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A WOMAN'S PRAISE.

[Youth's Companion.]

They sat upon the rocks beside the sea;
He still a youth, while gray had touched her hair:
She praised him, as a woman may, who, fair,
And strong, and kind, with gentle ministry,
Knows well how great her influence may be.
"I watched your thoughtfulness and tender care
Of a young stranger. In my heart you bear
The name of gentleman, for courtesy."

Years passed, and years divided, as they will,
The boy and woman; yet, from that glad hour,
Sweet deeds of goodness came his life to fill
Ah, who shall estimate the wondrous power
Of woman's praise—her words for good or ill!
She sowed the seed—eternal blooms that flower.
—SARAH K. BOLTON.

For The Eastern Star.

MISS HEPSY'S EXPERIMENT.

IN TWO PARTS—PART I.

Miss Hepsy laid down her knitting for about the sixth time that afternoon, and said aloud:

"I've a good mind to try it!" To be sure her only listener was Tab, the cat, but Tab was used to being the sole confidant of her mistress, and now she rubbed against Miss Hepsy's brown lustre dress, and looked up into her face with a gentle purr.

"It does seem a shame," Miss Hepsy went on, stroking Tab mechanically, "that hundreds of little children are shut up in blocks this warm weather and never get a sight of the green grass; and haven't a single flower to brighten their lives. It's an awful risk for me to take, not knowing a thing about children. Suppose she should get sick, or suppose she should hate cats, or suppose they should send me a boy! One of those little street gamins that swear and do such dreadful things! Why they even pick people's pockets and throw stones through windows and at cats! What could Deb and I do with such a boy as that?" This last thought frightened her, and she shook her head as she resumed her neglected knitting.

Her shining needles clicked away busily for half an hour. It was very still. The pendulum of the old clock which stood in its tall case in the corner, swung to and fro

with a loud tick, tock! She could hear Deb's footsteps as she moved around the kitchen sprinkling the clothes.

"I'm sure I don't know what Deb'll say," she said finally, "but I'll go and see Mrs. Deland about it."

Having arrived at this decision, Miss Hepsy arose from her chair with a sigh of relief, gave a little shake to her dress, rolled up her knitting, ran her needles through the ball, and placed it in her willow work-basket. Then she went into the bedroom and put a few finishing touches to her neat toilet.

The little square glass before which Miss Hepsy stood, reflected a thin face, with clear blue eyes, and brown hair streaked with gray, which would break into a wave here and there, in spite of her combing it straight back and twisting it into a tight knot.

It was a very plain face. When she smiled it lighted up wonderfully; but Miss Hepsy seldom smiled. Her thin lips had a trick of closing in a firm, straight line, and she bore the sober look of a person to whom life was a very serious matter.

Her path in life had been a very narrow one. It had never broadened but once beyond the limits of the little town in which she lived. That once she had gone to a neighboring city for a week, but came back so worn and bewildered by the noise and sights, that she had cried with joy at being in her own quiet home again, and nothing could ever induce her to take a second trip.

Her mother had died before Hepsy had learned to guide her own tiny footsteps, and she had been brought up under her father's stern eye. He was a very religious man, and a very serious man. He had a comfortable income and worked very hard to add to it. Laughter, sunshine, flowers and music had no place in his life. He had never robbed the widow and orphans nor had he ever given them anything which would tempt anyone else to rob them.

At his wife's death, he had closed up all but a few rooms in the old house, and had given little Hepsy entirely into honest old Deb's charge. The little girl had been sent

to the select school in the village, and she grew up into a tall, straight, shy girl, that placed in an atmosphere of light and love, would have had many talents and graces. But Deb was her only companion; she had never had the luxury of even a doll, except the one Deb had made her, of rags.

At the death of her father she and Deb had moved out of the old house with its large bare rooms, into a comfortable cottage. Here they drifted along from day to day, and year to year; until Hepsy had changed into Miss Hepsy and reached her thirty-fifth birthday.

On the Sunday before our story opens, Mr. Deland had preached a sermon which had agitated Miss Hepsy considerably. He had described in a very vivid manner the life of the lower classes in New York City. He dwelt particularly upon the sufferings of the children who were shut up in close filthy rooms, starved, beaten by drunken fathers and mothers, taught nothing but crime and wickedness. He then spoke of the charitable people who had interested themselves in these destitute children and had subscribed to a Fresh Air Fund, the money of which was to be applied in giving some children a two weeks' outing in the country. He did not ask his parishioners to subscribe money to the fund, but he did ask them with tears in his eyes, to open their hearts and homes to some little waif during the hot summer, and ended by saying:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these little ones, ye have done it unto me. Verily, I say unto you, ye shall in no wise lose your reward."

Miss Hepsy had not inherited her father's close nature. She was fond of giving. She had never surrounded herself with luxuries because she had not known how to set about it. She admired the comfortable chairs in Mrs. Deland's parlor; but the thought of changing her own straight, hair-cloth ones, for anything more comfortable, never entered her head. She had worn the yoke of oppression so long that she had never made use of her freedom. She had been in a deep study ever since the sermon. There

was her house, comfortable, and no childish foot had ever danced across its floors. That she should send for one of the children seemed an impossibility, and yet the idea clung to her and she turned the matter over and over again in her mind. When Deb asked her how she wanted her oatmeal for breakfast, she had answered abstractedly, "about ten years old;" and then Deb had gotten in quite a fright and declared that she was sick.

Now as she walked slowly between the rows of cedar trees which led up to Mrs. Deland's low, white door, she felt quite nervous and hysterical, and would have turned back, but Mrs. Deland had seen her coming and stood in the doorway smiling. Miss Hepsy accepted the kind invitation to lay off her bonnet and stay to tea; and she discussed the matter very thoroughly with good Mr. Deland and his wife. One by one they overcame her objections and the result was that Mr. Deland, who was going to the city the following week, was to bring back with him some little city waif for a two weeks stay with Miss Hepsy.

The hardest part of the task remained, to tell Deb what she had done. This Miss Hepsy did not do until the next morning, and then she was quite astonished at Deb's vehemence. There was no calamity which Deb did not prophesy as a result of "bringing one of them little heathens into the house." She went around muttering and shaking her head and altogether made Miss Hepsy very miserable. She could only content herself with hoping that she and Deb would escape with their lives.

A week passed quickly and one bright evening when the whole landscape was filled with the glory of the setting sun, Miss Hepsy standing in the doorway, was confronted by Mr. Deland and the child! Such a forlorn looking little mite as she was! Her face was pale and thin, and her large black eyes gazed straight into Miss Hepsy's, from under a shaggy mass of short dark hair that concealed her forehead. Her thin little figure was almost lost in the folds of a loose, blue calico dress and on her feet were stout, laced shoes. She had pushed her straw hat back and it formed a frame for the towed little head.

Neither she nor Miss Hepsy spoke, she was the cