Elott's Indian Bible.

Pair of shoes worn by Lady Washington.

Wedding ring of Sarah Pickering, died 1747
aged 87.

Knife one hundred and fifty years old.

Fan one hundred and twenty-five years old.

Pitcher of Revolutionary times.

Psalm book taken from the pocket of Gen.
Warren after his death at the Bunker Hill
Battle.

Chair supposed to have been made in
England in 1652.

Sermons preached in Old South in 1715.

Baby clothes over one hundred years old.

Samples of the old New England fireplaces,
with crane, bellows, and iron shovel and
tongs.

Old spinning wheel, loom, swifts and all
the belongings, to make wool, cotton and
linen cloth.

The church contains quite a collection of
relics and well repays a visit.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, 1895.

The Nineteenth Annual meeting of the
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held in
the beautiful Masonic Hall, Marlborough,
Tuesday, May 14, convening at 10:30, A. M. It
was one of the largest gatherings of this
Grand Chapter, over four hundred members
and visitors being present. The meeting was
opened in full and ample form by Mary A.
Stebbins, Grand Matron, with all of the offi-
cers present, except Grand Adah and Grand
Martha.

Mrs. Katherine A. Hall, Worthy Matron of
Mizpah Chapter, eloquently welcomed the
Grand Chapter with one of the most pleasing
addresses to which it has been our pleasure
to listen, to which Carrie S. Fairbairn, Asso-
ciate Grand Matron, responded, saying: "It
is with a great deal of pleasure that I assume
the duty of responding on behalf of the Grand
Matron, officers and members of this Grand
Chapter to the pleasant words of greeting you
have just given us. I can assure you, that in
coming here today, each and every member
of this Grand Chapter comes feeling that they
are among friends, and that the generous
words of welcome you have just spoken are
but the sentiments of every member of your
Chapter. We are here today for the purpose
of transacting the business of what is,—in my
opinion,—the grandest Order in existence.
Grand, because of the character of its mem-
bership and grand because of the high and
lofty lessons taught in its beautiful ritual.

"I trust that our intercourse with one an-
other here in this meeting may inspire us
with nobler ambitions and higher aims, and
may each word spoken and vote taken here
today, be such that when the labors of the
day are finished, we may have nothing to re-
gret. But it is not my province to make any
extended remarks at this time; the task as-
signed me is a pleasant one, and I know of
no better way of performing it than to say to
you, Worthy Matron, Sisters and Brothers of
Mizpah Chapter, that we are glad to be with

you today, and we sincerely thank you, one and all, for the kind reception you have given us."

The following Committees were appointed:

On Jurisprudence—Brother Frank A. Noyes, Sisters Mira J. Hayter and Julia A. Fogelstrand.

On Finance—Brother Chas. L. Young, Sisters Annie L. Lincoln and —.

On Credentials—G. C. Fiske, Past Grand Patron, Sisters Carrie A. Cushing and R. Emily Little.

It being deemed expedient that we have the services of a stenographer for the day, Sister Viola E. Borland was elected.

Grand Matron, Mary A. Stebbins, Past Grand Matron, Hattie E. Ewing, and R. Emily Little, holding Commissions as Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter, were escorted to the East and received with Honors.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron read pleasing addresses, which received the commendation of all for their terseness.

After a word of welcome, the Grand Matron paid a touching tribute to our beloved dead. She remembers kindly Indiana in its loss by death of Grand Patron, Joseph A. Manning; and New York in the loss of Past Grand Patron, Robt. Macoy, "the builder of our beautiful Order."

She has written four hundred and sixty-seven letters and granted twenty-three Dispensations. She appointed the Grand Matron of each Sister Jurisdiction, Representative near this Grand Chapter, and received fourteen like appointments. She appointed five Deputies and commends them for their efficient work, their kindness and courtesy. She retained twenty-three chapters for her own inspection; and has witnessed an exemplification of the degrees in each Chapter in the Jurisdiction during her term of office, and says, "I have given particular attention to the ritualistic work, and in every Chapter have found it well memorized and impressively given. The few criticisms made, have been received in the same spirit of kindness in which they were given, each realizing that it is careful attention paid to little details, that bring about the grand results."

She presented five recommendations, four of which were adopted by the Grand Chapter. Two Chapters have been instituted and six constituted. She says: "In all the Chapters they are adding new members and those who will be a credit to the Order. We cannot be too careful to whom we give petitions for membership. Let us ever remember, the higher our standard of value, the greater will be our strength and results." She commends the "Mizpah" and THE EASTERN STAR, to the patronage of the Order.

The Grand Patron has visited every Chapter but one in our Jurisdiction,—and that one he constituted just before entering upon his duties as Grand Patron, and reports excellent work, harmony and prosperity in nearly all.

He made but two decisions, both of which were approved by the Grand Chapter, viz.: 1st. "That the Grand Matron has authority to relinquish jurisdiction over residents of a city or town where no Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star exists, and may grant dispensation authorizing residents of such city or town, to unite with a Chapter under the jurisdiction of a Sister Grand Chapter, or the General Grand Chapter."

2nd. "That existing laws must remain in full force until repealed, reversed or changed by the Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Patron is not authorized to over-rule the action of the Grand Chapter."

Under Appeals and Grievances he says: "It is creditable to the Order that there is nothing to report under this head."

He urged the members to aid in supporting THE EASTERN STAR, and the "Mizpah," saying both papers ought to be read by every member of the Order.

He presented nine recommendations, three of which were adopted by the Grand Chapter. In closing, he commends all who have in any degree aided in the advancement and improvement of the Order,—especially the Grand Matron "for her earnest, faithful, conscientious and efficient performance of duty."

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a membership of four thousand seven hundred and twelve, a net gain of six hundred and fifty-five during the year. Forty-two have been called from this to the Grand Chapter on High,—three of whom were members of the Grand Chapter.

There are forty-two chapters in the jurisdiction, forty of which were represented at this meeting by two hundred and fifteen members of the Grand Chapter, and one hundred and ninety-one visitors. This does not include the visitors from Mizpah Chapter, whose guests we were, and which has a membership of two hundred and seventy-eight.

The report of the Grand Treasurer showed the receipts to be \$885.59. Expenditures, \$760.85. Balance in treasury, \$142.

Past Grand Patrons, John P. Loring and Joseph W. Hill, and Brother E. T. C. Eddy, were made a committee, with full powers, to prepare the Diplomas adopted by this Grand Chapter several years ago, for sale.

The Constitution was so Amended "that hereafter the Grand Chapter will meet in the city of Worcester, on the second Thursday in May, unless by special invitation it shall be the guest of a Subordinate Chapter."

The Grand Matron presided during the entire session and at the close of the business installed the officers elect, assisted by Grand Patron, Wm. Blossom, Grand Chaplain, Maria W. Hyde and Grand Marshal, K. L. McBain. The officers for the ensuing term are:

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

Warren M. King, Grand Patron, Orange.

Mrs. Effie M. Carson, Associate Grand Matron, Westfield.

Amos M. Parker, Associate Grand Patron, Worcester.

Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester.

Mrs. L. L. Goodenough, Grand Treasurer, Easthampton.

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

Mrs. Pauline Shaw, Grand Marshal, East Cambridge.

Mrs. Fannie I. Dill, Grand Conductress, Waltham.

Mrs. Clara Maynard, Associate Grand Conductress, Maynard.

Mrs. Clara F. Hart, Grand Adah, Concord Junction.

Mrs. Mary A. Blake, Grand Ruth, Leominster.

Mrs. Elsie S. Wood, Grand Esther, Upton.

Mrs. Abbie W. Wright, Grand Martha, Natick.

Mrs. Faustina A. Clapp, Grand Electa, Malden.

Mrs. Abbie I. Carlton, Grand Warder, Somerville.

Arthur Rice, Grand Sentinel, Stoneham.

Just prior to the installation, Brother E. T. C. Eddy, Worthy Patron of Keystone Chapter, with a few well chosen words, presented Grand Patron, Blossom, a beautiful Past Patron's Jewel, in behalf of Keystone Chapter of which he is a member. The gift was feelingly and gratefully accepted.

The members of the Order were royally entertained during their stay by the members of Mizpah Chapter who have long been famed for their generous hospitality. R. E. L.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON OF WISCONSIN

For the Eastern Star.

May 4, I made my first official visit, meeting with Tomah Chapter, the home of our first Grand Matron, Sister Irons. The sisters of this Chapter are both enthusiastic and practical. They have joined with the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapter, in a Masonic Union, and have expended several hundred dollars, chiefly in furnishing the dining room of their beautiful new Masonic Hall.

At their regular meetings twice a month they serve supper at six o'clock to their Masonic brothers and their families, a small sum being charged.

The work is well exemplified here, and shows careful training and an earnest effort for exact uniformity. The officers appeared in rich and beautiful robes. I spent Sunday in the restful home of Sister Irons and departed Monday afternoon for West Salem.

This small town has a flourishing little Chapter, presided over by one of the youngest of our Matrons, Sister Gertrude Bolles, who gives evidence of an earnest purpose to govern wisely. This Chapter, only four months old, is well trained and rituals only appeared in the hands of those who were obliged to act as substitutes for absent officers.

Wednesday morning found me in La Crosse where I was met by our Grand Conductress, Sister Annie Stevens, Worthy Matron of La Crosse Chapter. The morning was spent in driving about the beautiful city, the afternoon in calls, and in the evening we met with Ruth Chapter at North La Crosse, thirty-two members from La Crosse and delegates from Onalaska and Tomah being present. These officers also appeared in handsome robes, and the work was well exemplified.

At 3:30 A. M., I took the train for Minneapolis, reaching there in ample time for the opening of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, at 10 A. M. Grand Matron, Sister Taylor, met me at the train and did all in her power to make my visit to the Grand Chapter an enjoyable one. I would make special mention of the address of welcome given by Sister L. L. Johnson, which was unusually fine and most effectively delivered. The Grand Matron in reviewing the work of the year, reports all but one of the ninety-two chapters visited and over one thousand four hundred letters written. Northfield Chapter exemplified the work in the evening to nearly five hundred spectators, and Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, gave the Floral Work. It was my good fortune the following Tuesday, while spending the day with friends in Albert Lea, Minn., to meet the sisters and brothers of Halcyon Chapter in a regular meeting in their new Chapter room. State lines make no difference in Eastern Star circles, and I found myself as much at home in this portion of our great family, as in my own state.

Wednesday, I flitted across the border into my own Jurisdiction and met with the members of Willow River Chapter. They, too, are fortunate in the possession of a new and commodious hall, beautifully lighted with incandescent lights. This Chapter exemplifies the work in a manner that is above criticism. After the closing exercises, strawberries and cake were served and a delightful social hour indulged in. I spent the night in the cozy home of the Worthy Matron, Sister Epley, and the next morning we took a most charming six mile drive through the thrifty farming country of this section, to Star Prairie, where we spent a pleasant hour with the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Loyal Chapter. The 2 P. M. train bore me away to meet an appointment with Arbutus Chapter, Stevens Point. At Glenwood, I enjoyed a passing glimpse and hand shake, with Sister Johnston, Worthy Matron, and Sister and Brother Smith.

Friday afternoon found me in Plainfield, the guest of Sister Bardwell, Worthy Matron of Zarah Chapter. As I had assisted in the organization of this Chapter, I found myself among familiar faces. Zarah Chapter is favored with a Matron who has spared no pains in perfecting herself in the work, and who has the good of the Order and the prosperity of the Chapter deeply at heart. A cordial welcome was extended to me in behalf of the

Chapter by Rev. E. C. Bortts, a recent acquisition to the Chapter, followed by an address upon the aims and purposes of the Order. Vocal and instrumental music followed, after which a royal banquet of the good things of this life was spread for our enjoyment.

Saturday afternoon found me once more under my own roof, with a huge pile of letters awaiting my attention. Our Order in this state is strong and prosperous, and tidings are frequently brought to my ears of those who are petitioning for admission to our ranks.

MARTHA D. ROSS,
Grand Matron.

A NOBLE ART.

Once I remembered among my friends, a lady who had known many afflictions, cares and heart-griefs, and yet whose brightness of demeanor and cheerfulness were unflagging, whose very presence was a sunbeam. This lady talked often of her art. When praised for any striking course of action, she would reply, with a touching simplicity, "Yes, I learned that from my art."

As a child, I often wondered what this art could be; growing older, I set myself to find out. It was not the art of music, passionately fond as she was of that divine art, and on so lofty pedestal as she placed it; for being somewhat at home within its magic realms myself, I knew that she was not sufficiently skilled therein to designate it as her own. Nor was it the art of painting, nor yet of sculpture.

"Miss Margaret," I inquired one day, "what is your art?"

A sweet smile flitted across her face as she touchingly asked for reply. "And have I so poorly exemplified it, all these years, that you need to ask?"

"I am sure now," cried I, "that it is, after all, what has often suggested itself to my mind, 'the art of making the most of life.'"

"You are right," she answered, very well pleased; "and this I consider as the greatest of arts; all others are sent to earth to aid us in perfecting it."—*Manford's Magazine.*

A man's best friend is a wife of good sense and good heart, whom he loves and who loves him, thus said the great novelist, Bulwer Lytton. In woman there is at once a subtle delicacy of tact and a plain soundness of judgment, which are rarely combined to an equal degree in man. A woman, if she is really your friend, will have a sensitive regard for your character, honor, repute. She will not counsel you to do a shabby thing, for a woman always desires to be proud of you. At the same time constitutional timidity makes her more cautious than your male friends. She, therefore, seldom counsels you to do an imprudent thing. Rely then on her wisdom and faithfulness, and scorn the thought of proving unfaithful to the tenderness which, should occasion demand, would impel her willingly to die for you.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MINNESOTA, 1895.

Through our regular correspondent, Sister Louise L. Johnson, we have the following notice of the Grand-Chapter of Minnesota. We congratulate the sisters of that Grand Jurisdiction on the election of Sister Johnson as Worthy Grand Matron of the State. She is the right woman in the right place. The final session closed Thursday, the 9th inst., and the morning was devoted to the reports of committees. The report of the committee on finance showed that there was a balance of \$1,805 in the treasury. The committee on returns reported a membership of four thousand and five hundred. There have been twenty-seven deaths during the past year in the twenty-one Chapters of the organization in Minnesota. Memorial resolutions were adopted regarding the deaths of George L. Weaver of St. Paul, and Mrs. Lois O. Mertz of Hastings. The election of officers was taken up during the afternoon and early part of the evening, and resulted as follows: Grand Conductress, Flora Adams Pattee, Minneapolis; Associate Grand Conductress, Alice M. Shepard, Bird Island; Grand Matron, Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Minneapolis; Grand Patron, Chas. D. Boyce, Minneapolis; Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary McGindley, Duluth; Associate Grand Patron, George Brookins, St. Paul; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Lucia P. Wakefield, Hutchinson. The remaining officers were appointed by the incoming Grand Matron as follows:

Grand Adah, Stella M. Owen, Osseo; Grand Ruth, Abbie A. Pearce, Minneapolis; Grand Esther, Elizabeth Corlies, Fergus Falls; Grand Martha, Nancy E. Gray, Marshall; Grand Electa, Elizabeth Knight, Buffalo; Grand Warder, Emma Ware, Pipestone; Grand Organist, Clara Millard, Stillwater; Grand Lecturer, Jennie L. Flynn, Minneapolis; Grand Chaplain, Eleanor Young, St. Paul; Grand Marshal, Carrie L. Johnson, Austin; Grand Correspondent still vacant; Wm. Core, Grand Sentinel.

Past Grand Matron, Sophia M. Hodges of St. Paul, will remove to California within a short time, and as a testimonial of the appreciation of her worth, Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, of which she is a prominent member, presented her with a handsome water service. St. Paul Chapter presented her with a valuable souvenir spoon.—*American Tyler.*

Frederick Douglass did not desire the amalgamation of the races because, he said, the pure-blooded negro was the best of his race. "But I wish," he added, "we could get up some sort of an alloy which would insure him a nose capable of holding spectacles."



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Anamosa, Iowa.The Third Annual Meeting of the Grand
Chapter of Colorado will be held in Denver,
June 4.The Sixth Annual Session of the Grand
Chapter of Oregon will meet in Portland,
June 10.The Twenty-third Annual Meeting of the
Grand Chapter of Vermont will be held at
Danville, June 5.Washington Grand Chapter will hold its
Seventh Annual Session in the city of Olympia,
June 14 and 15.Nebraska Grand Chapter will hold its
Twentieth Annual Session on the first Tuesday
in June, at Lincoln.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.The Grand Chapter of New York will hold
its Twenty-sixth Annual Session in NewYork city, June 4, 5 and 6, convening on the
fourth at 10 A. M.Many a woman who couldn't sweep a floor
or walk up a flight of stairs, now rides twenty-
five miles a day on her wheel and declares it
doesn't hurt her a bit. Long live the wheel!Subscribers will please notice the blue
pencil mark on their papers and send in their
remittance. Also please send, if you have
them, street numbers and Post Office num-
bers.There is a sad case in Chicago of a pretty
American girl following a young chinaman
from New York, and avowing her intention,
since he refuses to marry her, of being his
slave. Here is a good chance for home mis-
sionary work.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.From several sickening cases of gross im-
morality on the part of boys and men, moth-
ers are awakening to the fact that boys need
as strong a moral guard thrown around them
as do girls. Possibly if mothers implanted a
stricter sense of morality in boys there would
be fewer unfortunate women to claim our
help.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.At its monthly meeting the Local Council
of Women of Indianapolis appointed three
standing committees. One committee will
visit the police station and jail and other state
institutions in the city, and investigate their
workings. Indianapolis has no jail matron
and every woman, for the sake of humanity,
should interest herself in trying to have one
appointed. Even women prisoners are human
beings.With actors entering the pulpit as Otis
Skinner has done, and ministers preaching
in theaters as Myron Reed is doing, the stage
and the church seem to be striking up a
friendship. There is much in both that needs
enlightening. Ministers need to know that
actors are as human as the heathen in Africa
who get so much sympathy, and that the
stage may become a strong moral instrumentand actors need the gospel to lighten their
hard lives and to help them work for moral-
ity.The Indianapolis Art Association, of which
Mrs. May Wright Sewall is the President, has
received a munificent bequest of nearly \$200,-
000 from the late John Herron. This will
give a great impetus to art in Indiana, for a
school for artists will probably be established
in connection with the art museum. As the
Art Association is mainly carried on by
ladies, we are anxious that it should make
the best possible disposal of the fund. The
gift should inspire other citizens to come for-
ward and donate suitable ground for an art
museum. But above all, let the building be
simple and classic, and let the pictures chosen
to ornament its walls be works of art and not
the cast-off sketches of unknown artists. Let
people who really know fine work be appoint-
ed to select the pictures.The May Musical Festival held during the
third week in May was the most successful in
the history of Indianapolis. The directors
who have generally faced a deficit, were re-
joiced to see a small balance in the treasury
as a nucleus for next year's festival. The
whole festival was first-class in every respect
and a credit to the state. The artists chosen
were Mme. Melba and Mme. Nordica. Ben
Davies, the great tenor, Max Heinrich, Wat-
kins Mills and other minor stars. The chorus
work under the direction of Prof. F. X. Arens
was superb and a surprise to visiting artists.
The only weak point in the festival was the
orchestra which was merely commonplace.
The festival ended with a grand Wagner
night, in which Mme. Nordica, who scored
such triumphs at the Wagner festival at
Bayreuth last year, sang. There is every in-
dication that next year's festival will eclipse
all former ones, for the public has reached
the point where it will patronize nothing but
the best.The Indiana Union of Literary clubs held a
most successful convention at Huntington,
Ind., May 14th to 16th. The Union is one of
the many organizations which show the up-
lifting and broadening trend of the times.
Here members of both sexes, of all denomi-
nations and creeds, in clubs working in any
line of literary work, meet and hear each
other's opinions. The artist and the student
exchange helpful thoughts. Men hear the
work and ideas of bright women, and are
helped; and women hear the views of learn-
ed men and are broadened. Note the variety
of dishes served at the literary feast. Presi-
dent Scot Butlet of Butler University of
Irvington, spoke on "The Place of the Study
of the Classics in Modern Education." Mrs.
Perrin of Lafayette contributed a paper on
"Helen and Penelope." Mrs. Mary S. Judah,
formerly of Indianapolis now of Memphis,
Tenn., gave a charming original story, por-

traying the colored people of the South. Miss Cripriani, who comes from sunny Italy, read a paper on her own country. Artist T. C. Steele of Indianapolis, read a paper on "The Tendency of Modern Art," and the Hon. John L. Griffiths of Indianapolis, delivered a lecture "Read the Best Books." These are only samples of the papers given, each paper being followed by a discussion which was as valuable as the paper itself. The club people were entertained royally in a social way by the people of Huntington and will hold their next convention at Connersville. Officers were selected as follows: President, Mrs. Ovid W. Conner, Wabash; Vice President, Prof. Robert I. Hamilton, Huntington; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. I. H. Fowler, Spencer. Program committee: Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith, Cambridge City; Mrs. Rufus Dooley, Rockville; Mrs. Luella A. Moses, Huntington; W. W. Woollen, Indianapolis; Prof. Edward Baillot, Bloomington.

For seven years on the first of each month THE EASTERN STAR has made its regular monthly call upon its patrons. Seldom has it been tardy and it has tried to bear glad, helpful tidings. Many have been the helpers along the way, and it gratefully appreciates all the kindnesses that has been shown, all the good words spoken in its behalf. It entered upon the uncertain sea of Journalism realizing that not all days brought fair weather, but hoping to merit and receive the good will and patronage that would insure to it a safe voyage for many years. It was the first paper of its kind and today it stands the only paper published solely in the interests of the Order, having also its work done by women. It realized that there were breakers to meet and that it was a frail bark, with an inexperienced crew. Believing, however, that for all who faithfully and perseveringly toiled there was a measure of success, it set sail, and while it has kept near to shore and has met both favorable and adverse winds, it has kept steadily to the breeze, never swerving from its fixed course. At times during its voyage it has seemed that it must lay by for a season—when its captain was deprived of the use of her right arm by the fracture of her wrist—and when for many weary weeks she was kept from her post by the severe accident which nearly cost her her life—and yet nothing daunted, by the guidance of faithful sisters who came to the rescue, it kept steadily on. Few of those into whose homes it journeyed realized, as they glanced over its pages, how, through these storms which it had met, it was hindered and hampered in its course. During the seven years of its life it has seen the Order increase and multiply. Constantly new stars and new Constellations are being added. It enters its eighth year hoping that the ill winds are all past and that a smooth sea will permit it to unfurl its sails to the breeze, dropping anchor at many ports to leave glad tidings and to gather in return,

the wherewithall to keep the ship in good sailing trim.

FROM THE GRAND PATRON.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—Having our common interest throughout our Jurisdiction, it is in order to give to others, any good views that may come to us from local channels. I have no doubt that many returned from the Grand Chapter strengthened for the work as never before, setting up a standard of excellence worthy of attainment. The beautiful ceremonial of our Order is too frequently rendered in a slipshod way—and its impressiveness is lost on the candidate, for want of a proper understanding of the matter in hand.

It is not enough that we commit to memory, by rote, the verbiage of the ritual and can give the signs and passes of each of the degrees,—there is a beautiful history in connection with each point of our symbolic Star that we should not fail to know, and knowing, will add much to its significance, and enable us to make the work of our Chapter far more impressive. And so long as we fail to render the work with all the impressiveness that is possible, we are coming short of the fulfillment of our obligations and expectations.

Loyal Chapter, Richmond, made elaborate preparations, after the return from Grand Chapter, of the newly elected Grand Patron, to give him and his wife a "warm reception," but to our sincere regret, we were unexpectedly called to Ohio, to attend the funeral of a relative; however, the preparations having reached a condition that postponement was impractical, the program, so far as possible was carried out, and the Chapter had a very enjoyable occasion.

An official visit, upon the invitation from Triumph Chapter at Connersville, was attended with very gratifying results. This Chapter has done no work during the past year in initiating members, and yet there are no evidences of lack of zeal, having held their meetings regularly twice a month during the year, and if we were to venture a prediction, we will see their devotion supplemented by a largely increased membership within the near future. The Officers exemplified the work in a manner that was commendable, notwithstanding the lack of initiatory work in the past year, as well as the embarrassment consequent upon having to use a "substitute" candidate.

After the work of the evening came refreshments, which evidenced the fact that the sisters of Triumph Chapter have accomplishments in the cuisine, as well as in the ritualistic ceremonies. The remembrance of our visit to Triumph Chapter is one that will cling to us with pleasant memories for a long time to come, and our best wishes go out to them for success and continued prosperity.

A. W. HEMPLEMAN, G. P.

God has placed the genius of women in their hearts, because the works of this genius are always works of love.—Lamartine.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

From Walter Savage Landor—"Study is the bane of boyhood, the ailment of youth, the indulgence of manhood and the restorative of old age."

From Ruskin—"All true science begins in the love, not the dissection of your fellow-creatures; and it ends in the love not the analysis of God."

From Felix Adler—"We have that only which we are. But the common judgment holds to the reverse; we are only what we have. And so the turbulent crowd plunges madly into the race for acres, as scales on the ladder of life, but life is somewhat more than acres and equipage, and office and fame."

From George Eliot—

"It is a good and soothfast saw:
Half-roasted never will be raw;
No dough is dried once more to meal;
No crock new-shapen by the wheel;
You can't turn curds to milk again,
Nor Now, by wishing, back to Then;
And having tasted stolen honey,
You can't buy innocence for money."

An 1895 puzzle: given voluminous skirts, expansive sleeves, flaring capes, huge winged hats, double-box plaited ruffles, aggressive bows and ribbons flying in the four winds of heaven—to find the girl!

"Night draws her sable curtain 'round
And pins it with a star,"—

Then two glorious planets illumine the Western sky. Venus and Jupiter will both be evening stars until July 10th, after which Jupiter becomes morning star and Venus will reign alone until October 1st, when Mercury will join her nightly watch for the remainder of the year.

A little girl asked her mother the other day, how it was that Adam and Eve came to leave the Garden of Eden, and was told that the Devil entered the garden in the form of a serpent, and tempted them, and God banished them. The little child pondered, then said: "Mamma, why didn't God send the Devil away instead of Adam and Eve? They were in the garden first."

A nonplussed theologian, anxious to save something from the dissolving past, is said to have sat up till a late hour, but fruitlessly, trying to get the bother out of the following anecdote, which is related in William Conway's book: In an orthodox family, with which I have had some acquaintance, a little boy who had used naughty expressions of resentment towards a playmate, was admonished that he should be more like Christ, who never did any harm to his enemies. "No," answered the wrathful child, "but he's a going to." L.

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Hermosa Chapter, Santa Ana, is a fine Chapter numbering over one hundred members and doing earnest and careful work.

CONNECTICUT.

DEAR EASTERN STAR—You write that you are always glad to hear from some sister, and so we keep in touch with each other in this social way, and we are not a little stronger.

Magnolia Chapter, West Winsted, is picking up a little. We have a bright new W. M. Our W. P. holds over and is just the one for the place. He likes to memorize and does it well.

Now, as we in the springtime swing wide open our doors and windows and dust the cobwebs and dust "so clean" from our houses, why not the same with our Chapter. Give them a good shaking up, and if anything has become moldy and grown musty by neglect, is it not a good time in this most glorious growing time and "putting on" of new colors and fragrance, to do our best to live up to the teachings of these beautiful lessons. My dear sisters, "All work and no play is not good, it will surely make a dull boy of Jack," or it will run out our chapters.

We have now a beautiful quilt commenced for the Masonic Home, and we meet to sew and have our husbands and families come to tea at 6 p. m., and we like it for a change, better than a late supper after the evening's work is done. Hope you will not be discouraged in your work but will be generously supported in carrying it forward.

M. A. P.

FLORIDA.

May 11, Iverness Chapter was organized at Iverness under the G. G. C. It gives promise of being a bright star.

ILLINOIS.

Fairbury Chapter has over a hundred members and all work in perfect harmony. It has purchased new emblems and a new altar star about five foot across. The foundation is wood and it is finished in plush, edged with gold. The W. M. is Sister P. C. James; A. M., Sister C. R. Virgin; W. P., J. R. Rayburn.

INDIANA.

Remington Chapter was constituted May 24, Sister Lizzie P. Long, W. M. of Evening Star Chapter, serving as D. G. P. The meeting was very pleasant and everything passed off nicely.

Loyal Chapter, Richmond, tendered a reception in honor of the election of Brother Hempleman, its W. P. to the office of G. P., but they were deprived of the presence of the one in whose honor the reception was given, by the death of a near relative, to whose burial Bro. and Sister Hempleman were summoned.

Loyal Chapter has organized an Auxiliary. The Chapter about two weeks since gave a Poverty Social which was both pleasant and

successful. The "Rules or Regulashuns and Prowgram" were printed on brown paper, and in both composition and spelling must be read to be appreciated.

Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, is holding pleasant meetings and receiving petitions. At its last meeting one was elected to membership and two to receive the degrees.

Westport Chapter was constituted May 21, Sister Eliza J. Crisler, W. M. of Lois Chapter, Greensburg, serving as D. G. P. The Chapter starts out under its Charter with the promise of making one of the brightest Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

Queen Esther Auxiliary, Indianapolis, held its May meetings with Sister Weaver assisted by Sister Holderman, on May 10, an Sister Barnes on May 24. Both meetings were well attended and pleasant. The auxiliary decided to hold its meetings during July and August in the evening instead of the afternoon, thus enabling the brothers to participate.

Naomi Chapter, Indianapolis, held a Lawn Fete at the residence of Sister and Brother Peake, May 22, which was enjoyed by a goodly company. There was music, and refreshments were served. The general wish is that there may be other opportunities of this nature for "social enjoyment and cheerful companionship." The Chapter is providing its officers with new robes.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, seems to exercise some influence over its W. P.'s that makes them matrimonially inclined. The first W. P., Bro. E. A. Gould, soon after retiring from the office of W. P., took unto himself a wife, and Bro. E. H. Griswold, the second W. P. has followed his worthy example. The wedding of Brother Griswold and Miss Georgine Rettig, occurred at Trinity Episcopal church, and was a beautiful, impressive service. It was at the close of day and an hour when nature is in harmony with so sacred a ceremony. The church was filled with guests and the bridal party and attendants.

Following the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of the bride, which was very largely attended. The gifts were varied and beautiful, the friends having most generously remembered the couple. After a short trip they will be domiciled in their new home. There need be no anticipation for a similar following from the present W. P. as Hymen sealed his fate some years since. But Ruth does not stop in furnishing W. P.'s only for the matrimonial noose—others seeing her good works go and do likewise—and the end is not yet for there are more to follow.

Wednesday evening, May 1, Ruth Chapter, Peru, gave a reception and banquet to Fidelity Chapter of Logansport, Wabash Chapter and Vashti Chapter, Mexico. Each Chapter was well represented. The banquet was elaborate and justly appreciated; the toasts, of which there were many, were appropriate to the Order. The reception followed and was an enjoyable feature of the evening's entertainment. All felt that a

pleasant evening had been spent. Many wishes for the prosperity of Ruth Chapter.

Sharpsville Chapter was constituted May 14, P. E. Hoss, A. G. P., being deputized by the G. P. to constitute the Chapter and install the officers. He was assisted by Bro. Mehlig of Kokomo Chapter as G. Sec., and Sister Nettie Ransford as G. Mar. After the installation the officers exemplified the ritualistic work and following this, cake and ice cream was served. There was an excellent attendance and all seemed determined to make Sharpsville Chapter second to none in point of excellence. May the promise be fulfilled.

Ivanhoe Chapter, Gosport, was constituted by Bro. Martin H. Rice, P. G. P., as were also McCordsville and Oakland Chapters.

Anderson Chapter was constituted by Bro. W. G. Burnett, P. G. P.

Ruth Chapter, Peru, scores for itself another pleasant evening. In return for similar courtesies, Fidelity Chapter, Logansport, Wabash Chapter and Vashti Chapter, Mexico, were invited to spend the evening with Ruth and the response was most generous. From Wabash there came twenty-two, from Fidelity, twenty-one, and from Vashti, twenty-one. The guests were met at the train and taken to the Baptist Tabernacle where they were banqueted. The Tabernacle was handsomely decorated by the ladies of the church who furnished the supper. Five of the tables were arranged in form of a star. Each Star point was adorned with its proper colors. There was seating for all present (120) at one time. The sweet strains of the organ called them to refreshments and the guests were welcomed by the W. M. of Ruth, Sister Wealtha Crume, the W. P., Bro. F. L. Davies being installed as toastmaster. Rabbi Wertheimer said grace. At the first table were seated F. L. Davies, W. P. of Ruth, Carrie Bevins, W. M. of Fidelity, Oliver Sargent, P. G. P., Elizabeth Meyer, W. M. of Wabash, Cott Barnett, W. P. of Fidelity, Louise Jones, W. M. and Vincent Homan, W. P. of Vashti, Wealtha Crume, W. M. of Ruth, Wallace Ellis of Ruth, Lena Simon of Wabash, E. A. Gould of Ruth, and wife, E. H. Griswold of Ruth, Ada Cushing of Fidelity. The seating after these selections was in a promiscuous way.

Mr. Davies proved himself an adept as toastmaster and the following are the sentiments proposed: "Our Order," responded to by the W. M. of Wabash. Sister Cushman spoke on no toast in particular. Sister Jones, of Vashti, responded to "Our Colors and Emblems;" Will Fowler, of Wabash, to "Our Brethren;" Oliver Sargent, of Fidelity, to "Our Grand Chapter;" E. H. Griswold, of Ruth, to "Our Sisters of Fidelity, Vashti and Wabash;" Sister Bevins, of Fidelity, to "Our Jewels, the Bachelors;" Bro. Johnson, Fidelity, to "Our Lodge Night;" Hazel Smith, of Wabash, to "Female Masonry; or should Mary Ellen Lease come to Peru." In addition, remarks were made by Bro. Barnett,

Sister Simon, Dr. Wertheimer, Carrie Zern E. A. Gould.

After the toasting was done the guests repaired to the Chapter room, which was very handsomely decorated, where punch was served by young ladies and a very sociable time was had, until the time for the guests to take the train. As the guests entered the Chapter room they were each presented with a carnation souvenir.

Kokomo Chapter tendered a reception in honor of the preferment that came to one of its members, Bro. P. E. Hoss, who was elected Asso. G. P. at the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter. The purpose of the reception was in the nature of a surprise to Bro. Hoss. Sister Schofield who presided for the reception and served as toastmistress, said that in that one of their number had been honored they were honored. Bro. Hoss was called upon to respond to the first toast and gave them a very interesting talk relative to the Order. Thus by talk and feasting, a very pleasant evening was spent.

Alexandria Chapter was organized May 23, by Brother Allen B. Wilson as special deputy of the G. P. There were twenty-four petitioners, twenty-two of whom were present. Brother Wilson was assisted by the officers of Elwood and Windfall Chapters, the former doing the Ritualistic work—which was very impressively rendered. The officers of Windfall Chapter rendered the Floral Work beautifully. The members of the new Chapter were highly pleased with the work and the officers of Alexandria closed the Chapter. Following the work all were invited to the banquet room where a bountiful repast awaited them, to which all did ample justice. There were about sixty-five present and all felt that it was good to be there and will long remember the pleasant associations and greetings. Mary Henshaw is W. M., Geo. S. Perkins is W. P. and Ina A. Miller, A. M.

ALLEN B. WILSON, S. D.

KANSAS.

The G. C. of Kansas voted to Sister Mary A. Hepler, its first G. M., ten dollars a month for the ensuing year.

Sister Mottram, G. Sec. and Sister Pearsoll G. Treas., were again re-elected respectively, G. Sec. and G. Treas. For twelve years Sister Mottram has wielded the pen and Sister Pearsoll has guarded the Treasury. That they discharge the duties of their offices acceptably is certainly evidenced by their repeated reelection.

MONTANA.

The fourteenth anniversary of Ruth Chapter, Butte, was celebrated by a "Grand Ball," and was a financial success, considering the hard times. We cleared about \$130, and this was due, almost entirely, to the labors of our W. M., Mrs. May Cambers. The different societies and orders were invited to our Grand Uniform Ball, with the request to attend in uniform or wearing some insignia of their Order. A great number responded and the

grand march was a pretty sight. Dancing lasted till 1 a. m., and all expressed themselves as having had a pleasant evening and wishing Ruth Chapter would give balls oftener.

MARYLAND.

The largest meeting ever held by Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, took place last Tuesday evening. It had become known that the Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, Gen. Thomas J. Shryock, had expressed his intention to visit this Chapter of the O. E. S., which he joined over fifteen years ago, though on account of the very active part he takes in Masonry and being the Grand Master of the state for ten years, but little time is left for him outside of his official duties and for this reason has not been able to see Alpha work for a number of years. He has frequently made visits to Europe in the interest of Masonry combined with pleasure, besides his very extensive business in this and neighboring cities, a President of one of the best and largest banks in this city.

Bro. Shryock has an unbounded knowledge of Masonry and is a past officer of every branch of the Order except the Eastern Star where we hope e'er long, time may permit him to accept the position of W. P.

All the officers were in their chairs and the work done gave credit to every one. The late visit of Sister Snedden, M. W. G. M. of the General Grand Chapter, gave the ladies renewed courage and as a result a second Chapter will be organized in the city next month, and from six different towns scattered all over the state, from the lower counties of the eastern and western shores and from the mountain districts, comes inquiries with reference to forming new Chapters.

Three sojourners, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Schweizer and Mrs. Sue T. Crossmore, passed the different stations on their way to the East to receive the light and privileges of the adoptive Rite, leaving behind five more for initiation at the next regular meeting. The officers of the Chapter are Anna D. Heer, W. M.; August Eidman, W. P.; Mannie Late, A. M.; Theo. B. Fox, Sec.; Rachel F. Virtue, Treas.; Annie D. Stoffel, Con.; Louisa S. Marx, A. C.; Margaret Kunz, A.; Kate Eidman, R.; Mary A. Collins, E.; Elizabeth Weiss, Ma.; Ida L. Schaub, El.; Sarah Martin, War.; John A. Zinkham, Chap.; Mary Pittroff, Mar.

After an address by Bro. John A. Becker, D. G. P., Bro. Shryock made a speech in his usual happy way, expressing his regret at his inability to be more regular in his attendance, but congratulated the Chapter for the excellent work, not a book visible, and wished "the Lodges would confer the degrees with the same impressiveness as was done here to-night." The Floral Work or Floral Addenda was then exemplified giving the most graceful and elegant effect. After refreshments were served and a general good time had, all went home having voted the Grand Master the best man.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, celebrated its Third anniversary, May-day, with the following program: The Boston Ladies' Quartet sang "Join the Merry dance," and on encore, "My Mother." Thos. Mear recited "Generva." There was a violin solo by Miss Williams, after which J. A. Robinson sang "The friar of olden time." Mrs. Mary E. Knowles gave selections from "The School for Scandal" and was repeatedly encored. Prof Howard gave an exhibition of Legerdemain, after which the entertainment closed with a few remarks by Wm. A. Blossom, G. P. All received a hearty encore, to which many responded. A banquet was served.

May 15, two candidates were initiated and one affiliated. Etta Perry, P. M., assisted by Pauline Shaw, G. Mar., installed Mrs. Elitta F. Jones, Con., and Hattie A. Robinson, A. C., to fill vacancies caused by resignation.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, initiated three candidates, May 8, and received one member by affiliation. One petition was received and two candidates elected. Vesta will celebrate the Sixteenth anniversary of the Chapter, May 22.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, elected two candidates and initiated five, May 10. Refreshments were served, and a social hour, in which singing played an important part, was enjoyed after the close of the session.

May-day was made very pleasant to Electa Chapter, Waltham, by celebrating its anniversary. There were piano solos by Misses Maude Stark and Stella Burnham; duet by Roma Hull and Blanche Baker, two little girls of six years. Violin solo by Master Clark. Vocal duet, "Shadow Town," by Sisters Hull and Kingsbury, of this Chapter. There was a tambourine drill by twelve young misses. Sixteen boys and girls presented themselves as a colored minstrel troupe and caused much amusement; plantation songs were sung by a quartet with thrilling effect, but perhaps nothing contributed more to the merriment of their part of the entertainment than their witty puns on the members of the Chapter. A fine banquet was served, and altogether, it was a day long to be remembered with pleasure.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, initiated four candidates, elected two, and received two petitions, April 25. A large number of visitors were present. Refreshments were served.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, gave one of its pleasantest parties in Knights of Honor Hall, April 23. The Cecillia orchestra, the leader of which, Miss Hattie W. Brown, was for many years organist of this Chapter, furnished the music, which was fine and so inspiring that some of the elderly people present, who had for some time laid aside their youthful sports, could not resist the temptation to once more "trip the light fantastic toe;"—and thus all were merry and happy until the small hours of the morning.

May 6, Mystic Chapter, East Boston, elected one candidate and initiated two, after

which a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served. The Chapter will celebrate its Third anniversary, May 20, with a basket picnic.

Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, initiated one candidate, May 16, and received two petitions. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a Strawberry festival to be given June 20. A nice literary entertainment will be presented. Tickets have been placed at twenty-five cents.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, held a very pleasant meeting, May 13. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for their annual excursion to Nahant in July. A large number of visitors were present from Sister Chapters. After the routine business of the evening, a social hour was enjoyed. Ice cream was served.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, received two petitions, elected one candidate and initiated four, May 7. A large number of Chapters were represented. Martha's point was uniquely represented in a parlor lunch, at which lettuce sandwiches, "crackers and cheese, and kisses" were served.

R. E. L.

MICHIGAN.

April 3, assisted by Louese M. Turck, G. M., I instituted Stockbridge Chapter, Stockbridge, with Minnie B. Hines, W. W., G. W. Nichols, W. P., Eva B. Haire, A. M.

April 11, with the same assistance, accompanied by Wm. S. Turck, P. G. High Priest of Michigan, also Mrs. A. S. Wright of Ionia, I instituted Magnetic Chapter, St. Louis, with the following officers: Mrs. May G. Phillips, W. M., Wm. L. Yost, W. P., Mrs. Cenah H. Crandall, A. M. At St. Louis we were favored with the presence of Mrs. Ida J. Martin, P. G. M. We have plenty work in sight to make this a good year.

ALLEN S. WRIGHT, G. Sec.

Palestine Chapter, Detroit, held a special meeting May 24. The degrees of the Order were conferred upon four candidates, the five chapters of the city being well represented.

A short program was arranged with vocal and instrumental music, concluding with light refreshments. Although the evening was very warm there was a large attendance. All went home feeling that they had been well paid for coming. Many expressed a wish that we might have as enjoyable a time at our next special meeting.

ELIZA A. MEAD, W. M.

At the regular monthly meeting of Mystic Chapter, a flutter of excitement pervaded the hall, and the members, although scattered in groups conversing pleasantly, kept their eyes for the most part, in the direction of the outer door. They were soon rewarded by observing a delegation of twenty members of Cornell Chapter, St. Clair, entering the ante-room. The reception committee soon had every one at their ease, and the W. M. then opened in due form. We at once proceeded to initiation, the candidate being Mrs. Susie S. Graves,

well known to the Lady Maccabees of Michigan. At the conclusion of these ceremonies, we were treated to "a feast of reason." Miss F. Rena Layle, W. M. of Cornell Chapter is also G. A., and after thanking us for entertaining them, extended us an invitation to visit St. Clair, which we intend to do. Appropriate remarks were made by several other persons, and then followed our ritualistic closing.

A tempting banquet had been prepared by the ladies and we were glad to see that ample justice was done to it, for we felt that a fourteen mile drive must have been a keen sharpener of appetite. It was growing late when our guests departed, but we felt that our time had been well spent, and in the brief contact with our brothers and sisters, we had each been benefited,—that it was good to have been there.

Later in the month we assisted the Mason's in giving a social. An enjoyable musical and literary program was prepared, but the success of the evening was the farce "Female Masonry," given by members of the Star. Judging by the laughter, it proved to be one of the most amusing plays ever witnessed by the audience, for tears sparkled in many an eye, while the owners were shaking with uncontrollable amusement.

DEAR STAR:—Having occasion to remain in Jackson for a time, I found my way to the hall of Fern Leaf Chapter of this city. My home was formerly here for many years, and the Chapter of O. E. S. has been instituted since I left about seven years ago. Some three weeks since Albion Chapter extended an invitation to Fern Leaf Chapter to visit them and exemplify the work, which invitation being accepted, a car was chartered and about seventy members attended. Albion received with a most cordial welcome, and Fern Leaf did its work in a manner difficult to excel. After work and initiations a banquet followed not soon to be forgotten by the participants. Albion Chapter is one of several that has been organized through Michigan during the past few months. After refreshments we again returned to the Chapter room, where toasts were given and thoughts exchanged until the "wee sma' hours," when we found ourselves in Jackson in ample time for breakfast.

H. J. ROBINSON.

NEW YORK.

The Hall and Home Association met in the rooms of Delta Chapter May 13. There was a large attendance of members of the Order. Mrs. H. L. Quinn, President, presided. The returns so far reported show the profits from the entertainment, March 21, to be about \$300. The Association decided to hold a Fair continuing about a week at some time, late in November or early in December. A committee was appointed to secure a suitable place in which to hold it.

Syracuse Chapter, met May 14, and after transacting the usual business was called to recreation, when the officers of Burton Circle,

2, conferred the Sisterhood Degree. The officers were Sister Elizabeth Raymond, Honored Madam; Bro. Geo. L. Gardiner, Orator; Sister E. Gaylor, Asso.; Sister H. Finn, Preceptress; Sister A. Frederick, Deaconess. The officers were robed in yellow silk, and the room was beautifully decorated.

Alpha Chapter met May 4, and the business was interspersed with recitation and song. There were as visitors several members of the Grand Chapter and members of the resident subordinate Chapters.

Delta Chapter had a large number of representative members of the Order in attendance at the meeting May 13. The meeting was confined to routine business and closed early to afford an opportunity for the meeting of the Hall and Home Association which had been invited to meet with them.

Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, met May 13, and as usual the Chapter room was well filled. The work of the evening was the initiation of a Master Mason, but during the evening Sister Jessie M. Ray, Asso. G. C., visited the Chapter, when the W. M., Sister M. Sutton, after welcoming Sister Ray to the East, sent out for flowers and had the officers robe themselves for the Floral work and conferred the same on Sister Ray, who was greatly surprised. There were a number of visitors.

Floral Chapter had a very pleasant meeting May 11. The attendance was good and the interest was pleasing to the officers and members. A number of visitors were given a cordial welcome. The evening was spent in social intercourse after the transaction of routine business.

NEBRASKA.

Peru Chapter enjoyed on the evening of April 13, one of those pleasant sociable gatherings known only to those who are blessed with a true Masonic spirit. The occasion was the initiation of two candidates. Our sister cities Auburn and Nemaha City were represented. Those present, not members of our Chapter, were Sisters Maggie Strain, W. M., Belle Skeen, A. M., Minnie Elliott, A. C., and Bros. John Strain, B. T. Skeen and Will Devorce, of Nemaha City Chapter. Also Sister Olive Griffith of Guild Chapter, Pawnee and Sister Cora Broughton of Athena Chapter, Gibbon. We would be glad to welcome them again. We find it helpful to take these sisters and brothers by the hand and feel that we are all guided by the same bright Eastern Star. Refreshments were served and some instructive thought for the good of the Order were listened to.

We have a pleasant little Chapter. Our membership roll now numbers fifty-two persons. A number of these reside in Auburn and drive over occasionally to meet with us. We are always glad to see them. Our W. M., Sister Noy Neal, is an enthusiastic worker and practices well the virtues set forth by the heroines of old. Although our attendance is sometimes not what we would wish it, our meetings are what they should be,—they

nourish our love for one another and strengthens the tie that binds us together in the cause of humanity. * * *

May 14, Harmony Chapter, Columbus, held its annual picnic at the home of Sister Kummer, about six miles from the city limits.

At 10 o'clock in the morning, the members met at Masonic Hall, where a number of carriages were waiting to convey them to the grove. The day was rather windy, but no one minded the inconvenience, for all were prepared to enjoy themselves, and trifles could not dampen their gaiety.

The day was spent in dancing, fishing and boating, while those who did not care for active sports rested in the hammock-swung grove, or in some quiet corner of the house which Sister Kummer had placed entirely at the disposal of the Chapter.

An elaborate lunch was served, and early in the evening the pleasure party returned as lively as when they left home in the morning, and quite prepared to repeat their experience in the near future. Harmony Chapter has many social gatherings, and its members are in very truth, Sisters and Brothers of one great family.

All days are not play days, and the Chapter work goes on with undiminished zeal. Both officers and members are earnest and enthusiastic, and labor together for the good of the Order. In every respect "Harmony" is worthy of its name.

Like the black and white squares of our checkered Temple floor, the lights and shadows of daily life have been closely alternated in the events of the past week.

On Friday, the 17th, Harmony held an open Chapter of Sorrow in commemoration of its Fraternal dead. Several sisters from Genoa and David City were among the guests, and entered heartily into the spirit of the exercises. The Chapter room and furniture were appropriately draped, and all the officers were dressed in black. The central Star was raised to the level of the Altar, and each ray was formed by a triangle of broad ribbon which passed from the back of the officer's chair to the top of the Altar where rested the memorial Star. In addition to the heavy drapery, the Altar was covered with a profusion of palms and cut flowers. The details were carefully worked out; the officers had committed their parts well, and no irregularities of any kind marred the solemn beauty of the exercises.

The memorial address was uncommonly fine, and many were moved to tears by the depth of its pathos. Several beautiful funeral anthems were also rendered by a choir selected from our own members, accompanied by our regular organist, and added greatly to the appropriateness of the service.

Although Harmony Chapter has been in existence over nineteen years, only six of its members have been called to obey the inexorable command of the Death Angel to lay down the burden of life, to rest from their labors, and to sleep their long, last sleep.

Among its loved and lost may be counted its first Worthy Patron and its first Secretary, both ardent Masons and faithful followers of Bethlehem's Star.

The memory of our Fraternal dead continues green in the hearts of our members, and their example ever remains a shining light to guide those who shall come after.

It is our intention to hold a similar memorial exercises every year, as they seem but a suitable and just tribute to those of our number who have gone before us to that "bourne from which no traveler returns."

HELEN H. STIRES.

April 19, Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, Ia., presented "Female Masonry a la Lease," to a crowded house, for the benefit of Vesta Chapter, Omaha. Several new features were added, some of which were intensely realistic, particularly his Satanic Majesty and some of his imps, who appeared suddenly on the unveiling of the candidate, and it needed all Susan B.'s well known fortitude and self-possession, to sustain her under the trying ordeal, but as is usual in such cases, when the victim put on a bold front, the uncanny creature vanished amid a clash of cymbals. The play as usual was a great success, and netted Vesta Chapter a nice sum for its treasury.

OREGON.

Myrtle Chapter was officially visited April 26, by our D. D. G. M., M. E. Hall. Martha Washington Chapter, by invitation, was present in a body. Two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of our Order. The work was beautifully done. The candidate for the Floral Work was robed in white, which lent splendor to the work. Sister Hall spoke briefly of the present needs for the good of our Order in our city. Sister Lutke also responded in a happy manner. The W. P. then thanked our visitors for favoring us with their presence after which ice cream and cake were served.

May 10, the social committee, Sisters La Kamp, Wright and Gore, prepared a "Mystic Supper" which not only provided a great deal of amusement for us, but netted quite a little sum for our treasury.

Committees have been appointed by Mar-

tha Washington, Myrtle and Camelia Chapters, on entertainment for the G. C. which meets June 10, in Masonic Hall.

Our G. P. will have a prosperous year to report. April 8, he instituted Chadwick Chapter, Salem, with fifty charter members. Miriam Bennett, W. M., P. A. Phelbrook, W. P., Emily Phelbrook, Sec.

May 18, Fern Chapter, Astoria, was instituted with forty charter members, Sister Muckle of St. Helen, acting as G. Mar. By invitation of the G. P., Martha Washington Chapter exemplified the work in a faultless manner. A boat was chartered for the ride of 100 miles down the Columbia to Astoria, leaving at 7 p. m., arriving at 3 p. m. The reception committee met us and escorted us to the hall where handshaking and introductions were in order. We were then invited to visit the Salmon canneries and can factory which was quite interesting to many of us. Returning to the hall we proceeded to institute the Chapter, but the supper hour arrived before it was concluded, so we adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. The banquet was all that could be desired; we were fairly feasted.

After the conclusion of the instituting ceremony and work, the whistles of our boat were blowing for us to return to the boat, which limited speech making to the G. P. who gave a brief talk on the progress of the Order. He seemed especially pleased over the instituting of the two last Chapters, because numerous unsuccessful attempts had been made. Dora Badollet, W. M., J. Tuttle, W. P., Miss N. Tuttle, Sec.

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May 9, Mrs. Lucy Slawson, Dist. Dep. G. M., organized Holland Chapter, Holland, with twenty charter members. Mrs. Patton, W. M.; E. D. Taylor, W. P.; Bettie Taylor, A. M.; J. B. Dyess, Sec. After the organization twenty-three others were inducted into the mysteries of the Order.

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NO. 2.

HERMAN G. CARTER.

Past Grand Patron of New York.

For very many years one of the most conspicuous personages of the membership of the Empire State was the Brother whose picture appears in this issue. And it is not out of a decrease of zeal, but that of failing health that the brother has somewhat withdrawn his activity in the work. Brother H. G. Carter began his active duty as the first Worthy Patron of Floral Chapter, in October 1871. Two years later he was Grand Lecturer, Associate Grand Patron and Grand Patron in 1875.

He was the Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge for eleven years, and was recently elected Secretary of his Lodge (Continental) for the twenty-eighth time. Our Brother is a fluent writer, and for several years conducted the Masonic departments of the "Dispatch," and "Noah's Sunday Times." He is an active member of all the Masonic bodies,—to the Scottish Rite especially he gives close attention.

Probably no brother has been more enthusiastic, zealous and active than Brother Carter, and he is ever ready to do any thing in his power to further the interest and welfare of the Order. Our brother is held in high respect throughout the State for his long career as an efficient and painstaking officer and member.

God is truth. To be true, to hate every form of falsehood, to live a brave, true, real life,—that is to love God. God is infinite, and to love the boundless, reaching on from grace to grace, adding charity to faith, and rising upward ever to see the ideal still above, and to die with it unattained, aiming insatiably to be perfect even as the Father is perfect,—that is to love God.—F. W. Robertson.

LIVING FOR OTHERS.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.—Romans, xii;15.

That seems to be a very Odd injunction, and we rather wonder if St. Paul meant exactly what he said. We are apt to think that our first duty is to look after our personal interests, lay up for ourselves a stock of comfort and happiness, and thereafter enjoy the accumulation, with perhaps a passing word of pity for those who are not equally fortunate.



HERMAN G. CARTER.

The hard headed and hard hearted view is that every man must look out for himself, get all he can, keep all he gets and enter neither into the joys nor sorrows of others. He is to live in a castle where he can have all the pleasures and luxuries of this life, but is to

keep the world from sharing his good fortune by a wall that cannot be scaled, a moat that cannot be crossed and a drawbridge that is guarded by a retinue of servants.

The Apostle dreams a different dream. He uses very revolutionary language, and language which makes selfishness and covetousness shrug their shoulders when he practically tells us that we are thoroughly heterodox if we say, "All that I have is mine," for the higher philosophy teaches us to put it another way and say, "All that I have is God's."

What you possess—this he insists upon—what you possess belongs to others, if they need it. Your business is not to hoard, but to give. You are not isolated from the world; you are a part of it. If there is a joy anywhere you are to rejoice in it as though it were your own, and if there is sorrow anywhere you are to assuage it by fraternal words and deeds.

The text opens up a very large domain which has seldom been explored, the domain of spiritual law. If we infract a physical law we suffer the punishment of pain; if we infract a spiritual law we suffer loss of character, a loss which must be made up if it takes half of eternity to do it. If we do not act on the right principles here we shall go into the other world handicapped; but the lesson must be learned, if not in the present life, then in the hereafter, and not one of the many processes of evolution can be avoided or omitted. It is better, therefore, to begin right

than to be forced to make things right by and by.

You cannot be at your best unless you throw yourself into the welfare of others. It requires a sturdy and a consecrated heart to rejoice in the joy of others when there is little to rejoice in in your own life, but such an attitude of soul is God-like. The frame of

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There are deeds as noble as ever told in song or story waiting to be done. There are sentiments grand, true, to be spoken, for which is awaiting a warm response. Hearts of compassion, forbearance, forgiveness, are needed to greet the return of the wayward and the erring. Tomorrow the world expects men to do these things and expects woman too to share in these duties.

Long ago, centuries past, when justice, honor and love, with their royal laws were banished from palaces of kings—were scourged from halls of state and homes of opulence, they found a welcome and haven of rest among a company of artisans who made use of the square, compasses and trowel in their daily avocations. In return for the hospitality tendered, justice with the square illustrated a spiritual truth, honor made the compasses emblematic of the lesson she would teach, while love by the trowel impressed on their minds her mission among mankind. These lessons received by retentive minds wrought such a transformation of character that the life of the humblest toiler was a living expression of spiritual beauty. And such was the vitality infused into their fraternal meetings, that they have outlived empire, dynasties, the upheavals of war and changes of time, evolving today into an Order of stately grandeur with a matchless history replete with unpublished deeds of charity and beneficence. Under the protection of this Order has been organized a society for the benefit of woman. Woman has ever crossed her threshold on missions of mercy with sympathies warm, pure, unchilled by adverse icy currents that repelled her footsteps. The Order of the Eastern Star offers her an opportunity for organized effort—with unity of purpose and concert of effort, many things may be accomplished that singly and alone we may not hope to do.

Within the Order are various avenues of usefulness suited to the various activities of different natures. The intellectual find scope and opportunities for cultivation of their mental powers. To the musician is offered a realm for the boundless influence of music. The social character tends to enliven our wits, to enrich our understanding and give us an interest in the welfare of those among whom we live and who otherwise might remain to us as strangers.

But the great lesson of the Order which we take into our hearts, to our homes, to the highways and byways of life, is faithfulness to duty in every relation of life, fostering the spirit nature, God-given and pure, implanted in every bosom. Recognizing ever that

"Life's duty calls are angel hands
Which beckon and inspire."

Giving us a clue at every turn in the winding labyrinth of life.

The Chapters in the beautiful Indian Territory are so remote from each other as to be practically isolated. That Chapters have been sustained at all under existing circum-

stances is indeed a credit to the respective communities and a mark of great faithfulness in those who have assumed the responsibilities. The years are yet a time of seed-sowing and we bring not yet the gathered sheaves, but looking for the early and later rain we trust that love shall garner all that faith hath sown.

And so in this sunny south land of soft breezes, sweet flowers and mocking bird song, our Order unites in friendship the alien races, and round the sacred altar bow the soft, soulful, darkeyed Indian sister hand in hand with the fair and lovely Caucasian and together learn to ever

Look upward still with quiet heart,
And ever upward aim,
To do her duty and act her part,
Beyond the reach of blame.

MRS. MARY D. WALROND,
Grand Matron, Indian Territory.

OBLIGATIONS LIGHTLY ASSUMED.

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I am wondering if some means cannot be devised for making our beautiful obligation more impressive. I know that every effort is made to have it conferred under the most solemn and effective conditions, but I sometimes think that the very surroundings themselves serve rather to diminish than increase the impressiveness of the occasion.

The mind of the candidate, distracted somewhat by the novelty of the surroundings, does not fully consider the solemnity of the vows taken, and they are apt to be repeated mechanically without due consideration of their weight and importance. I know that this was true in my own case, and it was only as I afterwards heard these vows repeated by others that a full appreciation of their grandeur and beauty dawned upon me. I love to hear the obligation repeated and I find new beauties each time that I had never before discovered. If we could but fully grasp the complete meaning of these sacred pledges what a change it might work out in our individual lives and characters, and, through us, upon the lives of others, until, in time, the whole world might come into that peace and harmony sung by the angelic choir on that first Christmas morning under the light of that wonderful Eastern Star,—"Peace on earth, good will toward men."

But how far we sometimes fall short of fulfilling these sacred vows, in the spirit as well as the letter of our obligation. Too many, alas, must be numbered among the "faithless and insincere who assume obligations lightly and forthwith forget them," and yet I cannot believe that they do so intentionally. Through the thoughtless speech of light-minded members, the candidate too often comes to the ceremony of initiation with the mind filled with airy fictions, absurd and trivial, concerning the novelty of the ceremonial. The obligation, which is the heart and center of it all, is too lightly considered by many who have

already taken it, and, through them the pre-conceived impressions of the new member are highly erroneous. The vows are repeated without due thought, and are too little considered afterwards.

As a remedy for this I would suggest that the ceremony of initiation should proceed no farther than the obligation until the candidate should have opportunity to commit that obligation to memory, in order that its solemn pledges might be more perfectly impressed upon the mind. Having assumed the obligation, the candidate may be permitted to be present during the opening and closing ceremonies and the transaction of business, but not during the conferring of the degrees. Let some earnest member of the Order be prepared to assist the candidate in the task of memorizing the obligation, and when that is accomplished, then proceed to the conferring of the degrees. In this way we would, in time, have a membership, everyone of whom would have these sacred vows of ours as their permanent possession, to be conned over in secret until they should permeate every fiber of mind and heart and become a part of character itself. Until

o o o "Womankind shall be
Pure, generous, noble, free.

"Then love of God and neighbor
With equal-handed labor,
Gives richer life, where beauty
Walks hand in hand with duty.

"I dream of man and woman
Diviner, and yet human,
Solving the riddle old,
Shaping the Age of Gold."

May our beautiful Order have its share in shaping this broader, richer, purer life that shall help our earth move sunward into the light of perfect day.

MARTHA D. ROSS,
Grand Matron, Wisconsin.

CALIFORNIA GREETINGS.

The Jurisdiction of California and Nevada sends fraternal greeting to the General Grand Chapter of O. E. S. through the columns of THE EASTERN STAR.

I have visited very extensively during my term of office, and find that there is a deep interest taken in the Order on the Coast, and as a general thing the officers seek to perfect themselves in Ritualistic work, and they are ably supported by an intelligent and enthusiastic membership.

We have one hundred and fourteen active Chapters, with a membership of nearly nine thousand. We have the support and encouragement of the most intelligent and progressive Masons on the Pacific Coast, and as an Order we are seeking to prove ourselves worthy such support. I take a personal pride in reporting an abundantly prosperous year, and I believe the future of the Order is full of promise.

MRS. AUGUSTA D. WILSON,
Grand Matron, California.

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JAMES R. DONNELL,**Most Worthy Grand Patron.**

The subject of this sketch was born on a farm near Greenbrier, Arkansas, March 3, 1859. He was educated in the public schools of Faulkner County, and the high school at Russellville.

He was made a Mason in Greenbrier Lodge No. 290, F. & A. M., in 1882, and at the same meeting he was elected Secretary of the Lodge, which position he filled until he was elected Senior Warden of Greenbrier Lodge in 1887. He was elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge at the election in 1888.

He took the chapter degree in Conway Chapter No. 80, Royal Arch Masons in the summer of 1884, and the Council degrees in Central Council No. 30, Royal and Selected Masons, at Conway in 1885. He received the Knights Templar degree in Hugh de Payne's Commandery No. 1, of Little Rock.

He was a charter member of Greenbrier Chapter No. 18, O. E. S., and has filled all the offices which a brother can fill, from Sentinel to Worthy Patron inclusive.

He represented Greenbrier Chapter, U. D., in the Grand Chapter and secured its charter, and at this same session he was elected Grand Lecturer. In 1885 he was Deputy Grand Patron, in 1886 and 1887 Associate Grand Patron, and in 1888 and 1889 was Grand Patron.

In 1889 at Indianapolis he was elected

**JAMES R. DONNELL.**

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter.

At the last session of the General Grand Chapter at Columbus, Ohio, he was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron.

I believe the mother-heart was given to poor humanity for purposes of wider blessings than we have dreamed of as yet. It is deep and changless as the tides of the sea, and no heart beats so close to God's as her's, who through the sacrament of pain and danger alone can come into her kingdom, and whose face is the first one ever mirrored in the celestial eyes of a child.—Frances Willard.

In the long run, it is only God's thought of us which counts for anything. The more real that thought is to us in its tenderness and its fairness, the less we shall occupy ourselves with the noisy and shallow judgment of men.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE,**Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.**

Sister Mary E. Partridge, the subject of this sketch, was born at Wortley, Yorkshire, England, and there passed the first twenty years of her life.

In company with her husband and babe she came to America, landing in Philadelphia. In 1866 she came to California, where she has since resided.

Sister Partridge joined the Order of the Eastern Star in February, 1871, being initiated in Golden Gate Chapter No. 1, of San Francisco. In 1872 she dimitted and affiliated with Oak Leaf Chapter No. 8, of Oakland, where she has since held her membership. She was elected Associate Conductress with its first corps of officers. She served in that office for eighteen months, then six months as Conductress, one year as Secretary, fifteen months as Associate Matron—the time of election being changed from August to November during that year—and the year following as Worthy Matron—no Matron in this Chapter is ever re-elected. She was appointed one of the members of the Finance Committee in the Grand Chapter in 1885, and in the year 1886 and '87 served as District Deputy Grand Matron.

In 1888 she was elected Worthy Grand Matron, and in 1889 was chosen as one of five sisters appointed on the Masonic Orphans' Home Committee.

In 1890 she acted as Chairman on the Com-

**MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.****HENRY HARRISON HINDS.**

mittee on Returns, and in 1891 Chairman on Foreign Correspondence. In 1892 she received the appointment to serve on the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

She is an indefatigable worker in each and everything she undertakes. Her interest in the Order has endeared her to the entire membership, and there is no sister more highly esteemed than she throughout the State of California.

With remarkable executive ability, Sister Partridge is an excellent leader, and her self-sacrificing nature entitles her to marked distinction among her associates.

In the General Grand Chapter at its meeting held in 1889 she received the appointment of Worthy Grand Adah, and at the session held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1892, she acted on the Committee of Jurisprudence, and at the same session was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

JENNIE PALMER.

HENRY HARRISON HINDS,

Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Henry Harrison Hinds was born near Montrose, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, on October 9, 1840. His educational opportunities were very limited, consisting of a few years in the common school, and in early youth, a child in years, he was cast upon his own resources for a livelihood, working one year for the munificent sum of five dollars per month.

He enlisted early in 1861 in what afterwards became Company "A" 57th Reg't., Pennsylvania Volunteers, and as Orderly Sergeant went to the front. Of the same company he was successively 2nd Lieut., 1st Lieut. and Captain, serving to the close of the war. He was wounded at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At the latter place he was taken prisoner, and confined in Libby Prison nine months, and was one of the party who escaped through the celebrated Libby Prison tunnel, and was also among the unfortunate number re-captured, and was subsequently in about every prison in the South where they ever held a Yankee officer, being six months under fire of our own guns at Charlestown, and was finally paroled at Goldsborough, and returned to the Union lines, after one year and eight months imprisonment.

In 1866 he located at Stanton, Mich., where he engaged in the mercantile and lumber business, where he has since resided. He is at present largely interested in real estate, farming and fine stock raising.

His Masonic history began with the dawn of Masonry in his place of residence, he being the first candidate initiated in Stanton Lodge, F. & A. M., and of which later on, he was for years Worshipful Master. Of Stanton Chapter Royal Arch Masons, he was a charter member and was also High Priest of the same.

While the Lodge F. & A. M. and the Chapter R. A. M., are the only Masonic Bodies having a permanent home in Stanton, he has taken the degrees of the Council, Commandery and is a 32° member of the Scottish Rite.

When Crescent Chapter, O. E. S., was organized at Stanton he was chosen its first Worthy Patron and in 1892 served the Grand Chapter of Michigan efficiently as its Worthy Grand Patron. At the session of the General Grand Chapter held in Columbus, Ohio, in 1892, he was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

MONTANA OFFERINGS.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR;—It gives me much pleasure to comply with your request, for a communication from Montana, "for THE EASTERN STAR that will go to Boston."

I am sorry that I cannot attend the General Grand Chapter, but will be most efficiently represented by Sister Edna L. Hedges, Past Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Chaplain.

The Chapters in this Jurisdiction are all in a flourishing condition.

I have just returned from Butte, where I visited Ruth Chapter. I was invited to be present at the regular communication on July 17, when the work was exemplified by the initiation of four candidates in a manner that reflected great credit upon that Chapter. The officers were, one and all, proficient in their work, giving it with much impressiveness and showing careful study. The intention was to have a musical and literary programme, but owing to the recent death of one of their most prominent members, it was thought best to forego that, and instead, had, after the work was finished, a short social session and a lunch. A large delegation from Eureka Chapter, Anaconda, was present.

Receiving a most cordial invitation to make them a visit, I accepted, and, accompanied by Sister Elva Boardman, Secretary of Ruth Chapter and Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction, met with them at a regular communication on July 20. Eureka Chapter was the last one organized and hopes to receive a charter at the next session of the Grand Chapter and become in time a star of the first magnitude. Some of the officers were absent on account of sickness and various other causes, but those who were present, and also the substitutes, acquitted themselves most creditably, exemplifying the work in a manner that proved their right to receive a charter. After work was concluded, a lunch was served and an enjoyable social session followed. Eureka Chapter, although last, is not least among Montana Stars.

My next visit was to Floral Chapter, Deer Lodge, accompanied by Sister May Cambers, Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter. It is a flourishing Chapter, but owing to a number of the members being absent on their summer vacations, and the illness of others, the

attendance was not as large as it would otherwise have been. We did not have the pleasure of witnessing their work, but have heard excellent reports of their efficiency.

I am greatly indebted to the officers and members of the chapters I have visited for the kindness and hospitality shown me, and would like to describe at greater length, the various ways in which I was entertained, but it would make my letter too long.

The Order of the Eastern Star is progressing slowly but surely in Montana. This is a new state and while there are a good number of Masonic Lodges, some of them in the smaller towns are not very strong, and there is not material enough in such places to make strong chapters, so the Order has not increased as rapidly as in other states. But time will change that and in a few years we hope to have a strong working Chapter wherever there is a Lodge of Masons.

MRS. ALICE A. STEDMAN,
Grand Matron, Montana.

WORDS OF WELCOME.

TO THE READERS OF THE EASTERN STAR PAPER:

The days are gliding so swiftly by that it is hard to realize that before another issue of our paper, Boston will have been the scene of a mighty gathering,—the assembling of the Knights Templars from all over the country for their Twenty-seventh Triennial Session. At that time the General Grand Chapter also convenes; and as this is the first time Massachusetts has been honored by its presence, we are all looking forward to that occasion with much pleasurable anticipation.

To the people in the West who are coming so far in the interests of our Order, we wish to extend our heartiest greetings.

Although the people in the East cannot boast of the magnificent scenery displayed in the far west, yet the many points of historic interest in our grand old Bay State cannot fail to be of interest to the many who are coming. In truth, New England must seem to the Western children she has sent out, what Old England was to the colonies before the dissension arose, which has never had the power to entirely destroy that mother feeling.

Not only in a general sense, but personally, I wish to extend my best wishes for a pleasant time to our expected guests. May our meeting be of great mutual benefit as well as enjoyment, and when we separate to our several homes, may a feeling of goodfellowship go with us which shall make us better and stronger for the coming year.

CARRIE S. FAIRBAIRN,
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MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Past Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

The subject of this sketch has been too long and too prominently identified as a worker in this Order, to need an introduction to its members.

Lorraine J. Dickinson was born in Waddington, N. Y., but when she was about five years of age her parents moved to Illinois, settling near Elgin.

At the age of eleven she was sent to Rutland, Vt., to attend a young ladies' seminary at that place, where she remained until 1861, when she returned to Illinois, and life for her began in earnest.

A widowed mother needed her assistance, and she took a position as a clerk in a store, her earnings going toward the maintenance of the family.

Captain E. P. Pitkin enlisted at Annapolis, Md., and while stationed in Chicago, he met and married Lorraine J. Dickinson, the marriage occurring October 22, 1863. He was ordered to New Orleans and after an absence of seven months, he returned on a month's furlough, going back to his post of duty on June 6, 1864. On October 6, just four months later, Captain Pitkin was called to journey to the home beyond.

Thus, before a twelve month rolled by Sister Pitkin was a wife and a widow, and the following March, the day that Abraham Lincoln was for the second time inaugurated President of the United States, a little daughter was born to her.

Sister Pitkin's Eastern Star work began in 1866, when she joined Miriam Family, which two years later was organized in Chapter form, adopting the Michigan ritual, and of this she was elected Worthy President, serving in that position about a year.

She was one of the charter members of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, and was its first Worthy Matron.

At the Grand Chapter meeting of Illinois in 1877, she was appointed Grand Marshal, and the following year was elected Grand Matron.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in 1878, Sister Pitkin was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and at the subsequent meeting in 1880 was called to the first position within its gift—that of Most Worthy Grand Matron, which she filled for the three successive years, when she was elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary, which position however, she declined in favor of the retiring incumbent.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in 1889 she was again elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary, receiving a re-election in 1892.

In connection with Sister Jennie E. Matthews, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, she compiled and published a collection of music for Chapter use—Gems of Song.

A more recent publication is the Floral Work, which is so generally used throughout the Order, and the membership badge, of which she holds the copyright, is the handsomest in use, and is distinctively an Eastern Star badge.

MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK,

Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Harriet A. (Boyce) Ercanbrack is of unadulterated English stock, a native of Ontario. While her age was designated by the "teens," she, with her parents, became a resident of Marengo, Illinois.

In her early twenties she was captured by the village schoolmaster. She removed with her captor to Anamosa, Iowa, at which place she has lived for more than a quarter of a century. During that time, while her husband has been engaged in the successful practice of law, she has devoted much of her energies for the public welfare.

On the evening of January 5, 1891, she was initiated as a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, by Sister Jennie E. Matthews, the Grand Matron of Iowa, and since Most Worthy Grand Matron. On the same evening of her initiation Mrs. Ercanbrack was made Worthy Matron of the new Chapter then formed, which office she has filled ever since, with an interval of three years, when she was engaged in more public duties.

She served the Grand Chapter of Iowa as Treasurer for three years, at the expiration of which term she was chosen Grand Matron. She filled this executive office from June, 1886, to September, 1891. During that time the Order in Iowa flourished in a marked degree. Without stint, she devoted her energies to what she considered a worthy cause.

At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis in 1889, she was elected Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, to which office she was again chosen at the Columbus meeting in 1892.



MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK.

HELPS BY THE WAYSIDE.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—The neophyte is early instructed in the ceremonial of initiation that the Order of the Eastern Star "exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry." Could we not, without detracting, enlarge the scope, and say that it exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry? It is the pride of every Freemason, that his field for work is not compassed within certain metes and bounds, but is taught that his charity and usefulness should extend in length from East to West, in breadth from North to South, in height from the earth to the highest heavens, in depth from the surface to the center. In all these the member of the Eastern Star may share with the Masonic brother in promulgating the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Nay more—woman's sympathy may reach out after the afflicted, needy and distressed sister or brother, when the hand of a brother would fail to give the needed relief. The mother's love for her erring boy outlasts all other love. I remember when a boy in school, one of our parsing exercises in Pinnoe's grammar contained this sentence: "Whoever lives long, will find trouble," and no more faithful truism was ever uttered. Like the penalty of death it comes to every one. And at such a time we need the fraternal help that comes to us through the silent workings of our beloved Order. It is then we may aid, comfort and protect each other in our journey through the labyrinth of human life, and by cheerful companionship, social enjoyments, and if need be, material help lighten the burdens of a worthy distressed sister or brother, helping him over a rough place that might otherwise have borne him down with the current, blasting a life that is saved to become a shining light and will stand as a monument for a noble deed. But does such a one reap all the benefit? He who gives but a cup of cold water, in charity, is strengthened by that act, and enlarges his powers to benefit mankind.

How may we best prepare ourselves for the exercise of this spirit for doing good? I answer by a careful, earnest, practical study of the principles and teachings of our Order. There is not a meaningless sentence falls upon the ear of the candidate from the moment he first knocks at the door of the Chapter room, until the sublimity of a mother's love as taught by Electa is revealed to him, and he who carefully analyzes the lessons he receives on his passage through the several degrees, cannot but claim a higher inspiration and set up for himself a standard hitherto unknown to him. And the sister or brother who will adopt this analytical process, not stopping short of a thorough knowledge of the meaning of all he has "heard and been told," will not only be qualified, but ready at all times for the exercise of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, bringing richest blessings not only on

those whom he helps, but will himself richly share the results of his generous actions.

A. W. HEMPLEMAN,
Grand Patron, Indiana.

OUR LESSONS.

About twenty years ago when every child in school was saying to every other child, "Write in my autograph album, please," we saw so often the following quotation—

"You ask me to write in your album,
I know not how to begin," etc.

Also—

"I've looked these pages o'er and o'er,
To see what others have written before,
And now I've found a little spot,
In which I'll write, 'Forget me not.'"

The first expresses my feelings when Sister Ransford said, "I want an article for THE EASTERN STAR," and one of my questions was, what shall I write? I've not time to look o'er and o'er the papers for the last seven years and if I did, I might do as in the last quotation, write what had often been written before, for I would find that I had nothing new to offer. We are constantly reminded of the fact, that there is little that is really new.

Our lessons have been taught for centuries. Not in the exact words used in our Ritual, but the Bible lessons never change. We may find new meaning and new beauty in the words that is new to us, but the beautiful teachings have been there from the time they were first written.

When I became a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, I read and re-read the passages of Scripture that are connected so closely with our work, and became more interested in them than ever before.

While the history of their lives is not published, we may find near us, even now, Adams, faithful to their convictions of right and duty, who are constantly making sacrifices that others may be benefited thereby. Ruths, who humbly toil, without hope of reward here, for the support of relatives and friends, giving to us the lesson of constancy, honor and justice. Esthers, living pure and upright lives, and doing all in their power to save their relatives and friends from trouble and death. Marthas, walking with trustful faith, even though the shadows be dark, mourning the loss of loved ones, but looking beyond the gloom of death, knowing 'tis but the gateway to immortal life. Electas, standing firm for truth, teaching also by their daily lives that 'tis more blessed to give than to receive. We, too, may live lives of faith, and love and charity, and if we do, the world will be better because we have lived.

Let us interest the children in our work, for to a great extent the future prosperity of our loved Order depends upon our children.

None of the blessings of life can be obtained by sitting down with folded hands and waiting like Micawber for "something to turn up." It takes courage, energy and industry to make a success of life. Let us, then, with courage press forward, energetically working

for the success of our Order, and showing by our lives that our lessons have been well learned, and that—

"This Star that shines from the heights above,
Doth bind our hearts in bonds of love,
And lights us on to duties new,
Midst those we love, the good and true.

"If these rays shine into each heart,
These emblems become of each life a part,
The world will be brighter and better far,
Because of the light from the Eastern Star."

OLIVE E. MCGREW,
Grand Matron, Indiana.

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he has labored—more than this can no man receive, the best they have to give.

In Loyal Chapter, Richmond, Indiana, Brother Hempleman received the degrees of the Eastern Star in 1884, and in this Order also he manifested the same zeal and earnestness which characterizes his Masonic work.

Two years after his initiation he was elected Worthy Patron, and having at each annual election succeeded himself, he is still serving Loyal Chapter as Worthy Patron. Sister Hempleman also enjoyed the preferment of Loyal Chapter, having been elected in 1889, to serve as its Worthy Matron.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1891, Brother Hempleman received the appointment of Grand Chaplain, to which office he was re-appointed in 1892, and again in 1893. In April, 1894, he was elected Associate-Grand Patron, and when in the following October, to Brother Joseph A. Manning, Grand Patron, came the summons home, by virtue of his office as Associate Grand Patron he succeeded to the duties and responsibilities of that office. The appreciation for his faithful and efficient service was evidenced by the members of the Grand Body, by the royal manner in which they called him to accept the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a brother. His own vote prevented the election being unanimous.

No brother holds a higher place among his co-workers than does he, and none are more worthy of loyalty and love.

August 10, in company with the Grand Secretary, Judge McBride, W. P. of Queen Esther Chapter, and Sister McBride, I went to McCordsville. We were met at the depot by members of McCordsville and Oaklandon Chapters, also members of the Masonic Lodges of both places. From the home of Sister Wilson we marched to the grove headed by a band. There we found a goodly number assembled, and the crowd kept increasing in number. After music by the band, a welcoming song by the choir and prayer by the pastor residing in McCordsville, a short address was given by myself. This was followed by another song. We then had the pleasure of listening to an address by Judge McBride. After dinner some time was spent socially. At 2:30 we were called to order and had a short talk by Sister Ransford, G. Sec. Followed by a song, after which Rev. Swick gave some "Random shots," as he said. A parting song, and the benediction was pronounced. And when the good byes were said it was with the hope of meeting again these good sisters and brothers.

OLIVE E. MCGREW, G. M.



MRS. OLIVE E. MCGREW,

Grand Matron of Indiana.

The Grand Matron of Indiana is a native of the Hoosier State. She was born in Everton, Fayette county, March 22, 1864, where her parents resided until she was nine years of age. Two years following they lived at Connersville, removing to Glenwood in the year 1877. During the years 1877, 1878 and 1880, she attended school in the city of Indianapolis, and taught school for two terms following her return to Glenwood.

July 25, 1882, Olive E. Thompson and James W. McGrew plighted their troth and were made husband and wife. They resided for several years in Milroy, removing to their present residence—West Indianapolis, in November, 1892.

Into this home there came one daughter, Lena—now a girl of twelve years, whose budding womanhood promises usefulness.

The Eastern Star life of Sister McGrew began with the organization of Milroy Chapter, which she served as Secretary and Worthy Matron, and as the membership was small she was frequently called upon to fill several stations on the same evening when there was initiation, which she did acceptably. When she removed to West Indianapolis she transferred her membership from Milroy Chapter to Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, bringing to her new Chapter home the same efficiency and zeal that had characterized her work in her old home, and while she occupies the highest office, her generous response to the request of the Worthy Matron to supply the place of absentees, makes her a valuable assistant to that officer and appreciated by her co-workers.

She has attended every Grand Chapter meeting since she became a member, and at the meeting of 1891, she was appointed Grand Ruth, receiving the appointment of Associate Grand Conductress the following year. In 1893, by appointment she was made Grand Conductress and at the session of 1894, she was elected Associate Grand Matron.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter held April, 1895, the highest honor within the gift of the Grand Chapter was conferred upon her, coming to her with so large a vote as to make it especially complimentary.

In one thing Indiana leads all other Jurisdictions—in that she has the youngest Grand Matron.

A. W. HEMPLEMAN,

Grand Patron of Indiana.

In our Indiana city of Brotherly love—Richmond—resides our Grand Patron of Indiana, A. W. Hempleman. Here for a number of years he has resided, and among the many pleasant homes in that hospitable city none extend to all a more gracious welcome. Those who have enjoyed the hospitality of Brother and Sister Hempleman carry with them pleasant memories.

Brother Hempleman was born near West Union, Adams county, Ohio, on October 5, 1835, but at the age of five his parents moved from the farm to the village of West Union, where his school life was spent. He completed an academic course under the faithful instruction of N. W. Winston.

At the age of eighteen he began his life work, choosing for his vocation the profession of teacher. For this work he was well fitted and admirably adapted, and for fifteen years he devoted his time exclusively to it. However, to one of his ambition, broader fields held more inviting place and promise of larger remuneration, and in 1869, he engaged in the manufacture of School and Church Furniture, which business he has since followed.

He was made a Mason in Mount Sterling Lodge No. 269, Mount Sterling, Ohio, July 29, 1858, passed and raised in Ames Lodge No. 142, Sheffield, Ill. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in King Solomon Chapter No. 4, June, 1881. He was received into the Order of the Red Cross and created a Knights Templar in July, 1881. In each of these bodies, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, Brother Hempleman has been honored by having been called to serve as presiding officer. Thus, more than words can tell is shown the esteem accorded him by those of the Brotherhood with whom

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licitated.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey will hold
its Twenty-sixth Annual Session at Paterson,
September 27. Thanks for the invitation
that reached us and we regret our inability
to attend.

The two factors that work most harm to
Chapters are envy and jealousy, and neither
are so attractive as to deserve a place any-
where. If they make their appearance frown
them down, and do not if you value the peace
and harmony of the Chapter, allow them to
get a foothold.

Sisters why not give THE EASTERN STAR a
thought offering now and then? Do not wait
to be solicited especially. Remember that it
seeks to benefit the Order and its columns
are open to all. It can be made of much
greater benefit if only the members at large
will give it their encouragement and their
support.

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 space in the paper this month is taken
up by the articles from the several Grand
Chapters, and the "Gleanings" gracefully
yielded. Only a few appear and they came
in early—however, their appearance is only
delayed, for in the next issue there will be
room. We appreciate the kindness of those
who send us items and trust they will con-
tinue in the good work.

The Third Annual Session of the Grand
Chapter of Maine will be held at Biddeford,
September 12. We are in receipt of an in-
vitation to attend, and regret that the date of
meeting is not nearer the time of the meeting
of the General Grand Chapter, that it might
be enjoyed by a number who cannot prolong
their stay east until that date. We are sure
those who can will do so.

THE EASTERN STAR presents to its readers
in this issue a galaxy of Stars. The first six
are those who have faithfully served the Gen-
eral Grand Chapter for the past three years,
and before another issue of the paper they
will render to that body an account of their
stewardship. The two others are the Grand
Matron and Grand Patron of Indiana, and it
gives us great pleasure to give to our readers
a glimpse and brief sketch of the presiding
officers of our own Jurisdiction.

The wanderers will soon turn their steps
homeward, and those Chapters that have for
the time rested from labor will again take up
their work. Let each resolve to make the
year before us unexcelled in good work and
harmony. It is the individuals that make the
Chapter, and if each member be tuned to the
sweet sounds that come from the lessons
taught, the Chapter meetings will indeed be
seasons of refreshment and the sweet insence
of good words and loving acts will be the
result.

For the first time in its history, this Order
has a Journal devoted to its interests. THE
EASTERN STAR, published in this city, is a
journal worthy the support of every member
of the Order, and I most cordially commend
it to you, and trust that you will extend to its
publishers that encouragement which alone
can make a success for them and the Order,
not words of praise merely, but your sub-
scriptions, and your influence in extending its
circulation.—From Address of Jefferson S.
Conover, M. W. G. P., at the meeting of the
G. G. C. at Indianapolis, 1889.

THE EASTERN STAR sends thanks to the sis-
ters who responded so promptly to our re-
quest to "lend a hand," and we are sure that
the articles from the several Jurisdictions
will be read and enjoyed. We are sorry that
every Grand Jurisdiction is not represented
as we had fondly hoped they might be, but
for various reasons it was impossible for some
to do so. From some Grand Matrons we have
received no response to our letter, but we
feel sure that the silence does not indicate in-
difference nor intentional neglect, and we
hope that in a future issue the absentees may
be heard from. We gather from the articles
better than in any other way, the good work
that is being done in the several Jurisdictions,
and realize most fully that this Order, not only
in theory but in practice, is paying the tribute
of its love and labor at the same shrine as
does the noble brotherhood.

A BRIEF HISTORY.

The General Grand Chapter came into be-
ing in response to the desire that the Order
of the Eastern Star might become a perma-
nent organization. It was realized that so long
as an individual or the different Grand Chap-
ters published and controlled their rituals,
there must be change and diversity and this of
course would retard its growth and success, and
prevent its gaining the standing as an Order
that was justly its due. Considerable corres-
pondence passed back and forth among the
members of the several Jurisdictions, but the
first step was taken at the session of the Grand
Chapter of Mississippi, held July, 1875, when
a committee was created whose duty it was
"to confer with like committees that may
hereafter be appointed by other Grand Chap-
ters of the Order in the United States, or
elsewhere, whose duty it shall be to take un-
der advisement, and present, if practicable,
some feasible and judicious plan for the or-
ganization of a Supreme Grand Chapter,
which said Supreme Body shall, when organ-
ized and recognized by two-thirds of the
Grand Chapters in the United States, have
absolute control over the Ritual and lectures
of the Adoptive Rite." Of this committee
which consisted of seven members, the Grand
Matron and Grand Patron were members.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter of
California held in October, 1875, similar ac-
tion was taken, and New Jersey Grand
Chapter at its meeting the same month and
year appointed a committee to co-operate
with a like committee from other Grand
Chapters in interest of the same measure.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana at its meet-
ing in April, 1876, took action, not only recog-
nizing the necessity of a Convention to con-
sider these things, but authorized the ap-
pointment of a committee to invite the co-
operation of other Grand Chapters, fixing the
place and time of meeting, Indianapolis, Ind.,
November 10, 1876.

In response to this invitation there gathered at Indianapolis representatives from New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and California, and the General Grand Chapter was organized. A Constitution and Rules of Order were adopted. A committee of seven was appointed to prepare a Ritual.

The visitors and delegates who attended the meeting were entertained by Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis.

The second session was held in Chicago, May, 1878, and at this Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan and New Jersey were represented, and ten Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Body were reported to have been organized. The Committee on Ritual submitted a report which was adopted. A committee was appointed to whom was given the work of superintending the printing of the Ritual and the instructions were that it was to be, as soon as printed, the work used in all Grand and Subordinate Chapters owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. Some changes were made in the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and after the necessary routine of work the second meeting closed.

The third meeting of the General Grand Chapter was held in Chicago, August, 1880. The Grand Chapters represented were, California, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska and New Jersey, and there were fourteen Subordinate Chapters organized during the vacation. At this session Brother Robert Morris was made an honorary member of the General Grand Chapter, and he made an address giving a brief history of the early days of the Order and expressing "cordial good wishes for its welfare and prosperity," and pledging any assistance within his power to give.

In August, 1883, the fourth meeting of the General Grand Chapter was held in San Francisco, California. At this meeting considerable inconvenience was experienced in securing a quorum. Since the last meeting twenty-nine Chapters had been organized and thirteen Grand Chapters were reported as holding allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

St. Louis was the place of meeting for the fifth session of the General Grand Chapter which was held September, 1886. Brother Robert Morris was present and spoke words of good cheer and God speed. This meeting was well attended and much interest manifested, but here the Minnesota discord first appeared.

For its sixth session it came back to the place of its birth, Indianapolis, Ind., and the meeting was held September, 1889. It was well attended and much routine work was accomplished. The Committee on Ritual made a report which called for several changes, and the report was after much consideration adopted. Also the Constitution was revised, one especial feature being the

change that made the Most Worthy Grand Matron the executive head of the order during the vacation of that Body. The Minnesota matter was again under consideration but peace was not yet restored.

The Seventh Triennial session met in Columbus, Ohio, September, 1892. At this meeting eighteen Grand Chapters were represented and there were reported under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, thirty-four Subordinate Chapters. There was an unusually good attendance.

There are now twenty-eight Grand Chapters and three only, Connecticut, New York and Vermont are not of the General Grand Chapter family.

FROM THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—For the last time I address you from my office as presiding officer of the General Grand Chapter. Ere another number shall reach your readers, the Eighth Triennial Session will be a thing of the past.

During the three years gone by, you have visited our office thirty-six times, bringing tidings of cheer from many of our members. We have enjoyed your monthly visitations, and have rejoiced that you seemed to grow better and stronger as the months flew on. You have been the medium of communication between the officers of the General Grand Chapter and its members on many occasions, and we take this occasion to thank you for courtesies received and to wish you continued prosperity and success.

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

PLEASANT FACTS.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—In reply to your kind invitation to send something that would especially interest the members and visitors of the General Grand Chapter that will convene in Boston this month to hand, and I will try to respond briefly with a few facts, not hoping that they will give to others the same satisfaction that they do to me, but that they will surely be exceedingly interesting to all who have the interest of the Order at heart. The books of the General Grand Chapter were closed on the 15th of July, the "half century mile post of a busy, active life," and at this writing I am more than gratified to know the figures will show a steady and determined advancement. We find from the official reports of the several Grand Secretaries that the membership will reach, without doubt, the large number of one hundred and fifty thousand in two thousand and twenty-six active Chapters. The cash on hand, the accounts receivable, and merchandise on hand will reach nearly \$11,000. Fifty-six chapters have been organized under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter since the last report, and the Grand Chapters

of North Dakota and Pennsylvania have been organized.

A convention is called for the 22nd of August to organize a Grand Chapter in Rhode Island. The Most Worthy Grand Matron will be present, if all is well, to call that meeting to order. Nearly thirty thousand Rituals were handled from this office during the last term.

It is with pleasure and pride that I am permitted to see written the above facts.

Thanking one, and all for the many kind words of commendation and confidence expressed, for the uniform courtesies so generously bestowed through all the years that are past, anticipating a most delightful and enjoyable session at Boston, hoping to meet and greet old friends and new, with kindness for all and malice toward none, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. G. Sec.
CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 1, '95.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Tommy's first visit to New York was made on a very wet day. "I s'pose," said he, after taking a ride on the elevated railroad, "I s'pose they have this train on stilts so as to keep the wheels dry. Don't they?"

LITTLE BOY—"Papa are you growing still?"
PAPA—"No, dear, what made you think so?"

LITTLE BOY—"Because the top of your head is coming through your hair."

After a brief holiday in the country man is said to feel thus, and I wonder is it true?—

"Poor degenerated creature that he is, after viewing God's creation for a month, man's poor appearances possess a new charm for him. The visions he had in June of the delights of a life-long communion with nature have faded out, and he rejoices that his lot has been cast in the haunts of men. Even his work, that he had come so to despise, has charms for him again, and he thinks with relief, and even with enthusiasm, of having a desk to return to every morning, and of the set task which is to occupy his active hours and relieve him of the obligation to choose between rival forms of laborious amusement. He is a machine, and however it may benefit him now and then to stop for a time and repair his several parts, he is happiest on the whole when he is running, and he runs easiest and most profitably in the place he has learned to fit."

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If there is any one thing which above all else can soothe or dispel human sorrow, dissipate doubt and uncertainty, solve problems, settle difficulties, turn fear into courage and hesitation into decision, it is the prompt performance of the meanest duty.

A TRIP TO THE UPPER PENINSULA.

A petition having been received for the organization of a chapter in Ontonagon, a town located upon the extreme northern border of the Upper Peninsula, I arranged my work to be absent two weeks, and after looking for the most direct route to that faraway place, having in view, the visiting of as many chapters as possible while enroute, I started from home June 17. That evening found me at Frankfort, where I boarded the railroad ferry boat, "Ann Arbor, No. 2," that has been fitted for passenger service, and was soon steaming across Lake Michigan in the direction of Gladstone. The run across the lake was made in good time and at early dawn the 19th, we reached the dock, where I was met by Sister Springer of Minnewasca Chapter, and taken to her home where I was pleasantly entertained during my stay in that thriving town. A meeting of the Chapter had been called for the afternoon as my stay was limited, and at 2:30, we were in their pleasant hall with about twenty-five members present. The Chapter was opened and closed in a highly creditable manner. This Chapter is young in years and has had many discouraging things with which to contend, but with the enthusiasm manifested by those present, they cannot fail to succeed. I gave them such instructions as seemed needful and bespeak for them a successful future.

At 5:30, I took the boat for Escanaba, seven miles across the bay, and arriving in due time, was met on the dock by the Worthy Matron of R. C. Hathaway Chapter, Sister Rathfon, and Sister Cotton and taken to the home of the latter, where I was delightfully entertained during my stay in this charming city. A meeting of the Chapter had been called for the evening and was largely attended by the members and several visitors from Minnewasca Chapter. The work of the evening consisted of the opening, initiation and closing ceremonies, and with few exceptions was correctly and beautifully performed. At the close of work, all were invited to the dining room where a sumptuous banquet was served, which closed the evening's entertainment and all departed for home feeling that the evening had been pleasantly and profitably spent. Thursday morning with Sister Cotton, I enjoyed a delightful stroll along the shore of the bay, and was shown many beautiful drives and shady walks, which help to make Escanaba such a delightful place to spend the heated season. At 9:30 A. M., I took the train for Iron Mountain. I was delayed at Powers Junction, a little town that seemed to be made up of the railroad station and several saloons—even the postoffice being attached to one—and I was glad when the train came and I could continue my journey.

Arriving at Iron Mountain, I found the Worthy Matron of that Chapter, Sister Newberry, and Sister Ingram, Past Grand Ruth, awaiting me and I was escorted to the beautiful home of Sister Ingram, where everything

possible had been done to make my stay in Iron Mountain an enjoyable one. A reception had been arranged to be held from three until five, to which all members of the Chapter had been invited and was attended by nearly every lady belonging to the Chapter. It was a great pleasure to meet these sisters, and I shall ever remember the afternoon spent in Sister Ingram's parlor with feelings of deepest pleasure. I attended a meeting of their Chapter in the evening, and, although they were in an unsettled condition owing to their removal from one hall to another, we had a very pleasant meeting. The Chapter was opened and closed in form, after which refreshments were served and an hour spent in social conversation. But before we said "good night" and "good bye," the Worthy Matron, Sister Newberry, in behalf of the Chapter presented me with a lovely souvenir spoon, which I accepted with heartfelt thanks and it will ever be a precious reminder of the pleasant evening with Iron Mountain Chapter.

At 7 A. M., Friday, the 21st, I took the train for Ontonagon, where I arrived at twelve o'clock, and although the rain was pouring down in torrents, I found a large number of ladies and gentlemen who were interested in organizing the new Chapter, at the depot to meet me. All were entire strangers, but I was made to feel that I was with friends, and nothing was left undone that would in any way make my stay with them a pleasant one. I was escorted to the pleasant home of Brother and Sister Lossonger where I was cordially received. After dinner and a short rest, we repaired to Masonic Hall, where twenty-five ladies and gentlemen were assembled, and I began the work of instituting the Chapter. At five o'clock work was suspended and the ladies served an elaborate supper, after which the work was resumed and the organization completed. This Chapter will be known as North Star Chapter, and judging from the interest and enthusiasm of the charter members, this Chapter will make a record that will place it in the front rank of chapters instituted during this administration. The officers chosen bring energy and zeal to their work, and in their hands the Chapter can not fail to attain the highest degree of perfection and success. This Chapter is to be congratulated upon their beautiful surroundings, the Masonic Order giving the free use of its Hall, which is as commodious and handsomely furnished as any I have visited in the State. They have beautifully furnished reception parlors, banquet room and kitchen, with all things needed to entertain a large company in the royal manner for which the Masons of the Upper Peninsula are justly famous. I was cordially invited to prolong my stay in Ontonagon and visit the many places of interest in that section of our State—but in order to meet other engagements, I was obliged to take an early train Saturday morning—and at 6 P. M., reached Marquette, and went to the home of my sister, Mrs. Geo.

A. Royce, where I remained over Sunday and Monday—taking a much needed rest. Sunday afternoon I attended St. John's Day service in the Episcopal Church. Marquette Commandery with about fifty Sir Knights were in attendance, and a fine appearance they made as in their bright new uniforms, with gleaming swords and waving plumes they marched down the broad aisle of the Church.

Monday afternoon I had the pleasure of a drive about the city with the Grand High Priest of Michigan R. A. M., Chas. Blanchard, and his wife, and was shown the many beautiful places in and near the city, of which the citizens of Marquette are justly proud.

My next date was with the Chapter in St. Ignace, and arriving there I found a meeting had been called which was attended by a goodly number of members, and I think the result of this meeting will be permanent good to the Chapter, and I trust their future success is assured, also that we may hear of good work being done by Innis Chapter. I was urged to remain at St. Ignace and visit the many attractive places in that locality, but time would not permit and I took an early boat across the Straits, reaching home at 4 P. M. Thursday, June 27,—tired from my trip of nearly one thousand miles, but well pleased to have been able to visit a few of our Chapters in the northern part of the State, regretting only that I did not have time and opportunity to visit all the Chapters of the Upper Peninsula.

LOUISE A. TURCK,
Grand Matron, Michigan.

OHIO SENDS GREETINGS.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—To all to whom this number of your little journal shall come, Ohio sends greeting, and we hope that all who have watched the progress of the Order in this Jurisdiction, will be glad to learn that the increase in membership, and in the number of Subordinate Chapters, is very gratifying indeed; and we who have labored long and earnestly for the Order, feel that our greatest obstacles have been overcome and the outlook is for a steady and rapid growth in this State. Twenty-one Chapters were instituted last year, twelve thus far this year, and petitions for several others are ready, with a score or more under consideration.

All is peace and harmony and no disturbing element is at work among us. With this feeling and every Chapter at work, we have great reason to feel gratified over the progress of the work so far this year.

The organization of Chapters in Toledo and Cincinnati we consider a great step forward. The Chapter at Cincinnati, Violet, was instituted on April 4th, with fifty-two chapter members. I was kindly assisted in this work by Brother W. O. Shearer, Worthy Patron of Mary Chapter of Marysville, and his estimable wife, our Grand Secretary, Sister Mary J. Stevens, a Past Grand Conductress and the first Worthy Matron in Ohio, then of Lorraine Chapter but now of Crown Chapter of Colum-

bus, and Sister Eva Penn of Royal Chapter of Washington, C. H. Quite a number of visitors were present from chapters in Kentucky and all were royally entertained. Kate E. Jackman is the Worthy Matron. She is also well known in W. R. C. and D. of R. circles, having held many prominent places in both these Orders. Brother W. A. High is Worthy Patron and Miss Irene Elliott, Secretary.

The greater number of the Chapters organized this year have been in the larger cities and supported by strong Masonic bodies, which we think gives stability to the Chapters. Our membership at present is not less than twenty-five hundred in the fifty chapters, and it may surpass this by the close of the year.

The work of the year has been hard, for the new chapters are so distant from each other, that it has taken a great deal of time to reach each of them. Beside were the home duties, and, as a member of the Finance Committee of the General Grand Chapter, I went to Chicago, where I met Brother John R. Parson, Past Grand Patron of Missouri, and Sister Mate L. Chester, Grand Matron of Illinois, the other members of the Committee. We remained with Sister Pitkin, whose home is with her daughter, Mrs. Decker, whose kindness we shall always remember, and the courtesies extended by Sister Pitkin while in the discharge of our official duties. By request I extended my stay one day longer as the guest of Sister Pitkin, who had also invited Mrs. Martha D. Ross, Grand Matron of Wisconsin, with whom it was a pleasure to meet. The kind and homelike feeling that surrounded us, the lovely drives about the city and the moonlight walks along the sandy beach, where the sad low moaning of the waves as they lapped the shore, will be hours long to be remembered. With the hope of again meeting them in Boston, as well as those who for years have composed the General Grand Chapter, and those who come for the first time, we again take up the line of duty.

Hoping also to meet you who sends forth each month, the beacon light that tells what others are doing for the good of the Order, and that scores of names will be added to your subscription list "that will give practical effect to one of the beneficent purposes of Freemasonry," is the sincere and fraternal wish of

LINDA J. LOWRY,
Grand Matron, Ohio.

ASSOCIATION.

One person working alone and unaided can do but little in the world. A unit of cosmic dust, existing alone, is lost in the great universe, but joined with other units and gathered together they form the beautiful world in which we live, itself a star among the stars, moving along its course, adorned with all the tints of the rainbow, and teaming with life, intelligence and beauty.

One man by himself is nothing. But asso-

ciate him with others, and thoughts clothe themselves in language, and mind answers to mind, and heart pulsates to the beating of other hearts, and love and kindness and trust are born, and all the graces and virtues come to us, and all the amenities that make life sweet and pleasant are ours.

This is beautifully illustrated in the organization and working of the Order of the Eastern Star. Alone we could have done but little, but as it is, throughout the length and breadth of this broad land; over the fields, over the plains, over the mountains, to the far-off land of the setting sun, brothers and sisters are working together, with one object, one hope and grand design; and thousands of hearts are made lighter, and thousands of homes are made happier, and the world itself is made brighter and better by the united efforts of the members of our beautiful Order.

MRS. SUE M. TUTTLE,
Grand Matron, Missouri.

OUR STARS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SISTER:—Yours of July 28th, at hand, requesting me to write something concerning the Order in Washington. I am a very poor writer, but will try and give you a little information. All the Chapters are in a flourishing condition, each one having work nearly every evening. Ruth Chapter numbers two hundred and receives from three to five petitions every meeting. She celebrates her Third anniversary August 9, with a basket picnic at Sister Lamond's handsome residence and grounds, near Takoma Park, a suburban village near Washington, to which all the other chapters are invited and have signified their intention of turning out in full force. Our anniversary day is August 11, but as it falls on Sunday this year, we celebrate on the Friday before. Stansbury Lodge, F. & A. M. of Brightwood, has been very kind to Ruth Chapter, permitting her to meet in their Lodge room and thereby showing an example that has been followed by other Lodges, giving the Order of the Eastern Star a foothold here. Electa Chapter meets in Annacostia Lodge room, Annacostia, the building being owned by the Lodge. They number over one hundred and fifty and are constantly adding to their number. Annacostia is situated across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac, within sight of the Capitol Building, and Electa has the full scope of that suburban part of the District. Their meetings are very enjoyable and are well attended. Naomi Chapter meets in the Scottish Rite Sanctuary, 1007 G. St. N. W., in the heart of the city and is very prosperous indeed. They number over one hundred and twenty-five and are increasing in numbers very fast, and like Ruth Chapter, have a Past Grand Master for a Worthy Patron. Their paraphernalia is new and of the latest designs, and makes a very handsome appearance. Martha Chapter, "the baby," is situated in the southeast part of the city, and meets in Naval Lodge

building, a handsome new structure erected by Naval Lodge F. & A. M. The room is a beauty, and furnished in grand style, and as all the lady officers are very handsome, it is a sight worth going miles to see. They are growing very fast and will make the older chapters look to the laurels to keep ahead of them.

All the chapters of this Jurisdiction have the work letter perfect and do not use the ritual in conferring the degrees, and the way the work is rendered makes the brothers eyes open. There is some talk of another Chapter being started in the near future.

Ruth Chapter meets on the first and third Mondays of each month; Electa the second and fourth Tuesdays; Naomi the second and fourth Wednesdays and Martha, the first and third Fridays. Trusting to meet you on your visit to Washington, I am your brother,

F. G. ALEXANDER, D. M. W. G. P.
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30, '95.

GOOD WORDS.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD:—You have no doubt before this received a full account of the proceedings of our Grand Chapter. Our last Grand Session was one of very great interest and importance to us all as there were very many new features introduced and adopted. At our meeting there was a large assemblage of representatives. The State was exceedingly well represented by Past Grand Matrons and Patrons. Congratulations from Sister Grand Bodies were received in profusion showing the kindly feeling existing among us. Our Order is growing so rapidly we were obliged to increase the number of Deputy Grand Matrons, and we feel we are one of the grandest bodies in existence for women. Master Masons are becoming wonderfully interested in our Order; such interest on the part of our zealous Master Masons indicates their appreciation.

History has recorded only a brief statement of the good deeds performed by the noble women of our land. But volumes could be written upon the five beautiful characters of our Order, and upon the enthusiasm of our good sisters. They seem inexhaustible in their efforts to benefit and beautify our Order. We have in view an object of vital importance to us, that is to erect an Eastern Star Home for the benefit of sisters of our Order who may need it in old age. It is certainly something that is worth the endeavor and no matter how trifling our efforts may be, they will redound to our credit with results exceedingly satisfactory, and will undoubtedly have the support of our Masonic Fraternity. What gentleman after witnessing our impressive ceremony would not have a desire to have his wife or sister become a member of such a grand association. Of course we know there are those who will not see good in anything; these kind of people are not helpful to any society. The beauties of our Order lies in doing all we can for one

another, fulfilling our promises as faithfully as possible, and trying to see the good traits in others instead of continually looking for the worst.

There are many interesting and good things could be said about our workings, but lack of time prevents me saying what I would like. To our enthusiastic sisters and brothers I say work on, it is in a good cause and you will be rewarded as you see the progress. God will bless you for your untiring efforts, and I say good luck in your home circles as well as your Chapters, and may you achieve great and unlooked for prosperity. With the hope that God will guide us all in the path that will lead us to everlasting happiness, I am sincerely and fraternally,

JENNIE M. RAY,
Grand Matron, New York.

PLEASANT NEWS FROM IOWA.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—On the eve of my departure from home for a short time, I hasten to fulfill my promise to send you something for the next issue of THE EASTERN STAR.

Notwithstanding some of the chapters have closed their doors for the summer months, there is much activity throughout the Jurisdiction, those still in the field are patiently gleaning, and will see the reward of their labors, I trust, in well filled garner.

That the interest in our Order is increasing, is indicated by the letters of inquiry coming from different parts of the State, as well as by the number of new chapters added to our list. Seventeen have been instituted since the last session of the Grand Chapter, and before the next number of THE EASTERN STAR reaches its readers, two more will have been added to the number.

June 6, Golden Sheaf Chapter was instituted by Sister L. C. Bliven, District Deputy for the Third District. Sister Bliven is very enthusiastic over the prospects of this young Chapter, and thinks it is destined to be a "bright particular Star."

In the Fourth District, on July 1, Sister Ida Brock, Deputy, instituted Irwin Chapter at Irwin, Shelby county, with Mrs. Eva Reynolds as Worthy Matron; LeRoy C. Shepard Worthy Patron; G. E. McMullen, Secretary. This also promises to be a prosperous Chapter, and there is good reason to believe that others will be organized in the same district at no distant day. These two sisters have been making visits of inspection in their respective districts, and are undoubtedly doing good work.

Moravia Chapter joined with the Masonic Fraternity in celebrating St. John's Day, (June 14) and a splendid time is reported. Among the speakers on the occasion was our Grand Martha, Sister Alma Hinkle of Fairfield, who, we are sure contributed her full share to the interest of the occasion.

Entertainments of various kinds, literary, musical and social, have been much in vogue during the season, while at the same time in-

terest in the "work" of our Order grows steadily.

We are all no doubt looking forward to the coming session of the General Grand Chapter with pleasant anticipations, not the least pleasant of which, to me, is the meeting with those of our co-workers whose names have become familiar to me through the columns of THE EASTERN STAR and other journals, and the reports of Grand Chapters which have from time to time reached me, and proved always a source of pleasure.

SARAH E. WOODS,
Grand Matron, Iowa.

A LABOR OF LOVE.

DEAR MRS. RANSFORD:—A great deal might be said as to the state and growth of the Order of the Eastern Star in Connecticut, but as time is limited, I will only write you of one branch of work we have taken up—the furnishing of the Assembly Room at the Masonic Home, and to my mind we shall in time reap a great reward.

For several years the Masonic Fraternity of Connecticut have had in mind to provide a Home for Indigent Masons, their widows and Orphan children, and at last their labor of years has been crowned with success, for in the town of Wallingford, situated upon a high hill overlooking a lovely lake is "The Masonic Home of Connecticut." The Home was opened for the reception of inmates August 5, but will not be formally dedicated until September 25, at which time not only the entire Masonic Fraternity, but the Order of the Eastern Star as well, are to be present. Never in the history of the Order have we been privileged to do so much for the great Brotherhood, to whom we owe our existence as an Order, as at the present time in furnishing the large Assembly Room at the Home, which has been done solely by the O. E. S., and I feel we should congratulate the Order for it, for with the great depression in business which we have just passed through, it has not only been a sacrifice for chapters to raise the desired funds, but has called for personal ones as well.

Should we not be glad to do all this, and in so doing are we not carrying out the principles and teachings of our noble Order and thus make it the support and protection of all. While we have many times asked what was our Order for, our work has lain at our very door and we have almost been unmindful of it. The opportunity is here given us to carry into effect what we mean when we say we honor the great Brotherhood for its noble work, and seek to be a co-worker with them in their labor of love. Let us go on in the good work we have commenced, and feel that it is not only a duty, but a privilege as well, to pay our tribute of love and labor at the same shrine, and thus carry into our own lives as well as into the lives of those we meet, the three great principles of our Order—Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness.

MRS. MARY C. A. PERKINS,
Grand Matron, Connecticut.

A RED LETTER DAY IN ARKANSAS.

The Order throughout the State is in peace and harmony. A great many sleeping chapters have been awakened this year and seem to be taking on new life, thanks to our zealous deputies. Sister Dixon, Deputy Grand Matron of the First District, is doing grand work reviving chapters. Brother R. R. Lewis, Associate Grand Patron, has sent in some encouraging reports; he delights to work in the interest of our Order.

July 13, was a red letter day for Masonic circles in Waldo. A public installation of the officers of Lamartine Lodge F. & A. M., and Lamartine Chapter O. E. S., was held in a beautiful grove near Masonic Hall, and was witnessed by a large number of invited guests. The Grand Matron had the pleasure of installing the O. E. S. officers, and also delivered the address of welcome. Dinner was served in picnic style and all visitors were made to feel at home. Hon. T. C. McRea delivered a beautiful address on Masonry. Such days ever remain as a bright oasis in our journey through the labyrinth of life.

Two new stars have been lighted in Arkansas this year. May the principles of our beautiful Order shine with undiminished lustre through their history.

Bro. J. F. Hopkins, Grand Patron, will attend the General Grand Chapter as our representative. I am sorry that I cannot attend, but my best wishes go with those who can.

MATTIE C. DEVAUGHN,
Grand Matron, Arkansas.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Illinois sends greetings to all sister States.

I am pleased to tell you that the Order throughout this grand Jurisdiction, is in a most prosperous condition; the year so far has exceeded our most sanguine anticipations. New chapters are springing into vigorous life in all parts of the state, our golden chain having been lengthened by the addition of twenty-eight bright links since October last; our membership at the present counts over fourteen thousand.

While there is much in the past to be proud of, the future lies before us with much greater promise.

We are a great sisterhood gathered about an altar on which the brightest lights are ever burning, about a hearthstone, on which the embers never die.

It is for us, as members, to impress the teachings of our beautiful Order upon the outer world; and the beauty and nobility of our own living should be constantly before us, and in the interest of our Order we should ever consider the interest of mankind.

Human life is crowned with opportunities for us, as members of the Order of the Eastern Star, to promulgate the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; ever realizing "Honor and shame from no condition rise, act well thy part, therein all honor lies."

MRS. MATE L. CHESTER,
Grand Matron, Illinois.

NEWS FROM THE PINE TREE STATE.

DEAR SISTER RENSFORD:—Our Grand Matron sends a request for me to attend to your desire for some news from Maine for your September issue. It being so near the annual meeting of our Grand Chapter, of course my hands are full of work as secretary, yet I will endeavor to send an echo from the Old Pine Tree State, which is so full of attractions, particularly at this season of the year, not only to its regular inhabitants, but to tourists and pleasure seekers from other states, who revel in the beauty of the picturesque scenery to be found among its hills, lakes and ponds, with their backgrounds of ever-green and beautiful trees of fir and pine, or dance and sing at its more famous and popular summer resorts, or muse and roam along the more retired, but rustic and romantic points and islands that are to be found along our coast. All of which are made the more perfect by their fresh, restful, health-giving atmosphere and pure water, which is a new life giving power in itself.

It has been but a few years since a few of us in this extreme eastern part of the country could be likened in a sense to the wise men of the east, whom we are told in Ancient History made the stars and their appearances in the heavens a study, and while thus engaged they discovered a wonderful star to the west of them, which star they believed was a sign given by God to tell them of the new King born to set them free. Anxious to do honor to this new King they set out, crossing deserts, fields and mountains, ever looking to the wonderful star as their guide to lead them where they could worship him.

Having had brave leaders, our numbers are rapidly increasing who can testify to the seeing of His Star in the East and coming to worship Him, and in their turn are doing their part by way of living examples to aid in raising other men to come and do likewise.

We believe our dryest deserts and most rugged pathways to have been not only crossed but cleared, so as to make the way easier for later followers.

"Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Heaven sings 'Hallelujah';
'Hallelujah,' the earth replies."

ANNETTE H. HOOPER,
Grand Secretary, Maine.

SOME POINTS TO BE NOTED.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—I find in visiting different chapters through the State that we have everything to encourage us in this Jurisdiction. We are growing in strength and increasing in numbers, and we have the hearty support of the Masonic fraternity, without which we can hope for but little. In some localities I find the brothers more enthusiastic in the work than the sisters. There is one duty that should be impressed upon the members of every Chapter, and that is to

watch well the outer door and see that none but the worthy enter there. The duty of the investigating committee is often very illy discharged, frequently neglected; one single mistake in this matter may cast a blight over the whole Chapter; one impure negative person admitted may poison the whole atmosphere. It is the duty of every member of a Chapter to see that such a result does not occur, it is easier to keep the door barred against the unworthy than to exclude them when once admitted. I believe that every Chapter should have an object to work for, the Chapter that always finds something to do, and does it, is the Chapter that you will always find harmonious and prosperous. If the members of our Order would put into practice in every day life the principles of our Order, the result would be a lasting benefit, nor can we expect to accomplish anything by sitting down and doing nothing.

MARY W. POTTER,
Grand Matron, Colorado.

LIGHT AHEAD.

The Eastern Star first made its appearance in New Hampshire about twenty years ago.

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The Grand Chapter was organized May 12, 1891, at Lancaster, N. H.

At the Grand Lodge of Masons that met last May, they voted to allow the Eastern Star to meet in their halls. This is very favorable for the Order and we hope to add many Chapters in the coming year.

MRS. JANE D. DAVIS,
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LONE STAR STATE.

The Order of the Eastern Star in Texas is progressing fairly well. It stands upon a firmer foundation at present than ever before. Our Grand Chapter has emerged from the cloud of debt which has hung like a pall over us for many years, and now we obey the scriptural injunction to "owe no man."

At the last session a new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, making the Grand Matron chief executive officer during the vacation of the Grand Chapter, and many other changes in the law, some of great importance which cannot be mentioned here, and still there is room for improvement. A law should be enacted requiring each member to learn the esoteric work. There are many members in this Jurisdiction, and perhaps in others also, who could not make themselves known as members. As long as this state of affairs exist our work cannot be a perfect success, for it is the principles of our Order inculcated into our lives that add lustre to our Star and sends its rays of "Advise, Sympathy and Aid," to penetrate and illumine the gloomy recesses of this life.

On account of the great financial depression there has not been as much organizing done this year up to date as during some former years, but news comes from all along the line of much interest being taken, and only the scarcity of money prevents a great influx of new Chapters.

We have many faithful workers in the field who are doing all in their power for the advance of our cause. Inadequate railway facilities very greatly hinder the progress of our work in some localities in this State. Success to THE EASTERN STAR.

RACHEL M. SWAIM,
Grand Matron, Texas.

Wednesday, Aug. 14, I visited Acton Chapter. Bro. Spicer, W. P., Sister Wilson, W. M., and Sister Spicer, A. Con., met me at the depot. We all took dinner with Sister Rouse, and at 2 p. m. went to the Chapter room. One candidate received the degrees. The work was very nicely done. Much regret was expressed because the Grand Secretary, who was also invited, was unable to be present.

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INDIANA.

Portland Chapter exemplified the work and initiated a candidate at a recent meeting. We had with us that evening, Bro. Sargent, P. G. P., who presided during the evening in an excellent manner, after which we tendered him a vote of thanks for his kindness.

South Bend Chapter is in a flourishing condition, and warm weather does not interfere with its work. We had a rousing meeting the last time and balloted on two petitions. We are having lawn socials once a month. Peace and harmony prevails. A. W. B.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The members of the Order in Massachusetts are very busy just now in anticipation of the coming meeting of the G. G. C. Nearly all are looking forward with bright hopes of visits from their friends who have taken up their residence in distant parts of the country, and who seize this most favorable opportunity of seeing home and friends once more; so that the families who are not favored with guests are indeed scarce. Preparations for the meeting are actively progressing, and the desire is manifest to give the visiting members of the Order a real Bostonian welcome.

Headquarters will be open at "The Union Hall," 48 Boylston St., opposite Masonic Temple, during the entire week of the Conclave; and a grand banquet, theatre party, visits to points of interest in and around the city, are planned for the entertainment of the guests.

The regular meeting of Vesta Chapter will be held August 28. Although it falls on the same evening as the grand banquet tendered the members of the G. G. C., also the receptions of several Commanderies, it is hoped that many who do not care to participate in

these festivities will find their way to this Chapter room, where a most cordial welcome awaits them.

Vesta Chapter held a very pleasant meeting July 24. Visitors were present from Augusta, Me., and from Keystone and Ruth Chapters of this Jurisdiction.

Although Vesta is the only Chapter in this vicinity holding its regular meetings at the present time, there is one other that is far from lying dormant during the summer months,—Ruth Chapter of Chelsea.—Monday evening, July 1, forty-seven of the members united in their annual outing at Nahant. At an early hour the members assembled in Chelsea Square, where special cars were in waiting to take them to Lynn, whence the journey was finished in barges. It was a beautiful moonlight night, and with the merry party on board, the ride was indeed a very pleasurable one. After enjoying a fish dinner at the famous Bass Point House, music and games were enjoyed. The brothers were somewhat crestfallen, being so far outstripped in bowling by Mrs. Rudolph and Mrs. French, who made some remarkable scores, while several other ladies were not far behind. Miss Keith favored the company with several selections on the piano which were greatly enjoyed. At 11:30 o'clock the party again reluctantly took the barges for the return trip,—the barges being illuminated nearly the entire distance by burning colored lights.

The clocks in the steeples tolled the small hours of the morning ere the members of the party reached their several homes,—and this evening's enjoyment is indelibly imprinted upon their memories among the pleasantest of their lives.

A fish dinner at Salem Willows is in anticipation for August.

PENNSYLVANIA.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—As I have thought many times I would send you word for your little paper how we were getting along, so

other chapters would know our heart was in the work. No time seems so fitting as the present, for at our last meeting our G. M. made us her first visit; we held a banquet in her honor and we had initiation. We have gotten our Floral March almost to perfection, so it looked very pretty; she gave us many compliments for she said we deserved them. We had several visitors and they all were pleased with our work, the only thing that marred our pleasure was, that our P. M. was too ill to be with us. She has had a very long and serious sickness caused by the la grippe. Her family and friends are very anxious regarding her as she does not gain as she should. We miss her in our Chapter room very much for she always had something to say for the good of the Order, but we will leave her in the hands of the good Father who doeth all things well, and hope ere long to see her with us again, in health and her usual strength.

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MRS. AUGUSTA D. WILSON,

Worthy Grand Matron of California.

The subject of this sketch, Augusta D. Moore, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, June 3, 1853. In the year 1856, when but three years of age, her parents removed to California, where they have since resided. They located in the great mining district of Nevada county. At that time there were no educational advantages or social enjoyments. Early in life she was the companion of her devoted mother. She developed a very strong self-reliance and fidelity to her kindred. This has always been one of the great characteristics of this noble woman from childhood to the present time. Being a close observer, ambitious to excel, very fond of reading, she qualified herself to enter an advanced class, and desirous of attending school, her parents sent her to Oakland, where for three years her time was spent in close study. At the expiration of the three years she returned to her mountain home and secured a position as teacher in one of the then organized schools, and in that position was of great value to her parents, who needed her assistance and companionship also. In 1876, she was married to James B. Wilson, who is a railroad engineer, a very devoted Mason, also a member of Unity Chapter O. E. S. They have one son, a promising young man of eighteen years. In 1880, a great sorrow befell our sister in the loss of her beloved mother. In 1882, Brother and Sister Wilson moved to Oakland where they now reside. As soon as they had prepared a home they were joined by her aged father, her brother Robert, and sisters Clementina, Mary and Nellie, where under the sheltering care of this kind mother, as well as sister, they dwell in harmony together. There is no sacrifice too great for Sister Wilson, that will tend to the happiness of her loved ones in their pleasant home. Since the death of her

mother, she has tenderly watched and laid to rest her sister Clementina.

She has very acceptably filled many positions of trust in the Order. In 1885, she was elected Associate Matron of Unity Chapter, in 1886, served as Worthy Matron, and for four years was Secretary. She served two years as Deputy Grand Matron and in October 1894 was elected Grand Matron of this State, which office she now holds, and will make a record few can compare with and



none can excel. She is an indefatigable worker in all she undertakes to accomplish, and spares neither money, time or strength to carry out her plans for the good of the society she represents.

Sister Wilson's husband, brothers and her two sisters are members of Unity Chapter,

and her reception by her home Chapter as Worthy Grand Matron, was evidence of the spirit and love in which she is held by them.

She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at West Oakland, an earnest worker in the Ladies Aid Society, has been Secretary for many years; also a worker in the Sabbath School. She was elected to the honorable position of Assistant Superintendent, and is one of the conscientious Christians, working for the Master as opportunity presents itself.

Sister Wilson is a woman with a decided opinion and not afraid of expressing the same in defence of the rights of others. A faithful wife, devoted mother and loving sister, and a warm personal friend,—loved and honored in the community where she has proved herself worthy of the confidence manifested from time to time, by her promotion in all the societies with which our sister is connected.

OUR YOUNG GIRLS IN TENEMENT HOUSES.

BY MERCY N. BAKER-WING, M. D.

The one, ugly, monstrous thing which has confronted me for more than fifteen years in any and all my relations with our tenement house population, is the impossibility of preserving personal purity. I say impossibility, fully comprehending the meaning of the word. With a quick remembrance of my "White Cross" friends, I diverge to say that I consider personal purity in boys just as essential as in girls, and am never without my cudgel of defense on that question. But whatever exists in the abstract, the fact remains that the character of any nation is determined by that of its women. The women are the mothers. They make the homes, and the homes are the backbone of a country.

As I contemplate the young girls living in tenement houses, I invariably think of three things—the influence of their habitation (it is a misnomer to call them homes), the necessities their mode of life entails, and the hopelessness of their future. They can have

the doctor's medicine, she added, "I am not sorry I gave them away now, Milly and her family have so little, they haven't even a white rooster for Thanksgiving," she added with a smile.

"And guess, mother whom I met as I was going into the yard to Milly's, Uncle John, and you know how fond of flowers he is, and he asked me what I was going to do with my fine geraniums. When I told him he looked cross and said he should think we had so little we had better keep it instead of giving it away, and said, he didn't suppose we had much to be thankful for.

"O, yes, I told him we had a great many things, mother; said we had a fine chicken for dinner tomorrow, and the pretty flowers to give some one who was sick and hadn't any, and lots of things. I just let him know the best of it you see. I didn't say anything about Rob's calling the white rooster Methusalem." Just then Rob came in with a big basket, saying as he put it on the table: "Uncle John's man brought it up, do open it quick mother and see what is in it, but just see here—listen Jessie.

"For the boy and girl who were thankful for an old rooster, and could give away their pretty flowers to some one who hadn't any.—UNCLE JOHN."

Mother had been taking out things—first an enormous turkey, then all sorts of things, "enough to last a month," Rob said.

"I will never say anything against Uncle John again, either, Jessie this is the faith to serve with the white rooster."

"It makes me feel solemn," replied Jessie. "You said so much about faith, mother, this almost seems an answer."

"A more tangible one, dear, than always comes," answered the mother, "and it really seems, this time, more providential.

"Giving away your flowers touched Uncle John's heart, and made him think of some one else who hadn't much; you see he is much like the rest of us—has a soft spot in his heart if you know how to find it, and you found it this time, Jessie, and found a Thanksgiving turkey."

"Let's keep the turkey and the soft spot in Uncle John's heart, too," said Rob, laughing, his mouth full of raisins.—Sturdy Oak.

Be very vigilant over thy child in the April of his understanding, lest the frosts of May nip his blossoms. While he is a tender twig, straighten him; whilst he is a new vessel, season him; such as thou makest him, such commonly shalt thou find him. Let his first lesson be obedience, and his second be what thou wilt. Give him education in good letters to the utmost of thy ability and his capacity. Season his youth with the love of his Creator, and make the fear of his God the beginning of his knowledge. If he have an active spirit, rather rectify than curb it; but reckon idleness among his chiefest faults. As his judgment ripens, observe his inclinations, and tender him a calling that shall not cross it. Forced marriages and callings seldom prosper. Show him the mow and the plow, and prepare him as well for the danger of the skirmish as possess him with the honor of the prize.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW JERSEY, 1895.

Friday morning, September 27, there assembled in Kinsilla hall, Paterson, more than a hundred and fifty ladies from various sections of New Jersey, being the members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of New Jersey, and the representatives thereto from the Subordinate Chapters. Besides these there was an unusually large number of visitors, which term is used to designate all members of the Order who, although permitted to attend and witness the deliberations, have no vote or voice therein. Upon the roll being called it was found that every Chapter in the State was represented. The Grand Matron read a long and interesting address, in which she made mention of the deaths since last session—Mrs. Chesters, Worthy Matron of Martha Washington Chapter, being highly eulogized, also, Past Grand Matron, Anna M. Mayhew. She also recommended that no Chapter hereafter be named for a living person, which was adopted. The Grand Patron's address also contained several good recommendations, all of which were adopted. Among them were the fixing of a minimum fee for initiation; presenting all Past Grand Matrons with jewels of their rank; limiting the members of a new Chapter by initiation to twenty; regulating the visits of non-affiliates to one year after dimit; and the appointment of all standing committees of the Grand Chapter at the close of each session. At mid-day about eighty-five members sat down to a banquet at Brunner's. At 2:45, the Grand Chapter received the reports of the various committees. The five Chapters U. D. were voted charters. The election occurred about five o'clock, and was very harmonious. The following were chosen:

Miss Kate M. Esch, Newark, Grand Matron.

Dr. F. Selnow, Hoboken, Grand Patron.

Mrs. F. Boone, Jersey City, Associate Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary Martin, P. G. M., Patterson, Grand Secretary (fifteenth years.)

Mrs. S. A. Stewart, P. G. M., Orange, Grand Treasurer (twenty-first year.)

Mrs. J. Winkler, Newark, Grand Conductress.

Miss S. Houlgrave, Paterson, Associate Grand Conductress.

The Grand Matron appointed Wm. C. Brown, P. G. P., Jersey City, Grand Chaplain; James Martin, P. G. P., Paterson, Grand Marshal (fifth year); Mrs. E. Crawshaw, Jersey City, Grand Adah; Mrs. R. Schmidt, Hoboken, Grand Ruth; Mrs. E. A. Allen, Paterson, Grand Esther; Mrs. M. Haskard, Elizabeth, Grand Martha; Mrs. E. Goodridge, Paterson, Grand Electa; Mrs. M. Norris, Jersey City, Grand Warder; John M. Mayhew, Newark, Grand Sentinel.

The installation ceremonies were performed by Past Grand Patron, James Martin, aided by Past Grand Patron, John M. Mayhew, as Grand Marshal, which ceremony occurred in the evening, preceding which a collation was

served in the Chapter rooms by Martha Washington, Miriam and Star of Bethlehem Chapters. Before leaving for home the Grand Matron arranged to present the charter and install the officers of Star of Bethlehem Chapter on the third Monday in October. There were some debates during the day with acrimonious tendencies, but generally the session was a pleasant and enjoyable one. Among the visitors were Brother Green, Grand Patron, Mrs. E. Burton, Past Grand Matron, and a dozen other officers of the Grand Chapter of New York. The remarkable event in connection with the session was that every living Past Grand Matron of New Jersey was present. The Secretary's report showed an increase of five chapters and and two hundred and ten members per year.

FRIENDSHIP.

What is a friend? Think seriously before you give an answer to this question. In last week's issue we published a list of definitions to this query, and the one that took the prize was, "The first person who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

We are not surprised at this one, from among possibly hundreds, having taken the prize, when we seriously consider what a friend really is. For it is a fact, strange as it may be, that not until "the whole world goes out" do we really know who our friend is, and, stranger still, that it is never the one we had expected that is "the first one to come in."

We have read somewhere the different grades of friends. There was the outer circle, those we simply meet as acquaintances; then came another circle, of those with whom we came in closer touch; and so on until it came to the one next to us, he who was bound to us by even closer ties than kin—he for whom, if need be, we would willingly lay down our life.

The world has witnessed many such friendships. They are recorded in history, and will live forever, pointing man to a higher and nobler conception of life—its possibilities and responsibilities.

What the world needs more than aught else, is sympathy—the sympathy of a friend. He it is who understands us, who knows our trials, who can appreciate our weaknesses.

Cherish the friends you have; cultivate friendship among those with whom you come in daily contact; let your friendship be disinterested and unselfish, always true and self-sacrificing—and when the dark clouds of adversity lower, when disappointments come, when life seems a burden that we would gladly be rid of—then when "the whole world has gone out," there will still be those who will "come in" to cheer and comfort us; and our trials will have been but the "storm that deeper roots the oak," and the world will be brighter, and our lives the better.—Lodge Weekly.

RETROSPECTION.

A tribute to Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Grand Matron, read by the author, Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, Past Grand Matron, at the Grand Chapter of Illinois, October 2, 1895.

Sitting thinking o'er life's mystery,
Nature all my heart-strings stirred,
Peace like a gentle spirit came
Yet I uttered not a word.

Of the thoughts that surged, and struggled
As the Past came back again,
For the loving scenes around me,
Seemed to soothe my weary pain.

And in fancy still I pondered
O'er the matchless work of Time,
How from youth to old age hoary,
We are led by power sublime.

In that garden, fair elysian,
Where was reared the first sweet home,
Guarded, watched by hosts of Angels,
And where sin had never come.

But the scene so quickly changes,
Darkness, hitherto unknown,
Settled 'round that fairest vision
Where but light had ever shone.

And the sorrow thus engendered,
By a woman weak and vain,
Left its curse upon the nations
Which has lifted ne'er again.

But that saying trite and olden,
Whispers as the darkness lowers,
That 'tis always fore the dawning
That we find the darkest hours.

And! behold! a light comes Earthward,
From the regions fair and bright,
And the Son of Man, The Incarnate
Scatters wide the gloom of night.

And I like to think that Mary,
Mother of this matchless son,
Gave the world the power that conquered
The curse that Mother Eve begun.

So a woman frail and faulty,
By temptation fell and lost
Peace and hope, but still another
Gave her Son an infinite cost.

Oh! how bless'd is woman's duty,
Woman's power to do and have,
To her hands so frail are given,
Human souls to train and save.

And to her thus nobly striving,
Comes a recompense for pain,
For the world her sway is feeling,
And she labors not in vain.

And my soul is stirred with gladness
For the good we daily see,
Coming from the hands of women
Fighting crime and misery.

At the shrine of noble women
Do we lay our truest praise,
As they strive mankind to enoble,
And more lasting good to raise.

My dear sister, friend so loyal,
To your worth this tribute take,
For I know your noble nature,
Never did a friend forsake.

And we feel this dear old Order,
Has a woman true and grand,
Who has worn her honors meekly,
Dealing justly on every hand.

I but voice the deepest feelings
Of the women of our Star.
Mothers, sisters, Wives and Daughters,
Who have followed you thus far.

Modest both in speech and action,
Kind and true to all you meet,
You deserve our warmest praises,
And our friendship strong and sweet.

I am proud to be your sister
In the Star we love so well,
For I've found no broken promise,
And I've loved you long and well.

May the Star of Bethlehem guide you
Through Earth's shadows dark or light,
Where you'll find our Saviour waiting,
In the mansions fair and bright.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ILLINOIS, 1895.

The Twenty-first Annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Chicago, October 1, 2, 3.

The officers marched in led by the Grand Marshal, after which the Grand Chapter was opened by the Grand Matron, Mate L. Chester, assisted by the Grand Patron, G. A. Edwards, and associate officers.

The capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the members and visitors. It was by far the largest session ever held.

By invitation of the Grand Matron, Sister L. J. Pitkin welcomed the members and visitors. She said in times past it was the custom to welcome them to their homes and the fire-sides, and the regret was that it could not now be done. The size of the Body alone prevented. Sister Pitkin was the recipient of a beautiful bouquet of red roses, the donor being Brother W. M. Allen, the Worthy Patron of Golden Rod Chapter.

The response to the welcome was made by the Associate Grand Matron, May Brown.

The following were saluted with Grand Honors and seated in the East: Sisters Elizabeth Butler, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Jennie E. Mathews, Nettie Ransford, Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons. Jennie A. Walker, Sopha C. Scott, Sue M. Simpson, Jane M. Ricketts, Nettie C. Kenner, Past Grand Matrons, and Brothers Daniel Burr, W. O. Butler, John Dickenson and D. H. Zepp, Past Grand Patrons.

The Grand Matron appointed the following Committees:

Credentials—John Hair, Agnes Brown, Emma L. Allen.

Returns—D. G. Burr, Marguerita Kley, Ella Hapeman.

Finance—W. F. Beck, Nellie Bassett, Sarah A. Eddy.

Unfinished Business—Harry Freeman, Mollie Colson, Elizabeth Webber.

Pay of Representatives—Nettie C. Kenner, Sadie Morrison, Helen Kimball.

Jurisprudence—Geo. D. Howard, Elizabeth Butler, Jane M. Ricketts.

Charters and Dispensations—D. H. Zepp, Mary Lane, Sallie Orchard.

Constitution and By-Laws—Frances M. Hall, Carrie A. Briggs, Jeannette W. Ashley, Chas. L. Hovey, W. P. Carlock.

Appeals and Grievances—W. O. Butler, Sue M. Simpson, Lottie J. Wiley.

Addresses—Isabel Hunter, Mattie Edwards, Ella M. Hobart.

Obituaries—W. M. Allen, Edna Wilcox, Carrie Bristol.

Foreign Correspondence—Allie Nichols.

The Grand Matron then read a very interesting address from which we cull briefly—

"Not what I did, but what I strove to do:
Wilt thou accept my sheaves?"

We have assembled here today to perform those duties incident to the Twenty-first Annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. As officers, to render an account of our stewardship, and as members, to choose from among our number, those who shall fill the official stations and take charge of such financial, social and fraternal duties as pertain to the welfare and prosperity of our beautiful Order.

I am proud to say we are still the banner State of that world which has for its light the Eastern Star,—that golden chain which unites men and women in the grand and glorious work of promulgating the principles of "Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness."

Here we find woven into the warp of the Masonic mantle, the woof of woman's tenderness, the devotion of the wife, the affection of the daughter, the changeless love of the mother, the grief of the widow, the confiding faith of the sister.

As the dew and rain of heaven, the caressing breeze, the beautiful sunshine are to the sturdy oak, so the Eastern Star is to the Masonic Fraternity, giving support to its foundation, strength to its body, grace and beauty to its branches.

Our State was honored by the almost unanimous re-election of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin as Right Worthy Grand Secretary for a third consecutive term—a worthy tribute to a worthy woman, whose busy brain and loving heart are always at the service of any movement in the interests of the Order of the Eastern Star, who from being one of the initial promoters of the Order, has always held her talents and energies at its command; and by the appointment of my predecessor, Sister Nettie Kenner, as Right Worthy Grand Organist.

During my severe illness of three months, many loving expressions of sympathy extended by you my sisters and brothers, were read to me by my Secretary. Your sweet sympathy coming like a message from above, will be treasured beyond price, for is not the light of friendship like the light of phosphorous—seen plainest when all around is dark.

I wish I could find words sufficiently strong to express my appreciation of the noble band of sisters and brothers, who, as my associate officers, have so loyally supported me and made pleasant many duties that otherwise might have been burdens, but be assured my sisters and brothers your loving kindness will ever be treasured in grateful remembrance.

While it might seem invidious where all have done so well, I must mention my Worthy Grand Patron, Brother G. A. Edwards, whom I have ever found a true, willing and impartial counselor, and the faithful service of Sister Sopha C. Scott. Never were the important duties of a Secretary more ably or conscientiously performed. The thorough business methods which have characterized her office have been of great benefit to me. Our large membership renders the Grand Secretary's office no easy place to fill. In my Associate Grand Matron I have had the loyalty and devotion of a friend and sister.

In Lorraine J. Pitkin I have had a pillar of strength and while I thought I had known her for years, I must confess I only became acquainted with her twelve months ago. God

bless her and spare her many years to serve the Order she loves so well.

I desire in an especial manner to express my sincere thanks to Sisters Sopha C. Scott, Sue M. Simpson, Jane M. Ricketts, Nettie C. Kenner, Jennie Walker, Emma L. Allison, Belle Morgan, Jennie Freeman, Lizzie Grove, Emma Van Horn, Jennie Bedinger, Carrie Bristol and Isabelle Hunter, who have so ably and kindly assisted me in organizing new Chapters—always faithful, always loving, always ready to aid—your work will be held in remembrance dear.

Equally pleasant is the duty of acknowledging my indebtedness to the Worthy Matrons, officers and members of Subordinate Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, whose fidelity and kindness will be among the sweetest memories of my administration.

And now my sisters and brothers, as I am about to surrender to another the exalted position to which your love, confidence, and esteem elected me, I give you my positive assurance that it has been my earnest endeavor to administer the affairs of the office so as not to bring discredit to the cause we represent, or you to regret that you elevated me to this high station. Please bear in mind, however, I am simply human, subject to all the ills that flesh is heir to.

Under a consciousness of having done my duty to the best of my ability, and with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his tender mercies, with a God bless you for each and every one of my sisters and brothers, and Godspeed for her who shall succeed me, this report is courteously and fraternally submitted.

Sister Chester paid a beautiful tribute to the fraternal dead and tendered loving sympathy to the two of the Grand Chapter, Sister May Brown and Brother W. H. Bartells, whose homes had been invaded by the unwelcome visitor.

Immediately following her election, she sent a letter of Greeting to the Subordinate Chapters, inviting their co-operation in carrying forward the work. She appointed representatives in the several Grand Jurisdictions, granted forty dispensations and one of the recommendations was, that members holding dimits be debarred from visiting Chapters, after one year if able to pay.

Her expense account was as follows:

Postage on 2,556 letters.....	\$ 51.12
" " 400 Greetings.....	8.00
Postals and extra postage.....	8.29
Printing and Stationary.....	39.05
Telegrams and express.....	6.74
Journal and Ledger.....	3.90
Railroad and other traveling ex.....	25.24
Typewriting and extras.....	17.35
Expense to General Grand Chapter..	66.75
Total.....	\$ 226.44

The Grand Patron's address evidenced his zeal for the work and that the trust was well reposed. We gather a few thoughts—

Another year, freighted with good and evil, with pleasure and pain, joy and sorrow, hope and despair, sunshine and shadow,—has come and gone and the Twenty-first Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Illinois will soon be come a past session, and its transactions, matters of record and part of the history of the progress of our beloved Order in Illinois, with its struggles, triumphs and hopeful and helpful achievements.

It is hard to realize that a whole year has

passed since we last assembled here, but in that time, short though it has seemed, almost an age has elapsed, if we reckon, not alone by days and hours, but by achievements and by opportunities for doing good that have been granted us—for

"The world is growing happier, as the broadening vision lifts,
And the vitalizing thoughts of men are driving back the mists,
And a halo shines on homes and hearts as it never shone before.
We are gathering up the dreams of saints and the prophecies of yore."

The year just closed has been a prosperous one for our Order, the increase in membership and new Chapters being such as to warrant us in believing that its beneficent purposes are being understood and appreciated throughout the domain of Masonry, and that, being understood, they are bringing forth fruit to the honor and glory of God and the uplifting of humanity.

Harmony and fraternal feeling exist throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, and so far as I am advised have existed the entire past year with very few exceptions, and where it has been otherwise, it has, I believe, in all cases been the result of misunderstandings which have been happily adjusted. Probably there will always be family quarrels among us. We are too much alike to be able to entirely avoid them, but while this is true, we can and should stand shoulder to shoulder in doing good, and find helpful lessons in Adah's fidelity, Ruth's obedience, Esther's devotion to the right, Martha's trustful faith, and Electa's zeal in the cause of truth.

Many, indeed, are the responsibilities resting upon the members of this Grand Body, and as the work done at one session is made a matter of record and becomes a part of our history, into which those who come after us may look for counsel and guidance, may every thing done be done in a fraternal spirit, never forgetting the great principles that called our Order into existence. Let us not be afraid to do our whole duty, nor afraid that some one will object to what we do, but let us act upon the principle that there is but one thing to do and that is—to do right as we are able to see the right—leaving the responsibility to the future.

I feel that I would not be just to myself or those to whom I owe so much for advice and assistance in the discharge of the duties of my office, did I not publicly acknowledge my appreciation of their kindness and helpfulness at all times.

To our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Chester, we are all greatly indebted for the pleasant, harmonious year just passed, her thoughtful consideration of all at all times, her faithfulness to duty, and her earnest devotion to the interests of our work, has won her many lasting friends throughout this Jurisdiction. It can well be said of her, 'She hath done what she could.'

To our Past Grand Matron, Sister Ricketts, and Past Grand Patron, Brother Zepp, I wish to convey due honor and credit for their valuable advice and counsel in time of need.

And especially would I mention our Grand Secretary, Sister Scott, and the invaluable service she has rendered, outside of and beyond the regular duties of her office.

A Grand Matron and Grand Patron, each in their first year of service, find many things new and unknown relative to their duties and the requirements of their official stations, and I feel sure our Grand Matron will bear me out in the assertion, that had it not been for the aid given us by Sister Scott, our year of official life would not have been so pleasant as it has been.

And to you, my sisters and brothers, who

one year ago elected me to the highest office a brother may fill in our Order, I come with grateful heart and I thank you for the confidence you manifested and for the honor you conferred upon me, and, while life shall last and memory remain, the recollections thereof will be jewels indeed precious—and, I assure you, in all the earnestness of my heart, loving our Order as I do, that it belongs to you, that the officers to whom you have entrusted the administration during the past year, now returns it to you, assured that prudence will direct your deliberations and Justice be the guide of all your actions. "May the blessings of our Heavenly Father rest upon us all."

Thirty-four Chapters had been organized, adding to the membership one thousand, one hundred and four.

He recommended that the names on petitions for Dispensation be limited to twenty-five: That a copy of the Secret Work be given each Chapter and that the Worthy Patron be made personally responsible for its transfer to his successor: That it be the duty of Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to notify the Grand Matron of a Grand or Past Grand Officer's death, and she in turn shall notify all Chapters in the Jurisdiction: That the charter of Chapters delinquent for two years for the payment of dues shall be arrested: That the annual returns shall cover the year from July 1 to June 30, and that payment of Grand Chapter dues be made on or before August 15, if not the representatives be debarred from drawing mileage.

The report of the Grand Secretary was very complete. She had written six thousand, three hundred and nine letters and two thousand, two hundred postals. Thirty-three Chapters were reported delinquent, some since 1875. The receipts for the year were \$4,843.50.

The report of the Treasurer showed the total receipts to be \$8,748.79; the disbursements, \$4,260.25, leaving in the Treasury a balance of \$4,488.54.

The Credential Committee reported Grand Officers, nineteen; Past Grand Officers, nineteen; Past Matrons, thirty; Representatives, four hundred and fifty.

Brother G. W. Howison presented a resolution which was adopted by the Grand Chapter. That a Home be erected for aged and dependent widows of Master Masons and members of the Order, and that the incoming Grand Matron and Grand Patron, with five other members constitute a committee with power to act.

This resolution enlisted the sympathy of the members and immediately the land was offered by May Chapman, Grand Warder, of Vienna. A sister of Adah Chapter gave the first \$5, and Lorraine J. Pitkin pledged \$100.

There were Charters granted to twenty-eight Chapters.

The Obituary report was beautifully written. One hundred links were severed during the past year.

A very complete Constitution and By-Laws was adopted.

There was allowed the Grand Matron in addition to her \$400 as salary, \$50. To the

Grand Secretary in addition to her \$600 salary \$100, and to the Committee on Correspondence, \$25.

The Worthy Matrons, Worthy Patrons and Associate Matrons present were installed by Elizabeth Butler, assisted by Nettie Ransford as Grand Marshal, as were also the following Grand Officers:

May Brown, Pana, Grand Matron.

C. L. Hovey, Decatur, Grand Patron.

Jennie Freeman, Sidell, Associate Grand Matron.

William R. Allen, Chicago, Associate Grand Patron.

Sopha C. Scott, Mattoon, Grand Secretary.

Inez J. Bender, Monticello, Grand Treasurer.

Sarah B. Haggard, Austin Grand Conductress.

May Chapman, Vienna, Associate Grand Conductress.

Edna A. Wilcox, St. Charles, Grand Adah.

Belle Morgan, Moline, Grand Ruth.

Sadie Messinger, Joliet, Grand Esther.

Helen Baxter, Peoria, Grand Martha.

Sarah L. Chamberlain, Taylorville, Grand Electa.

Mollie E. Colson, Mattoon, Grand Chaplain.

Emma Carrier, Chicago, Grand Marshal.

Lizzie Grove, Galva, Grand Warder.

F. M. Hocker, Colchester, Grand Sentinel.

Anna Hovey, Decatur, Grand Organist.

A pleasant incident of the Grand Chapter was the gift of a beautiful bouquet of roses to the Grand Matron with the compliments of Leroy A. Goddard, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M.

Brother O. B. Gorin, the oldest living Grand Master of Illinois F. & A. M., paid a visit to the Grand Chapter and was most enthusiastically received.

Floral offerings were gorgeously beautiful and the perfume of roses was every where. The newly elected Grand Matron was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses, the presentation being made by Sister Freeman, Grand Conductress. Also, Sister Freeman received a similar gift. Sister Scott, Grand Secretary, from her many friends received a beautiful rose bouquet, Sister Sue M. Simpson presenting it. From Queen Esther Chapter in which Sister Chester holds her membership, through its Matron, Sister Brown, she received a lovely rose bouquet.

There were four Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons present and Sister Pitkins emphasized the fact by a personal gift to Elizabeth Butler, Jennie E. Mathews and Nettie Ransford of a bouquet of roses. In turn the three united in remembering her to a similar gift prompted by her thoughtfulness.

The friends of Sister Mate L. Ohester presented her with a beautiful ring, an opal set with diamonds, as a token of their love and esteem for her as a sister and officer. Sister Nettie Ransford, by invitation of the committee in charge made the presentation.

The Grand Chapter will hold its next meeting at Peoria, the second Tuesday in October, 1896.

UNITY AND HARMONY.

One feature of the Masonic Fraternity which has awakened wondering admiration in woman's heart, has been the unity of that tie which binds together the Craftsmen of that mighty Order.

Through all ages, in all countries and amid all races of people, there has ever existed a Masonic Lodge, and a Brother who enters that spot feels that he has found a home, friends who will care and comfort him; he need not know the language of the strange tongues, their habits, dress, manners may be vastly different from those with which he is familiar, yet there is a welcome and unmistakable sign—a solemn recognition that is more powerful even than ties of flesh and blood; soul is revealed to soul in some mysterious way and mutual benefit and sympathy lastingly results. The same spirit of inner unity should exist just as sacredly in the links which bind the members of the Eastern Star together—it should be just as deep and eternal—and if we have a proper conception of the obligation to which we bind our lives, it must be so! Thus firmly bound together we enter the precincts of our Chapter rooms to absorb into our hearts lessons of love, tenderness and self-sacrifice; worldliness and selfishness should be overcome in the management of Chapter affairs. It is a grand privilege to sit and behold the splendid working of the degrees, each teeming with heroic lessons for the noble up-building of character, but these noble self-sustaining influences are lost if one is agitated by yearnings of ambition of personal power that covets the chairs of honor.

In the selection of officers, friendship and social prominence should be disregarded and only those chosen and voted upon who possess executive ability, lofty courage and mental strength that shall guide the Chapter to safety and success; then the members should devotedly sustain such leaders. Where there is a troubled under-current of criticism that borders on fault finding and careless attention, no Chapter will glow with bright results.

When the splendid ritual is perfectly committed and delivered with loud, fervent tone and effect, it is thrilling with dramatic grandeur and sublime with glorious meaning; no luke-warm feeling remains in such a Chapter, but it becomes a spot ardently anticipated and eagerly attended, and the lessons of the Order sink into our hearts and we become, like the Fraternity, bound together for life and eternity.—Pacific Mason.

Prof. Harriet Cooke, professor of history in Cornell, is the first woman ever honored with the chair and equal pay with the men professors. She has taught in Cornell twenty-three years, and is now interested in the deaconesses' movement and making investigation into that and other charitable work.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MONTANA, 1895.

The Grand Chapter never held a more enjoyable and prosperous meeting than that which took place on the beautiful autumn day of October 11, 1895.

Although the annual business was necessarily crowded into one day, it was well done and with celerity. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice Stedman, displayed her excellent executive ability, and the Grand Patron, I. W. Baker, his readiness to assist in the conduct of such affairs as properly belonged to his office, with his characteristic urbanity to officers and members. Stations in the East were filled by the immediate Past Grand Matron, Marion Wood of Townsend, J. M. Power, second Grand Patron of the State, Cornelius Hedges who succeeded him, Judge Charles W. Pomeroy recently appointed to preside over the Eleventh Judicial District of Montana, and Mrs. Edna L. Hedges elected at the recent Triennial session of the General Grand Chapter at Boston, to the office of Worthy Grand Conductress.

The address of the Grand Matron was exceedingly well expressed in its citation of the principles of our Order and in its practical features and recommendations. The only fault to be found with the Grand Patron's was its brevity, the good feeling which animated him was apparent in every sentence. The Grand Secretary reported our membership as upwards of eleven hundred; the two largest Chapters, Miriam of Helena, and Ruth of Butte, numbering one hundred and eighty-seven and one hundred and forty-five respectively. Our financial condition, considering the depression of the times which is especially felt in the silver mining industries of the west, is excellent, and admitted of the appropriation of \$150 to our Grand Secretary, \$25 to our Grand Treasurer, and a small appropriation for mileage was divided between the regular officers and proxies of the several subordinates. Although, owing to causes generally prevailing which may affect other jurisdictions as well as our own, no Chapters had been formed during the past year, it was not for want of active work in that direction, for speedy additions are promised in the near future as the reward of faithful effort. In this state our principal cities are quite distant from each other and separated by mountain ranges, and our transcontinental lines from force of circumstances do not, as yet, favor cheap transportation. However, time and tide will remedy such disadvantages and Montana now is and ever has been earnest, faithful, interested and progressive in its work for the Order, so that naught can cause the dimming of "the shining Star," throughout these mountains and vales. Try us again when another World's Fair comes around to prove the spirit and devotion of the organization at large.

A report was called for from the representative of Montana in the General Grand Chapter, but owing to an unexpected interruption,

adjournment was taken for an hour on account of a Masonic funeral in the Temple, and this matter received brief attention later.

The election resulted in the choice of:

Mrs. Sarah Tracey, Bozeman, Grand Matron.

George T. Slack, Missoula, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ada M. Aiken, Butte, Associate Grand Matron.

William W. Wood, Townsend, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Elva Boardman, Butte, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Louise Day, Glendive, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Lucy S. Railsback, Billings, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. McNulty, Virginia City, Associate Grand Conductress.

The appointments made were:

Mrs. Willie G. Prueitt, Helena, Grand Chaplain.

Star Officers—Mesdames Valiton, Deer Lodge; Gibson, White Sulphur Springs; Bass, Stevensville; Rammel, Bozeman; Donovan, Billings.

Mrs. Frizzell, Great Falls, Grand Warder.

Dr. Hampton, White Sulphur Springs, Grand Marshal.

Mr. McWilliams, Butte, Grand Sentinel.

Mrs. May Cambers, Butte, Grand Organist.

The festivities of Masonic week were many and characteristic of the free and genial hospitality of our Capital City. There was a large attendance of members of Miriam Chapter, as well as visitors and officers of the Grand Chapter, at the regular meeting on Thursday evening when initiation was conducted most creditably, the Chapter appearing resplendent in its new regalia recently purchased in the east.

A reception was given on Thursday at the residence of the Grand Matron, to which all members and visitors were invited. This was largely attended and throughout the week none could see aught but good influences prevailing for those who each to the other "bade good morrow in such a spirit" and parted in a better one.

E. L. H.

NEW STAR FOR THE FLAG.

Another star, the forty-fifth, is to be added to our flag. The new star will represent Utah, and the order for its addition to the national colors has been issued by Secretary Lamont. The star will be placed to the right of the fourth row from the top. The order for the addition of the star is accompanied by one changing the size of the colors. Heretofore the standard has been six feet by five. The new order makes the regulation size five feet six inches by four feet four inches. The order provides for the new colors to be issued to all infantry, artillery and the battalions of engineers, and also for new standards for all cavalry. They are to be made of the finest American silk. Utah will not attain statehood until July 4 next, but all the flags hereafter contracted for and issued will contain the star heralding the admission of that territory into the Union.—The Young Idea.

FROM THE OLD BAY STATE.

For the Eastern Star.

Many of the members of Golden Chapter have lingered longer than usual in their vacation homes, on account of the intense heat of September. Consequently the meetings held since the Chapter rooms were opened have not been largely attended. A few of us, however, have been glad to clasp again the hands of friends tried and true, and to feel the benign influence which seems ever to linger in this place, where so many happy hours have been spent.

Our Worthy Matron, Sister Nellie Conner, has been ill, and we sadly missed her gentle, gracious presence. But at our last meeting she was with us and invited the Chapter to meet socially at her home, a privilege of which we are always glad to avail ourselves. At this meeting four petitions were received, and committees appointed to arrange for the official visitation of the Grand Officers which is to take place November 15.

The members of Golden Chapter are sincere believers in the good old adage, that "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and we also hold it true that he who works deserves, now and then, a holiday, and can enter into and enjoy it with a zest. And so it came about that about sixty of us resolved to take an outing one lovely day in early September, and selected Congamond Lakes as the spot presenting the best advantages for our programme. Given,—a perfect day and a company of congenial spirits, all united in the determination to have a good time. What would be the result? We had the best of times of course. A sail on the lovely lakes sharpened our appetites for a finely served clam bake. And, as we journeyed homeward by the light of the setting sun, all agreed that such an evening would bear repetition, and it is likely to become an annual event.

In sharp contrast to these bright threads which we so willingly weave into the pattern of our web of life, are the dark ones which we must weave, be it ever so unwillingly. While the bustle of active work and social enjoyment goes on, and we are adding new links to our golden chain, one of the best and brightest is severed.

Col. Lucius B. Walkley was a charter member of Golden Chapter. He loved the Order, and of him it can be truly said, "He hath seen His Star in the east." To his wife, whom we all love, and whom we regard as the mother of Golden Chapter, and to his children, bereft of so devoted a father, our hearts go out in a sympathy too deep for words. The love and esteem in which Col. Walkley was held by the town's-people was attested by the number who attended his funeral, to pay the last tribute to a good citizen and an honest, faithful friend. I was deeply touched at the love manifested by a veteran soldier and Grand Army man, who, with tears streaming down his withered cheeks, grasped my hand, and, in broken tones, said, "He was my

Colonel, and I loved him." I mingled my tears with his. In life we loved him; in death we add our tribute of sorrow for his loss and honor to his memory.

"Such was our friend. Framed on the good old plan.

A true and brave and downright honest man!

His daily prayer far better understood

In acts than words, was simply doing good.

So calm, so constant was his rectitude,

That by his loss alone we know his worth,

And feel how true a man has walked with us on earth."

The Chapters in this vicinity are, as far as I know, busy and happy.

Doric of East Hampton was officially visited October 1, by Mrs. Effie M. Carson, Associate Grand Matron. A large delegation from Bethlehem Chapter, Florence was present. Two candidates were initiated, and although I was not present, I have received fine reports of the creditable manner in which the ceremony was performed.

I had the pleasure of visiting Crystal Chapter, Malden, at its September meeting. To visit such a Chapter is an inspiration. In spite of the fact that a severe thunder and wind storm was raging at the time for opening, the hall was full and overflowed into the ante-rooms. Ten petitions were received and four candidates initiated. The manner in which the work was performed reflected credit upon every officer and could not fail to impress the candidates, not only with the beauty of the ceremony, but also with the fact that there is a deep meaning in every lesson taught. After the close of the Chapter a toothsome banquet was served. Old friendships were strengthened and new ones formed, and as the good-nights were said, I wished I was a near neighbor, that I might more often enjoy such an evening.

LOUISE J. PROVIN.

GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH DAKOTA, 1895.

The Grand Chapter held its Second Annual Session in Fargo, June 21 and 22, 1895.

The reports showed an increase of seven new Chapters, names and places as follows: Venus, Minot; Lorraine, Devil's Lake; Orient, Casselton; Golden Rule, Dickinson; Hillsboro, Hillsboro; Bethel, Forest River; Mary C, Park River.

The following officers were elected:

Sarah E. Topping, Grand Forks, Grand Matron.

Leonard A. Rose, Fargo, Grand Patron.

Sarah E. Gannon, Ellendale, Associate Grand Matron.

W. A. Dillon, Bismark, Associate Grand Patron.

Nannie R. Briggs, Bismark, Grand Secretary.

Alice W. Davidson, Wahpeton, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Chapter will meet in Fargo in 1896, the first Thursday after the Tuesday of which the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. meets.



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GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT, 1895.

The Twenty-second Annual Session of the Grand Chapter was held at Grand Army Hall, Hartford, October 9. The session was opened in ample form by Sister Mary C. A. Perkins, Grand Matron.

The address of the Grand Matron was an interesting document. Her recommendations and decisions were each approved. She spoke lovingly of the loved ones gone before, thirty-five having been called to rest from their labors, among the number being Past Grand Patrons, Hatch and Ford, and Past Grand Matron and Grand Treasurer, Sister Carrie B. Konold, she being the first Grand Officer to die while in the service of the Grand Chapter.

Three Chapters have been instituted during the year. Charters were granted to each.

Whole number of members, two thousand, six hundred and ten, a gain of two hundred and thirty-one during the year.

A committee was appointed by the Grand Matron to confer with a committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter, upon the feasibility of coming under the Jurisdiction of that Body and report at the next annual session.

Brother William M. Gage, Past Grand Patron, was elected a life member of the Masonic Home.

The Grand Chapter will meet in New Haven on the second Wednesday of October, 1896.

The officers elected were:

Mrs. Annie L. Wolcott, New Haven, Grand Matron.

Merle C. Cowles, Bridgeport, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ida A. Fiske, Hartford, Associate Grand Matron.

William B. Hall, Wallingford, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Amelia E. Leeds, New Haven, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Henrietta C. Holaday, New Haven, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary J. Persons, Winsted, Grand Conductress.

Miss Minnie Willis, Ansonia, Associate Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Emma Howland, West Haven, Grand Adah.

Mrs. Mary F. Peck, Milford, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Jennie C. Pickering, New Haven, Grand Esther.

Miss Clara Georgia, Unionville, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Carrie Cooper, Westville, Grand Electa.

Mrs. M. J. Whitney, Sharon, Grand Warder.

William L. Griswold, New Haven, Grand Sentinel.

Miss Hattie Sprague, Moosup, Grand Organist.

Miss Lottie Lillingston, Stratford, Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Mary C. Potter, Meriden, Grand Chaplain.

Samuel G. Redshaw, Ansonia, Grand Lecturer.

Mrs. Mary C. A. Perkins Committee Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Officers were installed by Mary C. A. Perkins, retiring Grand Matron, assisted by Helen E. Pellett, Grand Marshal.

Thanks were extended to the Grand Officers for their untiring efforts in behalf of the Order. Grand Chapter closed at 7 o'clock, each member declaring as they departed for their several homes, that the meeting had been interesting, harmonious and enjoyed by all.

C. B. C.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MICHIGAN, 1895.

The Grand Chapter met in its Twenty-ninth Annual Session, October 9, in Masonic Temple, city of Saginaw, the guest of Bethlehem Chapter.

More Chapters being represented than was required by the Constitution, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

The Address of Welcome so heartily given by Sister Kittie Kennedy, made every one feel that they were indeed welcome guests.

The response in behalf of the Grand Chapter was given by Mrs. Rena Layle Weeks, and must show to the sisters and brothers of Bethlehem Chapter that the Grand Chapter of Michigan appreciates their warm and kindly welcome.

The annual address and report of the Grand Matron, Sister Louese A. Turck, shows thorough work. She has spared neither time, strength nor money, to make the two years of her administration the best in the history of the Order in Michigan.

The report of the Grand Patron, Brother Allen S. Wright, shows that he has been untiring in his efforts for the upbuilding of our beautiful Order.

Thirty-four new chapters have been organized, and charters were granted to each of them at the annual meeting just closed.

The Order has gained more than two thousand in membership during the past year.

The honored guests at our annual meeting were (our own) H. H. Hinds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin. They were each received with the honor due them in their high official stations.

The initiatory work was beautifully exemplified the first evening by the officers of Bethlehem Chapter, whose guests we were.

The report of the Credential Committee showed that there were one hundred and six Chapters represented.

The angel of death has entered our ranks, fifty-two links having been severed from our golden chain.

The election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Mrs. Lida A. Pratt, Jackson, Grand Matron.

Charles A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ida Joslin, Northville, Associate Grand Matron.

Wm. H. Baxter, Detroit, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. S. K. Winans, Lansing, Grand Treasurer.

This report would be incomplete were you not told of the surprise that came to the Grand Chapter, Thursday evening, or rather Friday morning (for it was 1 a. m.) when all were invited to the banquet hall, where the Masonic brethren had spread a fine lunch. The surprise was complete, but the invitation was gratefully accepted. After the lunch, Grand Chapter was again called to labor. The Grand Matron appointed three sisters to invite the Masonic brethren to enter the Chapter room and witness the installation ceremonies, after which the Grand Chapter closed to meet in the city of Adrian, the second Wednesday in October, 1896.

A.

WOMAN AND PATRIOTISM.

THE AUTHOR OF "PRESTON PAPERS."

Whatever woman owes to mankind in general, she owes in a special way to her country; loyalty to principle, to friends, to self. When woman is true to God, to herself, to friends, to duty—she will not fail her country.

The Roman matron who pointed to her children saying: "These are my jewels," discharged her duty to her country, in giving to Rome the Gracchi; and no less did the mother of young Michael Romanof, of Russia, when in 1610, she begged her brother Chereментef to oppose the elevation of her son to the throne, believing that his extreme youth rendered him incapable of taking so important a place in national affairs. Being informed that the nobles would not revoke their choice, she solicited the plenipotentiaries to take him under their guardianship, assuring them that he had not been educated in the difficult art of governing mankind—showing that her patriotism was stronger than her love of place and power.

At a grand entertainment given by Tallyrand and soon after Napoleon's return from the conquest of Italy, Madame de Stael asked the emperor: "Who is the greatest woman in the world?" He looked at her and replied coldly: "She, Madame, who has borne the greatest number of children." But from a patriotic standpoint, if from no other, some of us would prefer quality to quantity, citing as instances the patriots of our own country, colonial, revolutionary, and more recent.

Finally, a woman has a duty to her country, to instil its love in those whom she influences through any means, whether by relationship, teacher or writer, that we may eventually realize Holmes's ideal:

"One flag, one land;
One heart, one hand—
One Nation evermore."

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

We hoped to have the full report of the Grand Chapter of California for this issue, but as only a part of it has reached us we will reserve that for our next paper.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas will hold its Nineteenth Annual Meeting in Little Rock on Tuesday, November 20, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning. Best wishes for a prosperous meeting.

When you attend Chapter leave all personal feelings outside, and in whatever measure comes before the Chapter for consideration, let the good of the work be the rule that shall govern your voice and your vote.

Brother A. W. Hempleman, Grand Patron, who was in the City attending the meeting of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, paid a call at the office of THE EASTERN STAR. Our Grand Patron is always a welcome visitor.

To be a loyal friend, means to trust on, though appearances might suggest another course. 'Tis often that in the appearance

alone is the fault, and judgment should only be rendered after due opportunity for explanation.

A letter just received tells us that Dr. Marie Haslep has arrived in New York where she will remain some weeks. She has been spending the time since she left this city in Minnesota and the change has some what improved her health.

If you would keep up with the march of the Order, you will subscribe for THE EASTERN STAR. It wants to be helpful and useful to you, and it will also be helped by your subscription. Now that the winter work is beginning, send in your name.

Circulars are issued by the General Grand Chapter officers announcing the organization on August 22, of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. Thus, another star is added to the galaxy of Grand Chapters and it promises to be one of the first magnitude.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania will meet in its Second Annual Session in Philadelphia, on November 19, at ten o'clock in the morning. While it is young in years, it seems composed of material that promises valiant, faithful service to the Order. Success and harmony attend it.

After the long hot summer it is indeed pleasant to gather in the Chapter room and greet friends old and new. The lessons seem to have a deeper meaning and we take up the work with renewed zeal. Let us endeavor to leave all outside except that which shall tend toward the upbuilding of the Order.

"Florene" is the name of a new song and chorus which was arranged by Annie P. Scott. The words are by Mrs. Louis Steenrod, and music by Mrs. Seymour Dunlevy. It is dedicated to Mrs. Helen Dunlevy. Sister Scott is a member of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, Ill., and to her THE EASTERN STAR is indebted for a copy of the sweet little song.

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.

Sister Mina Alley and her husband reached the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on October 26, and they extended an invitation to a large number of their friends to spend the evening with them in their new home to which they have recently moved

The response to the invitations was very numerous and they received some beautiful gifts. May many years be added to the twenty five.

The White Rose is a new Order which seems to be gathering many followers. While it claims no kinship to the Order of the Eastern Star, its members must be members of the Order. At the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter of Illinois held in Chicago, a large class was initiated, among them many prominent workers of the Order of the Eastern Star. The lessons are beautiful and the work of the officers was impressively rendered.

Mrs. Lelia M. Rowan, Past Grand Esther of Michigan, and author of the little drama, Knights of Olympia, has another very beautiful new drama for the Order of the Eastern Star entitled, "The Royal Templars of Palestine." It comes just in time for Chapters to secure for their winter entertainment and we predict for it a ready and large sale. Copies can be secured by addressing Mrs. Lelia M. Rowan, Petoskey, Michigan, and orders will receive prompt attention.

Along life's pathway are many shadowed places and there are some heavy burdens to bear. If your life be less burdened, do not forget to tender to those less fortunate, your love and sympathy. We are taught to help bear one another's burdens and few realize until experience teaches them how much comfort and strength comes from a loving word or act, from one who is counted among our friends. Do not be so absorbed with your own interest and enjoyments as to shut out the sorrows and troubles of others.

To John A. Logan Corps, No. 191, Woman's Relief Corps, belongs the honor of having laid the corner stone of the first cottage at the State Soldiers' Home located near Lafayette, Ind. John A. Logan Corps is only a little over a year old, but rivals in its zeal many an older one. The exercises were very interesting. They were conducted by the Comrades of the Grand Army. A strange feature of the occasion was, that while the cottage was being erected by the Corps, not a representative of the Woman's Relief Corps had a part on the program.

We are taught not to grow weary in well doing, and the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. The utter weariness that comes to one, who again and yet again is compelled to call the attention of delinquent subscribers to their indebtedness, is past understanding save by those who have done likewise. Faith and love are beautiful and necessary attributes, but it takes the \$'s to balance accounts at the end of the month and "make the wheels go round." Sisters and brothers behold your sister standing with outstretched

hand, and salute her with your renewals and subscriptions.

The hour for opening each Chapter is fixed by By-Laws, and every Chapter is expected to render obedience to this the same as to any other section of the law, yet how few seem to consider it. One might suppose that this were altogether optional with the presiding officer, and it is the exception rather than the rule that Chapters are opened at the hour fixed in the By-Laws. The result of this laxity is that members think that they will be in time anyway and make little or no effort to reach the Chapter room on time. Then, if there be business or work, before the close of the Chapter the members grow restive and want to "hurry up." The hurry comes at the wrong end of the line for had the gavel sounded at the proper time, the work would have been accomplished "decently and in order," besides a little time usually for social intercourse. When the members of a Chapter have fallen into this habit it is a little difficult to get back to the right way, but the fact that the right way is to open the Chapter on time, should warrant the presiding officer to be present at the appointed time and by her punctuality incite a similar habit in the members. It is to be granted that it is very unsatisfactory to the Worthy Matron to open the Chapter and fill the stations pro tem, even though those who substitute are capable of rendering the work as efficiently as the regular officers. Very naturally and justly, as well, the Worthy Matron expects her associate officers to be prompt and regular in their attendance, and she feels that her work is hampered when this is not the case. This may seem to be a small matter, but it is much more important than many may think, for a slight neglect in little things makes its impression everywhere. Let the gavel sound at the hour appointed if only there be a quorum present, and very soon the members will fall into line and the result will be greater interest and attendance.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

September 26, I visited South Bend Chapter. I reached the city at 1:15, and was met by the Associate Matron and Associate Conductress and taken to the home of Sister Calvert, Worthy Matron. Brother Byers, Worthy Patron, Sister Hunt, Associate Matron, and Sister Thomas were invited to dinner. We spent a very pleasant afternoon and at 6:30 went to the hall. In a short time we were invited to the dining hall where a sumptuous banquet was served. The tables and hall were beautifully decorated with ferns, pinks and roses, and at each plate was a souvenir card tied with the colors of the Order. After the banquet a musical and literary program was rendered in the Chapter room, after which those not members of the Order retired and the Chapter was opened.

Seven candidates were initiated and the floral degree was given the four sisters. The work was just what I expected to find, almost perfection. Each officer takes an interest in her part. At the close of the initiation short speeches were made by several of the visitors, the members and myself, and at a late hour we separated. Sixteen members of Elkhart Chapter and several visitors from other Chapters were present. Much regret was expressed because the Grand Secretary was too busy to be present. She was to have been the guest of the Secretary, Sister Ulich. South Bend Chapter has now one hundred and eighteen members and peace and harmony prevails. I will long remember my pleasant visit to this Chapter and the kindness shown by all the members, and especially the pleasant visit with Brother and Sister Calvert.

Oct. 18, by special invitation I visited Miriam Chapter at Greenfield. Mrs. Ephlin, Department Inspector of the W. R. C., and I were met by Sister Tyner, P. G. Treas., and taken to her home where we remained until after tea. Mrs. Ephlin was to inspect the Corps that evening.

The Chapter room was full and all the members seemed much interested in the work. Four candidates received the degrees and the work was beautifully exemplified. The lectures were all given very impressively. After the initiation we were invited to the banquet hall where refreshments were served. Remarks were made by the W. P., Sister Wilson of McCordsville, several members and myself. We then returned to the Chapter room and the Chapter was closed in form. Then we still lingered, meeting and talking with the Chapter members. Sisters Wilson and Hervey of McCordsville Chapter, and myself were the guests of the W. M., Sister Barnard, for the night. Bro. Glasscock and Sisters Glasscock and Ransford were invited but were unable to attend the meeting.

OLIVE E. MCGREW, G. M.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

"Like a sawyer's work is life,
The present makes the flaw,
And the only field for strife,
Is the nick before the saw."

For November—"The Eternal Feminine."

Sweet Mistress Summer's message, traced
O'er all the land,
Came finally to sad "Good-by,"
Written in tears as she turned to fly
From the Frost King's couriers, coming in haste,
A roistering band.
But, pausing once in her flight, she faced
Each rude new comer;
And wrote in calm, defiant mood,
Her after thought on field and wood—
In earth and sky her postscript placed;
Lo! Indian Summer!
—Minnie Leona U'pon in the Century.

"If we do not learn from little trials, the lesson may have to be taught in great ones."

Another way of putting an old truth—"It isn't the biggest horn that makes the best music."

If hand-writing is really an index of character, what a sad inference many of us have to draw!

Is it not true that parents and children drift apart right where they begin to think there are some things too small to talk about?

How much depends on the point of view! Witness—

"Your mamma's got awfully little hands, hasn't she, Jimmie?"

"How do you know?"

"She shook hands with me yesterday."

"Well, you never had 'em spank you!"

"Is Gumpert writing an essay? Every time I come in here I find him poring over a dictionary or encyclopedia."

"No. The doctor told him to avoid phlogistics and he was ashamed to ask what that means, so he's looking it up. He's already read over the F's five times, and now he's begun at the beginning and is systematically going through the dictionary."

Here is something soothing to our consciences and agreeable besides. "The telling of polite falsehoods tends, to a not inconsiderable extent, to make them true. In fact, the general explanation of the polite falsehood is this: that you are required by convention to say what you ought to feel, and if by saying it you ultimately come to feel it, it is manifest that the convention has made you feel as you ought."

A recent entertainment, novel and original, might be repeated elsewhere, pleasantly and profitably. Invitations were issued for an afternoon, the women being requested to bring thimbles. Each guest was provided with a doll and material to dress it, with the stimulus that the one most successful in the undertaking would receive a prize. Then these dolls were given poor children. A pleasant afternoon thus could be secured with the added sweetness of giving much pleasure to some poor little one. L.

Six things are requisite to make a happy home. Integrity must be the architect, and tidiness the upholsterer. It must be warmed by affection, lighted up with cheerfulness, and industry must be the ventilator, renewing the atmosphere and bringing in fresh salubrity day by day; while over all, as a protecting canopy and glory, nothing will suffice except the blessing of God.

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OUR STAR IN UTAH.

A whisper has come from the "East" that Lynda Chapter, Salt Lake City, is dead. We have heard it and smiled. She is not dead, neither is she sleeping. On September 26, we had a grand meeting. We had four candidates. The work, followed by the Floral Work and the Floral March (Belden Davis tactics) were all well done. This was followed by a social time around the banquet table. It was a very pleasant occasion, there being several things to make it so.

First.—Our esteemed Past Worthy Matron, Sister Mollie B. Newell, was with us again, having lately been unable to join us owing to ill health.

Second.—Amongst others we were initiating a prominent Grand Lodge Officer—we number several Past Grand Masters in our membership—but in a Jurisdiction where the Order is comparatively unknown, our hopes rest on the coming men, and we know that in Brother A. D. Gash the Order will have an ardent and able supporter.

Third.—Our music came from a new piano which we have just purchased. True it is not all paid for, we paid one-third down and the rest is provided for. Our members believe in having something to work for, and have experience in that line. Sister Newell assumed the reins, with a heavy debt from the former administration, for robes and jewels, and by careful management, lifted it.

The ladies seem to have gained new vigor lately, and it is said to be owing to a "wheel within a wheel."

They have formed a social club, it is somewhat exclusive, yes, it excludes the male portion of the membership. They meet twice each month, and not for gossip, one of their meetings is I believe of a literary nature, the other to be for sewing for the poor. I understand that when the Masonic fraternity get into their new quarters, the "Club" will occasionally give an evening's entertainment to the brothers.

This Jurisdiction is peculiarly situated in regard to the majority of the population, which is of course understood by most of your readers, and progress is necessarily slow, but we are all alive and active.

The Masonic Fraternity have just completed arrangements by which they get a floor in a large building, capable of giving them two good halls, banquet hall and a number of other rooms. The committee having this in charge is composed of the presiding officers of the three lodges, Chapter, Commandery and Shrine. As the Eminent Commander is Marshal, the High Priest is Patron and the Ill. Potentate is a member of the Star, the interests of the Chapter are not neglected, and we find the ladies parlor, kitchen &c, and a commodious room marked on the plans "Eastern Star Robing Room," for if we are in the "West" and far from the "source of light," we are able to recognize that in fostering the Eastern Star we are

working for the best interest of the Masonic Order, and they have the free use of our hall, paying only for the cleaning and light.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, 1895.

The meeting of the Grand Chapter was held at Dallas, October 8. It was opened by the Grand Matron, Rachel M. Swaim, assisted by the associate officers. It was a very profitable one and much important business was transacted. The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: Mrs. Sarah A. Hoskins, Victoria, Grand Matron; L. S. Garrison, Dallas, Grand Patron; Mrs. Kate Birch, Denison, Associate Grand Matron; J. K. Bowman, Joshua, Associate Grand Patron; Jennie S. Moore, Houston, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Big Springs, Grand Secretary; Mrs. Rhea Alvord, Fort Worth, Grand Conductress; Mrs. J. M. Brownson, Victoria, Associate Grand Conductress; Tom Murrah, Austin, Grand Chaplain; J. F. Atchinson, Gainesville, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Agnes Young, Big Spring, Grand Adah; Mrs. Annie L. Johnson, Austin, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Maud Gatewood, Ennis, Grand Esther; Mrs. M. E. Northern, Pittsburg, Grand Martha; Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, Denison, Grand Electa; Mrs. M. E. Townsend, Mart, Grand Warder; W. L. Bond, Groesbeck, Grand Sentinel; Mrs. Marion E. Roman, Dallas, Grand Organist.

The financial condition of the Order is better than ever before, no debts, and the Secretary reports cash receipts \$1,747.50. Balance on hand \$1,386.89. Seventeen new Chapters were reported and seven dormant ones revived during the year.

Committees: Finance—Mrs. Pauline C. Harris, R. M. Swaim, W. S. Hoskins. Jurisprudence—Mrs. Pauline Baugh, Mrs. Wylie, J. W. Peck. Foreign Correspondence—Mrs. Pauline C. Harris. Transportation—S. D. Moore.

A committee to procure a charter from the State was also appointed, consisting of S. D. Moore, Ingham S. Roberts and J. W. Ford.

The following resolutions were passed by "St. Croix Temple of the White Rose," No. 1, on the death of Sister Emma Shaw, who was killed on Saturday, October 5, by a runaway horse colliding with her bicycle, throwing her and kicking her in the head. She was carried to a house near by but died in two hours. She was a member of Lady Washington Chapter, O. E. S., Chicago, and the beautiful service of the Order was held by the officers on Sunday evening, October 6.

WHEREAS, In his infinite wisdom our Grand Commander on High has removed from our midst Sister Emma Shaw, St. Croix Temple, No. 1, is called upon to mourn her loss, who was not only a sister but a friend, working and doing many acts of that kindness which characterized the unselfish Ruth and is true charity delicately expressed.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved husband our sympathy in his sorrow, which is also our own.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family and also to THE EASTERN STAR and "Signet."

GLEANINGS.

CALIFORNIA.

Sister Mary E. Partridge, M. W. G. M., received a royal welcome home after her absence of four months. Her husband accompanied by Sister Augusta D. Wilson, G. M., Sisters Merritt, Perkins and Minck, went up to Port Costa to meet her. On their arrival at the depot they were met by Sister and Bro. M. S. Martin with a carriage drawn by four handsome black horses and on reaching home they found other friends awaiting to welcome her.

Oct. 7, the five Chapters in Alameda county tendered a reception to Mary E. Partridge, M. W. G. M. It was held in Masonic Temple which was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns. It was a full dress affair and was largely attended. As Sister Partridge entered the room the audience united in singing "Home Again" and Sister Wilson, G. M., spoke the words of welcome. Sister Elliott, P. G. M., in behalf of Oak Leaf Chapter, presented her with a beautiful and costly jewel. The five Chapters through a representative, each tendered a welcome. To all this generous and royal welcome the honored sister made feeling response. A literary and musical program was rendered and a fine collation served in the banquet room. In every particular the reception was a success and Sister Partridge may well feel that her own home members highly appreciate the honor conferred, and who better than they can testify to her worth and that the honor is well bestowed.

CONNECTICUT.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—We sit by our gas light away east here tonight and read your well gotten up paper, and think you have sent out no face prettier than the one in this number. Send us Nettie Ransford, the editor's picture, we would love to see her pleasant face.

The poet sings, "The melancholy days have come, the saddest of the year, etc," when these chilly October nights put in an appearance. True, we know that the hot days are gone, the children have left the fields and the beautiful golden rod has waved a sunny adieu. The children are again in the school room like bees in a hive. How October revels in colors. She copies the crimson of the sunset and the gold of the sun is on every twig and maple leaf, every hillside is a perfect poem in color. Jack Frost calls around and makes the nuts pour out, with their brown coats that shine like satin. Oh, how we love these golden days; when they come Nature like a retired merchant, changes its manner from thrift and bustling industry, to languid leisure and to luxury. The sun rises later and sets earlier than when it had all the summer crops on hand. The nest building is over, the bird sings no more, their families are all raised. We feel lonely as the katydid and crickets

scrape their shrill viols and make their kind of music, yet over and above all this the gorgeous trees lift up their golden foliage and shine out in glorious apparel. Our outings are all over. The girl unpacks her huge trunk where all her dainty dresses are packed and lingers over them, thinking of the sensation she made; she looks lovingly at the pressed seaweed, the broken fan all scribbled over by friend or lover, all these little souvenirs will often furnish this dear one with happy moments of reverie.

These golden moments come but once in life; soon the Autumn of life comes and the colors of age. We are like those that wait for the bride and bridegroom to go in to the wedding feast.

Magnolia Chapter, West Winsted, is doing finely. We shall have a large delegation at our next meeting from a town just east of here. There is nothing like being social to keep up the interest in Chapters. We love to have visitors come as our members attend so much better. We are to have a beautiful new floor star made by our sisters, hand painted on plush. Magnolia has just outlined and finished a quilt and sent it to the Masonic Home just built a little out of New Haven at Wallingford. We attended the dedication last week.

M. A. PARSON.

IOWA.

Electa Chapter, Muscatine, has for some years rested on the laurels it had won in its earlier days, but it now comes to the front with an increasing membership and a new interest. Our brothers of the Masonic Fraternity have at last, also shown an interest in our welfare, and seem willing to extend to us those brotherly courtesies we are so glad to accept. May their shadows never grow less. Through their kindly interest and with the united efforts of the Lodges and the O. E. S., a fine musical instrument, a piano with Eolian attachment, has been placed in Masonic Hall and its sweet tones are very pleasant. A new floor cloth, neatly made of felt, forms the five pointed star. The altar has been painted white, with a cover of white felt finished in gilt fringe, and new and handsome white chairs have been purchased for the use of the heroines, thus making the appointments of our handsome hall most attractive. We have an excellent corps of officers, who administer the affairs of the Chapter with efficiency and good judgment. Being one of the oldest Chapters in the State, we think we are to be congratulated upon our present success.

H. E. PARMELEE, Electa.

ILLINOIS.

Oct. 1, was the regular meeting of Golden Rod Chapter, Chicago. The G. M. had invited Lady Washington Chapter to exemplify the Chapter of Sorrow for the benefit of the members of the G. C., which was holding its annual meeting that week. As the hall in which Lady Washington met could not be procured for that evening, Golden Rod very kindly tendered the use of its hall, and after

the opening of the Chapter the officers gave place to Lady Washington's and the work was very beautifully and impressively done. Sister Lane and her assistants are justly deserving of commendation.

On Wednesday evening of G. C. week, in response to an invitation of Siloam Chapter, Chicago, the officers and members of the G. C. paid the Chapter a visit. Siloam has a beautiful hall and upon this occasion its beauty was enhanced by potted plants and blossoms. The degrees were conferred, the work being exceptionally well and impressively rendered. The stereopticon was used and the views were beautiful. The officers were robed in white, with the proper colors displayed in yoke and sleeves. Following the initiatory work the Floral Work was given and was equally well done. The officers called forth deserved compliments.

INDIANA.

Petersburg Chapter, at the regular meeting Sept. 10, elected one candidate for initiation and one for affiliation. As they had been waiting for some time, on account of absence of committees from town, a special meeting was held on the 24th of the month for initiation, at which time there was a large attendance of both officers and members, and the candidate expressed herself "favorably impressed with our mysteries and aims." At our meeting Oct. 8, another petition was received, which promises work for the future. On Oct. 29, the sisters will render "Female Masonry," as a surprise to the brothers and the Blue Lodge with their families, and as it will occur before the next EASTERN STAR reaches us, no confidence is betrayed in telling the secret to the Star family.

L. T. H.

Forest Chapter is prospering nicely. Has taken in several new members lately and has three candidates awaiting initiation. The regular meetings were continued during the summer.

Queen Esther Chapter at its last stated meeting balloted upon two petitions and received three.

The Grand Patron has recently granted Dispensations for Chapters at Fillmore and Waldron.

Terre Haute Chapter feels justly proud of the addition to its home, by way of electric lights and general housecleaning, which makes all seem fresh and clean. The Arema club was entertained on its last meeting in Sept. by Sister McNabb. The afternoon was spent in the discussion of work for the good of the Chapter, and closed by being invited to the dining room to enjoy a feast prepared by the hostess.

Queen Esther Auxiliary met with Sister Laura DeRuiter Oct. 25. There was a large number in attendance and the afternoon was pleasantly spent. It was decided to give a pound party for the benefit of the Door of Hope and the monthly contribution toward its support was allowed. Music by a string

band gave added pleasure and Sister Clara Canaan gave two recitations, calling forth applause from the listeners. To the older members who happen to be present, an especially pleasant feature was the presence of Sister Maggie Wearinga, formerly Maggie DeRuiter and a member of the Chapter in its earlier days.

MICHIGAN.

TO THE EASTERN STAR:—Sept. 14, the members of Mt. Pleasant Chapter and their invited guests repaired to the Masonic Hall to witness the installation of the newly elected officers. Upon entering the hall we were greeted by its beautiful appearance, finding it gaily decorated with evergreens and cut flowers emblematic of the occasion. Everything being in readiness, Bro. R. D. Balmer, P. P., acting as installing officer and Sister Gertie Robinson as Marshal, the work was performed in a most creditable manner, with nothing to mar the beauty or impressiveness of the occasion. The officers being duly installed, soon the Chapter room assumed the appearance of a "banquet hall" where all were bountifully served, and thus passed another pleasant evening in the history of Mt. Pleasant Chapter.

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MINNESOTA.

The Eastern Star Chapters have finished their summer outings and are settling down to work with considerable enthusiasm, apparently. The city chapters have already begun their benefit entertainments to increase their charity fund, so as to meet any demand for relief of poor distressed members. Every Chapter should take up this kind of work and give some sort of entertainment at least once a month, and lay aside the receipts for the time of need. In the large chapters of the cities, there is always considerable demand for aid and it is quite easy to get funds. The country chapters find it quite a task sometimes, to supply the wants of needy members, but if the sisters organize for the purpose, they can soon accumulate a fund for almost any emergency.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, conferred the degrees on three candidates Sept. 15, and on one candidate Oct. 8.

Harmony Chapter, Minneapolis, gave the degrees to three candidates Oct. 9, followed by refreshments served in the dining room adjoining the Chapter room.

Zenith Chapter, Duluth, entertained the members of West Duluth and Superior Sept. 27. After the degrees were conferred on several candidates, a banquet was served. Zenith is a splendid entertainer and the event was a happy one.

Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., assisted by Sister W. M. Walker, A. M. of Minneapolis Chapter, constituted Shakopee Chapter Oct. 4, and installed its officers. Sisters Johnson and Walker were delightfully entertained by Sister Minnie McMullen.

The G. M. paid a visit to Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, Oct. 2, and witnessed the

conferring of degrees on two candidates. Louise E. Jacoby, P. G. M., and Sister Clara Baldwin, W. M. of Redwing, Bro. Johnson, Sister Fritze, W. M. of Queen Esther, Bro. and Sister Holt of Arbutus Chapter, Stevens Point, Wis., and many members of St. Paul Chapter were present.

Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, had the pleasure of assisting in the christening of the little daughter of Andrew P. Swanson, P. G. P., on the evening of Oct. 9. The event brought out a large attendance of members of the Order from the twin cities and surrounding towns. The ceremony was exceedingly fine and will be long remembered.

Royal Chapter, Chatfield, met on Oct. 4, for the first time since July 6, having been delayed by improvements in its hall. The meeting was a large one, and there was scarcely sufficient seating capacity for the members and visitors. The R. A. Chapter, which meets in the same lodge room, presented the Blue Lodge with a lovely new carpet, with a pile so thick, says our correspondent, that even the worst tantrums of the goat could not be heard. The lodge and ante-rooms have been enlarged, and additions made of a parlor 15x23 feet, and kitchen 9x23 feet. The parlor is handsomely furnished, and besides pictures, etc., contains an extensive and valuable library, which our brother Masons kindly allow us to use. The lodge room is furnished with plush covered sofas, velvet covered altar and we have a handsome star floor cloth. Royal Chapter is flourishing and meets in the finest lodge room in the state, outside the large cities.

Aidenn Chapter, Caledonia, initiated seven candidates at a recent meeting. This Chapter will soon have robes for its officers.

Siloam Chapter, Willmar, is prospering finely, its W. M., Sister Blanche Hand, proving a very efficient officer, with a capable corps of officers in the chairs. At its meeting Oct. 6, the degrees were conferred and visitors highly complimented the work of the Chapter.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, entertained St. Paul on the evening of Oct. 7, and conferred the degrees. Among the guests were Geo. Brookins, A. G. P., and about forty members of St. Paul Chapter. Bro. J. H. Johnson, who held the proxy of the A. G. P. at the G. G. C., took this occasion to present Bro. Brookins with the handsome delegate's badge that was presented by the G. C. of Massachusetts. Lorraine served a fine spread for their visitors who numbered over one hundred, and the affair throughout was a great success.

Minneapolis Chapter gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the Commandery room at Masonic Temple, Sept. 30, at which an elaborate program was rendered. Jean Ingelow's "Songs of Seven," was an attractive part of the entertainment and very prettily given. The music consisted of a piano selection, songs by the Masonic Quartet, Eastern Star Quartet and Temple Quartet, and Ben Hur's Chariot Race, by Mrs. Josephine Bonaparte

Rice. The details for the "Songs of Seven," required considerable hard work, and its success is mainly due to Mrs. H. N. Kendall and her assistants. The large hall was crowded, so that the occasion was a financial as well as a social success.

Mrs. Florence M. Viall, W. M. of Robert Morris Chapter, Spring Valley, visited in Minneapolis for a short time last month.

Sister Coe, who was the first W. M. of Siloam Chapter, died in July, and her funeral services were conducted by the Chapter. The ceremony at the grave was the most effective and beautiful ever witnessed.

Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., returned Sept. 21 from Boston, where she attended the session of the G. G. C. She reports the session as most enjoyable. After leaving Boston she spent a week in Maine, visiting friends of her husband, and a week in Pennsylvania and New York, among friends and relatives of her own. At Susquehanna, Pa. she was the guest of Mrs. Mary Strachen, W. M. of Canawacta Chapter. Our G. M. found it very pleasant indeed to meet so many members of the Order she loves so well in her native state. At Buffalo she was accorded many courtesies by members of the Chapter there, and will cherish kind remembrances of her visit. The Buffalo sisters have a most elegant meeting place in the Scarlet Room of Masonic Temple.

Cereal Chapter, Mankato, resumed work Sept. 11, after two months of suspended labor, and initiated a candidate. They enjoyed a pleasant evening with the usual finale, cake and ice cream.

Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., was present at the meeting of Minneapolis Chapter on Sept. 23, and gave a very interesting report of the work and pleasure enjoyed at the session of the G. G. C. and the conclave of the Knights Templar at Boston.

The Masonic Hall at Colquet was burned Sept. 17. Colquet Chapter saved its furniture, paraphernalia and books.

Martha D. Ross, G. M. of Wis., visited friends in Minneapolis for a short time recently.

Golden Rod, Fergus Falls, has added a fine new piano to the attractions of its Chapter room.

A. S. DIMOND,
Grand Correspondent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

A renewed interest is manifest in the Chapters since the meeting of the G. G. C., nearly every Chapter receiving a large number of petitions for the opening meeting after vacations.

The official visitations of the G. O.'s are another source of attraction at the present time, and nearly every evening, some weeks, the representatives of ten or more chapters are assembled to witness the good work of the Order, each Chapter vying with the other in its efforts to excel.

Mystic Chapter, East Boston, was the first in this vicinity to receive the honor. Carrie S. Fairbairn, G. M., accompanied by Warren

M. King, G. P., and many past and present G. O.'s, M.'s and P.'s, officially visited this Chapter Oct. 4. Beautiful flowers adorned the Chapter room, and the G. O.'s were remembered with bouquets. Two petitions were received, three candidates elected and twenty-three initiated in a very creditable manner, calling forth words of high commendation from the G. O.'s. Fully three hundred members and visitors were present, representing twelve Chapters. A banquet was served.

Crystal Chapter, Malden, received nine petitions, elected two candidates and initiated five at the meeting held Sept. 26. A large number of visitors were present, and a banquet was served.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, received three petitions, elected seven candidates and initiated one, Oct. 8. Tickets were selling fast for the "Mondanum Dance," to be given Oct. 22, when their usual good time is expected.

But amid all their pleasures, a ray of sadness pierces the hearts of the members, for they miss the smiling face of one who, although but a short time among them, was never absent from either work or pleasure,—Sister Mary Badger,—who was very suddenly called from her labors here to the Grand Chapter on High. She was an earnest worker,—a model of faithfulness and fidelity. We miss her everywhere.

Two petitions were received and three candidates elected in Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Oct. 14. A large number of visitors were present, and a general good time enjoyed.

Nine petitions were received by Highland Chapter, Somerville, Oct. 2. Wednesday evening, Oct. 16, was devoted to a whist party by this Chapter, which was very successful.

The G. M., accompanied by the G. P., and her suite, officially visited Melrose Chapter, Melrose, Oct. 11. The meeting was held in the large Masonic Hall, which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants for the occasion, and was well filled with members and guests. Four petitions were received, nine candidates elected and five initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner. Although the W. M. had risen from a sick bed to perform her duties for the evening, yet she performed them in a most creditable manner and was ably seconded by all her officers in the work. The large banquet hall was well filled to partake of the banquet which was served at the close of the Chapter, twelve Chapters being represented. While an orchestra filled the air with sweet strains of music during the meal.

D. G. M., Effie M. Carson, officially visited Signet Chapter, Cambridge, Oct. 15. She was accompanied by the G. M., G. P., and a large number of past and present G. O.'s, M.'s and P.'s. The Chapter room was profusely decorated with palms and potted plants,—and beautiful bouquets were presented to the G. O.'s. This is the home Chapter of the G. M. and it was pleasing to notice that the members appreciated this honor, a fact which

was made patent to all, when the W. M. with kind words of esteem presented her with a beautiful bouquet. Three candidates were elected and six initiated in a very pleasing and impressive manner, the vocal selections during the work calling forth especial mention. The banquet hall presented the usual pleasing and unique appearance for which this Chapter has long been famed. In the center of the hall the tables formed our emblematic Star and were laid in the appropriate colors, while around the sides of the hall were tables in corresponding colors. Thirteen Chapters were represented.

Five candidates were elected and one initiated in Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, Oct. 9. The Committee on Entertainment is very busy preparing for an entertainment to be given Dec. 11, when the farce "Female Masonry a la Lease," will be presented in the Chapter room. Admission has been fixed at the small sum of fifteen cents, and those who are a little wavering in their minds as to whether women can become Masons, should not fail to be present and gain the valuable information which will be presented by a well known P. M. of this Chapter. The "Sale" which was to have been held in Oct. has been postponed until after the holidays, as it was learned the date fell on the evening of the visitation in a near by Sister Chapter.

D. G. M., Annie L. Lincoln, officially visited Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, Oct. 17, accompanied by a large number of past and present G. O.'s, M.'s and P.'s. The Chapter room was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and the G. O.'s were the recipients of beautiful bouquets. Six petitions were received, five candidates elected and five initiated in a very pleasing manner. Representatives from eleven Chapters were seated at the banquet at the close of the Chapter, after which a social hour was enjoyed. R. E. L.

Oct. 16, accompanied by Warren M. King, G. P., and Emma M. Wilson, D. G. Mar., Lizzie E. Caswell, D. G. M., officially visited Electa Chapter, Waltham. The D. G. M. and Mar. were met at the station by Sister Almy and taken to the home of the W. M., Sister Dill, where they received every attention during their stay in Waltham. At 6:30, a fine supper was served in the large banquet room, which was handsomely decorated with bunting, vines and flowers, while on each plate was a tiny bouquet. The hall was also made beautiful, evidently by willing hands, with potted plants, grasses and cut flowers, many of which were kindly given to the guests at the close of the work. The G. M., A. G. M. and several other G. O's. were present, also P. G. P., Bro. Blossom, and a large number of visitors, Golden, Vesta, Melrose, Keystone, Signet, Magdalene, Athena, Themis, Mystic, Highland, Ruth and Hawthorne Chapters being represented. The degrees were conferred upon four candidates. We were greatly pleased with the excellent work done by the officers, each part being impressively rendered, also with the manner in

which the members manifested their interest in the occasion, thereby honoring the G. C. and paying a well deserved compliment to their W. M. L. E. C.

Temple Chapter, Leominster, although a young Chapter, having been organized in March, 1894, and constituted the following November, is doing nicely. It has a membership of seventy-eight and ten petitions to be balloted upon. Quite a number of Temple's members visited Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, Oct. 18, on the evening of the official visit of the D. G. M., Lena W. Lamb, W. M. of Athens Chapter. Anna M. Gale was D. G. Mar. and Warren M. King, G. P., was also a guest.

NEW MEXICO.

Ransford Chapter, Los Vegas, is progressing slowly but surely. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates at our last meeting. Peace and harmony have reigned supreme during the year.

NEBRASKA.

Grace Chapter, York, is doing good work. In July, the Floral Work was begun and their progress gives them encouragement. They are purchasing robes for their officers by giving social suppers for the members, and not only does the fund increase but also the sociability.

The continued failure of the crops has almost impoverished this section of our country, and much credit is due the Chapter for not yielding its existence.

NEW YORK.

[From a letter received from Sister Jessie M. Ray, G. M., we gather a little of a trip made by her during the last of Sept.—Ed.]

I left my home at the lake side where everybody could keep beautifully cool and started for New York. when behold, those warm days came on. My first duty was to organize Greenpoint Chapter, which I did with the assistance of J. V. B. Green, G. P.,

and Anna L. Brooks, A. G. M. Bro. Barnes as A. G. P., Sister Buttrick, G. Sec., Edwin Selvege as G. Chap., Daisy Buttrick as G. Con., Rosa Wasserman as G. A. C., Sarah Jones, G. War., Merriam Levy, G. A., Sister Van Pelt, G. R., Sister Benson, G. E., Jennie Wilson as G. M., Sister Tausick, G. E., C. C. Light, G. M. The whole affair was a success. After the organization a very fine musical and literary program was rendered to which friends were invited, making the evening one round of enjoyment. After the entertainment we were escorted to the banquet room where the sisters of Greenpoint Chapter served refreshments. I feel sure this Chapter must be a success, as they come from one of our finest Chapters in Brooklyn and like their name "Radiant" they are bright in every particular.

The weather was so intensely warm while in New York, I was not able to visit as much as I desired. In company with the A. G. M., Sister Brooks, I visited one of our very dear sisters, the A. M. of Stella Chapter, the home Chapter of our G. C. and G. Lec., Sister Bennet, who is very ill. She is one of those very loveable ladies whom we all admire and cherish as a good true kind friend and sister.

The next morning we took the day boat for Albany and train to Troy where we constituted Excelsior Chapter at Troy. This was a public installation and very largely attended by Master Masons and families. The officers of Excelsior Chapter wore white robes and crowns, making quite a pretty sight as they entered the room. The ceremony seemed to be highly appreciated by our Master Masons and friends. The Chapter rooms are very large and beautifully furnished, which added to the affair. Refreshments were served and remarks were made by prominent brothers and sisters. This Chapter will undoubtedly be a very brilliant star as the

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brothers and sisters are very much enthused over the work and are particularly anxious to have everything in proper keeping. Sept. 25, we left Troy for Albany, where we were met by Bro. Fasoldt, A. G. P., and his good wife, P. D. D. G. M., and W. M. of Albany Chapter. We were royally entertained. They took us through the Capitol, and to describe the workmanship on this building would take volumes, to try it would be folly. We also enjoyed a delightful ride through the city, having all points of interest explained. Sept. 26, we went to Fort Plain, were cordially welcomed and Friendship Chapter was constituted that evening. I found this a fine Chapter and our meeting was decidedly pleasant. The following day we were escorted by the committee to the points of interest. One very interesting to us was the Female Seminary for young girls, and the Military school for boys. The W. M. of Friendship Chapter is second principal of this place, Esther is vocal teacher, and the Sec. is completing her studies in elocution. It is situated on a very high hill making the surroundings picturesque. We next visited Utica and the Masonic Home. This place is without exception one of the prettiest locations that could be found, the grounds are beautifully arranged and the building is elegant. It is a credit to the Masonic Fraternity for the taste and good judgment displayed in selecting the spot on which the building is erected, for the magnificence of its structure, and above all, for the noble object of the institution, giving to our old Masons and their families a good comfortable home should they need it. There are rooms furnished by our Eastern Star Chapters. As we passed through this beautiful building and saw our good old Masons comfortable and happy, we were thankful to know that we were in possession of such a valuable institution. We hope, ere long, to be able to compete with our brothers in this respect, by erecting an Eastern Star Home for the benefit of the sisters

who may need it. It seems to me to be a noble cause and is certainly worth the endeavor.

JESSIE M. RAY.

OREGON.

Columbia Chapter, The Dalles, is on the high road to prosperity. At the last meeting we elected three to receive the degrees and received four petitions. This fall and winter we shall gather them in, and the Eastern Star Chapter will be the attractive point around which will gather the elite of the city.

Some of the Masonic brothers seem to be suspicious of us, but they send us their wives and daughters (presumably to report the situation) but that will not satisfy their curiosity, and it will not be long before they will come knocking at our door. Where the sisters are the brothers will surely follow. H. A. B.

PENNSYLVANIA.

You may be interested in hearing from Pennsylvania. Although Keystone Chapter, Duke Center, is far removed from her sister Chapters of the State, yet we feel a deep interest in affairs pertaining to the Order. We are clear of debt, with money in the treasury and not a discordant feature shows itself at any of our meetings. We had a most enjoyable meeting Oct. 22, which was well attended. After the regular routine of work was dispatched, we elected Sister Salvage to represent us at the meeting of the G. C. at Philadelphia on Nov. 19. The Chapter was closed in due form, after which all were invited to a superb feast which was prepared and served by the good brothers and greatly enjoyed by all present. At mid-night all dispersed to their homes, feeling that a pleasant evening had been profitably spent. M.

BROKEN LINKS.

From the chain of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, another link has fallen.—Sister Alma B. Davis without especial warning was called to her eternal home. She had been several years a member of the Chapter, and had served as Warder and as Treasurer. She

leaves to mourn her loss, two sons, both married. The floral star was sent by the Chapter and members attended the funeral.

Naomi Chapter has been called to mourn the loss of one of its Charter members, Mary J. Hoefgen was called to rest September 29, after a brief illness. By her death the station of Ruth is made vacant and in Naomi Auxiliary she held the office of Treasurer. She was a native of Indiana, Lawrenceburg being the place of her birth and on October 11, she would have reached her fiftieth birthday. The beautiful Burial Service of the Chapter was rendered by the officers of Naomi Chapter. A husband and mother mourn her loss, and from the societies to which she belonged has gone a willing worker and a faithful friend. To those who mourn is tendered loving sympathy.

The following resolutions were adopted by Myrtle Chapter, Portland, Ore. The Chapter officiated at the funeral.

WHEREAS, By the Dispensation of Divine Providence which pervades all human experience and events, Death has overshadowed the station of Marshal in Myrtle Chapter, and removed from our midst our Sister Eva Jacobson, a beloved and lamented member, an able and faithful officer.

WHEREAS, By the untimely severing of this bright link, our golden chain of fraternal love has been lessened. In her death we deplore the loss of one whose influence was ever exerted for good, both without and within the lines of our Order. It remains for us to bow in humble submission, and be prepared also for the Divine Call.

RESOLVED, That we emulate the patience and fortitude shown by our Sister through her brief but intense suffering. We extend to the members of her family our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of grief; and realizing that the hand of affliction rests most heavily upon her devoted companion, our brother, our tears and sympathy mingle with his in his bereavement.

As a token of respect to the memory of our departed Sister, let the altar be suitably draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

RESOLVED, That a page be set apart in the records of this Chapter as a Memorial, and that these resolutions be inscribed thereon, that an engrossed copy be presented to Brother Jacobsen and be published in THE EASTERN STAR.

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MUGGINS' CHRISTMAS.

It is never very profitable to search for motives, nor to discuss them, therefore we will there was no reason that Old Gregory called "Patch" by the boys because his left eye was hid by a dark green patch, should have stopped on his way across the famous Bowery on Christmas Eve, to look in the window of a grocer's shop where turkeys, chickens, celery, cranberries, oysters, and other delightful viands lay in tempting piles among holly wreaths and ground pine. As he stood feasting on the sight a moment, his glance fell on a very miserable bit of humanity at his feet, her nose pressed close against the glass.

"Bless my soul!" he said. "It's Muggins."

He recognized in her the very dirty and miserable little girl, that crawled past his door, followed by shrieks and curses from a drunken mother, a mug in her hand, which she always came back carefully shielding, since it contained beer and earned for her a respite from the beatings and curses of her mother. It was this beer mug which won for Muggins her name. The other children carried pitchers and pails to the neighboring saloons, and were quick to note the miserable little mug which she carried, and to tease her about it. Her real name was Martha but she seldom heard it.

Something in the wistful little face of Muggins, caught Old Gregory's one eye and he scanned her closely. Life had not used him well and he was a cynic, but Muggins did not know that.

"Well, Muggins," he said: "I suppose you're picking out

your turkey and fixin's for Christmas, eh?"

He was sneering at her, but Muggins did not know that; and she only shook her head:

"Oh no!" she said, "why I never even tasted turkey."

"You didn't? Well I'm not surprised. Of course you'll hang up your stockin's though?"

"Nope," she said resignedly, "Only rich younguns does that."

Old Gregory looked at her closely. Her thin little face and her rags gave him an un-

comfortable feeling. He noted her bare little red hands clutching the window frame and a shiver went through him:

"That's the pity of it" he muttered, "The children come under the curse intended for their miserable parents."

Muggins brightened up a bit as she watched the good things in the window.

"Them's cranberries," she said taking him into her confidence. "You stew 'em, Maggie says. You roast the turkey and have gravy.

My but I bet its good. I have been past places at night and smelled the dinners, it's fine."

"And you never ate a Christmas dinner?" asked Gregory.

Muggins laughed a derisive little laugh, that made Gregory shudder again.

"Did you?" she asked looking at him for the first time with interest.

"Once" he said shortly. "I'll tell you about it some day."

Then he turned from the window and Muggins slowly followed him. The next store was a toy store and he watched her, to see her stop again, her hungry little eyes lighting up with pleasure at the dolls, Christmas trees, playhouses, trumpets, drums and tea sets displayed within. Inside the glass were little girls holding their mothers' hands and selecting gifts. Old Gregory stopped beside Muggins a second time. She wasn't surprised. Nothing ever surprised Muggins, she was too old in worldliness for that. She plucked his torn coat sleeve and called his attention to the biggest doll in the window.

"Do you know who she looks like" she said. "The lady that plays at the theater, I seen her once."



Merry Christmas

to one and all.

Poor little Muggins. Not like a princess or a fairy, but like an actress!

Now it may have been the general Christmas atmosphere, or the jostling of the Christmas crowds, or perhaps the unseen influence of the Christ child, which touched Old Gregory's heart, for he actually put out his hand as if to stroke Muggins' tangled hair sticking out from under her torn fascinator, and said:

"Well Muggins, or whatever your name is, you shall have a Christmas dinner for once if it's the last either of us ever get."

Muggins drew a long breath:

"Oh-h-h-h!" she said, "Shall I? How? When?"

Old Gregory hadn't thought how or when, but evidently he must act and act quickly.

"Tomorrow at 1 o'clock" he said, "You come to my room."

Muggins looked at him with a worldly look and said:

"Rats!"

It was only a bit of slang, but it expressed everything. It said that she had seen into his miserable room and that she thought he was making fun of her, that perhaps he too had been drinking, in fact it expressed a world of thought.

Way back in Old Gregory's disposition somewhere there lay a latent bit of humor which hadn't seen sunlight for years and years.

He laughed aloud, and then was startled at the sound of his own shrill voice.

"Muggins" he said decidedly. "You come, do you hear. We'll have a jolly good time, I'm blessed if we don't. I shall expect you and you shall have a dinner. This is honest."

They had left the Bowery, and turned off into the East side and were going towards the block where they lived. Muggins looked only half-convinced but before she shot up the dark stairs she said impressively:

"I'll be there, old man, and don't you forget it."

"Old Gregory climbed the dark steps chuckling. His mind was in a whirl.

"Well this beats anything," he was thinking. "I am going to give a Christmas dinner to Muggins. But the poor starved little kid shall have one. That terrible mother of hers is probably drunk or in the Works again."

In his small but fairly neat room, Old Gregory lighted his lamp and going to his bed pulled an old leather pouch from under the pillow. He opened it and began to take out some coins.

"That's what I'm saying to bury me with" he said. "But someone would steal it and I'm going to play Santa Claus for that kid, if it's the last thing I ever do."

Then he called up Mrs. Martin who took care of his room and held a consultation with her. Mrs. Martin's Irish heart warmed at the thought of his playing Santa Claus to poor little Muggins, whom she said wasn't near as bad as the McCarty children on the same floor. She willingly agreed to cook the

dinner for Gregory and to accompany him shopping after supper.

So Christmas Eve when everyone rushed and pushed each other from counter to counter, Old Gregory and Mrs. Martin with a big market basket went from store to store, and it was quite late when they once more reached the block.

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Christmas Day dawned with a cold wind from the river and a promise of snow before night. In the wretched little room where Muggins lived, daylight struggled in vain to find a way through the glass. Old Gregory, or Mr. Gregory, as he shall be called on Christmas Day at least, was right. Muggins's mother had disappeared for several days, and it is safe to presume that she was in the keeping of the law. Her coming or going didn't bother Muggins. When she was away, it only meant less beatings and the fearful oaths which frightened even the child who knew nothing but sin. This morning Muggins awoke from dreams wherein Christmas glories had full play, and her first thought was of the wonderful Christmas dinner to which she was bidden. She had expected to hang about some place and beg a bone or scrap of some sort, and if she passed the day without a beating or being in a street fight with the boys and girls of the tenement, she could consider it a day of rest. "She hoped the dinner was 'a go' as she expressed it. However she hadn't much faith that it really was. She crouched on the floor trying to peer out across the roofs about her when Mrs. Martin opened her door.

"A Merry Christmas, Marthy," she said heartily. One thing that made Muggins refrain from teasing Mrs. Martin, was the fact that the latter never called her by the odious nickname as every one else did.

Muggins had never been wished a Merry Christmas before, so she only stared and waited developments. If Mrs. Martin wanted the rent she wouldn't get it.

"I dropped in on my way up to tell you that Mr. Gregory is expectin' you to eat with him, and I thought I'd just tell you that if I was you I'd wash my face and hands and comb my hair like, for he's a nice sort of a man."

Then she whisked out of the room leaving a big bundle behind. Muggins started to call her back, then curiosity got the better of her and she opened the bundle. She took out first a suit of warm red flannel underwear which seemed just fitted to her, then a warm skirt, and other under clothes, then, oh joy, a plain but neat and warm red dress and a ribbon, yes actually a ribbon for her hair and a little cheap lace collar.

If an artist could have caught the look on the poor little starved face as it was lifted from the bundle, he would have made himself famous and perhaps have drawn a lesson which would have touched other hearts. Muggins smoothed each article carefully and examined it o'er and o'er.

A step on the stairs made her shudder and stooping down she drew her precious bundle close to her little breast, and held it as one holds the thing she loves most. She thought it was her mother coming and that the things would be hurried to the nearest saloon to pay for beer. Imagine that! But it was not her mother and Muggins's face grew soft again.

Then a thought struck her. She would never put on those grand clothes with her dirty face and hands. She would wash! Behold the first step in civilization. There was nothing to wash with, so she went climbing down the rear stairs to Mrs. Martin's kitchen hugging her bundle. Mrs. Martin opened the door and laughed at the change in Muggins' face.

"Well, well, well, now you are going to be fine aren't you? Well you jest go ahead and have a good time today darlint. I'll stand between you and yer mother."

Muggins smelled the turkey in the oven and her little mouth watered.

"Oh Mrs. Martin," she said, "Am I really going to eat turkey. And can I have some water?"

Mrs. Martin surely added a star to her crown that day, for she stopped in her work to help Muggins take the first and best bath she had ever taken. It would have taken a long time to get the snarls from her towseled little head, so that it was only smoother on the outside, but the red ribbon was tied around it and when the lace collar was put on and Muggins viewed herself in the glass she was amazed.

How deeply she felt the change may be known when she turned to Mrs. Martin and said:

"I hope he'll call me Martha."

She was Muggins no more, she was Martha.

It was half-past twelve o'clock, when Miss Martha tapped timidly on Mr. Gregory's door and heard a mild "Come in."

Now be it thoroughly understood that this was a great experience on both sides. For years Mr. Gregory had not spoken kindly to a human being, and Miss Martha had never before been the "recipient of social honors," as the society column tells it. He was afraid his gruffness would frighten her, and she was afraid she would make some mistake and he would throw her from the room. His fear made him soft and mild as a May Day, and hers made her watch him for the first sign of displeasure, like a small mouse eyes a big cat.

Mr. Gregory seemed to understand that the feminine mind is most at ease when it is busy, so he greeted her with:

"Well Martha, this is your dinner too, so you must take hold and help me set the table."

He called her Martha the first thing. She did not know it was Mrs. Martin who prompted him and her eyes sparkled.

Set the table! What fun to take the dishes which, if cracked and mismatched, were clean, from their tiny cupboard and put two of everything on the table. Martha actually

tried to sing as she worked, and Mr. Gregory sat back in his chair and only told her where to find things. She was a handy little woman after all. Then when she had set the table she was sent down to the kitchen to help Mrs. Martin bring up the dinner. Oh! How delightful it was. Mrs. Martin took a big tray and on it put the turkey and as much as she could carry, while Martha proudly followed with a basket full of good things. Mrs. Martin sent her out on an errand and when she came back the feast was spread. She sat down opposite Mr. Gregory in a daze. It was too grand and beautiful to be happening to her.

There was the turkey, small but plump, and brown as a well baked bun. There was a dish of mashed potatoes and one of turnips, a big bowl of gravy stood awaiting the "stuffing." A dish of red cranberries stood beside a dish of yellow squash. There were some store pickles, a bunch of celery in a glass and a dish of apples and oranges. A mince pie from the bakery and a bit of cheese would not go on the table and had to be put with the dish of oranges and nuts on the cupboard. Mrs. Martin hurried off to her own dinner and the feast began.

You probably were never starved, and so you cannot imagine how delicious the brown turkey with its savory dressing was to Martha. The first mouthful made her squeal with delight, and her little heart warmed as the meal progressed until her cheeks grew rosy and her eyes sparkled. Mr. Gregory was learning a lesson as he watched the little waif eat. The pathos of it made his eyes grow dim, but he was a gallant host and he talked as Martha had never heard anyone talk. He told her all about Santa Claus and how he appears to the children of different countries. He told her all about years and years ago when he was a boy and spent Christmas at his Grandmother's in the country. That pleased Martha immensely. She could see the big fireplace, after he told her what a fireplace was, and the crowd of boys and girls around it eating nuts and baking apples. She grew confidential, too, and told him how one day in the summer she had gone with a big crowd of children to a big park and had seen grass and trees, birds and flowers.

Martha had hardly room for the mince pie and the orange, but she managed it and then shook her head regretfully:

"I can't eat nothin' else" she said.

So Mr. Gregory bade her pile up the dishes and throw the cloth over them, then he drew up to the little stove and she sat on a stool at his feet and listened to him talk until her head fairly began to nod.

It was early dusk before they knew it, then came the big surprise. Martha was told to turn her back for five minutes and when she turned around there was a tiny Christmas tree, which had been hidden under a cloth in the corner all the time. She clasped her hands and looked as if she was going to cry but Mr. Gregory gave her a candle and told

her to light it up. Think of it! She herself lighted the little red and green candles and then sank on the floor in a heap to watch the tree which had come from Fairyland right down to her—Martha. You might have laughed at the shabby little tree with its cheap ornaments, but to Martha it was almost sacred. Then Mr. Gregory urged her to look and see what Santa Claus had left her, and by this time all her doubts about Santa had vanished and she went eagerly to look. A doll, a doll with red cheeks and real curls! Candy, a cradle and tea-set. And under the tree in a neat bundle, a hood and warm cloak. She was speechless with it all and could only shake her head as if to say;

"These can never be for me."

And all the hard frozen places in Mr. Gregory's heart thawed out and he never once thought of the ten dollars his Christmas had cost him. Martha didn't thank him in words, she didn't know how, but when she finally turned to go out into the darkness, she said:

"I wish I wuz your little girl for keeps."

There was a lump in Mr. Gregory's throat as he patted her head and said:

"So do I Martha, I'm blessed if I don't."

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A little child lay sleeping on a bundle of rags in a corner of a cold miserable room. She hugged a precious doll in her arms and the muttered curses of a woman who staggered in and threw herself on the floor disturbed her not, for the ray of moonlight which pierced the dingy glass was a broad and glorious path which led straight up to the Christ Child and the poor little girl was gazing into His face, and smiling as only one can smile whom He has blessed.

LAURA A. SMITH.

FROM MARY TO MARTHA.

BY ALICE WELLINGTON ROLLINS.

There was given to careless Mary, on her birthday, by careful Martha, a very neat little box, full of tiny drawers, each filled with stamps, pens, pins, needles, or buttons, and with the admirable motto, "Order is Heaven's first law."

Mary was grateful and appreciative, and she understood the delicate suggestion. But she pondered. Martha was certainly right, but was she herself wholly wrong? Martha was careful, and she herself was careless; but Martha was troubled about so many things that her shadow fell across the pathway of many others, as across her own. Mary's carelessness often cast a shadow, too; but there are many kinds of shadows. Before you grumble at one, look up and see what casts it; it may be a great black ugly dog, but on the other hand it may be a beautiful rosebush, laden with bloom. For rosebushes not only have thorns; they cast shadows, beautiful as they are, if the sun happens to be low; and no one thinks the worse of them for that. "How good it is," said some wise person, "that thorns have roses!" If, when

you catch a glimpse of shadow, you find it has been cast by a rosebush, i. e., if the little annoyance that a friend, or a child, or a servant has caused you is all the trifling variation of a nature generally sweet, remember how good it is that small grievances so often are produced by people in all other respects so extremely agreeable!

And again Mary pondered. True, if she had stayed at home that day and baked a pie, or even if she had gone out to walk, but walked sedately and properly along the path, instead of wandering off into those briery bushes, she would not have torn her pretty gown almost hopelessly beyond mending; but then, on the other hand, if the beautiful red berries had not tempted her into the bushes, she would not have heard the child's cry for help, and been able to rescue it from drowning in the pond.

And Mary's eyes wandered back to the little box, and this is what she thought about it, and afterwards confided to Martha:

"Suppose I obey the legend, and never let anything disturb the beautiful order of this very neat little box; might not some bigger disorder suffer from my extreme care about this? Suppose I find buttons off my boots, but dare not disturb this perfect little box by rifling one of the nice little black buttons that look so pretty on their white card, but would look infinitely prettier on my boot? The box might remain neat, but how of the boot? Suppose I cannot bear to tear off one of those nice bright red stamps from their sister stamps, and so send off my MS. to an editor without any stamp for sending it back, and neither have my MS. accepted nor returned? Suppose the ribbon is lost from my cloak because I could not bear to disturb that orderly row of shining needles? Or that my dress is ruined round the bottom, because for fear of leaving my precious little box empty, I must not touch one of those convenient pins that would have looped it up for a few minutes? O Martha! Martha! I ought never to rob Peter to pay Paul, but ought I not sometimes to borrow from him? Never should I let a great misfortune follow from a little carelessness; but not always should I guard too anxiously a little treasure, lest a greater pass me by. The whole problem of life is readjustment. All existence is continually changing the balance of things. He who can change his balance without losing it is the sane and sensible human being. To take here, to give there, to readjust circumstances, tastes, habits, or temperament as the exigencies of life demand, to neglect a little thing to serve a greater, yet not to make a mistake and believe a thing greater which is in reality much smaller,—this, dear Martha, is to be not only wise but helpful, and to bring order out of chaos—The Woman's Journal.

Thou shalt always have joy in the evening, if thou hast spent the day well!—Thomas A. Kempis.

THE EASTERN STAR.

This star five ray'd was used and known in the temples as Bel-Samen, The Lord of Heaven and of Earth, also as Osiris, it was used in the ancient Rites of the phallic worship. In many temples it was known as the "mystical Abraxus," and in all temples throughout Egypt, it was recognized and worshipped as the visible Sun or God.

This five pointed star is the special symbol of the Shemetic Race and is a disguised image or representation of Man, for if we examine this star we shall find that the superior ray is emblematic of the head, the mind, or mentality, and as the white ray of the sun contains all colors, so does the cerebral hemispheres contain the potentiality of all knowledge. The horizontal rays represent the arms of man with God-like power, while the inferior rays symbolize the two legs, energy, or force, so as to enable man to progress onward, for the purpose of acquiring knowledge, directed by the white ray of mentality that lights up the path that leads to the basic principles of our glorious Order.

But if we invert this glorious star, this emblem of God in Man, so that the superior or white ray points downward, it will then represent the head of the Goat that played such an important part in the rites and ceremonies of the obscene initiations of ancient Greece and Egypt, for we may plainly see in the two ascending rays his horns, in the two horizontal ones is to be seen his ears and the descending white ray his beard. This phase changes the aspect of the star entirely, from good to evil, from God to Devil.

The Goat has ever been emblematic of evil or the Devil, and whenever the "Five pointed Star" is inverted, with the white ray of mentality pointing downwards, it immediately becomes the evil or Devil Star, and forth from every ray will come Discord, Dissension, Strife, and every evil that is contained in the passionate, emotional nature of Man.

But if we reverse this star and let the glorious white ray of Ideation shine superior, we shall then have the "God Star," which in every epoch of the world's history, has been affirmed as a postulate of faith that God and Man are in the same likeness; and I do most firmly believe, that under the rays of this "God Star" we shall find and realize man's duty to himself and to his fellow man, and that he will arrive at a thorough knowledge of the Fatherhood of God and the Universal Brotherhood of Man.

Now I am but a young member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and know comparatively nothing pertaining to the esoteric conditions, or fraternal feelings that permeate it. But if there is no Discord, or Strife and Dissensions among us, I shall be very much astonished, for if Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love can exist under the baleful influence of Abraxus or the Devil Star, it passeth my comprehension. When first I entered the portals of my own Chapter, and saw the evil,

malignant aspect of this Star, it shocked and startled me to say the least, and if I had the power to change the aspect of this Star, it should be with the superior ray upwards, receiving its light from the East and dispersing it freely to all. It should be none but the splendor of the God Star (for whom it was intended) with its glorious attributes that should be beneath the Altars of our Chapters. We could then truthfully say, "And come to worship Him." DR. N. F. DECLIFFORD,
New Mexico. Ransford Chapter.

THE HAPPINESS OF OTHERS.

We are responsible so far as we may be able to promote or mar it, for the happiness of others. Into every life that we come in contact with we carry sunshine or shade. Some people are so constituted that it is perfectly natural for them to rejoice always. They have the rare faculty of making the brightness of their own contentment and gladness felt. Everything happens according to their idea for some good purpose. With them "whatever is right," or will be in the end. However out of tune with experience the philosophy of such may be, their power for imparting hope and joy to other lives is of great account in the world. It is through their influence many times that sinking spirits are revived, and those around them made to feel that everything is not as dark, cold and hopeless as it seems.

But upon those of this fortunate temperament falls a weight of responsibility that ought to be felt. Having received much—yes, an extra share of life's unevenly distributed sunlight, therefore from them more is required. It becomes their duty to pass around a liberal portion of their happiness so that others less fortunate can have a taste of what may be to them a rarity.

This principle holds the same when applied to all, for with an effort it is possible for nearly every one to add something to the rich, but easily broken casket of human happiness.

It is likewise an easy matter to crush and destroy the precious gems of contentment and satisfaction. How few words, how few neglects, how few frowns, how few mistakes have many times driven joy from a soul, and that sometimes for a life. Happiness we often say depends very largely upon our selves; but it would be nearer the truth, we are inclined to believe, if we should say we make each others' happiness,—we weave into each others' web of life bright, golden, everlasting threads of peace and love, or else break, snarl, or tear out those of which nature has interwoven more or less freely with the fibres of every immortal soul. How careful then ought we to be of the powers and privileges at our control for shaping the weal or woe of our fellow-mortals.—Manford's Magazine.

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ABOUT NATURAL GIFTS.

I heard a very cultivated lady once remark that she would rather see her son an eminent blacksmith than an unsuccessful lawyer. We can never succeed in any vocation for which we have no positive liking. It often requires several years to teach a girl a few airs on the piano, and it is difficult to distinguish her landscapes from death-bed scenes. No matter how showy an accomplishment may be, nor how honorable or remunerative a certain calling is considered, never put your children to learn it unless they evince a decided talent. After years of uninteresting toil and defeat, you will see them turn to their God-given work. Apropos of this subject, I saw not long ago a little boy who evinced the most decided talent for drawing from nature. He could take a crayon pencil and slips of paper and make a picture of any of your acquaintances, and you would readily recognize it. The same day I saw him at table get his spoon fastened in the handle of his cup. I watched him intently. He tugged away manfully trying to extricate the spoon by pushing the bowl part through. It seemed never to occur to him to let the handle pass through. That boy would never succeed in any business requiring mechanical genius. No use to try to make a watchmaker or machinist of him.


There has been in the past too little concentration in the education of girls. They have studied too many things and perfected nothing. While the course of study should not be limited, they should pay particular attention to that art or science or branch of industry where their tastes and talents stand as a sign-board to point the way. Success will depend almost entirely on the degree of perfection attained and the degree of earnestness which is carried into the work.—Woman.

He who never connects God with his daily life knows nothing of the spiritual meaning and uses of life—nothing of the calm, strong patience with which ills may be endured; of the gentle, tender comfort which the Father's love can minister; of the blessed rest to be realized in His forgiving love, His tender Fatherhood; of the deep, peaceful sense of the Infinite One ever near, a refuge and a strength.—Archbishop Farrar.

Hard work, mental or physical, rarely ever kills. If a mild amount of physical exercise be taken and a judicious amount of food be furnished, the surface protected with proper clothing, and the individual cultivates a philosophical nature and absolutely resolves to permit nothing to annoy or fret him, the chances are that he can do an almost unlimited amount of work for an indefinite length of time, bearing in mind always that, when weariness comes, he must rest and not take stimulants and work upon false capital.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES.

BY AVERIC STANDISH FRANCIS.


 day of gladness, day of joy divine,
 What part in thee have I, since all my light
 Is faded into shadow? Joy is thine,
 But mine is sorrow; and too dim my sight
 Has grown for Christmas sunshine; give to me
 But memory.
 Thoughts dear of other days within my heart
 Hold me apart.
 I cannot bless this Christmas day, so fast
 The tears come—all my blessing is the past.
 Poor aching heart, poor tired eyes, that see
 Only the empty chair, the vacant place!
 Poor human longing for what cannot be—
 The voice grown silent, the beloved face!
 Love knows—love knows!—but yet, believe me, dear,
 You need not fear
 The Christmas brightness; tears but clear the eyes,
 And, grown more wise,
 The soul looks forth with added power to bless—
 The power of a deeper tenderness.
 Gladness is not the mark of empty hearts,
 Nor grief of full ones; neither is there strife
 'Twixt Joy and Sorrow; each to each imparts
 New meaning, children of one mother—Life,
 O troubled soul, unconscious of thy strength,
 Behold at length,
 From out the very depths of shadow, shine
 This truth divine,
 That of one spirit is our loss and gain,
 Our deepest comfort and our deepest pain!
 The empty joy is that which knows not grief;
 The empty grief is that which gladness fears;
 Of sorrow and of joy is born belief,
 And blessed is the smile that breaks through tears.
 Then let the holly mingle with the yew,
 Dear heart and true,
 For unto God there is nor first nor last—
 Love knows no past.
 With steadfast gaze He looks on hopes and fears,
 And gathers to His feet the passing years.
 —"The Outlook."

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA, 1895.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Agreeable to your request I send you a brief account of our trip to Southern California.

On the evening of October 13, in company with my husband, Sister Wilson, Grand Matron, Sister Willatts, Grand Secretary, and a goodly number of members of the Chapters of San Francisco and Oakland, we started on our journey towards Los Angeles, to attend the Twenty-third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of California, enjoying a delightful ride down the Valley and over the Tehachapi Mountains. We arrived at our destination, Monday at 2 p. m., and were met at the depot by members of the Reception Committee and escorted to the "Hollenbeck" where comfortable quarters were in readiness for us. We spent the evening in company with a large delegation of the members of Southern Star Chapter, San Diego, meeting here our dear Sister Matfield, Past Grand Matron.

Tuesday, October 15, at 1 p. m., the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star opened in Masonic Hall, Past Grand Patron, J. N. Young in the chair until the officers were escorted into the Chapter room. Three hundred delegates were in attendance. After

the preliminary opening exercises were over, I was introduced by Sister Matfield, Past Grand Matron, to the Grand Patron, Brother Thomas Flint, and by him given a most cordial greeting and welcome and received with Grand Honors. After some little routine business, Grand Chapter adjourned to meet Wednesday at 9:30 a. m. in Music Hall, the Masonic Hall not being large enough to accommodate the members.

In the evening the Grand Chapter was given a delightful reception at the Chamber of Commerce by Acacia and South Gate Chapters. The Chamber was handsomely and very appropriately decorated with tropical plants, flowers and vines, while the stars and stripes floated over the scene of enchantment. Dr. Lawrence, the Patron of Acacia Chapter, was Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Will Knighten made the opening address, welcoming most heartily the delegates to Los Angeles, and spoke in beautiful language of the worth and work of the Order. Sister Wilson, Grand Matron, responded, and in behalf of the Grand Chapter thanked the sisters and brothers for the royal reception and kindly greeting, using her own beautiful language in her remarks. Dr. Lawrence gave me, as the Most Worthy Grand Matron, a very warm and cordial reception, and presented me with a beautiful satin badge, hand-painted by one of the sisters, "emblematic," from the members of Acacia and South Gate Chapters. Short speeches were made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Thos. Flint, Grand Patron, Brother Young, Past Grand Patron, Sister Matfield, Past Grand Matron, Sister Young, Past Grand Matron, and Sister Alexander, Associate Grand Matron. At the close refreshments were served. We were favored with delightful music during the entire evening.

Wednesday's session was largely attended and much interest manifested. The officers' reports were read, several amendments to the Constitution offered and much good work was accomplished. In the evening the Ritualistic Work was exemplified in a very acceptable manner by the officers of the Grand Chapter. Thursday a. m. was devoted to general business of the Grand Body. At 2 p. m., the annual election of officers took place with the following result:

J. B. Merritt, Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, Grand Patron.

Carrie L. Peaslee, Pasadena Chapter, Pasadena, Grand Matron.

Roscoe E. Hewitt, Hermosa Chapter, Santa Ana, Associate Grand Patron.

Florence Miller, Naomi Chapter, Sacramento, Associate Grand Matron.

Kate J. Willatts, Golden Gate Chapter, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Mary Dean, Veritas Chapter, Coluso, Grand Treasurer.

In the evening Acacia Chapter exemplified the work most beautifully, the star officers wearing elegant robes. Refreshments were served in abundance.

Friday a. m. was devoted to reading reports from different committees and action thereon. In the afternoon installation of officers took place. Before closing, the retiring officers were kindly remembered by the members of the Grand Chapter. Sister Partridge presented Sister Wilson with a handsome onyx clock. Sister Matfield, a beautiful gold headed cane to Brother Flint. Sister Hapgood, a set of silver nut picks to Sister Alexander, and Sister Young, a beautiful shell comb to Sister Willatts. The recipients were greatly surprised and expressed their gratitude in fitting terms. Thus closed one of the most harmonious sessions of the Grand Chapter that we have ever held in this Jurisdiction.

Friday evening a large delegation attended the Chapter at Pasadena, the home Chapter of our newly elected Grand Matron, nine miles from Los Angeles. We met with a hearty welcome. They have a beautiful hall and receive strong support from the Masonic Fraternity. The work was given in a very impressive manner, especially so by the star officers. Dainty refreshments were served and a formal reception given the Grand Officers.

Saturday, a trip to Mount Lowe was enjoyed by a large delegation. We were deprived of the pleasure as Mr. Partridge was not equal to the trip, his health being impaired. However, we enjoyed a delightful ride around the city as the guest of the retired Grand Matron, Sister Wilson.

Sunday at 2 p. m. we bade adieu to the friends and started homeward bound, hoping to reach that haven Monday at 10 a. m. But alas for human disappointments, we encountered a landslide on Tehachapi Mountains and were delayed nine hours, arriving in Oakland at seven o'clock in the evening, tired and glad of an opportunity to take a little rest, read and digest the letters that had accumulated during our absence from home. We are now ready to enter into the duties that are devolving upon us in our new relationship to the members of the Order. That the hand of our Heavenly Father may guide us in all our acts during our term of office and direct all our ways, is the earnest desire of yours sincerely and fraternally,

MARY E. PARTRIDGE.

M. W. G. M.

From the address of the Grand Matron:

The calendar of time denotes the fact that another twelve months have come and gone. Across the golden field of memory stretches the bond of fraternal love and interest, uniting the blessings and success of the past in one complete, consistent whole. Here in this sun-kissed land, surrounded by every luxury in nature and art, I welcome you to the Twenty-third Annual Session of our Grand Chapter. To those who are absent we send a fraternal greeting, with the assurance that they are kindly remembered. I hope that wise counsel will prevail, and that nothing will be done to mar the peace and harmony that exists in this jurisdiction. We have met to review the labors of the past year, to discuss the present needs and opportunities, and formulate plans for the future. When I was

elected to this most exalted position I realized the need of Divine assistance and asked our Heavenly Father for wisdom and strength to discharge the duties devolving upon me, and in His name have I gone forth seeking to make this a prosperous year, and to arouse in the minds and hearts of my sisters and brothers a higher conception and a broader view of the teachings of our Order.

In our own Jurisdiction the Order is steadily advancing and full of promise. It has been my privilege to visit sixty Chapters, and to accomplish this have traveled six thousand and five hundred miles. I was compelled to cancel a number of appointments, as it was not convenient for the Chapters to receive me at the time proposed. The great body of our Order rarely see a Grand Officer, and when an opportunity offers will travel many miles to have the pleasure of meeting with such a representative. It has been my good fortune to meet many such, and in the evident manifestation of pleasure exhibited by these sisters and brothers I feel well rewarded for my labors. It has given me an opportunity of seeing and knowing our members, and they feel that they have been recognized as a part of this Grand Body. I am thankful that I can report every Chapter in the Jurisdiction officially visited. It is something I am really proud of, for it has rarely been done in the history of the Order. I gather from the reports, questions and personal observations that the majority of the Chapters meet in Masonic Halls and have the support of the "Fraternity"—there are a few exceptions. Where there is a lack of interest it is from neglect to apply business principles to the regular Chapter work, and from a want of attention to the Digest of Laws. I found in one Chapter that the "minutes" had not been properly recorded for sixteen months; in another Chapter the secret work was lost, while in one the charter hung in the banquet room, and in another the by-laws had not been printed; notwithstanding they were celebrating their fifth anniversary. I have called the attention of the officers to these things and tried to impress upon their minds the importance of being more particular and of obeying the rules and regulations of the Order. That there have been errors in my administration I have not the least doubt, but I have striven to have them as few as possible, and tried in every particular to do my duty to the Order.

Time is rapidly speeding on, and in a few days will close one of the most profitable as well as pleasant years of my life. I highly appreciate the honor you conferred upon me one year ago, and my highest ambition has been to sustain the dignity of the Order, and to return to you the jewel of my office unsullied. I have formed friendships which I hope will be enduring. My relations with the Grand Officers have been kind and fraternal. I desire to thank our Worthy Grand Patron for his advice and counsel and our Grand Secretary for her support and encouragement, and to one and all who have aided me in the work of the year I extend my heartfelt thanks. The record of my year's work is before you, and I trust it will receive from you a charitable consideration.

The following is a brief extract from the address of the Grand Patron:

Another year has passed in the history of our Order, and we are assembled here today in this beautiful "City of the Angels" in annual convocation to review the transactions of the term just ended, to correct such errors as may have arisen, and to enact such legislation for the future as our experience teaches us is wise and necessary.

While the prevailing financial stringency has operated to some extent in preventing any large increase in our membership, I am able to report that the Order of the Eastern Star in this Jurisdiction is in a healthy and flourishing condition.

Five new Chapters have been instituted during the year, each one of which is of such a character as to add to the prosperity and stability of the Order.

Chapters have surrendered their charters, owing mainly to the removal of their members, leaving a net gain for the year of two Chapters.

Inquiries have been received from many localities relative to the organization of new Chapters, and with a renewal of prosperity the membership of the Order will be largely increased.

In regard to the election of Sister Partridge the Grand Matron says:

California was honored in the election of Sister Mary E. Partridge, of Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, to the highest office in the General Grand Chapter, that of Most Worthy Grand Matron. California may well be proud of Sister Partridge's election. There were one hundred and thirty-nine votes cast, and she received one hundred and twenty-eight. No candidate for that office has ever received such a handsome majority.

Among her suggestions is the following:

I would suggest to the Chapters that they take THE EASTERN STAR, a monthly paper, devoted to the interests of the Order of the Eastern Star; published by Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis, Ind.

[We vote for the suggestion.—Ed.]

We gather from the reports of the Deputies that the Order throughout the Jurisdiction is in a very prosperous condition.

The Grand Chapter voted to pay the traveling expenses of one delegate from each Chapter, which is the same as the law of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M.

Of the retiring Grand Patron it is said: "Brother Flint is one of the finest presiding officers that ever sat in the Grand Chapter of California. He is Senator from San Benito Co.," and all unite in paying tribute to Sister Wilson's excellencies as an officer. Altogether the members are to be congratulated upon having so wisely chosen and having had so prosperous a year.

The standard of the Grand Chapter has for the coming year been placed in capable, efficient hands, and the work will be marked by the same earnestness and faithfulness that was evidenced in the past year.

A good old Scotch woman had a serious quarrel with her minister—a Scotch quarrel about church matters—but to the surprise of the pastor she continued her regular attendance at worship. He expressed his gratification as well as surprise of her conduct; upon which she replied, "Oh, sir, my quarrel was with you, and not with the Lord!" What a blessing it would be if all easily offended, fault-finding, minister-blaming, peace-disturbing church members would not include the Lord in their quarrels with their pastor and each other.

Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

NEWS FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—In the midst of a busy time my mind irresistably turns to you for something on which to feed, knowing full well that in your larder there is always plenty and to spare, from which all within your knowledge may partake of the bountiful repast you so kindly set before them each month through your valuable publication. I so much wish every member of the Order of the Eastern Star throughout the length and breadth of the land could read it, and not only read it but give it their careful, intelligent consideration, for the advancement and promotion of the best interests of our Order, and to gain these results we must realize in the fullest sense, the true aims and purposes, the fundamental principles upon which this Order is founded. Let us look backwards a few weeks, for a moment only, to that great and mighty gathering from the north and south, from the east and west, whose ranks were composed of men and women high in intellectual ability and attainments (and the peers of any in the land) who have given themselves, their money, and their time to the great work of spreading Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness, and for the betterment of humanity. And when the final sound of the gavel was heard throughout that vast assembly, and they bade adieu to old and cherished friends as well as new, 'twas not to seek repose and to forget the lessons they had learned, feeling their work was done, but with renewed strength and zeal and a firm determination to continue in the good work and not weary in well doing.

While we all love to meet together to enjoy a social hour and to throw off the daily care and responsibilities of business, or any and all burdens of life which often-times oppress so heavily, it is our duty to seek recreation and relief, to be happy ourselves and contribute to the happiness of those around us so far as we are able, but shall we not strive also, to keep in view the more essential requirements contained in the written work as well as the social enjoyment we derive.

Let us remember the obligation we are under, let us be consistent and sincere, ever watchful, strictly adhering to the noble and elevating principles which should actuate us to noble deeds. But these great truths become perverted and we fail to grasp the opportunities for doing good within our reach. Let us not build upon the shifting sand but upon the solid rock, which neither time nor decay can obliterate. And now dear EASTERN STAR, while I have from time to time garnered up the crumbs which have fallen by the wayside, I trust this poor crust, I so reluctantly offer will not prove entirely unpalatable, but that it may give to our sisters and brothers the assurance that Queen Esther Chapter No. 11, away down east, sends greetings to the entire family of O. E. S. throughout the best and brightest land the whole world contains.

SISTER M. N. H.

Epping, New Hampshire.

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA, 1895.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa "came of age" October 23, when it commenced its Eighteenth Annual Session in Charles City, the home of the Grand Patron. There was the largest attendance in the history of Iowa, four hundred and forty-two votes being registered. The members of the home Chapter—Excelsior—did all in their power to make it pleasant for their many guests, and the city generally put on a festive appearance, most of the stores being appropriately decorated and the 'busses flying the five colors of the Order all over them. Excelsior treated the visitors to an opera party in the beautiful Hildreth opera house, on the evening preceding the opening of Grand Chapter, the play being "Faust," which was very much enjoyed.

The Session opened in form at 10 A. M., Wednesday, October 23, in the opera house, the Masonic Hall not being large enough to hold the delegates. All the Grand Officers excepting two were present—the Associate Grand Patron and Grand Chaplain—the latter arriving later. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, was an honored guest and received the grand honors, as also did the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons present. Many letters of regret were received from distinguished members of the Order who were unable to be present.

The reports of the various officers showed a very prosperous condition of the Order throughout the state. Nineteen new Chapters were organized during the year, the present membership being seven thousand, five hundred and ten in one hundred and fifty Chapters. The Chapters (with one exception) had sent in reports and paid their dues, which was the most satisfactory condition they had ever attained. The Grand Treasurer had as cash on hand over \$3,400, and \$547 was reported in the Charity Fund. On the evening of the 23, Excelsior Chapter exemplified the work in a very able manner in Fitzgeralds rink, where also the second day's session was held. Sister Louise Lyon Johnson, Grand Matron of Minnesota, arrived that evening and was also present the second day. She was welcomed and received with grand honors. At the close of the exemplification of the work speeches were made by the visitors and Grand Officers present, and a general social good time indulged in, over six hundred persons were present.

The second day was occupied in hearing reports of the various committees, the adoption of Amendments to the Constitution, election of officers, installation of the same and other routine business. The retiring Grand Matron, Sister Woods, was allowed \$125, in appreciation of her services, and the Grand Secretary's salary for the ensuing year was raised to \$400.

One drawback to the general good time was the unfortunate accident which happened to the Grand Patron, Brother Dyke, when a few

evenings before he had a bad fall, striking the right shoulder so as to render the right arm perfectly helpless. But he was able to fill his station, though suffering considerably, and with his arm in a sling.

Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Sister Johnson, Grand Matron of Minnesota, acting respectively as Installing Officer and Grand Marshal, in a beautiful and impressive manner installed the following officers:

Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, Mason City, Grand Matron.

E. B. Dyke, Charles City, Grand Patron.

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

Rev. J. W. Geiger, Marion, Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs, Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, Red Oak, Grand Treasurer.

Mrs. Delia Meredith, Newton, Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Belle Adamson, LeMars, Associate Grand Conductress.

Mrs. Edith Bader, Clinton, Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. Luella Vary, Des Moines, Grand Adah.

Mrs. G. F. Claycomb, Farragut, Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Nellie Harris, New Hampton, Grand Esther.

Mrs. Alice Randall, Algona, Grand Martha.

Mrs. Martha Stone, Anita, Grand Electa.

Mrs. Kate Allin, Iowa City, Grand Warder.

Brother Theodore Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant, Grand Sentinel.

Clinton was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the fourth Wednesday and Thursday in October as the date.

Immediately following the close of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron entered upon her duties. She started from home for a two week's stay. She expects to meet her deputies and hold a school instruction before allowing them to visit Chapters.

Sister Jennie E. Mathews introduced the mite box system for saving, in Fidelity Chapter. The plan is for each Chapter to have a mite box where the members may drop in their offerings, and at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter an hour will be devoted to opening them. The proceeds will be placed in the Charity Fund, looking toward the establishment of a Home. The example of Fidelity was followed by Excelsior and Unity.

DIED

Wednesday, October 23, 1895, Brother Richmond A. Collins of Martha Chapter, O. E. S., White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

For the first time in the history of our Chapter, death has passed the Sentinel and removed from our number Brother Richmond A. Collins. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we deplore this separation from our brother and the loss our Order sustains by his death.

RESOLVED, That our profound sympathy be tendered his wife and aged mother, and all

relatives of the family upon whom this sad affliction has fallen.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent his family, a copy spread upon our records, and the Chapter room draped in mourning for the next three months.

JAMES CHAMBERLIN,
MARY GIBSON,
LIZZIE CRAIG, } Com.

TO THE WORTHY MATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF GUIDING STAR CHAPTER, No. 92, O. E. S.:

Rarest flowers are plucked. Precious gems are broken. The good and the pure die. The noblest and the best beloved are those whom God claims as His own. But even when His chastening rod is most heavily dealt, we may not murmur. Faith alone sustains, knowing: "He doeth all things well." Thus it is we mourn the untimely death of our beloved Sister Rose K. Ferris. No more will be heard her voice as the Secretary of our Chapter. Her mission here is ended. Her work below is finished. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

RESOLVED, That we realize in the death of our sister, our irreparable loss. And to her bereaved husband and relatives, we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathies.

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to him and them. And if in accord with their wishes, they be published in the local papers.

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Chapter and the Chapter Hall be draped in mourning for thirty days.

SADYE OVERMAN COLLINS,
FANNIE B. VAN HORN,
M. P. HAYWARD, } Com.

Lawrenceburg, Ind., Nov. 11, '95.

Myrtle Chapter, Portland, Ore., has met with another serious loss in the death of one of its most devoted members, Bro. W. C. Neppach. Bro. Neppach was a member of Harmony Lodge F. & A. M., and of Myrtle Chapter O. E. S. His health had been poor for the past four years, and most of that time was spent in traveling in vain search of health. The last year was spent in Denver. Realizing that he was not deriving any benefit from that high altitude, he left there the latter part of August for Oakland, Cal., where his aged mother resides. In all his travels his devoted wife was his constant companion. The change seemed beneficial, so Sister Neppach came to Portland to see her parents. While here she received the sad news of her husband's death. His life was one that we will with pride hold out to our sons as worthy of emulation. Although a young man and young in Masonry, he fully appreciated his Masonic obligation, and longed to live long enough that he might say he had been a true and faithful servant of the Order. The burial services were conducted by Harmony Lodge F. & A. M. and Myrtle Chapter attended in a body. Rev. Bro. Locke of the First M. E. Church, paid a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased. The grief-stricken widow, mother, sisters and brothers, have the heartfelt sympathy of innumerable friends in their great sorrow.

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Sister Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer
of Kansas, is visiting in Sioux City, Iowa.

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

The office of THE EASTERN STAR was honor-
ed a few days since by the presence of Past
Grand Patrons, Henry G. Thayer and Oliver
B. Sargent, also Sister Angelica Thayer who is
spending some days in the city. There is al-
ways a welcome for friends and especially
members of the Order.

Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, Md., gets out
beautiful invitations to Chapter meetings.
The regular meeting was held November 12,
at which four Masons were initiated and a
collation was served. Surely every member
should respond to so beautiful an invitation
by attending the meeting.

Sister Mamie Conrad, Grand Conductress
of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and Broth-
er William Conrad stopped in the city, en-
route to and from the Atlanta Exposition.
THE EASTERN STAR office was brightened by
their presence and its editor enjoyed the visit
with them very much.

Through the kindness of Sister Louise Lyon
Johnson, I am in receipt of an invitation to
attend a reception given by Minneapolis
Chapter to the Grand Officers of Minnesota
on Monday evening, November twenty-fifth.
Distance alone prevents attendance and
thanks are returned for the kindly remem-
brance.

The little Dramas for O. E. S. Chapters,
"Knights of Olympia," and "Royal Templars
of Palestine," are sold by the author, Mrs.
Lelia Rowan, of Petoskey, Michigan, at the
following rates: Six copies of either for \$2.00,
and four copies of each for \$3.00, money ac-
companying the order, they being secret
work are not sent on approval.

An invitation with complimentary tickets
for a Dancing Reception by Queen Esther
Chapter, Chicago, is received and the sender
will please accept thanks for the remem-
brance. Knowing that Queen Esther's re-
ceptions are always pleasant, and greatly ap-
preciating the thoughtful and loving remem-
brance to usward, we wish we might be able
to attend.

A brother writes—"If we could only elimi-
nate little petty jealousies that mar the
beauty of our Order, what a glorious fraternity
it would be. Even if sisters and brothers
would sacredly regard the truth it would be
much better than now, for I have noticed
that most of our difficulties arise from a di-
version from that standard by which we
should always be guided."

For five and twenty years J. E. and Sister
Louise B. Twinn have journeyed "togeth-
er," and on the anniversary, November twen-
ty-sixth, they invited some two hundred of
their friends to partake of their hospitality.
The invitations were generously accepted and
many tokens of remembrance were left them.
May it be theirs to see yet "mony a canty day
wi' ane anither," ere they reach life's sunset.

"The selection of a new board of officers is
an important event in the history of a Chap-
ter" and the selection should not be made
without proper consideration. Nothing should
persuade a member to cast a vote for one un-
less the person is qualified to fill the position
acceptably. Far too often, without proper
thought, the name of some friend is suggested
for a position simply because of the friendship
and not because of any especial fitness on the
part of the one selected. Others follow in the
lead and find too late that the best interests of
the Chapter were sacrificed by their thought-
less and unwise course. Every individual is
not fitted for the some position nor can they
discharge its duties equally well, and if indi-
viduals are unable to see their own inability, it
is a kindness in their friends to save them
from making their unfitness public. The hon-

or of any position is entirely lost when the
accompanying duties are not properly per-
formed. Let the good of the Chapter be first
served and if at the same time a friend can be
advanced it is well, but do not allow the pref-
erence for one to shut out the fact that there
are others, possibly not more worthy, but who
possess qualities or gifts that will give better
service.

WEDDING BELLS.

Cards announce the marriage of Brother
Sullivan M. Hilligoss and Miss Nellie C.
Collier on November 5. They will reside at
Irvington. Brother Hilligoss is one of Queen
Esther's members, this city, and with one ac-
cord they wish for them that their days may
be sunny and their hearts glad.

Also, from Greeley, Colorado, comes another
card, this time announcing the marriage
of the Grand Treasurer of Colorado, Sister
Meta T. Bassett to J. Allen Alcorn on Octo-
ber fifth. To Sister and Brother Alcorn we
extend best wishes for health, wealth and
happiness.

A card announcing the marriage of Ida May
Wing and Joseph Leonard Brown on October
thirteenth, at Minneapolis, is received. Sis-
ter Wing is Secretary of the Grand Chapter
of Minnesota, which position she has held for
some years. THE EASTERN STAR and its house-
hold extends congratulations to the couple
and may they live long and be happy.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON

Saturday afternoon, November 9, by special
invitation, the Grand Secretary and I visited
Oakland Chapter. It was a very disagreeable
day and many of the members had to drive
several miles, but there was a good attend-
ance and all seemed interested in the work.
Several visitors from McCordsville were pres-
ent. The expected candidates could not
come, so a sister kindly consented to act as
the candidate. We were much pleased with
the work of this young Chapter. The criti-
cism that seemed necessary was received in
the same kindly way that it was given. Re-
marks were made by Sister Ransford, some of
the members and myself. After the Chapter
was closed we were invited to supper, and I
can assure we did justice to the bountiful
supply of food, then hurried to the depot to
take the train for home.

November 13, by special invitation, Sister
Smythe, Associate Grand Conductress, and
myself visited Pendleton Chapter. There
was a good attendance of the members and
one sister from Ohio was present. One can-
didate received the degrees. The work was
exemplified in a manner that showed study
and a desire to impress the beautiful lessons
on the minds and hearts of those listening.
After recess remarks were made by Sister
Smythe, Bros. Chapman, Brownback and
Goodrich, and myself. The Chapter was then
closed and we were invited to the banquet

hall where refreshments were served. The tables were decorated with smilax and bouquets of chrysanthemums. At a late hour we separated. Sister Smythe and I were the guests of Bro. and Sister Brownback.

I was much pleased to see the interest manifested by both these Chapters in the work and their requests to be corrected if they made mistakes, showed a desire to excel. Friendly criticism and words of commendation are both of much assistance to us in all our life-work.

OLIVE E. MCGREW.

Grand Matron.

FROM THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—The General Grand Chapter, at its last Session, ordered the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to pay all members of the same two cents a mile from its place of meeting. Our desire is to carry out this order, both in letter and in spirit, by paying mileage to all persons who were present and participated in the deliberations. After consulting with the Executive Officers we sent out a circular letter of explanation, and blanks for members to certify to their attendance, feeling sure that those who did attend, would willingly aid us in securing a correct list, knowing that those who did not, would not expect mileage. We desire to thank those who commended our course and replied promptly, and to those who demanded their "mileage without further delay," we will say that we will wait a few days longer for those who have not replied, and will then issue the Orders all at the same time. It might be just to those who replied promptly to issue theirs first, but we feel that no exception can be made by taking this course. We have held the Proceedings that this list may appear therein.

Thirty-three have certified to attending five sessions; twenty-three have certified to attending four sessions; fourteen have certified to attending three sessions; eight have certified to attending two sessions; three have certified to attending one session; twenty-four have not replied.

We sealed all the notices and none have been returned. We hope all who are entitled to mileage will be patient and know that when one is paid, all will be paid.

Thanking the members at large for the continued confidence they have manifested by their letters of congratulations, I am sincerely yours,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

R. W. G. Sec.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Most of our misfortunes are more supportable than the comments of our friends upon them.

Promises made in the time of affliction require a better memory than people commonly possess.

In all the affairs of human life, social as well as political, I have remarked that courtesies of a small and trivial character are the ones that strike deepest to the grateful and appreciating heart.—Henry Clay.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Parkhurst says—"As to the religious exercises, change of surroundings is easily able to work their discontinuance, and as to doctrinal opinions, if one intellectual atmosphere induces them, a contrary intellectual atmosphere can just as readily wither and dissipate them. The only religion that can be counted upon with absolute confidence to stay, is the religion whose fibers were delicately woven in among the tender threads of the young life, mutually intertwined, fostered by a home atmosphere intrinsically religious, and as sure of its future as it is established on its grounds."

Now that the evenings are growing long, enjoyable ways of spending them are the "order of the night." Recently a penny party furnished amusement for an evening. With the invitations was sent a request for each guest to bring a penny, not for an admission fee but for use in the games.

For each guest there were provided two blank cards and a pencil; one card was blank, the other had a list of the things to be found on a penny. The list was numbered and each person was expected to make as many as he could, prizes being awarded for the best and poorest list.

Find—1. Top of hill. 2. Place of worship. 3. An animal. 4. A fruit. 5. A common fruit. 6. Links between absent friends. 7. Union of youth and old age. 8. A vegetable. 9. Flowers. 10. What we fight for. 11. A mental. 12. A messenger. 13. A weapon of defense. 14. A weapon of warfare. 15. A body of water. 16. A beverage. 17. What young ladies want. 18. The most popular State. 19. What men work for. 20. Sign of royalty. 21. A jolly dog.

The answers are—1. Brow. 2. Temple. 3. Hare (hair). 4. Date. 5. Apple. 6. Letters. 7. 1894 (the date of the penny.) 8. Ear. 9. Tulips (two lips). 10. Liberty. 11. Cooper. 12. One sent (cent). 13. Shield. 14. Arrow. 15. Sea (c). 16. Tea (t). 17. Beau (bow). 18. United States (matrimony). 19. Money. 20. Crown. 21. A merry cur (America).

Usually a half hour is allowed for filling out the blank cards, and after that some time for correcting the lists and awarding the prizes.

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THE SIMPLE DUTY.

When evil is done, who should undo it? He who did it. This is first; nothing plainer. Only it is pure fancy. And the consequence of this theory is that evil must be allowed to exist until the evil doers are found and have undone it. But what if they are not found? Or if they cannot or will not undo it? The rain falls upon your head through a broken tile, or the wind blows in upon you through a broken pane. Will you wait to see

a slater or glazier until you have the tile or pane breaker arrested? You would find this absurd, would you not? It is nevertheless an ordinary habit. Children cry out with indignation, "I did not throw that down; I will not pick it up!" And the majority of men reason in the same way. But it is not this logic that makes the world progress. What, on the contrary, it is necessary to know, and what life repeats to us every day, is that the damage is done by one but repaired by another. One destroys, another builds up again; one soils, another cleanses; one stirs up quarrels, another appeases them; one causes tears, another consoles; one lives for iniquity, another dies for righteousness. And it is in the accomplishment of this sorrowful law that salvation lies. This also is logical by that logic of facts before which the logic of theory pales. The conclusion to be drawn is not a doubtful one. To a man of simple heart who draws it, given the evil, the important matter is to right it, and to set himself immediately to it; so much the better if the evil-doers wish to contribute to its reparation; but experience warns us against counting too much on their assistance.—M. Charles Wagner, in "The Simple Life."

BE EARNEST.

The importance of being earnest is manifest to every man who thinks upon the subject. We all love an earnest man, even though he may be in earnest in a cause we do not approve. He is thoroughly imbued with the importance of the work he essays to do, or the cause he espouses. It fills his soul with action. He thinks of it as he walks the street, and dreams of it as he sleeps. He talks of it everywhere until he is styled a crank. Such a man at the head of a Lodge or on a committee will be sure to make successful the work undertaken.

We often wonder why one man succeeds where another fails, or why one Lodge is successful more than another. The answer is found in the earnest man. An earnest man is called a "hustler." He is so, because he realizes the importance of bringing to what he undertakes to do, every agency and power that will aid him in accomplishing his purpose. He is controlled by one idea, and that is, how may I succeed in my work? It is his work and he feels it. He overcomes every obstacle and rises above every difficulty. Though wounded and bleeding he keeps up the struggle until every foe is vanquished.

The world today needs the earnest man. He who will espouse the right for the right's sake, and stand firmly against every oppression. He may stand alone, but with faith and earnestness, he will eventually triumph, and a colossal figure will reflect its shadow of earnestness through the ages.

Let us have earnest men in our Lodges, in our Senate chambers, in our courts of justice, in our business circles and then will we have reform.—Dispatch.

GLEANINGS.

IOWA.

On Nov. 1, Fidelity Chapter, Rockford, received a visit from Excelsior Chapter, Charles City. It was a beautiful moonlight night and the roads were excellent, so about fifty-two drove over. Supper was served about 6:30, after which they repaired to the Chapter room where the regular meeting was held. The evening closed with a social hour, when a regular love feast was held. A welcome was extended by Sister Jennie E. Mathews, P. M. W. G. M., whose home Chapter this is, and it was followed by remarks by Sister Jennie A. Rule, G. M., and others. This was the first official visit of the G. M. and it seems most fitting that two of the original Chapters that formed the G. C., Excelsior and Fidelity, should unitedly be thus honored, especially as the G. M. is a member of UNRY.

Unity Chapter, Mason City, held its regular meeting Nov. 5. There were about sixty present and Sister Jennie E. Mathews was a visitor. The work was exemplified and a banquet followed, and time flew all too rapidly, for all seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

ILLINOIS.

Oct. 8, St. Croix Temple of the White Rose gave its first dime social in Appollo Commandry room, and socially it was a grand success. Columbia Chapter kindly brought their paraphernalia and initiated the entire audience into the mysteries of "Female Masonry a la Lease," which afforded much amusement, especially the obligation given Paul Pry. 'Twas fun from the beginning and many went home firm in the determination to become one of us as soon as possible. The drill corps is practicing and one of these days will be able to compete with any drill corps in the country.

One of Queen Esther Chapter members, Mrs. Mary Eddy, was called upon to mourn the loss of her mother Oct. 11, who was ill less than two weeks with typhoid fever. The interment took place at Lake Geneva, her former home. Sister Eddy has the sympathy of a host of friends as well as her entire Chapter, who know and appreciate her as a devoted daughter to a loving mother.

Sister Orr, an old and devoted member of Queen Esther Chapter, is quite ill, dropsy and heart trouble. But we hope that determined "will" of her's will help her through this as it has many times before.

INDIANA.

Forest Chapter, Butler, is still doing good work. Three candidates await initiation and good will prevails.

Troy Chapter, Covington, is getting along nicely. Peace and harmony prevail, and all the officers and members manifest a deep interest in the work.

At the close of the meeting of Terre Haute Chapter on Oct. 22, the Arema Club entertained the Chapter. There was a very nice

program of music and recitations followed by a social hour, and then they were invited to the banquet room where refreshments were waiting. The room was beautifully decorated in the Club colors, green and white, and at a late hour the merry crowd was loth to disperse.

Waldron Chapter, Waldron, was organized Oct. 31, Bro. Martin H. Rice, P. G. P., serving as Special Deputy. Naamah Chapter of Shelbyville kindly loaned assistance conferring the degrees upon the petitioners. By invitation of Sister and Bro. Chapman, Sisters Olive E. McGrew, G. M., and Nettie Ransford, G. Sec., were present and they with Bro. Rice were their guests during their stay. Much interest was manifest and we bespeak for our new star first place in the galaxy. Emma J. Haymond, W. M.; Edward E. Crippen, W. P.; Maggie Strong, A. M.; Mary Chapman, Sec.

Fillmore Chapter, Fillmore, was organized Oct. 26. Bro. William H. Smythe was Special Deputy and he was assisted by Sisters Lizzie J. Smythe, A. G. C., Myrtle Smythe and Ella Williams. There were twenty-seven petitioners and all but one was present. The W. M., Lethe J. Randolph, is a sister of Bro. Smythe. Charles W. Hoffman, W. P.; Jessie C. Hamilton, A. M.; John W. Randolph, Sec.

Warsaw Chapter at its first meeting in November had a surprise Birthday party. Its W. P., Bro. William Conrad, had reached a milestone in his life's journey and his wife, Sister Mamie Conrad, included the Chapter in the enjoyment of the celebration. After the work the members were invited to a banquet as the guests of Sister Conrad, who planned the surprise. It was greatly enjoyed and the members are wishing the birthday of the W. P. came semi-annually or oftener.

Petersburg Chapter held its Nov. meeting on the 5th, and balloted on one petition with favorable results. On the 16th, a special meeting was held for initiatory work. "Female Masonry" was a grand success. The Masons came out in force and expressed themselves highly entertained. Some extra touches were added to Paul Pry's make-up, which added to his ludicrous appearance. The goat behaved beautifully. Refreshments were served at the close. Every STAR reader certainly echoes the wish of the gleaner from Connecticut, in desiring the picture of the editress to appear in the STAR.

Queen Esther Chapter held two very pleasant and largely attended meetings during Nov. At the first, the section appointed for that evening furnished a musical program, the little folks in the families contributing greatly to the enjoyment of all. Refreshments were served and all went home feeling happy. At the second meeting four candidates were initiated and two were balloted upon.

Queen Esther Auxiliary was entertained Nov. 8, by Sisters Cleaveland and Crowe at the home of the former. There was a good attendance and much interest manifested in the work and the business. The meeting of

Nov. 22, was held at the home of Sister Canaan and Sister Witthoft assisted in entertaining. The rain did not prevent the members from attending and there were also a large number of visitors. A silk quilt was chanced off and Sister Georgia Burns was the fortunate one. At both meetings refreshments were served.

Naomi Chapter at its meeting held Nov. 22, initiated five candidates and received several petitions.

KANSAS.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, at its meeting held Nov. 5, initiated three candidates and balloted on six petitions. Excellent work is being done as a result of the afternoon socials. They call them Hepler socials and the proceeds are sent to Sister Hepler, the Senior Grand Matron of this Jurisdiction. The Floral Work is given at each regular meeting.

MINNESOTA.

Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., has recently returned from a series of official visits to Subordinate Chapters, and reports a steady increase in the Order in the southern part of this Jurisdiction.

Oct. 11, she was the guest of Columbian Chapter, Fairmont, which she found enthusiastic and prosperous. While at Fairmont, through the kindness of Sisters Reed and Hill, she was given a drive through that beautiful city.

Oct. 12, the G. M. had the pleasure of meeting the members of Ransford Chapter, Worthington, and Eureka Chapter, Adrian, at Luverne Chapter, the latter having invited the two former Chapters to be present. A fine musical and literary program was rendered, a noticeable feature of which was a round entitled "See that Goat!" in which a sure-enough live goat, with the square and compasses painted in red on its side, emphasized the song. An excellent supper was served in the banquet room, followed by toasts, responses and a general social time, closing with a flash-light photograph of the assemblage. The G. M. was entertained at the home of Sister Emma C. Hinkley, W. M. of Luverne Chapter.

On the following Tuesday, the G. M. visited Calumet Chapter, Pipestone, where the work was exemplified for her benefit. The W. M. of Calumet, Sister Emma L. Ware, having been appointed G. War. at the last session of the G. C. but not present at installation, was installed in her own Chapter, Sister Dean assisting as G. Mar. Refreshments were served at the close of business. Sister and Bro. Jenckes of Taylor Chapter, Jasper, were among the visitors.

On Wednesday evening, Benton Chapter, Lake Benton, was visited by the G. M. and two candidates were initiated. Refreshments were served at the close of the ceremony. Sister and Bro. Ozias and daughter, of Siloam Chapter, Chicago, were guests.

Thursday evening found the G. M. at a special meeting of Virginia Chapter, Tracy,

of which Victoria C. Little, P. G. M., is a member. A profitable evening was spent, closing with a repast. The G. M. was entertained here at the home of Bro. Fred Starr, W. P. of the Chapter, where a number of the sisters had been invited to meet her. A drive about the city was given the G. M. by Sister Jacobi.

Athens Chapter, Faribault, is prospering, and has conferred the degrees on three candidates since it was constituted, June 30. On Oct. 25, Sheba Chapter, Northfield, gave the Floral Work at Athens Chapter, at which many of the members of Kenyon and Waterville were present. Two candidates were initiated by the officers of Athens. A splendid banquet was served to close a very social and happy evening. In September, Athens Chapter gave a reception in honor of two visiting sisters from Buffalo.

Mrs. M. A. Lyon, sister of P. G. M., J. D. Giddings of Texas, is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M.

Sunrise Chapter, Montevideo, initiated two candidates Oct. 22, having Lathrop Chapter, Appleton, as guests.

Sister and Bro. Mott of Benton Chapter, will soon remove to Athens, Tenn.

Lota Chapter, U. D., Hallock, has held regular meetings since Sept. and a special, at which two candidates were initiated. Lota has arranged for a series of six socials. Sister Lota J. Shapleigh, for whom the Chapter was named, is visiting in Washington City.

Jessamine Chapter, Taylors Falls, held a reception and gave a nice program of reading, recitations and music on Oct. 16. The affair ended with a lunch and an all around social.

Bro. H. W. Morgan, of Unity Chapter, Austin, has removed to Blue Earth City to engage in business. As he is young and energetic, he will not neglect his Masonic duties.

Mystic Chapter, Waterville, had two petitions presented recently.

Cloquet Chapter lost one of its charter members on Oct. 13, by the death of Sister Wright. The funeral occurred Oct. 15.

Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, was visited Nov. 5, by Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., Jennie L. Flynn, G. Lect., and Virginia L. Flint, W. M. of Minneapolis Chapter. The work was exemplified, two candidates being initiated in a manner eminently satisfactory to the G. O.'s. Refreshments and speeches followed, and a recitation was given by the G. M. A reception was given the visitors at the home of Sister Isabel W. Lewis.

Judge and Mrs. A. N. McGindley entertained the members of Zenith Chapter, Duluth, at "Woodlands," and it was a happy Halloween party.

Unity Chapter, Austin, gave an old-fashioned spelling bee Nov. 5, which had a profitable audience.

Cereal Chapter, Mankato, Nov. 13, initiated eight candidates, balloted on seven others and received several petitions.

Emma J. Wirtz, W. M. of Queen Esther Chapter, Newport, has gone to Mankato to reside.

Sister and Bro. G. W. Nash of Minneapolis Chapter, have bought the National Hotel at Albert Lea, where they will receive friends in the future.

Mary Sprague, Aideen Chapter, Caledonia, is visiting friends in Buffalo, Minn.

Lida S. Calhoun of Granite Chapter, St. Cloud, has been called to Missouri by the death of a relative.

Halcyon Chapter, Albert Lea, entertained the G. M. Oct. 22. Halcyon has a beautiful hall and paraphernalia, as well as active and faithful members, and its work was highly commended by the officials. A banquet was served on this occasion in the spacious Lodge dining hall. The G. M. was entertained by Sister Vaughn during her visit.

In response to an invitation the G. M. attended the meeting of the G. C. of Iowa at Charles City, Oct. 23, and 24. Sister Johnson was cordially welcomed by members of the sister Jurisdiction, made many pleasant acquaintances and gleaned much useful knowledge for the benefit of the work in Minnesota.

Geneva Chapter, Madison, lost its charter when the Music Hall burned last month.

The G. M. visited Golden Rod Chapter, Fergus Falls, Nov. 6, accompanied by Sisters Flint and Flynn. Handsomely furnished Chapter and reception rooms, cordial welcome, bountifully laden banquet tables, and degrees conferred with credit to the officers and to the Order, rendered the visit one of much pleasure. The visitors were entertained by Sister Corliss, W. M. of Golden Rod.

Oct. 8, Crescent Chapter, Sauk Rapids, initiated a candidate, and as the G. M. and G. Lec. listened to the beautiful lecture of Martha, delivered by the white-haired mother to the youngest of her seven sons, it seemed especially impressive and interesting. The evening closed with refreshments.

At the pleasant home of Mary L. McGindley, A. G. M., in Duluth, Sister Louise Lyon Johnson met many of the members of Zenith Chapter on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9. On the preceding evening the Chapter had rendered the work in its usual excellent manner, and served an abundance of viands at the close. Bro. Gearhart, R. W. A. G. P., spoke of the rapid growth of the Order. On Saturday evening, the G. M., accompanied by Bro. Gearhart, Sister McGindley and many of the members of Zenith visited Jephthah Chapter, West Duluth, where a pleasant time was spent in social converse, speeches and taking care of the good things prepared for the palate.

Some thirty-five miles from Duluth, among the pines, lies Cloquet, a city of about two thousand people. Retired and far away in the wilderness as it may seem, Cloquet has a flourishing Masonic Lodge and a thriving O. E. S. Chapter of nearly one hundred members and notwithstanding the loss of all its pos-

sessions by fire, the Chapter is bravely looking forward to the future with happiness.

At Jasper Chapter, Rush City, the home Chapter of J. D. Markham, P. G. P., the G. M. was cordially received. Three candidates were conducted through the mysteries of the labyrinth with becoming solemnity, following which came a gathering around the festive board to discuss the good things offered by the sisters. On the following day many of the sisters called upon the G. M. at the home of Sister Markham.

On the evening of Oct. 30, Sister Ida M. Wing and J. L. Brown were united in marriage in Minneapolis. The congratulation of a host of Eastern Star people will be extended to the happy couple. Sister Wing has been the G. Sec. of this G. C. for the past seven years, and although the membership has increased from six hundred and thirty-two at the beginning of her service, to four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-four at this date, her duties have been faithfully attended to. Sister Ida M. Wing Brown's home is now at 407 Second St. northeast, Minneapolis.

Nov. 18, Lorraine Chapter received the G. O.'s at the Blue Lodge room in the Masonic Temple, when five candidates received the degrees of the Order. The work was done in commendable manner, and the large number of visitors from sister Chapters added interest to the occasion. Remarks were made by Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., and Chas. D. Boyce, G. P. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social time closed the evening.

A. S. DIMOND, Grand Cor.

Our Chapter, Halcyon, Albert Lea, is in a very prosperous condition at present. We have recently moved into the new Masonic Hall, which consists of parlors, reception room, banquet room and assembly room all nicely decorated and furnished. As the result of a social given by the Chapter we donated nearly \$40 towards furnishing the parlor, and this week we will furnish a banquet for the Knights Templar who will confer the Red Cross degree upon twelve candidates, and from this banquet we expect to realize about \$35. On Oct. 22, we had the pleasure of meeting Sister Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., who made us a very pleasant little visit. She is a most lovable woman and a very enthusiastic worker for the Eastern Star. After our Chapter had exemplified the work, Sister Johnson gave us a pleasing account of the meeting of the G. G. C. which she attended, also gave us some good advice. She recited a very pretty poem, after which a banquet was served and toasts and responses were given, continuing until about midnight. Sister Johnson's visits cannot be too frequent.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Adelphi Chapter, Springfield, received the official visit from D. G. M., Effie M. Carson, Wednesday evening, Nov. 13. The degrees were conferred upon one candidate in a creditable manner, followed by the Floral Degree. During the evening a beautiful white silk

book mark embroidered appropriately in gold, was presented to the Chapter a gift from P. M., V. Addie Barrett. Guests were present from Warren, West Winsted, Easthampton, Florence and Westboro. A sumptuous banquet preceded the work and a delightful social time followed. Six petitions for membership were received.

V. A. BARRETT, P. M.

The official visit to Athena Chapter, Wednesday evening, was largely attended, about two hundred and fifty persons being present. The supper was held at 6:30, which was an innovation, but an improvement on the usual time, and there was a lunch served after the exemplification of the work, to those who desired. The G. O.'s expressed themselves as highly pleased with the manner in which the work was done, the records kept, and all the details of the Chapter work performed. A specially pleasing feature of the evening was the introduction of a new work, given for the first time in the state, called the "Vocal Star" and which took the place of the Floral Work. An address of welcome was given by Anna M. Gale, W. M., and she was followed by Dr. C. D. Hendrickson, W. P. There were present Mrs. Carrie Fairbairn, G. M., Mrs. Carson, A. G. M., W. M. King, G. P., and Mrs. Shaw, G. Mar. A special car brought fifty of the members of Themis Chapter from Athol. Brief addresses were made by the G. O.'s and the M.'s of visiting Chapters, of which there were thirteen represented. Much regret was expressed at the absence of Mrs. Ewing, R. W. A. G. M., who was unable to be present owing to the death of her father and much sympathy was expressed for her in her bereavement. The hall was beautifully decorated with potted plants and all present declared the occasion an exceedingly felicitous one. On Thursday, W. M. King, G. P., accompanied by several of the officers of the Chapter, took the visitors to Northfield for the drive and dinner at the hotel. Ex.

It is largely due to the faithful oversight which the G. O.'s have over each Chapter in the Jurisdiction, that the ritualistic work has reached the high state of excellence which is found in every Chapter. The expectation of the annual official visit, is an inspiration to the officers to renewed exertion, to omit nothing which will serve to make them deserving of words of commendation from their superior officers.

Nov. 15, Golden Chapter was honored by an official visit from Mrs. Carrie L. Fairbairn, G. M., Warren M. King, G. P., and Mrs. Pauline Shaw, G. Mar. Mrs. Effie M. Carson, A. G. M., being a member of this Chapter, was also a member of the official suite. Visitors were present from Adelpi, Bethany and Themis Chapters.

These visits were both made very pleasant occasions. The work was well done by the officers, and the words of praise and kindly criticisms of the G. O.'s were well received, and highly appreciated by the members of both Chapters. Banquets were served on

both occasions. Thus two more happy events—of which we cannot have too many—have passed into history. L. J. P.

Oct. 1, a clear cold day, the members of Magdalene Chapter, Maynard, were busy preparing for their annual inspection. They extended a most cordial greeting to Sister Lena W. Lamb, D. G. M., Bro. Warren M. King, G. P., Sister Anna M. Gale, D. G. Mar., and other visitors. Five Chapters were represented by visiting members and they had only words of praise for Magdalene Chapter. They are honored by having one of their P. M.'s the present A. G. C. of the G. C. This Chapter is privileged to meet in Masonic Hall. The banquet was served early and each visitor was presented with a tube-rose, a most fragrant souvenir. The work was nicely rendered and we felt during their opening song how blessed they were with singers. It seemed as though each voice joined until the whole room was filled. Their pretty home, their cordial welcome, the good work shown us, made it an evening ever to be remembered, and it is our wish that Magdalene Chapter will long prosper.

Oct. 18, Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, expected visitors and prepared herself well for them. Known in the past for her generous hospitality, she proved herself ever the same and most cordially welcomed Sister Lena W. Lamb, D. G. M., Bro. Warren M. King, G. P., Sister Anna M. Gale, D. G. Mar., and her other visitors. Six Chapters were represented by members from Magdalene, Bethany, Temple, Columbian, Mizpah and Athena Chapters. An early banquet was served and a social time was enjoyed before the opening of the Chapter. The work showed thought and study, and was a pleasure to witness. The Floral Work was exemplified and never could we tire of this beautiful ceremony. Lady Emma Chapter is pleasantly located in Masonic Hall and has spacious as well as beautiful rooms she can call her home. Beautiful roses were presented to the D. G. M. and her Marshal and during the week which they lasted, constantly reminded the recipients of their indebtedness to the members of Lady Emma Chapter for such a pleasant evening. Our P. G. M., Sister Mary A. Stebbins, is a member of this Chapter and her words on this occasion to her own Chapter, showed her pride in and love and loyalty for it.

It was a very warm and pleasant day Nov. 6, and in the evening Highland Chapter, Somerville, opened its doors and visitors from fifteen different Chapters enjoyed its hospitality at its annual inspection. An early meeting was called and Sister Lena W. Lamb, D. G. M., was honored by the presence of many G. O.'s and several P. G. M.'s and P.'s. Sister Carrie S. Fairbairn, G. M., Bro. Warren M. King, G. P., Asso. G. P., Asso. G. Con., G. Chap., G. Mar., G. War. and G. Sent., were those of the G. O.'s that were present. The work was nicely rendered and again we were gratified in being permitted to witness the Floral work, which was interspersed with most beautiful music, closing with a poem

tenderly rendered by the W. M. and closely followed by the Davis March. Much time must have been spent, much thought given, and a desire to reach perfection on the part of the officers, to have shown us such work as they did that evening. The best wishes of Highland Chapter for the D. G. M. and her Marshal, was expressed by presenting them with lovely bouquets. Highland Chapter is an enthusiastic, wide-awake Chapter, and may it ever continue to be blest in the future as it has in the past. L.

On Monday evening, Nov. 4, accompanied by Warren M. King, G. P., Emma M. Wilson, D. G. Mar., and members of Athena and Themis Chapters, I paid Temple Chapter, Leominster, an official visit. On our arrival we were met by Sister Blake, W. M., Brother Gordon, W. P., Sister Davidson, A. M., and Bro. Pierce, P. P., and taken for a delightful drive and visit to the cucumber raising establishments. After a fine supper at the "Columbia" and a short but merry call on Bro. Pierce, we repaired to the beautiful Masonic Hall where the Chapter meetings are held. Noticeable among the floral decorations of the hall were some fine palms loaned by Bro. Pierce, and chrysanthemums by Mr. Burpee. The degrees were conferred upon nine candidates in a manner which would have done credit to a much older Chapter, and the officers are deserving of much credit, the few errors made being plainly caused by lack of confidence. The floral ceremony, poem and marching which followed the degrees gave much pleasure to all.

At the close of the work beautiful flowers were presented to Sister Wilson and myself, and Bro. King became the proud possessor of the first floral tribute presented to him as G. P., a beautiful bouquet composed of a star in the five colors set in a bed of green. There being a large delegation from Lady Emma Chapter to leave for Fitchburg at twelve o'clock, we were invited to the banquet room before the close of the Chapter and were quickly served with ice cream, cake and coffee. After remarks from the visitors who remained, the Chapter was closed and all Themis and Athena guests were taken to the homes of members, each carrying with them a dainty piece of china with a view of some part of Leominster thereon as a souvenir of the evening, the gift of the W. M. and A. M.

The following day in charge of the first three officers we visited places of interest in town and by invitation of Bro. Gordon, W. P. all partook of a dinner at the "Columbia" and a farewell drive through the suburbs, stopping at a florists where I was permitted to select the choicest chrysanthemums, and on offering my money, was told that it was not good in Leominster on that trip.

Long life and success to Temple Chapter, its officers and members.

LIZZIE CASWELL, D. G. M.

Carrie S. Fairbairn, G. M., accompanied by Warren M. King, G. P., and her suite, of-

ficially visited Aurora Chapter, Natick, Nov. 8. As usual on such occasions, the spacious Masonic Hall was well filled with the members and their guests, representing twelve Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions. The hall was beautifully decorated with potted plants, chrysanthemums predominating. Small triangular tables beside the heroines of the Order, on which rested cut flowers of appropriate colors, added to the beauty of the scene. Five candidates were initiated in a very pleasing manner. A banquet was served at the close of the Chapter.

The "Mondamin" dance of Keystone Chapter, given Oct. 22, did not detract from the reputation so well earned for pleasant parties. The hall was well filled with merry dancers, who "tripped the light fantastic toe" till early morning, to the music of Cook's orchestra.

Three petitions were received, seven candidates elected, and three initiated by Keystone Chapter, Nov. 12. Visitors were present from Floral and Munroe Chapters of New York, Vesta, Lady Emma and Crescent of this Jurisdiction.

Three candidates were initiated by Signet Chapter, Cambridge, Nov. 5, and a large amount of routine business was transacted. At the close of the meeting, a parlor tea was served and a general good time enjoyed. Progressive whist furnishes the entertainment for the next evening.

Annie L. Lincoln, D. G. M., accompanied by a large number of past and present G. O.'s, M.'s and P.'s, officially visited Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, Oct. 23. The Chapter room was crowded with members and visitors, eleven Chapters being largely represented. Nine candidates were elected and thirteen initiated, also several petitions received. Beautiful flowers were presented to the G. O.'s. A banquet was served.

One candidate was initiated in Mystic Chapter, East Boston, Nov. 4. At the close of the meeting, all were treated to clam chowder, and a social hour enjoyed. Whist and dancing forms the entertainment for the next meeting.

Mary I. Lloyd, D. G. M., officially visited Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, Oct. 28, accompanied by a large number of past and present G. O.'s, M.'s and P.'s, Carrie S. Fairbairn, G. M., honoring her by her presence. The meeting was held in the large Masonic Hall, yet it required the adjoining parlor to accommodate the large number present, thirteen Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions being well represented. The Chapter room and banquet hall were elaborately and tastefully decorated with palms, potted plants and cut flowers,—yellow and white being the predominating colors. Three petitions were received, three candidates were elected and nine initiated in a manner reflecting great credit upon the officers,—after which the Floral Work was very pleasingly exemplified. Beautiful flowers were presented the G. O.'s—but this was only the beginning of favors. Bro. Albert M. Rockrig very gallantly escorted Bro. Treadwell and

Sister Jacobs of Crystal Chapter to the East, where each received a large bunch of chrysanthemums from the W. M., in token of their kindness in singing during the Floral Work;—but Bro. Rockrig was the most surprised person in the audience, as the W. M. "pinned" him, there, with an emblematic pin of the Order, in recognition of his kind assistance in drilling the officers in the Floral marches. Sister Alice L. Tukey was next escorted to the East, closely followed by Ernestine E. Spavin, A. M., escorted by P. P., Spavin, who presented her with an Eastern Star pin for her kind assistance at the organ, where she so faithfully presided. When these pleasing surprises were over and the customary speeches enjoyed, all were escorted to the banquet hall, where a grand banquet was served.

Nov. 4, Mary P. Lloyd, D. G. M., officially visited Easter Chapter, Foxboro. This is a young Chapter, it being not quite one year since it was constituted, and so situated that the members cannot enjoy fraternal visits with any other Chapter and return the same evening, except by carriage, yet it is composed of active, energetic members, who betoken a successful Chapter. We were greatly impressed with the fact of how much more carefully many of the minute details of the work are carried out in a Chapter thus isolated, where the work is learned from the ritual, than in Chapters that learn much from the example of other Chapters, in many of which errors have crept in unnoticed and are continued simply by the force of custom,—while the isolated Chapters, unbiased by another, learn the work as it is,—hence excels. Three petitions were received and the work, followed by the Floral Work, was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. A banquet was served after the Chapter and a social hour enjoyed.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, was officially visited by Sister Lloyd, D. G. M., Nov. 13. She was accompanied by a large suite in which she was honored by the presence of Carrie S. Fairbairn, G. M., and Jos. W. Hill, John P. Loring and Wm. A. Blossom, P. G. P.'s. The Chapter room was tastefully decorated with ferns and evergreens, the branches of a small pine tree being brightened by bouquets which were presented to the G. O.'s later in the evening. Four candidates were initiated in a very creditable manner. It was a pleasing feature of the initiation that the candidates were all of one family,—the father, mother, and their two daughters. A large number of members and visitors were present, representing eighteen Chapters and four Grand Jurisdictions,—Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Massachusetts. Refreshments were served.

Electa Chapter, Waltham, received one petition, elected one candidate and initiated two, Nov. 20, the work being performed in a very impressive manner.

The official visitation of Lena W. Lamb, D. G. M., to Crystal Chapter, Malden, Nov. 21, was one of the largest gatherings of this kind

that has been held this season. It was the first meeting of the Chapter in the new and commodious quarters in Brown's Block,—and the members were all anxious to see and enjoy their new and beautiful home. There were, also, a large number of visitors, seventeen Chapters and two Grand Jurisdictions being represented. The Chapter room was tastefully decorated with palms for the occasion. Sister Lamb was accompanied by the G. P., and on her suite a majority of the Chapters present were represented. She was especially honored by the presence of Hattie E. Ewing, R. W. A. G. M. Nineteen candidates were initiated in a pleasing manner,—and later in the evening the Floral Work was exemplified. The D. G. M. and her Mar. were presented with souvenir spoons, and Bro. C. S. Norris was remembered in a similar manner in recognition of his services in drilling the officers for the Floral marches. The clocks in the steeples had tolled the solemn hour of midnight, when the gavel called from labor to refreshment, and all were invited to repair to the banquet hall and "take breakfast." Altogether, it was a day long to be remembered.

R. E. L.



NEW YORK.

The formation of Circles of the Sisterhood Degree is now beginning to assume a matter of certainty, and this auxiliary, as mentioned and endorsed in the last Printed Transactions of the G. C. is exciting very much attention. The following are the auxiliaries: Bethel No. 1, Utica; Burton No. 2, Syracuse; Hope No. 3, Rochester, now forming and name yet undecided; No. 4, to be located in Greenpoint of Brooklyn. The work of this degree is in MS. only and it is undecided when it will be put in print. The author, Bro. Alonzo J. Burton, favors a secret or unwritten work, and there is a possibility that this Order will be started under this system. He also favors it as a higher Order, something after the manner of the Royal Arch, and it is quite likely that in the future a convention of the members of the Circles will be called to consider the matter.

Stella Chapter, Brooklyn, held its four hundred and forty-sixth meeting on the evening of Nov. 16, with an audience of about one hundred and fifty members. The meeting was one of unusual importance and significant of the popularity it holds, as the large gathering plainly indicated. After the regular business was disposed of the time was given to the reading of the letters of condolence received from the various Chapters over the death of the A. M. Sister Elena C. Bennet, which occurred Nov. 1. The degrees of the Order were conferred upon one candidate; the Floral Work and marches followed; two Master Masons were then initiated. It was quite late when the minutes were read, and the proceedings were brought to a close.

The G. Lec. will officially visit the following Chapters on the dates named, after which the visits will be suspended for two months: Golden Link, New York City, Dec. 2; Alma

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Dec. 4, Crandall, 5, and Magnolia, 6. The three last named Chapters meet in Brooklyn.

Harmonia Chapter received the G. Lec. at the meeting of Nov. 22; the event caused a large assemblage from all of the Chapters of Brooklyn. The session was devoted to the explication of the standard work as approved by this official of the G. C. At the conclusion he made remarks pertaining to the subject of correct exemplification and urged the officers to have numerous rehearsals, so that the work as a whole, for the coming year, may far excel that of the past year. He also called attention to greater care in making the signs, so that there may be a strict uniformity. The session was a very pleasant one, and at the conclusion refreshments were served.

NEBRASKA.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, Schuyler Chapter entertained Harmony Chapter of Columbus.

A reception committee met the guests at the depot and conducted them to the Chapter room, where a large number of the Schuyler members were waiting to welcome them. After a short reception, the parties took carriages and spent the remainder of the afternoon in driving about the city.

At the regular hour, the Chapter was promptly called to order, and the officers marched into the room and took their stations. Much credit is due them for the efficient manner in which they performed their duties.

During the evening three candidates were initiated and two petitions for membership were received. Prosperity and activity were shown all "along the line."

One of the most noticeable features of Schuyler Chapter, is the large number of brothers that attend the meetings and the interest they take in the work.

After the close of the meeting, the evening was given up to speech-making, music, recitations and dancing. A very elaborate ban-

quet was served and during the time spent at the table, the Schuyler Mandolin Club rendered several fine selections.

At a late hour the visitors from Columbus took the train and returned home, carrying with them a pleasant memory of the very cordial reception tendered them by the Schuyler Chapter.

HELEN H. STIRES.

OREGON.

The Chapters throughout the State are increasing in membership and stability, and Chapters are being organized in unoccupied places. The net gain in membership during the past year was the largest in the history of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

OHIO.

The name of the Chapter at Air Line Junction has been changed from Snow Drop to Stella. Although only four months old, the Chapter is adding to its membership at almost every meeting. They are a band of willing workers and are arranging for a series of entertainments during the winter.

WISCONSIN.

The plan of holding annual district conventions, inaugurated in this state two years ago by Sister Herrick, P. G. M., has been carried through most successfully this autumn by Sister Ross, G. M., who has been present at each meeting assisted, as far as possible, by her associate, Sister Annie Phillips and other grand officers. The number of Chapters has increased to necessitate nine of these gatherings, and with very few exceptions, our sixty-six chartered and six U. D. Chapters have been represented at one or more of them. The first of these schools of instruction on O. E. S. work, this year, was held at Waukesha, June 19, and one held in Dodgeville, Oct. 17, ended this work for 1895 most successfully. Other places of meeting were Superior, Viroqua, Madison, Reedsburg and Watertown. At these meetings the best ways of doing were thoroughly discussed and many ques-

tions, perplexing especially to younger Chapters, were satisfactorily disposed of. The Ritual Work and Floral Degree were, in each case well given, thus advancing uniformity of work and in getting together, interest in each other as Chapters and as individuals is promoted. The plan, judging from the goodly number in attendance and the enthusiasm manifested, is thought good and is doing its mission of promoting the general welfare of the Order. It is a matter of congratulation to the G. O.'s to find that peace and prosperity prevails throughout the Jurisdiction.

LATER FROM IOWA.

Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, had the pleasure of a visit from the new G. M., Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, at its regular meeting, Thursday, Nov. 21. The occasion was very much enjoyed by the large gathering of members and visitors who had assembled to greet the distinguished guest. Among the visitors was Mrs. Angelina Whitmarsh of Omaha, G. M. of Nebraska, Bro. Halligan, W. P. of Vesta Chapter, Omaha, and Mary Tucker, W. M. of Adah Chapter, South Omaha. The degrees were conferred upon Mrs. Clara Ward. The W. M. also gave her report as delegate to the recent session of the G. C. Sister Rule gives promise of being one of the best, if not the very best G. M. Iowa has ever possessed, and her appropriate remarks and happy suggestions for the good of the Order were very much enjoyed. Remarks were made by the distinguished guests, at the close of which all adjourned to banquet hall and enjoyed the good things provided by the refreshment committee. Sister Rule was the guest of Bro. and Sister Jackson and departed Friday to constitute a Chapter at Irwin.

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MRS. MARY A. COMSTOCK.

Grand Matron of Indiana, 1874-75-76.

We are glad to present to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR this month, the pictured face and a sketch of the Grand Matron of Indiana, who served the Grand Chapter during three years of its early life.

Mary A. Comstock was born near Hoosac Falls, N. Y., December 3, 1830. When only six years old, her father died and soon after his death her mother moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where her girlhood years were spent. Education was not then so easily acquired as now, nor were the conveniences for travel so speedy and comfortable. In those days Miss Willard's Seminary of Troy, N. Y., was the school for young ladies, and an elder sister had completed her education there. A friend of the sisters had opened a school for young ladies in Springfield, Ohio, and it was decided that Mary should go there because the distance was not so great. There were two modes of travel, by stage or by boat on the canal, but the latter was deemed quite dangerous, owing to the numerous locks through which the packet had to pass, so the trip was made by stage. It took three days and two nights to make the trip between Cleveland and Springfield, and during the two years of her school life there she did not visit home or see her mother. Once a month there came the letter from home, written on good old-fashioned foolscap and which also answered as an envelope, for they were not in use in those days. The postage was twenty-five cents.

October 22, 1855, she was married to Henry W. Comstock, and they made Dayton, Ohio, their home until 1862, when they came to Lafayette, Ind., where they have since resided. "October last they celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary, and yet they do not

call themselves 'old folks.'" Two children have been given them, the eldest, a baby girl, tarried only a few months; the youngest, a son, is married and resides near them. The little grandson is named Henry M. A. C.

When Hope Chapter was organized on May 26, 1872, Sister Comstock was chosen as its Worthy Matron, and in this capacity she served them for three years. She is Hope's Treasurer and has held the keys for several years.



When in 1872, a Convention was called and the Grand Chapter of Indiana was organized, Sister Comstock was in attendance as one of Hope's representatives.

At the Second Meeting of the Grand Chapter, which was held at Lafayette, Sister Com-

stock was honored by being elected Grand Matron, which position she filled for three years.

At the Second Annual Meeting a new Constitution was adopted, making the Grand Matron the executive head of the Grand Chapter—a change which Sister Comstock had strongly urged and which she as Grand Matron, had the first opportunity to exercise. She was the first Grand Matron to submit a report to the Grand Chapter, although under the Constitution then in force, no duty was assigned her.

The General Grand Chapter was organized at Indianapolis in November, 1876, and Sister Comstock, as Grand Matron of Indiana, assisted in the organization—she was also a member of the Committee to revise and prepare a Ritual for the Order.

Sister Comstock has always been a zealous worker in the Baptist Church of which she is a member, and considers this duty next her duty to her home.

When the "Temperance Crusade" began she was among the foremost workers and she is still an active worker, filling continuously since, an office in the W. C. T. U. She would not feel that she were doing her full duty to her Master, were she not faithful in this.

When John A. Logan, Woman's Relief Corps was organized, Sister Comstock was enrolled as a charter member, and none are more deeply interested in rendering all possible service toward making comfortable quarters for our needy veterans and their wives at the Home, which is being provided for them near the City where she lives, than she.

While Sister Comstock is an active worker in the societies of which she is a member, she is also interested in all movements for the uplifting of humanity, or for the betterment of her own sex. She is the mistress of a well

odor, which was borne to her above the delicate fragrance of the flowers at her side, and she wished she knew what caused it. She looked curiously at the little curly green leaves, that seemed to be heaped on the top of the ground without any stalk to support them, and at the long, slender, pointed ones that so offended her dainty nostrils, and finally she spoke to them, though she did not even know their names:

"Don't you ever have any flowers?" she asked. They waved their leaves sorrowfully and answered, "Never yet."

"But won't you blossom sometime?" she questioned again.

"We hope so; but we do not know. We are trying to, but we can only grow. It seems all we can do."

That set the rose to thinking. She would have another flower if trying could do it. So, with a mighty effort, she sent her roots down deep into the ground and drank up the sweet moisture, and then pushed her leaves up toward the sun, till a new blossom unfolded, glossier than the other had been, and she, too, began to grow.

Once a group of merry children came to the kitchen garden, and they stopped by the bed behind her. One of them gathered a handful of little curly leaves, and shouted joyfully:

"Oh! sister! see my parsley! Now I can give Papa some for his soup. Won't he be pleased that I have raised it all myself?"

Then another gave a pull at the long, ill-smelling leaves, and behold! up came a shining yellowish ball.

"Aren't my onions fine?" he cried. "Now we need not buy any next Winter, I have so many"—and then they ran out of sight.

The little rose pondered thus: These ugly plants were good for something, while she had never done anything but bring forth one little white flower, that had a sweet odor. Well! she would try again, and with a new impulse of life she pushed downward to draw up from the depth, and upward to receive from heaven above, cherishing the hope that if she tried her best she might have some little curly parsley leaves on one of her new twigs, or at least a little onion at her root; and she felt so happy that it was a joy just to be alive. When the gardener bent over her in the morning sunshine, saying, "What a fine plant it's getting to be; and it has a big, strong bud, too—I must take it in for the Winter soon," she felt a thrill of happiness to the very depths of her being, for she should see her white angel again, and perhaps she, too, would be more beautiful and sweeter, if that were possible; so she tried harder than ever to grow, and strengthen at root and stalk and bud.

At last the day came when a beautiful white bride's rose unfolded its petals softly, and, lifting its fair face toward the sky, its shining leaves whispered:

"If only I could see my angel now! I have done my best."

She hung there in the scarcely conscious perfection of purity and loveliness, when a young man with a slow step and bent head wandered down the garden path. As the rose caught his glance she stretched her leaves toward him, and thrilled forth the prayer: "Oh! take me to my angel." Though his ears were deaf to the voice of the rose, he leaned down and broke it from the stalk.

Across the garden she was gently borne, over the lawn, through the long window. As she felt herself ascending the stairs and approaching the familiar room her heart almost stopped beating for gladness. Her prayer was heard; she would soon be with her angel again.

Softly they crossed the threshold. The room was shaded from the sunlight without. On the couch lay the other Rose, her hands crossed on her breast, and oh! so still. Tenderly the young man lifted one hand and laid the flower within it, murmuring:

"Beautiful, pure, white rose, but not so pure or fair as my Rose, my angel now." And the little rose nestled closer; she was safe at home now, and the only sound in the room was the man's broken sobs as he knelt beside the two fairest flowers of God's kingdom.—*The American Woman's Magazine.*

PROFITABLE ENDURANCE.

Burdens heavy and wearisome bear down upon the soul until it seems some times that we are tried beyond our power of endurance. We submit passively because we cannot help ourselves, or we hold up our heads with a defiant courage thus trying to strengthen the will power we have. The world is full of sorrowing hearts, and tear-stained cheeks. The pathway of many is strewn with the wrecks of blasted hopes, and hedged in with thorny disappointments. The lanes we travel are sometimes so long, and the thick foliage of care about is so dense, that we begin to think there will never be a turn in the lane or a piercing of the foliage by a single ray of light. Backward and forward the branches sway above us, revealing a clear sky for a moment, but only for a moment, for the leaves fall back into their places and form an impenetrable mass of blackness. The thorns in the lane lacerate and tear our already weary feet and the way is tracked with our own blood. We strive with all the courage we can control to keep on in the seemingly endless way, and falling, torn, and bleeding we pray for release, but hope, so alluring, so promising, so enticing, so bright, gives us renewed strength and we rise and strive again. And thus follows defeat after defeat until it is well nigh impossible to rise again. We sink upon the thorny path and pray for rest in the friendly bosom of forgetfulness.

It is well nigh impossible to be cheerful with a burden so great bearing us to the very earth. Even the mask of cheerfulness by which we seek to hide the anguish of despair is tear-stained, and through the smile that is

intended to deceive, the sob of a troubled spirit forces its way. In our intercourse with our fellows, in the very touch of glasses, in the merry round of pleasure there is a hollow, mocking sound which reverberates through the soul and echoes back a sigh. The sweetest morsel turns to ashes on our lips, the throat is dry and the voice husky with the panting of unsatisfied longings. Even the merry laugh of the merry crowd sounds harsh, and although we may laugh the loudest and toss the bumper the highest, yet in the action is the desperation of despair.

In all this gloom and impenetrable darkness, there is a truth that may be helpful, that there never was a night so black, but dawn dispelled its blackness. There never was a storm so fierce, but was followed by a calm. There is not in all the world a lane so long that has not somewhere an end, or a turn. And so under the most adverse circumstances, beneath the blackest storm clouds, we may take courage for the circumstances will change, and behind the clouds the sun still shines, and when the rift lets in the light, the light is for us, as it is for others.

It is not the body that must bear the burdens and stand up under them, but the heart. There is an unseen power, stronger than the human will, that adds strength to our strength and enables us to bear the terrible burdens that would otherwise crush us to death. There is a sustaining influence that comes to us and in the moments of darkest despair floods the soul with a celestial light, and we take courage and hold out a little longer. It is the power of an ever living and true God, a friend who will never desert us if we will but trust Him.

God has a purpose in all affliction, but we fail to profit by the lessons about us therefore lose sight of that purpose. We are too apt to set up for ourselves a false god, and worship our own desires. We look for help from our own puny arm, and command light where no light exists. When we learn to trust God as the One who has more interest in our welfare than any earthly being can have, we will be able to bear more and will surely find that His way, though dark to us, was best.

Remember the first lesson taught in Masonry—trust in God, and he will give you power to endure to the end.—*Masonic Journal.*

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Do you take THE EASTERN STAR? If not, why not?

TWO SINNERS.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

There was a man, it was said one time,
Who went away in his youthful prime,
Can the brain keep cool and the heart keep quiet,
When the blood is a river running riot.
And boys will be boys, the old folks say,
And the man's the better who has had his day.

The sinner reformed and the preacher told
Of the prodigal son who came back to the fold.
And the Christian people threw open the door
With a warmer welcome than ever before,
Wealth and honor were his to command
And a spotless woman gave him her hand,
And the world strewed their pathway with flowers
a bloom,
Crying, "God bless lady and God bless groom!"

There was a maiden went astray,
In the golden dawn of her life's young day;
She had more passion and heart than head
And she followed blindly where fond love led.
And love unchecked is a dangerous guide,
To wander at will by a fair girl's side.

The woman repented and turned from sin,
But no door opened to let her in;
The preacher prayed that she might be forgiven,
But told her to look for mercy in heaven.
For this is the law of the earth, we know,
That the woman is scorned, while the man may go.
A brave man wedded her after all,
But the world said, frowning, "We shall not call."

For The Eastern Star.

A KANSAS GATHERING.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—On the night of April 14, Estella Chapter, Oxford; Dorcas Chapter, Conway Springs; Dexter Chapter and Pheonix Chapter, Wellington, visited Queen City Chapter, Winfield, and these "Stars" of Kansas skies beamed brightly side by side in the commodious and handsomely decorated Lodge Room at Winfield. The Work, which was exemplified by Queen City Chapter in the initiation of five candidates, was accompanied by the Floral Work and was the perfection of order and beauty, the officers being so perfect in their work as to vie with the Grand Chapter in its rendition.

Sister Saidel, the Worthy Matron, is an ardent worker, and presides over the Chapter with charming grace and courtesy, and under her direction the visitors met with a royal reception and entertainment. The music, by Sister Wilson, Organist, and a select choir composed exclusively of brothers, was exceptionally fine.

A brief program was rendered, Pheonix Chapter contributing to the entertainment of the evening by giving the laughable farce, "Female Masonry a la Lease," with the addition of an amusing "Shriner's Lecture," by Sister Lizzie Beller. One of the sisters whose name I do not recall, recited "Our Vows," in a very impressive manner. A few brief addresses were made for the good of the Order. As many have requested that the address made by Sister Lizzie I. Beller, Worthy Matron of Pheonix Chapter, be reproduced in THE EASTERN STAR, I herewith enclose it.

The brothers of Queen City Chapter seem

to take as much interest in the Star as they do in their Masonic Work, and the result is not only a happy state of Fraternity, but also a degree of precision in the Work that is seldom attained, inciting others to earnest endeavor. Time will not efface the memory of our pleasant visit to Winfield.

A GUEST.

WORTHY MATRON, OFFICERS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I have found that it does not require a great deal of research in Masonic Literature to ascertain that the writers and scholars of the Fraternity entertain divergent views as to the origin of Freemasonry. In contradiction to this, we sisters are led to believe that the Order of the Eastern Star is strictly modern. (we are taught in our Ritual that while it is "closely related to the Masonic Fraternity, it is no part of that 'Ancient Institution.'") But it is only a question of time, and a very brief time, when the Order of the Eastern Star will develop all the elements of a Progressive Science; when it will harmonize the Robert McCoy Work with the Robert Morris Rite. When it will turn the light of today upon the history of yesterday, and it will be less difficult for us to trace the "Landmarks" of our Order in the past, than it is for our brothers to determine whether Freemasonry began with the building of King Solomon's Temple, or whether it was born of Jehovah's first command—"Let there be Light."

Turn back the dial hand of Time nineteen hundred years, when that brilliant light of Prophecy, the "Star of the East" appeared in the sky; when Jehovah called that triad of Wise Men, and the three Kings started upon their journey over the arid, burning sands of Persia, in quest of the Light of the World; and recall to memory their significant declaration, "We have seen His Star in the East, and have come to worship Him." I admit, there was no woman in that procession, but when these Wise Men reached their destination they found the light of that Star shining in splendor over the "young Child, and his Mother."

Study the pages of history in the "Great Light" of Masonry, and you learn that the Jewish Women were an important factor in the history of the race from which so many Masonic Lessons are drawn. It was their skillful fingers that wrought on the tapestry and fine linen, and fashioned the vestments and robes of office, without which the service of the Tabernacle and of Solomon's Temple would have been incomplete, and their influence is woven and inter-woven throughout the story of Israel,—so much so that they crowd the pages. They are represented here in the five rays of our Central Star,—teaching the same lessons tonight that were taught centuries ago. Of Jephthah's daughter was required a fidelity which comprehended the renunciation of everything, when life was young and flushed with the brightest of earthly hopes. In that second Jewel, "set between the ermine of the Judges and the purple of the Kings" is typified obedience to the demands of honor and justice so wholly unselfish, that in their very silence they do most proclaim themselves. The third, still more resplendent, with a courage befitting her royal station, risked favor and life itself, upon the generosity of a Ruler whose laws were most exacting and absolute. From the fourth ray of light shines that rare faith which links mortality to immortality, and earth to heaven. And in the fifth glows that fortitude, devotion and loyalty to truth, which built the monuments of the martyrs in those years so

fittingly called the Dark Ages,—for their only light was the fagot of persecution, and the fire that burned at the stake.

The Knights Templar wear an emblem as a type of the vision which the Roman Emperor, Constantine the Great, saw outlined upon the sky; and their faith in that which the symbol represents is expressed in the inscription which surrounds it: "In Hoc Signo Vinces." Let me refer you to facts in history concurrent with this. While Constantine the Great was marshaling his soldiers and seeing phenomena in the sky, there was a woman in his home who also saw a vision. She had heard the story of the Babe of Bethlehem, and through the mists of incense surrounding the cradle of the Redeemer, she saw the Wise Men of the East bow in adoration and seemed still to hear the song of the Angels, "On earth peace! Good will to men." She saw this light shining in the darkness grow brighter and stronger; she saw it creep out from the little city nestling among the Judean mountains, and widen and deepen until it covered the hills of Palestine;—its roseate hues expand and error vanishes from before its searching rays, as it shone in beauty over her own country,—the Roman Empire. Looking out into the ages yet to come, she saw that under the influence of this light of truth, civilization would be more than a name, that art and science would blossom into beauty, and that of its potent power would be born a Universal Brotherhood, and that the place of Christ's birth, would, at some day and at some time, be the shrine to which all the world would turn in sacred remembrances. The woman to whom I refer was the Empress Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, and the vision she saw prompted her to a deed for which the world should always be grateful. It is due to her efforts that the place of Christ's birth is known today. She caused a Church to be erected there in order to mark the spot.

Across the ocean there stands the statue of a Woman, whose memory the Knights Templar of every land delight to honor, and that statue, upon the anniversary of her death, they drape with appropriate emblems. Ask them why they do this, and they will tell you that during the centuries of the Crusades; when all that could incite men to deeds of valor was embodied in the holy cause for which they fought,—the rescue of Jerusalem from infidel hands, that never Sir Knight commanded so potent an influence over his followers, or won such unparalleled victories, as did she who led ten thousand men to the triumphant conquest of Rheims, Troyes and Chalons,—the Peasant girl of nineteen, Joan of Arc.

There has never been a time in the past, there will never be a time in the future, when the pure among women will cease to follow the light of the Star of the East. It is her inspiration upon earth and her hope for the future; and when the Story of the Present, becomes the history of the Past, this Order will rank where the grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth shall elevate it. As the handmaiden of Freemasonry, then we may rest assured, among the emblems which our brothers cherish, there shall be none more worthy of honor, none more revered, none more lasting, than that living symbol, which justly claims the protection of the Masonic world—"The Order of the Eastern Star."

Mrs. LIZZIE I. BELLER,
W. M. Pheonix Chapter, Wellington, Kan.

How easy 'tis when destiny proves kind,
With full spread sails to run before the wind?
But those that 'gainst stiff gales carving go,
Must be at once resolved and skillful too.

FROM THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Agreeable to your request I shall endeavor to give you a few items for publication. I am thankful to report Mr. Partridge as slowly improving in health. During the many months of his illness I have been confined to the house and while in the sick room, and often by the midnight lamp, I have written scores of letters in the interest of the Order. My lonely watches have been cheered by the reports from the different Chapters. I have rejoiced with those who were happy and in the progress of the Order,—and mourned with those who have been called to pass under the "rod of affliction." I feel greatly indebted to many of the sisters and brothers for the kind words of sympathy they have sent me during my husband's illness, and desire to thank and assure them of my appreciation of the same.

With the opening of Spring comes a revival of interest in the work of the Order, and I am in receipt of many invitations to visit Chapters and no preventing Providence I expect to meet them. I have visited Oakland Chapter U. D. twice. First, on March 19, when I found them earnestly seeking to build up their Chapter, which is largely the outgrowth of Unity Chapter, West Oakland. Many of the members lived in Central Oakland, together with other dimitted members from the interior of the State, conceived the idea that a third Chapter could be supported in this city, and in accordance with their wishes the Grand Patron, Brother James B. Merritt, issued a dispensation to thirty-four members to organize. Many of the officers are indebted to Unity Chapter for their education in the Order, having filled the chairs in that Chapter and no doubt will prove a tower of strength to Oakland Chapter. My second visit was on the evening of April 2, the occasion being the official visit of the Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Emma C. Malgren. Much interest was manifested in the work. Refreshments were served.

April 8, Carita Chapter, Alameda, celebrated its fourth anniversary, and entertained the Deputy Grand Matron, Sister Malgren, on her official visit. The degrees were conferred on four candidates in a very impressive manner. The Masonic Fraternity are in sympathy with Eastern Stars, and have recently remodeled and beautified their hall. The walls and ceiling are most elaborately frescoed. On the north and south walls are magnificent paintings from Yosemite Valley, the Cedars of Lebanon, Mount Shasta, River Jordan and Dead Sea. In the west is a most gorgeous sunset, and on the ceiling are the emblems of all the different Masonic Bodies and Eastern Star, most exquisitely wrought. Here I met many past Grand Officers. Among them were—Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Dr. Flint, Past Grand Patron, and Mrs. Augusta D. Wilson, Past Grand Matron, and others. A fine banquet was served at the close of the Chapter. One of the pleas-

ing features of the evening was a courtesy extended by the presiding officer of the Scottish Rite, Brother Myer.—He sent his regalia to the Worthy Matron, Sister Sullivan, with a request that she should wear it in conjunction with her own—thus demonstrating to all the co-operation of that Body with the Eastern Star.

April 9, Oak Leaf Chapter, Oakland, observed their annual custom of entertaining the children. It was a stormy night, but notwithstanding the pattering rain, nearly ninety children were present, varying in age from two years to sixteen. The hall was beautifully decorated, and as the little tots marched into the room, it seemed as though we were in Fairyland. The exercises were under the supervision of Miss McDonald. Mother Goose's Melodies and Lancers were rendered by the little ones in a most charming manner. The children looked forward to this night with great pleasure, and as I watched them in their innocent amusements with their pretty faces lighted up with smiles, I thought of such is the Kingdom of Heaven, and feel that these delightful reunions of our precious jewels should bring those of maturer years into closer relationship. The banquet room was decorated in calla lillies and festoons of blue and white "flowers," in the center of the room was a column of calla lillies reaching nearly to the ceiling. The refreshments were in abundance and each child had a candy Easter egg. I shall never forget that room, when the ninety little ones were all seated around that well filled table, and Mrs. Richards, Chairman of the Committee, is deserving of much credit for her untiring efforts in their behalf.

Oak Leaf Chapter for the first time in its history has been called to mourn the death of one of its present officers. On March 24, Sister Isabel Goff, the Warder, passed beyond this vale of tears. She was buried on the 26, with the ceremonies of the Order. At the last meeting of the Chapter, instead of the usual sad drapery for her station, her vacant chair was garlanded with calla lillies and lilacs.

I have found my time fully occupied with official duties, however I shall endeavor to send you a line as often as possible.

Fraternally yours,

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
M. W. G. M.

GOLDEN CHAPTER'S "SEWING BEE."

THE EASTERN STAR shown brightly in the pleasant wig-wam of Metacomet Tribe on the evening of March 28, the date of the first meeting of Golden Chapter after the loss of its home. The attendance was large, and every heart was filled with courage and determination, which spoke well for the future of the Chapter. One candidate was elected, and ways and means for replacing our lost property were fully discussed. Having lost our Charter, a dispensation from the Grand Matron gave the Chapter permission to work

without a Charter for the present. An offer to make aprons for Mount Moriah Lodge was accepted, and a meeting was appointed for sewing at the home of our Associate Matron, Sister Reed. Sister Julia Austin, our Warder, read a very pretty poem expressing her thoughts while our home was being destroyed. I am sorry I am not able to give it to your readers. Perhaps at some future time I may do so with the permission of the author.

At the last meeting three candidates were initiated in a very impressive manner, though we missed the pretty regalia and other paraphernalia. The Worthy Matron stated that fifty aprons were made at the "sewing bee" and invited the sisters to meet at her house to sew the next Friday afternoon, and also to combine pleasure with business, by arranging for a six o'clock supper and social in the evening. The invitation was gladly accepted and the plans were faithfully carried out. A large amount of work was accomplished in the afternoon, and a large amount of pleasure was extracted from the supper and evening's entertainment. Thus do we "lighten the burden of active duty."

We were glad to welcome at the social Sisters Wallace and Alden, Worthy Matron and Associate Matron of Adelphi Chapter, who kindly lent a helping hand in our work, as well as adding to the pleasure of the evening by their genial presence.

We were agreeably surprised to learn that our floor star has been found in the ruins in a fair state of preservation, requiring only to be cleaned and varnished, and now we are hoping that perhaps our Charter may also be found, as it was in a heavy metal case.

L. J. P.

THE TITLE "MRS."

The query has come to us in three different forms this week: "When shall a lady use the title Mrs. and when omit it?"

The trouble seems to be that we forget that Miss and Mrs. are "titles" and nothing more or less. Would a doctor sign his letters Dr. Alfred Jones? or on the other hand, would he ever neglect to have printed on his cards, Alfred Jones, M. D.? If we are writing to a stranger and desire a reply, and there is no other way of giving our proper address, we may put the Mrs. or Miss in parenthesis.

We must take the common sense view of the matter. I am Alice Jones, but others know me and address me as Mrs. Alice Jones, or if my husband is living I may be Mrs. Alfred Jones, but if one is a widow one must never commit the atrocity of using the late husband's name for a signature. The time was when woman was such a timid nonentity that she could not even claim a name for herself, but today she is proud of her own identity, as proud of the title Miss as of Mrs., but she parades neither and when called upon to sign any document, signs her own name, to which she has a legal right.

But on the other hand one must not forget that one is a lady, or make a desperate failure at being manish, by having ones cards printed Alice Jones. Every such attempt to put-off the feminine, only makes one ridiculous.—The American Tyler.

ANGEL KISSES.

[To the memory of Della Pittenger, our Sister in Christ and the Eastern Star.]

From out the portal gleaming with its soft and holy light,
Floating gently downward through the calmness of the night,
A wave of love comes stealing on the golden starry tips,
And the breath of angel kisses linger sweetly on my lips.
And the touch of angel fingers finds a glad responsive thrill,
Giving peace to empty arms that nothing else can fill.
Thoughts of morrow vanish as the present swiftly slips,
And I eagerly reach for kisses—the kiss of angel's lips.
The dreary, weary aching of the wounded heart forgot
In this hour of blissful dreaming, which is, and yet is not,
And when the dread awakening with its loneliness I greet,
I thank God for the dreaming and the angel kisses sweet.

H. S., W. M.

ANNIVERSARY ADDRESS.

WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—It is not my purpose to give an extended history of our Chapter of the past three years—as is usually the custom on anniversary occasions. Nor do I intend to go back into the stately past and review the history of the Order of the Eastern Star, and tell of its good and noble works, or deeds done in the past, much as that theme is delightful to me and so much might be said on this subject.

There are times when the tongue fails to give utterance to thoughts that penetrate the uttermost corners of our hearts, and tonight my heart is so full of Eastern Star work, that I wish for a thousand tongues to express my thoughts. I know not where to begin or where to leave off.

We have almost reached the third milestone in our existence as a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and tonight we stand on the very threshold of a new year, which dawns upon our horizon full of hope and bright with promise of the good we may do for humanity. Let us pause and think a moment—the past three years have gone, they have gone to be numbered with the years gone before, but their works will still live, as "by their works ye shall know them."

In looking back over the work of the past, we see we have had many things to work against. Prejudice and opposition on the part of some who have no confidence in anything that women undertake (especially the women of Silverton.) We also have had many obstacles to overcome, but, we have prospered and we have met with success—a success that has astonished our friends and dismayed our enemies, who are vigorously striving to pull down what we have builded; but how could we help but succeed, for among the many sources of Charity and Benevolence with which this world at present abounds—there is probably none more peculiarly adapted to the nature and temperament of women, calling into exercise and development the finer and nobler qualities of her nature, than this Order of the Eastern Star.

Our Chapter is yet in its infancy and it rests with each one of us today, as to what it will be in the future and to those members that are to follow us. So let us go in the right way, for as Mark Twain has said: "If you wish a child to go in the right way, you must

go that way once or twice yourself." Let us stand and work together that we may grow stronger and better. The perfect life is in its growth. The flower, the grain, the fruit, the child must grow. Decay begins when growth ceases. Our Order is too dear to allow it to decay. Let us watch and guard it zealously that it may grow to perfection. Our inclinations and capacities are not alike, yet we should each labor to cultivate the best that lies within us.

Our station may be lowly, yet we each have some work, some part to take in the great highway of life. To some of us falls the little things—the little acts which are not seen except by the receiver and He to whom we look for strength and guidance. Let us strive to be more earnest, more fervent in our work, more gentle and kind in our intercourse with each other, and let us be loyal to every duty and faithful to every obligation. We must not let envy or jealousy enter into our hearts, but we must go on upholding the right and condemning the wrong. We must let duty be our watchword and loyalty our ensign, and in the language of the singing brook our Chapter may say,

"Men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever."

We are living in a day and age of the world when so much is being said for and against secret orders. We cannot but ask ourselves, What means this multitude of Orders, these thousands of Lodge Rooms that are over our broad land, with their myriads of officers loaded with high sounding titles and costly uniforms and recognition signs and grips that bind men and women together as brothers and sisters? It has been said, and well said, that Orders might well have inscribed upon the doors of every Lodge Room the grand motto, "God, Home and Native Land." We can answer for the O. E. S., that it is an organization dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness, where men and women who aspire to noble deeds are banded together in the upbuilding of a more refined and perfect womanhood and manhood. It is a place they can come to and receive instruction, and where they each have their work to do. It has many educational advantages, and our Chapters also afford schools of culture, in elocution. Many a man and woman who are now able speakers, can trace a large part of their success in life back to their first office in Lodge or Chapter Room. Little by little we sisters are becoming to have more confidence in ourselves than we had three years ago, and we are better able to speak off-hand on various topics, and the affairs of our Chapter afford ample scope for the foundation and expression of opinion, and the practice of discussion and voting in support of opinion is one of the most important schools in life. Sisters, we must not be afraid to let our voices be heard. We must express our convictions upon all questions which may arise; we must do it in a pleasant way, and then after we have endeavored to carry our part, "if it is lost," we must submit gracefully to the will of the majority.

As we have said, many are opposed to secret orders, and many a thoughtless person who has never investigated the subject nor connected themselves with any order, often speak lightly of secret Orders. They imagine men go the Lodge for company or to have a jollification over a new candidate, or to get away from home, when really it is for the sake of the home. But there are many Lodge men, and other men too, for that matter, who think their wives ought always to stay at home, never join a Lodge or society, and never know anything, only as they learn from their liege lords, and they are very chary with their lessons I can assure you. Such

men are making the mistake of their lives, both for themselves and their families. Women who educate and cultivate themselves—join Lodges, if you please—make the best wives, homes and mothers. They are more companionable for their husbands, and life has a brighter light for both. Do not forget that when you educate a man, you educate an individual; but educate the mothers and you educate the whole world. "Mothers and homes are the corner stones of empires."

We sisters are fully aware that we are in no sense a Masonic body, for that is plainly taught us from the Ritual, and we have never been informed what Solomon's reasons were for not taking his numerous wives into his confidence, but doubtless they were not considered capable, either mentally or physically, for performing or even comprehending the work. But incapacity can no longer be a valid excuse, for the women of this century have the ability and the courage to attempt to emulate any and all the achievements of man. We say she has the courage, but we are confident she has no aspirations to climb the slippery pole or walk on hot griddles, just to become a Master Mason, for we believe we have an organization equal to the Masonic, and, if we have been correctly informed by those who have the opportunity to know, the O. E. S. is provided with a Ritual second to none. Its beauty and its teachings are now becoming the warp and woof of the character of thousands of women in this happy land of ours.

The best evidence of a brighter and a better day for us women is seen in the advancement of our women. In no other land are they honored or respected as they are in America today. The time has been when all avenues of education were closed to women, but now they are welcomed into almost every educational institution in the land, and the age calls upon us for mental activity. The days of woman's intellectual darkness are past, and the voice of the nineteenth century calls upon us to yield wisdom's golden light. We do not think women are called upon to prepare to take man's place in the world, but to fill her own with more dignity and womanliness.

Woman is no longer man's servant but his companion, his counsellor, his inspiration. Her education has made her great, and won for her the honor so justly bestowed upon her. Her education should be broad and deep. Since men and women are to live together, they should be educated together, and we know of no better place where this can be accomplished than in the Chapter room, where we all meet on an equal footing, and, recognizing these plain facts, let us strive for the growth of true womanhood and manhood, which is open to all of us.

The opportunities of the years gone by we may not reclaim, but we are beginning a new year, with its new opportunities. So let us each take up the work which comes before us in the spirit of harmony; the spirit that looks above and beyond the ambitions of the hour. And may all our work and business be transacted in that spirit "which thinketh no evil, beareth all things and hopeth all things." And thus may we go forward with our banner unfurled, living up to the obligation in its fullest, truest sense, keeping in mind always the lessons we aspire to teach, and in so doing render our Order, as well as ourselves, "fairest among thousands, altogether lovely."

MRS. FLORENCE MOLIQUÉ.

Gem Chapter, No. 15, Silverton, Colo.

Coarse raiment more frequently hides a tender heart than the finer silks of the Indies or the best web of French looms.

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA, 1896.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Grand Lodge Hall April 22 and 23.

At the last moment the Grand Matron, Sister Olive E. McGrew, was prevented by severe illness, from being present and the Associate Grand Matron, Sister Jennie T. Nye, was called to preside. Sister Carrie M. Fanning, Past Grand Matron, served as Associate Grand Matron.

The Associate Grand Matron, assisted by the Grand Patron, A. W. Hempleman, and associate officers, opened the Grand Chapter in ample form. Every Grand Officer except the Grand Matron was present. Also, there were seven Past Grand Matrons and nine Past Grand Patrons present.

One hundred and twenty-six Chartered Chapters were represented by three hundred and thirty-six representatives. Also, from the thirty Chapters Under Dispensation there were a goodly number of members. Visitors added to the number until the capacity of Grand Lodge Hall was taxed.

The Grand Chapter was honored by the presence of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Sister Addie C. S. Engle, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut, and an Honorary member of this Grand Chapter.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

On Credentials—Nettie Ransford, Alice Meyer, Susie Mattingly.

On Finance, Ways and Means—E. J. Church, William Conrad, Anna Nixon.

On Unfinished Business—E. Smith, Mary J. McCormack, Emma E. Lewark.

On Pay-Roll—William G. Burnett, Garrett Van Duzen, Lizzie P. Long.

On Jurisprudence—Willis D. Engle, Henry G. Thayer, Effie Williams.

On Appeals and Grievances—Leopold Buelzingslowen, Eva M. Hollinger, Charlotte Crumpacker.

On Dispensations and Charters—Thomas B. Long, J. W. Maxim, Carrie M. Fanning.

On Correspondence—Jennie Myerhoff.

Special Committee on Obituary—Emily Parker, W. H. Glascock.

The Grand Patron's address evidenced unusual prosperity during the year past. Twenty-one Chapters were constituted and twenty-six Chapters were organized. He recommended that a form be prepared for the use of Deputies in Constituting and Instituting Chapters. Also, that a new office be created, to be filled by a Past Grand Matron, appointed by the Grand Matron, whose duty it shall be to visit and encourage struggling Chapters.

The address of the Grand Matron was read by Past Grand Matron, Augusta V. Hunter. Sister McGrew, Grand Matron, was appointed Grand Representative near this Grand Chapter from Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, Minnesota, Arkansas and Texas.

She made during the year thirty-four official visits to Subordinate Chapters, and the report showed a busy year and active interest in the work.

A message of sympathy and a floral offering was sent the Grand Matron by vote of the Grand Chapter, to which she made response, expressing her deep regret that she must be deprived the privilege and pleasure of completing her year's work.

The reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer showed receipts, including balance, \$6,919.23, and disbursements, \$2,932.52, leaving a balance of \$3,986.71.

Charters were granted to thirty Chapters. A new Constitution was adopted.

The Committee on Finance recommended the following allowance, which was concurred in:—Contingent Fund, \$135; Grand Secretary's salary, \$225; Grand Treas., \$15; Grand Matron, \$100; Grand Patron, \$15; Grand Sentinel, \$20, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, \$25; check room, \$5.00; each member of Committee on Dispensations and Charters, \$10; elevator, \$5.00.

The law was changed, making the offices of Grand Conductress and Associate Grand Conductress elected instead of appointed.

The following officers were installed by Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, with Sister Carrie M. Fanning, Past Grand Matron, as Grand Marshal, and Brother Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron as Grand Chaplain:

Mrs. Jennie T. Nye, Grand Matron, LaPorte.

P. E. Hoss, Grand Patron, Kokomo.

Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Associate Grand Matron, Warsaw.

C. B. Stemen, Associate Grand Patron, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Eliza J. Moffett, Grand Treasurer, Crawfordsville.

Mrs. Charlotte Crumpacker, Grand Lecturer, Valparaiso.

W. H. Glascock, Grand Chaplain, Indianapolis.

Edward W. Barrows, Grand Marshal, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Lizzie J. Smythe, Grand Conductress, Indianapolis.

Mrs. Sarah E. Gardiner, Associate Grand Conductress, Terre Haute.

Miss Frances Brownback, Grand Adah, Pendleton.

Mrs. Jennie Kelsey, Grand Ruth, Center.

Mrs. Hattie C. Weed, Grand Esther, Michigan City.

Mrs. Anna Nixon, Grand Martha, Richmond.

Mrs. Rosetta Dorland, Grand Electa, LaPorte.

Mrs. Lelia Orwin, Grand Warder, Rushville.

Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, Grand Sentinel, Indianapolis.

Committee on Dispensations and Charters—Thomas B. Long, William Conrad, Nellie Dunbar.

Committee on Correspondence—Olive E. McGrew, West Indianapolis.

NOTES FROM THE GRAND CHAPTER.

On the evening before the meeting of the Grand Chapter, Queen Esther Chapter and Naomi Chapter of this city, tendered a reception to the Grand Officers, delegates and visitors at the Grand Hotel. In the first parlor, Lizzie Crowe, Worthy Matron, and Edward W. Barrows, Worthy Patron of Queen Esther Chapter, Willhelmina Brattain, Associate Matron, and William H. Smythe, Worthy Patron of Naomi Chapter, Olive E. McGrew, Grand Matron, A. W. Hempleman, Grand Patron, with Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and the Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons present were in the receiving line, while the rest of the Grand Officers, Jennie T. Nye, Associate Grand Matron, at the head of the line, received in the second parlor. The parlors and hall were crowded, and all seemed to enjoy the opportunity of meeting each other socially. Music enlivened the occasion, and during the evening punch was served by the young sisters of the two Chapters. The Past Matrons and Past Patrons were the committee on introduction. Card favors were distributed, and altogether the reception was pronounced a success and very enjoyable.

On Wednesday evening Naomi Chapter held a Special Meeting and the degrees were conferred upon two candidates. The hall was literary packed. The work was beautifully exemplified, eliciting generous and deserved praise from all. Just before the Chapter closed, Brother Smythe, Worthy Patron, on behalf of members of Naomi Chapter, with very appropriate remarks, presented to Sister Regina and Brother M. H. Rice, a beautiful banquet lamp and stand. It was the fortieth anniversary of their wedding, and their friends in that Chapter had taken this occasion to evidence their friendship and remembrance. Sister and Brother Rice made response.

After the close of Naomi Chapter, the officers of Queen Esther rendered the Floral Work and it also was beautifully done. The Ritual work was impressively rendered, and the figures which followed were exceptionally well formed. The applause which followed the close of the work was merited.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY.

During the past few months the members of Athena Chapter, Orange, have had many pleasant gatherings, but perhaps none have brought more real pleasure than was realized by the hundred or more of our sisters and brothers who helped to celebrate the fiftieth birthday of Dr. Charles Hendrickson, who so ably filled the office of Worthy Patron in Athena Chapter during 1895.

The Doctor was completely surprised, having had no intimation of the intended raid. He was sitting quietly in his office, reading

his daily paper, when a lady appeared at the door. He invited her to enter and be seated, supposing it to be a professional call. When informed by his wife that there were others who wished to see him, he replied: "I am engaged now, but will see them in a few minutes." Stepping to the door and seeing the hall and stairway crowded with Eastern Stars, it dawned upon him at once that they were not seeking medical advice.

After a social hour Sister Gale, in behalf of the Chapter, addressed Brother Hendrickson with these pleasant words: "In coming in upon you in so surprising a manner, we should feel almost like bending the knee as humble supplicants, begging pardon for what might ordinarily be deemed an unwarrantable intrusion, had we not been assured by the joint head of this household, that we should meet with certain and hearty welcome. Now, waiving all ceremony, we will announce our mission."

At this point Sister Tenny stepped forward and continued the congratulatory address as follows: "Our most worthy and honored Matron, Sister Gale, boldly assumes that we are welcomed. And indeed, why should she not, when the genial smile with which we are always met seems just the same, only perhaps a little broader, the beaming eye a little brighter, while the lips form words which we feel sure are heart-born. How pleasant it is to know that we have friends with whom we are always welcome. Ah, yes, well it is for us all, that life is not all a desert, that green oasis glimmer here and there, making the rough paths smoother and the hard hills easier to climb.

"For fifty years this anniversary night has been hallowed to you by a Mother's prayer, a Father's tenderness, or a Wife's devotion and Daughter's affection. May many figures yet be added thereunto. May the wheel of time roll many rounds, bringing to your view the gleaming visions one by one, ere you leave the beaten path to ascend by the ladder you have builded, unto the New Jerusalem, that city not made with hands.

"Tonight, we, your loyal subjects, members of the Order you so love, bring as unto a king, the offering of our hearts, simple though it be, knowing that as a king, you will receive it royally, as royally as tho' suited to a crown because it is a heart-gift. Accept it, and sometimes in looking upon it, let your benediction rest upon Athena.

"Now, on o'er the pathway before you,
Broad-facing the Jasper walls,
May the Bethlehem Star burn brighter,
Till the night's swift curtain falls,
And you stand on the storied mountains,
Where forever its beams shall shine,
Flooding all Heaven with a glory,
All earth with a love Divine."

Sister Tenny then presented the doctor with a costly and beautiful watch charm containing the emblems of the different Masonic bodies to which he belongs, the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Knights Templar.

Our brother responded in his usual happy

manner, saying in the course of his remarks, that whilst he could but feel richer in the possession of so valuable a token, he felt far more enriched by the assurance that he possessed so many good and true friends.

Soon after ten all were invited to the dining room, where a long table placed between folding doors, contained an abundance of tempting refreshments. "Stars without, Stars within," even the spoons on the table caught the inspiration and formed themselves into a Star around a large banquet lamp placed in the center. The remainder of the evening until past the midnight hour, was given up to general hilarity. As the party separated, all expressed great pleasure in being present, and hoped for the beloved physician, the eminent citizen, the loved brother, that the years of his life might be many and each fuller of labor, honor and love, than any that have preceded.

HATTIE E. EWING,
R. W. A. G. M.

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and inner circle, where heart meets heart, and where soul responds to soul—will tell her it was only the outward tangible expression of an inner, richer, rarer gift—the gift of friendship. Bro. Semple, in a most happy and genial manner, beautifully expressed the sentiment of Van Wert Chapter towards its efficient Sec., Mrs. Geo. H. Marsh,—a woman whom all men and all women delight to love and honor, in presenting to her a beautiful bouquet of American Beauties. The sweet fragrance of song—the melodious response of instrument to skillful and accomplished touch—the inspiration of thought—the rich delight of social joys, made the evening one of the most pleasant in the history of Delphos Chapter. The charms of the evening will linger long in her memory.

BESSIE R. HASTINGS.

Pearl Chapter, Cleveland gave their First Annual Ball, April 10, and it was a decided success. The Hall was beautifully decorated with colors of the Order together with an abundance of plants and flowers. "The Star" in flowers, one of the most attractive objects in the room, was composed of the emblematic flowers of the Order. A card-room had been procured for those who did not care to dance, but we failed to see many going that way. The committees worked well together for the enjoyment of their guests, and when "Home Sweet Home" was called very few had thought of "Home". All conceded to its being the most enjoyable Party of the season. The Chapter was delighted with its first venture, as it was not only successful socially but also financially. There are rumors afloat of a series for next season, and all are looking forward to times of pleasure.

M. L. D.

OREGON.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—In reading the communications in our bright little paper THE EASTERN STAR, I am glad in comparing them, to note that our own state is holding

her own in the matter of new Chapters and indeed is on a par with her sisters in all that pertains to the good of the order. This success is doubtless due in a great measure to the Grand Officers, but is also helped along by the enthusiasm of the general membership.

We have this month to notice a new Chapter at Pineville, Mar. 27, Bro. Matt. G. Wilkins of Portland having been duly authorized by the G. P., initiated forty-one persons into the mysteries of the O. E. S. They have taken the name "Carnation".

The new officers are:—Miss Margeria Brink, W. M.; Bro. T. M. Baldwin, W. P.; Mrs. M. R. Biggs, A. M.; Mrs. Sichel, Con.; Mrs. S. I. Belknap, A. C.; Mrs. Baldwin, Sec.; Mrs. M. H. Bell, Treas.

Bro. Wilkins, who was in the city two weeks reports them in excellent working condition.

On Mar. 23, the G. M. made an official visit to Fern Chapter, Astoria. She was met at the steamer by a delegation of ladies and hospitably entertained during her stay. Sister Badolet is serving her second term as W. M. and Bro. E. Lonsberry is W. P.

Refreshments and social converse closed the evening and the G. M. left them much more enthused than she found them.

On Apr. 11, the D. D. G. M. Susan E. Hepner made her official visit to Myrtle Chapter. This was only a matter of form for the work of this Chapter is beyond criticism. Their large and handsome hall was well filled, there being members present from seven other Chapters. The good cheer afforded by nice luncheon closed the evening.

On Apr. 14, she made her visit of inspection to Martha Washington. They have added novelty to perfection and illustrate the different degrees with stereopticon views.

There is a steady growth in this Chapter that is the result of well directed, united effort.

On Apr. 15, she made her visit of inspection to Pioneer. She was accompanied by Sister M. E. Kellogg, G. M.; Sister E. McLean G. Mar, Sister J. G. Muckle, G. Adah and sixteen other members of the Order. She commended the work done by the officers and especially that of the W. P. Bro. J. H. Walker. In the hall of this Chapter is a relic of which the members are very proud. It is a small, brass-bound, leather trunk, made forty years ago by old Capt. Joseph Kellogg and in which he brought the charter for the first Masonic lodge in Oregon. Bro. McArdle, W. P. of Martha Washington in his remarks referred very pleasantly to the G. Matron's interest in this trunk. Much more might be written of this pleasant visit but space forbids. If our sisters in the East who were shivering at the thought of going outdoors could have taken the ride up the Willamette, have seen the mountains glowing in the sunset light, the flowers springing everywhere and fruit trees shedding fragrance and snowy petals on all the balmy air, they would emigrate at once to happy Oregon.

Now and always wishing and working for the success of our Order.

JEAN MALCOLM.

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

The Eighteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota will be held May 13, at Duluth. May the meeting be pleasant and prosperous.

The meeting of the Grand Chapter just closed, was the largest ever held and the number in attendance almost taxed the capacity of Grand Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple.

Kansas Grand Chapter will hold its Twentieth Annual Session at Kansas City, May 13. Very neat invitations, with a program for the meeting are sent out, and we had hoped to attend the "Crystal Meeting," but another meeting to be held at that date prevents, greatly to our regret.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will hold its Twentieth Annual Session at Worcester, on Thursday, May, 14. Card invitations have been issued, with the compliments of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. Thanks for remembrance, and we regret that distance prevents attendance.

In a write up of Sister Comstock last month, we failed to give her credit for honors due—

She was the first elected Right Worthy associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, and it should have been noted in the write up. It was just a slip of the memory, and we beg our sisters pardon for the omission.

Announcement cards tell the members of the Order in Indiana that their newly elected Grand Patron, P. E. Hoss, has entered the circle of benedicts. On Tuesday, April 28, at Piqua, Ohio, Miss Flora Smith became Mrs. Hoss and after June first they will be at home at Kokomo, Ind. Indiana unitedly sends congratulations, and best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

Will those who are indebted to THE EASTERN STAR kindly remit the amount due. While we are sure it is not intentional negligence, it greatly inconveniences the one who is trying to carry on the paper. You desire the paper to succeed, and you do not desire through thoughtlessness to retard the work. Give it your aid and encouragement, by promptly meeting your obligations.

With the bright Summer days will come the plans for picnics and excursions, and no Chapter should think of passing the Summer months without an outing or two. Where it is possible for several Chapters to meet together for these annual gatherings, it will be found very pleasant. So few opportunities occur for social intercourse between Chapters that none should be lost. At these gatherings a little time can be very profitably spent in listening to a few remarks or joining in a song or two.

In another column of this issue appears a notice of the marriage of Irene Marguerite Snedden. She is the only child of our sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and also a member of the Order. The friends throughout the order will be pained to learn that the brightness is so suddenly dimmed by the death of Mr. Darby. —No particulars have reached us, but just as we go to press comes a telegram from Brother Snedden, telling that Mr. Darby died April 28, at twelve fifty. In this sudden and deep sorrow, all hearts go out in loving sympathy to our dear young sister and to those of the households immediately bereaved.

AT REST.

Mrs. Fannie M. Whitney wife of George B. Whitney died on the train near La Platta, Missouri, Apr. 11, 1896, aged twenty-five years. Sister Whitney was an esteemed member of Mount Pleasant Chapter. She was married at Two Rivers, Mich. June 25, 1892. Thus as the bud of promise had begun to unfold into beautiful womanhood, on whom the most ardent affections of husband, and loving parents, brothers and sisters had been lavish-

ed has been cut off by fell disease. Early in the spring she evinced symptoms of that dread disease consumption. Her husband thinking a change would be beneficial took her to Arizona, not receiving the desired benefit, he was returning home with her, when, as an infant hushed to sleep in its mother's arms, so Sister Fannie fell asleep in the arms of her Saviour. Her end was as the setting of an evening sun in a clear sky. She was consigned to her last resting place in Riverside Cemetery, her funeral being conducted by the Order of the Eastern Star. We as a Chapter feel that we have indeed sustained a severe loss, that our golden chain has been sadly severed. We shall miss her cheerful smile, and genial companionship.

SUSIE L. GOODSSELL.

Mt. Pleasant, Mich.,

MARRIED.

Miss Irene Marguerite Snedden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Snedden, was quietly married at six o'clock April 8, at the Church of the Redeemer, to Mr. Harry Ainsley Darby, Rev. John Bennett, of Fort Scott, Kan., officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Charles Trautman.

The bride wore a traveling gown of cadet blue broadcloth, trimmed with Persian silk and Honiton applique, with a hat to match and carried a white prayer book, lillies of the valley marking the place for the responses. The only bridesmaid, Miss Isadore Mertsheimer, of Kansas City, wore a street gown of tan cloth, trimmed with iridescent passementerie. She carried a bouquet of daybreak pinks. Mr. E. P. Sharmon was best man.

The interior of the Church was artistically decorated with lillies, carnations and evergreens, while the reception-rooms at the bride's home were adorned with the lillies and white flowers only.

A reception was held at the house for the bridal party and friends from abroad, after which the young people departed for a short tour of the South. When they return they will be at home on Tuesdays in May, at 3006 Olive street, St. Louis.

FROM THE GRAND MATRON.

March 25, I was present at the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Anderson. As Sister Ransford wrote of the reception given by the Order of the Eastern Star and the evening's exercises, 'tis useless for me to write more about it.

March 26, by invitation, Sister Ransford, Grand Secretary, Sister Smythe, Associate Grand Conductress, and myself, visited Clinton Chapter, Frankfort. Visitors from Russiaville and Clark's Hill were present. At six o'clock we were invited to the banquet hall, where we did "justice" to the "feast of good things" set before us. At the regular hour the Chapter was called to order and opened. The Work was exemplified. This

was almost the first work of the new officers and they did very well. The officers and members seem interested in the work. They have a pleasant hall, and it was decorated with potted plants. The Floral Work was beautifully rendered. Remarks were made by several of the visitors and members, after which the Chapter was closed and "good-nights" and "good-byes" were said; we separated feeling a greater interest in our loved Order. Sister Ransford was entertained by Sister Campbell, and Sister Smythe and I were the guests of Sister Stettler.

April 3, I visited, by invitation, Alexandria Chapter, U. D. They have a very nice hall, parlor and banquet hall. Three candidates received the degrees. This new Chapter is doing good work and used no Rituals in exemplifying the degrees. I feel sure they will be one of our brightest Stars, for all seem desirous of doing the work perfectly. Remarks were made by some of the members for the good of the order. After the Chapter was closed we were invited to the banquet hall where refreshments were served. The tables were decorated with flowers. It was Saturday morning before we separated, for 'twas after midnight. Saturday, I had the pleasure of visiting the Window Glass Factory, Steel Works and Axe Factory. I was taken to these factories by Sister Miller, Associate Matron, and her brother, Mr. Beeson. I was the guest of Sister Henshaw, Worthy Matron, and Sister Miller, Associate Matron.

April 7, by special invitation, I visited Fidelity Chapter, Logansport. I was met by a committee and after a pleasant drive was taken to the home of Sister Mame Cushman, Grand Adah, whose guest I was until the Chapter hour. The Chapter room is large and pleasant, and more than one hundred members were present. Three candidates received the degrees. The Work was impressively given and not only the candidates, but all present were interested listeners. After the business of the meeting was completed, remarks were made for the good of the Order. Chapter was then closed and we were invited to the banquet hall. The tables were beautifully decorated with smilax and flowers, and at each plate was a celluloid Star decorated with ribbon, and bearing the name and number of the Chapter. Elegant refreshments were served. I was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses. From the Chapter I was taken to the home of the Worthy Matron, Sister Susie Robinson, whose guest I was until I left for home the next afternoon.

OLIVE E. MCGREW,
Grand Matron.

PICKED UP BY THE WAYSIDE.

Do not look for wrong and evil—
You will find them if you do;
As you measure for your neighbor
He will measure back to you.

Look for goodness, look for gladness—
You will meet them all the while;
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a smile.

—Alice Cary.

Kind words, kind looks, kind acts and warm handshakes,—these are secondary means of grace when men are in trouble and fighting their unseen battles.

"Boo-hoo-hoo" roared Tommy. "Billy's eaten all my cake."

"You said I might have a bite," said Billy, "and it isn't my fault if my bite is as big as your cake."

Ruskin makes a profitable suggestion for all who would enjoy successful and happy lives, to this effect: "If you prepare a dish of food carelessly, you do not expect Providence to make it palatable: neither if, through years of folly, you misguide your own life, need you expect divine interference to bring round everything at last as if you had done right."

"The safe guard against temptation is not seclusion, but self-culture," says Ian Maclaren. "As it is not disinfectants which will most certainly secure one against infections, but a sound constitution, so it is not rules of life which will strengthen one against temptation, but a strong soul. One must build up his moral constitution by the habit of noble deeds and high thinking, by fellowship with pure women and honorable men. The chief aids in this regimen are literature and friendship."

The most important kindness we can do any animal that lives with us or works for us, is to talk to him. It is all very well to give our pets proper food and care, but it is not enough. If "man doth not live by bread alone," the animal friends of men also have higher requirements. They need companionship; they need conversation. Our pets will never learn to love us unless we take the trouble to be agreeable to them, and they will never be half so intelligent in understanding what we expect them to do, if we omit to say clearly what we want, and if we are unwilling to bear our own part in a friendly conversation.

L.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

"Come in," Bless the lips to which the words came so readily! Washington will enter, changed by their magic from guest to comrade.

"Come in," Don't you know sisters, I'm just longing to read you a little sermon already. Suppose I do. You see I need it more than anybody, and maybe you'll reform me if you let me scold you.

Well then, there's a chapter near you—you know which one I mean—that is concealed enough to think it can do the work almost as well as you can. Preposterous claims of course! And then it's an unfriendly sort of a body any way. When it comes on a visit

the guest is immediately lost in the critic. And such criticism! Did any one ever hear anything so unfair? When they come again we'll be civil, quite civil,—but cool.

Tut! tut! "Come in! come in!" Life is too beautiful for cool civility, and a love that will stop at chapter lines is no love for us, say I. A chapter worthy to bear the name of our order will not refuse the invitation if given in the genial spirit of Christ love. Try it once. I will if you will. A bargain?

But we have home as well as foreign missions.

Of course some of the sisters in our chapter cannot, with all manner of allowances, be classed as pleasant and congenial members. Then others are so wholly absorbed in a desire to run the entire chapter that we feel inclined some times to step out and let them do it. But steady! steady! If discord prevails all the more need for a willing hand and a heart in the right place.

To the great principle of love stirring in our hearts we are morally bound to give expression. Not only that, but there is an unwritten law which demands that we give the best that we have to give to every association which we form.

I wonder if it would not do some of us good to form a new circle around the altar. Let the one among us with the most love in the heart say to the lingering ones "Come in"; and repeat it if need be seven times seven, "Come in! come in!" It is contagious if it once gain head way.

Sisters, the final word comes soon. Each link shall fall away. But the spirit of kindness and love is the best heritage a being or organization can leave to its successors.

Ours is an organization whose idea is the embodiment of love and light.

Shall we follow, sister, brother,
Shall our lives join in the song,
That in peace, good will is rising
From the humble shepherd throng?

Then be witness of the promise,
There to all the earth unfurled;
Witness of the love whose dawning
Breaks, and lightens up the world.

A sister may say: "This is all very well in its place, but what we want in a journal is not fancy but facts. "And a wise brother with a knowing smile will whisper to her "Yes, but you know that is just like a woman, a moral with every message." But we are undaunted. Facts wanted? And what are they? The number of candidates who have applied for admission in our state, the pleasing innovations in dress and marching, the striking declamations of Worthy Somebody or Grand So and So? Are these facts and the growth of spiritual truths but fancy? Then it were better to have less of facts and more of fancy in this order of ours. Rather let us make the fancy a living fact and we shall have no need to borrow from the Masonic constellation light to illumine our way—Washington sends kind greetings to you all.

M.

GLEANINGS.

INDIANA.

Queen Esther Chapter at its last meeting initiated four candidates and received three petitions.

Naomi Chapter Auxiliary is having a Birthday Party, and we hope in our next to record it as a success in every way.

Radiant Chapter, Noblesville, although among the latest organized, shows unusual proficiency—at its first meeting the W. M. did her work entirely from memory, and the other officers made commendable efforts in that direction.

Wolcott Chapter at a stated meeting held March 20, initiated five candidates. The work was rendered in a very impressive manner, after which all retired to the banquet room where a sumptuous feast was participated in. It gives me pleasure to say that Wolcott Chapter is in a prosperous condition.

Mrs. Carrie Ross, W. M.

Thinking perhaps you would be pleased to hear from Anderson Chapter once more, I will tell you of our first regular meeting in the new hall. The members from the different parts of the city could be seen wending their way to our new quarters—ahead—yes actually ahead of time, so intent and eager were they to test the beauty and value of the home so elegantly prepared for us and for the Masonic Bodies in this city. The attendance was large, the brothers and sisters congenial, happy and seemingly at peace with all the world—each other in particular. A more beautiful place of meeting cannot be desired and I doubt if nicer can be found in the State. Every member of our Chapter is under many and lasting obligations to the members of the Masonic Fraternity who contributed towards the erection of this most modern and handsome structure. Assurance has been given of many names to be presented. The newly elected officers are working hard on their Ritual Work, and ere long Anderson can boast of being right up with any of the best working Chapters in the State.

IOWA.

April 3, Crystal Chapter, Rhodes, had the pleasure of a visit from the G. M., Sister Jennie Rule. It was a pleasure that all appreciated, and we feel that the words of cheer and encouragement that she gave us has increased our love for our beloved Order, and that we will do better work in the future than we have in the past. We have had a prosperous year so far, having received five new members, and one petition awaiting work and one awaiting the ballot.

April 20, was the ninth anniversary of our organization.

Mrs. Jennie Rule, G. M., visited Valley Chapter, Missouri Valley, last evening. While in the city she was the guest of Mrs. M. C. Burbank. After the usual work the G. M. exemplified the work of the Order in an

excellent manner, to the delight of the members who numbered about fifty. Her address was both eloquent and instructive, and met with the hearty approval of every member present. She speaks with ease and fluency, and at once demonstrates her knowledge of the work she is engaged in. After the work of the Chapter all present were invited to the banquet room, where the ladies had prepared a sumptuous repast and to which ample justice was done, showing that the members of Valley Chapter can be relied upon to entertain, not only in intellectual and social meetings, but also in providing for the most critical epicure. The meeting was a pleasant one and will long be remembered as one of the events in the history of the Chapter, which will always be a bright spot in memory's page. The G. M. can feel that in her visit to Missouri Valley she has added to her list of friends, all of whom wish her long life, pleasure and happiness in her noble work.

Oak Chapter, Red Oak, celebrated its fifth anniversary very pleasantly and profitably Tuesday evening, March 17. Invitations were extended to Masons and their wives, and to the lady members of the Eastern Star. The rooms of the hall were tastefully decorated with floral emblems, and special incandescent lights representing the Star colors were used, also potted plants and artistic effects in bunting. Music was furnished by an orchestra, which enlivened the occasion greatly. Sister C. Kretchmer, W. M., presided and welcomed the guests in a pleasing manner. A specially attractive program had been prepared, Sister Ella L. Houghton having a historical sketch of the Order of the Eastern Star, after which the farce, "Masonry a la Lease" was rendered in a very mirthful manner, Sister Houghton having drilled the ladies in their several parts. It proved very taking, being out of the usual order of evening entertainments. Sister Maria Jackson of Council Bluffs, deserves much praise for the revising of this farce, making it what it is, and every Chapter should try its pleasing entertainment. After this part of the program a bountiful repast was served, and one hundred and thirty persons indulged in its luxuries. There were a number of responses to toasts, after which the remaining hours were passed in conversation and social enjoyment. Its membership is seventy-two and is still growing in members, five new petitions having been received recently. Peace and harmony prevail.

The officers of the Chapter are: Sister C. Kretchmer, W. M.; Bro. W. Race, W. P.; Sister Jennie Kelly, Sec.

Having lost all of their paraphernalia by fire, the sisters of Sheffield Chapter began to think of means to furnish the Chapter when the Masonic brothers should re-build. Taking the cue from an article in THE EASTERN STAR, of a birthday party given by the ladies of South Bend, Ind., we determined on a birthday party, as it was near the fifth anni-

versary of our organizing. We sent out the following invitation to every Chapter in the State:

Best wishes we send with this greeting hearty,
And hope you'll attend our birthday party
To be held on the nineteenth day of June,
Behold! it cometh "full too soon."

This birthday party is all our own,
Nothing like it ever was known.
Your very best friends will entertain,
And treat you well while you remain.

With this we inclose a little sack,
And hope you will bring or send it back,
With cents as many as years you are old,
And don't be afraid, it will never be told.

Though nickels and pennies are all that we ask,
To accept more will be no difficult task.
Be assured that your of'ring will not be mis spent,
And consider it not GIVEN, but just to us LENT.

For if the fire fiend destroys your all,
We'll gladly respond to the very first call.
Be sure you bring with you a picture of self,
When a wild, romping boy, or a sweet little elf,

That the guests may have the pleasure of guessing,
Which one and how many have lost Beauty's blessing,
And the judges will present, with greatest of grace,
A prize to the homeliest, as to the handsomest face.

We had procured a new seal and stamped each card and inclosed a tiny envelope as the sack. It was generally responded to, many sending their replies in rhyme, accompanied by the little sack containing from eight cents (the exact age of one Chapter) to ten dollars. They may rest assured that the "of'ring" has not been mis-spent, and if any Chapter in our State is so unfortunate as to be visited by the fire fiend, we will be ready and glad to aid them financially.

We had a short program and read the replies, followed by a banquet, after which the judges passed their opinions on our childhood pictures. I write thus fully hoping it may aid some Chapter to originate something new for an entertainment to replenish their treasury, as South Bend did us.

ADELLA D. CURRY, Sec.

KANSAS.

Lucretia Garfield Chapter, Downs, held a reception for visitors and new initiates recently. Mrs. A. A. Welch, of Cedarville, was the guest of honor, having been a member of the Order in Missouri twenty-seven years ago. The attendance was very full and old time enthusiasm was the order of the evening. The banquet was a most pleasant feature of the proceedings, as it always is. The Chapter is receiving valuable additions to its membership, and under the happy administration of Sister Bragg as W. M., is seeing substantial prosperity. We were severely disappointed when the P. M. of Phillipburg Chapter could not attend. Our work was done very nicely and visitors give us no embarrassment. As a Secretary takes no credit for the correct work or administrative ability of the working force, we trust it does not seem vain to praise our own. When members and officers steadily work together for success, as is the present happy lot, nothing else can be expected but success. But that which gladdens your correspondent's heart still more, is the co-opera-

tion of our Star sisters in other lines of good work. In the late W. C. T. U. Convention held in our town, our members afforded material help in entertainment and carrying forward the work of the convention. Our women feel the oneness of all lines of work, whose aim is to "better humanity and honor God."

Cawker City Chapter, our neighbor, is justly proud of its new Jewels recently secured. It is having a successful year with Sister Hawkins as W. M., and L. S. Luckner, W. P. It is seldom that father and daughter occupy the East, as in this instance. It can be seen that Bro. Luckner has worthily magnified his Masonry in rearing this gifted child.

Osborne Chapter is losing one of its P. M.'s, Sister Jessie Tilton, by her husband changing editorial chairs, but Downs is the happy gainer.

MISSOURI.

DEAR EASTERN STAR:—Oak Leaf Chapter, Exeter, for the first time asks to be noticed in your columns. Our Chapter was organized July 12, 1895. We only number twenty-four, but we are earnest workers and hope to be one of the many who have proved a success to our beautiful Order.

MARY E. BROWN, W. M.

MARYLAND.

Maryland Chapter, Baltimore, is a live organization; all the members take the greatest interest in the success of the Chapter and the work directed by Sister Maggie Megahart, W. M., is done with credit to herself and with pride to the officers. This Chapter, but a year old, has nearly one hundred members, and at every meeting are receiving new applications. On Friday, April 10, they gave a leap-year party in a manner that will cause it to linger long in their memories as one of the Star events of the early existence of the Chapter. All the regular customs were rigidly observed and the ladies busied themselves to make their lords comfortable.

Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, at its last meeting elected Margaret Kunz, Con., to succeed Mrs. Marx, deceased, and Mary A. Collins, A. C., and Sue T. Crossmore to the first point of the Star.

A surprise party was given to Sister Anna D. Heer, the retiring M., at her residence by the members of Alpha Chapter on Thursday evening. Mrs. Late presented Mrs. Heer, in behalf of the members of the Chapter, with a handsome large bouquet of flowers, accompanied with a speech worded in elegant terms of praise for the great interest she takes in the welfare of Alpha. Mrs. Heer responded, expressing her great surprise at so unexpected a visit. The sisters who had charge of the refreshments were: Mamie Late, Annie D. Stoffel, Sophia Newton, Augusta Bachman and Sue T. Crossmore. Bros. John H. Neu and P. Edward Newton entertained the party with recitations and songs. Music and dancing were indulged in until a late hour. The surprise was intended for Mr. and Mrs. Heer who are about to retire from business, and

live private up town in a beautiful and quiet part of the city. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Stoffel, Mr. and Mrs. Late and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Lyman, Mr. and Mrs. Overbeck, Mrs. Reese and Son, Mary A. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Keagle, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Farnandis, Mrs. Henry Kunz, John Kunz, Theodore B. Fox, Dora Reisenweber, Maggie Sommerwerck, Lulie Lauterbach, Myrtie Newton, Ettie Roth, Ella Roth, John Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ringsdorf, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Enrich, Mary E. Yaeger, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bachman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Whittle, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Crossmore, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Joeckel, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. N. Schaefer, Lucy Reese, Rebecca Enrich, Mr. and Mrs. Geyer, Capt. and Mrs. McCay, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McCaghey, Sophia Ranft, Hannah Thomas, Ann Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Von Heine, Carrie C. B. Widman.

Again for the third time in the short space of three months death has entered our portals. At the last meeting of Alpha Chapter the members were startled at hearing that our sister, Mary J. Schweizer, wife of Bro. C. F. Schweizer, had suddenly died after a very short illness. Just one year ago she received the degrees. The officers followed her body to the grave, accompanied by nearly the entire membership of the Chapter. The beautiful ceremony of the Order was performed in an impressive manner by Sister Late, W. M., ably assisted by the officers.

It is privately announced that one of the young ladies of Alpha is engaged to enter the holy bond of wedlock with a gentleman of our acquaintance. We congratulate him in having won the heart of a lady so highly esteemed and suitable companion. The wedding day will soon be set.

MASSACHUSETTS.

It has been said that "appearances are oftentimes deceitful," and this was fully exemplified by the entertainment given by Keystone Chapter, Boston, March 24, for who would expect when invited to attend a "Crazy Quilt Entertainment," to be treated to a first-class instructive entertainment? Instead, one would look for something light and funny;—however, knowing the "General Manager," Carrie A. Jones, and the "Supers," Bros. E. W. Jones, C. C. Perkins and Wm. A. Blossom, we were assured of an evening well spent. The entertainment opened with a piano solo by Prof. Irving A. Blossom. Then for an hour Bro. E. W. Jones took us through the grand and beautiful scenery of the Alps and the cities of Switzerland in a very interesting lecture, illustrated by the stereopticon, closing with a few diversified views, such as "Catching a Bear," "Immortality," "The Horseman's Dream," &c. Again Prof. Blossom favored us on the piano while preparations were being made for the second part of the

entertainment, which consisted of a recitation—"The Dandy Fifth," by Miss Maud Hamilton; this was followed by trick performances on the violin by Prof. Henry Waite, who was again and again recalled, after which Ed. Celly,—the joker—kept the audience convulsed with laughter so long as encores would recall him.—This was Adah's entertainment.—Keystone devotes one evening, monthly, to entertainment, and the W. M. has conceived the unique idea of her appointed officers, each in turn, conducting one entertainment; so we may look for a series of enjoyable occasions during the year.

April 14, Keystone Chapter received two petitions, elected one candidate, initiated four and affiliated one member. A large number of visitors were present, New York, New Hampshire and seven Chapters of this Jurisdiction being represented, among the number being seen G. M., Carrie S. Fairbairn, and G. Mar., Pauline Shaw, who were the especial guests of the evening.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, mourns the loss, by death, of Sister Ruth A. Stedman. She had been a patient sufferer for a long time. One cannot wish her back. The burial service of the Order was performed at her late residence, Intervale Park, Dorchester, March 31.

Two petitions were received, three candidates elected and three initiated in Vesta Chapter April 8. It is pleasant to record that the W. M. was again in her station after her severe illness. The officers were made a committee with full power to make arrangements for celebrating the Seventeenth Anniversary of the Chapter on May 27. The whist party given by this Chapter, March 25, was very successful. Twenty-six tables were occupied by the players and quite a number of visitors were present, who were enjoying the evening in a social way. Refreshments were served.

Two petitions were received, five candidates elected and four initiated in Crescent Chapter, Stoneham, April 16. Visitors were present from Vesta, Melrose, Signet, Crystal and Ruth Chapters. Refreshments were served.

One of the prettiest parties of the season, was the Select Dancing Party given by Signet Chapter, Cambridge, March 18. It was held in Odd Fellows building, which was very beautifully decorated with palms and the emblematic colors of the Order for the occasion. In the upper hall whist tables were prepared for the enjoyment of those who did not care to participate in the dancing, and a nice Dresden clock was presented to the most successful player. But not all of the success of the party was embodied in the pleasures of the evening,—for about fifty dollars was netted for the treasury as the result of the evening's entertainment.

After the routine business of the evening, April 7, during which one petition was received and two candidates elected, Signet Chapter celebrated its Eighth anniversary

with a fine musical and literary entertainment, after which a chicken-pie supper—such as our grandmothers cooked—was served. We are not accustomed to seeing undue haste manifested at the tables of Signet Chapter, but can safely say that there was no delay on this occasion, when the invitation was issued to be seated. At the entertainment there were songs by the Elmwood Quartet and by Mrs. Blake; recitations by little Miss Chamberlain, Miss Lottie E. Carter of the N. E. Conservatory, and by Perry J. Burrell. We feel that we should be remiss in duty should we fail to make especial mention of little Miss Chamberlain, who, by request, gave "Barbara Fritchie." We have heard the bravery, heroism and trials of poor old Barbara recited by teachers and pupils, old and young, since the days of the Rebellion, but it has remained for little Miss Chamberlain to represent, for the first time, the voice of an aged woman in the shout of "Shoot, if you will, this old grey head," instead of the voice of her opponent, Stonewall Jackson, and we feel that especial mention is due the little Miss for the correctness of her impersonation in this as well as her other recitations given.

Two petitions were received, five candidates elected and two initiated in Crystal Chapter, Malden, March 26. It was decided to devote the evening of April 23, to an entertainment, the routine business of the Chapter to be transacted earlier in the day. Refreshments were served.

One petition was received and four candidates initiated by Mystic Chapter, East Boston, April 6. Visitors were present from Vesta and Ruth Chapters. Refreshments were served.

Ruth Chapter, Chelsea, initiated three candidates Monday evening, April 13. A large number of visitors were present.

Three candidates were initiated in Electa Chapter, Waltham, April 15. April 1, a fine musical and literary entertainment was given which netted the Chapter about thirty dollars. An especial feature of the entertainment was "A trip through Mexico," illustrated by the stereopticon, which was given by the W. P., Bro. Otis M. Gove,—the photographs being his own handiwork. These were supplemented by some local views, which were equally interesting.

Highland Chapter, Somerville, elected two candidates and initiated three, April 1. Visitors were present from Vesta, Keystone and Mizpah Chapters; also from Silverton, North Dakota. The evening of April 15, was devoted to an entertainment.

Melrose Chapter, Melrose, received two petitions, elected two candidates and initiated one, April 10. A large number of visitors were present, representing nearly all of the Chapters in the vicinity. Refreshments were served at the close of the Chapter. On a side table were arranged a collection of useful and fancy articles for sale. These were left from the Fair held some month ago and found a ready sale at this time. R. E. L.

The seventy-third regular meeting of Athena Chapter, Orange, was held April 8, in Masonic Hall. Seventy-five members were in attendance. One petition for membership was received, two candidates were elected to receive the degrees and one was initiated. The work was admirably rendered, showing complete study on the part of our new W. M. and all her associates. The work used by our new officers in the opening ceremonies is decidedly different from anything I have seen in our State and deserves a pleasing notice. We hope to be able to report in your next issue that a new sister Chapter is our near neighbor to the West. H.

MINNESOTA.

Monday evening, March 2, the G. M. paid Esther Chapter the official visit. A cordial greeting and the prosperous condition of the Chapter, added to the pleasure of being the guest of Sister and Bro. D. B. Scofield, P. G. P., and an afternoon's reception at the home of Sister Delia Hall, rendered the occasion one of pleasant memories to the visiting G. O. While at Zumbrota the G. M. had an opportunity to call upon Bro. I. W. Blake, G. P. for the years 1879 and 1880. Bro. Blake was at the time seriously ill, but at the present writing we are glad to note his improved condition.

Flora Chapter, Pine Island, named in honor of P. G. M., Sister Flora E. Moore, greeted Sister Louise Lyon Johnson, G. M., Wednesday evening, March 4. Supper was served before the Chapter was called to order, the brothers being present, as was also the candidates for the evening. Work of the Order followed the opening of the Chapter, the G. M. taking part at the request of the W. M., Sister Swartout, who also entertained the guest of the occasion at her home.

A large and enthusiastic representation of the members of Hope Chapter, Waseca, and twenty-five members from Radiant Chapter, Janesville, were waiting at Masonic Hall to welcome the G. M., when she arrived there Thursday evening, March 5. The Work was exemplified in a manner most creditable to all the officers. At the banquet there appeared the perfection of good cheer and cordiality. The tables were beautifully decorated with cut flowers, and the viands provided were fit for the gods. Pleasant hours were spent at the home of Sister Aurenbaugh, dinner with Sister and Bro. M. M. Davidson, then the G. M. bade good-bye, carrying with her pleasant thoughts of this very pleasant visit.

Sister Lucy Behnke, W. M. Orient Chapter, met the G. M. upon her arrival in New Ulm, March 6, and escorted her to the beautiful home of the former. Initiation of candidates—always interesting to a visiting G. O.—was witnessed in the evening. The members are bright, progressive and ambitious that their Chapter excel. Refreshments were served in the adjoining banquet room and a social hour closed the evening. To Sister and Bro. Behnke the G. M. is indebted for a pleasant drive about New Ulm the following morning.

Fern Chapter, located at the pretty town of Lake Crystal, was visited, in response to a cordial invitation, by the G. M. March 10. Not having received a visit from the G. M. in recent years, the occasion was made one of especial enjoyment. The past year has been one of prosperity to the Chapter, and many links were added to the chain of membership.

Sunrise Chapter, Montevideo, gave the farce "Female Masonry a la Lease," Monday evening, March 16, with great success. This Chapter is prospering finely and adding new members.

Laurel Crown Chapter U. D., Ortonville, has initiated one or more members every meeting since its organization. The attendance of the members is large—only four or five being absent at the last meeting, in spite of the fact that it was storming severely that evening.

Wednesday, March 11, found the G. M. at Charity Chapter, Redwood Falls. Commodious and pleasant apartments, cordial greetings, initiation of candidates, witnessed with gratification at the manner in which all was conducted, and refreshments it closed one of those evenings that will long be remembered with pleasure by all present.

Iowa Chapter, Marshall, has increased members, harmony and good-will exist, and an era of unwonted prosperity is dawning for this Chapter. Having a beautiful new hall, complete in all its appointments, it was gratifying indeed to the G. M. to be present at the regular meeting March 12, affording as it did an opportunity to meet sisters and brothers distinguished for their good work in the Order of the Eastern Star, among whom may be mentioned, P. A. G. M., Sister Nancy E. Gary, and Bro. M. E. Mathews. To the latter, with his charming wife, the visitor is indebted for courteous hospitality.

The G. M. received a true, fraternal welcome from the members of Vesta Chapter, Annandale, when the official visit was made to the Chapter March 18. Owing to the illness of Sister Lettie Larson, W. M., Sister Abbie Rennie, P. M., presided, and it is but just to say that her manner of delivering her lectures to the candidates is impressive, and can be remembered by them with lasting benefit. A pleasant half-day at the home of the W. P., Bro. H. H. Keeley, and the remainder of the time as the guest of Sister Rennie, left happy recollections in the mind of the departing guest.

Nested among the hills and woods is the town of Rockford, and here also the Star in the East is shining with love for all, and though March 19 was keen with wintry blasts, yet the welcome that greeted the G. M. and the spirit of kindness manifested toward her by all members of the Chapter, rendered the outside world oblivious, and only the interests of the Chapter and the pleasure of the meeting with sisters and brothers, will be kept in memory.

Sheba Chapter, Northfield, gracefully welcomed the official visit of the G. M., March

23. The degrees were conferred in a most creditable manner, proving the officers endeavored to make a lasting impression on the candidates. The guests of the evening included Sister Elizabeth Sargent, W. M. of Valley Chapter, Chaska.

Temple Chapter U. D., Canby, has done good work since the organization, and is to be congratulated upon progress made.

Radiant Chapter, Janesville, received six petitions at its last meeting and initiated three.

Nineteen new Chapters have been organized this year, being the greatest number ever organized in this jurisdiction in that length of time. Added to the eleven mentioned in our last contribution, are Chapters at Ada, Darrell, Pleasant Grove, High Forest, Stewartville, Blue Earth City, Heron Lake and Elmore, all of which begin their Eastern Star career with bright prospects. Bro. Geo. Burkins, A. G. P., was assisted in the organization of the Chapter at Darrell, by Sister E. M. Ross, W. M. of Fidelity Chapter, Litchfield, and her efficient corps of officers. At Pleasant Grove, High Forest and Stewartville the instituting ceremonies were made impressive by the commendable manner in which Sister Florence M. Viall, W. M. of Robert Morris Chapter, Spring Valley, and eleven of her assistant officers exemplified the work of the Order.

Sister Emerson, W. M. of Unity Chapter, Austin, Sister Carrie I. Johnson, G. Mar., and thirteen of the officers of the above named Chapter, efficiently aided in the organization of the Chapter at Blue Earth City. Every officer took her part without the aid of the Ritual, winning for herself laurels of praise. The new Chapter honored Bro. H. W. Morgan, W. P.—who is also P. P. of Unity Chapter—by naming the Chapter "Ruth" in honor of his only daughter.

The Chapter at Heron Lake owes much for instructions to Sister Ella P. Webb, W. M. of Ransford Chapter, Worthington, and her willing and capable officers, all of whom accepted the invitation of the G. M. to aid in the organization of that Chapter.

The Chapter at Kimball was organized by the G. P., Bro. C. D. Boyce, assisted by officers from Vesta Chapter, Annandale.

Promptly at half-past seven o'clock on the evening of March 25, Sister Clara Baldwin, W. M. of Red Wing Chapter, called the Chapter to order, the sisters and brothers having previously partaken of a sumptuous repast in the banquet room—where good cheer and cordial greetings awaited the G. M., the guest of the evening. The opening ceremonies of the Chapter were conducted in a prompt and thoroughly ritualistic manner, leaving little to be desired. Every attention that would add to the pleasure and comfort of the G. M. was bestowed upon her by Sister and Bro. Baldwin, at whose pleasant home she was entertained.

Bro. D. P. Hess, Sec. of Queen Esther Chap-

ter, Newport, gave the G. M. much enjoyment on the afternoon of March 26, by taking her about the pleasant suburban Park of St. Paul, as thereby she was enabled to call upon members of the Chapter, whom illness had deprived of the enjoyments of the Chapter. In the evening the regular Chapter session was held, the G. M. by request of the A. M., presiding, the W. M. being unavoidably absent.

The promptness with which the work of Plymouth Chapter, Minneapolis, is conducted, reflects much credit on the executive ability of the little W. M., Sister Anna Chadwick, and the members are royal entertainers and on the occasion of the official visit of Sister Johnson, G. M., nothing was omitted that would add to the pleasure of the guests. And the candidates of the evening must have received the impression that the principles of the Eastern Star are lofty, its ideals elevated and its practical effect productive of good to the best interests of society.

Saturday evening, March 29, Minneapolis Chapter initiated ten candidates, it being a special meeting for work. At the last regular meeting, five petitions were received.

April 5, by the cordial invitation of Sister Apgar, W. M. of Excelsior Chapter, the G. M. paid the Chapter an official visit. Its prospects are encouraging, as they now have a new hall in place of the one destroyed by fire, and the members appear earnest and courageous to continue the good work.

The G. M. had looked forward with much pleasure in anticipation of her official visit to Galilee Chapter, Buffalo, having assisted in the organization in Feb. 1893,—and in the success and prosperity of the Chapter she was not disappointed, for the officers are doing good work, are ambitious and aim for perfection, and a true, fraternal spirit permeates the whole Chapter. Sister Helen Hellier, W. M., is ably aided by the W. P., Bro. Griffith, who seeks to have the "Ritual work of the Order properly rendered." This is the home Chapter of Sister Elizabeth Knights, G. El., whose company was greatly appreciated by the G. M. at the home of Sister Hellier, where both enjoyed the excellent supper and courteous hospitality of the entertainers.

The beautiful cluster of roses presented to the G. M. by St. Paul Chapter has faded, but the kind words of Sister Clara Heine, as she presented the beautiful token, will ever be treasured in memory's casket. The Chapter is flourishing, as might well be expected, for the Ritual is rendered in a praiseworthy manner and the members work together in the most perfect harmony.

Sister Mary Boyce, wife of G. P., Charles D. Boyce, is W. M. of Harmony Chapter, Minneapolis, where her energy and earnest effort is producing its merited reward, in that the Chapter is prosperous and harmonious, and as this is the Chapter where the G. M. received the degrees more than nine years ago and where with the G. P. as W. P. she pre-

sided in the East, it is not surprising that she gladly accepted the invitation of the W. M. to be present and witness the work of the officers on the evening of April 14. Much painstaking on the part of the officers was evinced by the impressive rendering of the initiatory ceremony. The robes of pure white worn by the Con. and A. C., trimmed about flowing sleeves with narrow ribbon of the emblematic colors were very beautiful. The evening's enjoyment closed with light refreshments served upon small tables, the Sisters of the Star acting as committee.

Lorraine Chapter, Minneapolis, will entertain the G. O.'s Monday evening, May 4, Initiation, a reception to the G. O.'s and a musical and literary program will probably be the features of the evening.

One of the most remarkable gatherings of O. E. S. people during the past months, was that of Stillwater Chapter on March 30. It issued invitations to Minneapolis and Harmony Chapters to meet with Stillwater on the occasion of the reception of the G. O.'s. One hundred and twenty-five members arrived at Stillwater by special train and were escorted to the commodious rooms in Masonic Temple, where they found a bounteous supper awaiting them in the banquet hall. After supper Chapter was opened in ample form, the G. O.'s escorted to the East, and grand honors given the G. M. and G. P. Several candidates were introduced and initiated, in which the officers displayed great ability and thoroughness. The work is seldom given anywhere in so beautiful and impressive a manner. After work, the G. P. and G. M. addressed the Chapter, followed by officers and visitors. After Chapter closed many repaired to the banquet hall to dance, while luncheon was served in the Chapter room, the dance being kept up until 2 a. m., when the train for Minneapolis pulled out.

New Paynesville Chapter was organized March 20, by Chas. B. Boyce, G. P., with twenty-four members. The officers are: Sister W. A. Huntington, W. M.; J. H. Boylan, W. P.; Sister R. J. Tuttle, A. M.; Sister G. P. Ferree, Sec.

Naomi Chapter, Sauk Center, entertained on March 17, the G. P. and about twenty members of Granite Chapter, St. Cloud. The work was exemplified and was followed by the Floral Addenda, speeches and a nice banquet, the tables for which were tastefully decorated in green and white. Dancing for an hour closed the pleasant affair.

A. S. DIMOND, Grand Cor.

A number of the Masonic and Eastern Star friends of Horace M. Meyers, the genial and popular Eminent Commander of Zion Commandery No. 2, K. T. of Minneapolis, perpetrated a jolly surprise upon him at his home in that city on April 20. The occasion was his forty-eighth birthday, and in celebration of the event a goodly number took possession of the premises and proceeded to make merry in his house. He was welcomed by them

upon his arrival home from business and presented with a beautifully carved oak, leather trimmed, arm chair, as a token of appreciation of his many good qualities. After all had partaken of a plentiful repast prepared by his estimable wife, they devoted the remainder of the evening to music and dancing, and general merry-making. Among those present were—Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, P. G. M.; Mrs. Ida Wing-Brown, G. Sec.; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. L. Wernicke, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kyle, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hixson, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Maas, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Forster, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Falconer, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Frink, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Getty, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hazeltine, Mesdames Henrietta E. Ferris, Martha Emery, Josephine Bonaparte Rice. Messrs. C. C. Curtiss, J. M. Williams, Jas. H. Brown, W. C. Wilson and F. C. Taylor.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter, Raton, seems to have taken a "boom." I don't know that that is the proper word to express ourselves, if not, we might call it a "Chapter stampede," since it comes from the west where "mining stampedes" are of daily occurrence. However, our Chapter seems to have more attraction than usual this spring. We have six or seven new members to initiate at our next meeting, and are anticipating a good time at the welcoming. Then we pause to think how closely joy and sorrow are allied. Sister Sallie Tuite, who was our W. M. last year, died suddenly of heart failure on March 23, and was buried on the 26, Queen Esther Chapter having charge of the ceremony at the grave. Among the floral offerings was a Star composed of the appropriate colors, and a cross and crown of roses by the Knights Templar, both of which were very beautiful.

NEW YORK.

The official visits of the officers of the G. C. which began the first of Feb. were concluded with that of Laurel Chapter on March 28. The visits have been well attended and have been a source of pleasure. In nearly every instance presents and refreshments have been

in order. There are about thirty Chapters in the two cities and on Staten Island, and to make the visits in the two months allowed, it was necessary to make six visits in one week. This kept the G. O.'s moving lively. The G. Lect. is also making his official visits separately from the others. On March 25, with Sister H. A. Russell, D. D. G. M., of New York City, he made a combination visit to Lily Chapter, Harlem. The standard work of the State was exemplified, both G. O.'s taking part.

The G. Lect. visited Architect Chapter April 3, and Concordia Chapter the 8th; this concludes the tour of official visits which began on Sept. 24. The record of the year shows a dozen new Chapters so far. At the recent meeting of Greenpoint Chapter nearly all of the officers of the Lodge of the same name were initiated. This is considered a great compliment to the Order.

The Order here is in gloom over the death of the G. P., Dr. Green. He continued his visits to the Chapters up to within ten days of his death. While it was known he was a sufferer from a disease that is painful, yet the members were unprepared for the sudden demise. He was very popular and his loss will be severely felt. On the morning of March 20, the Grand Officers performed the burial service over his remains, after which the body was interred in Cypress Hill Cemetery.

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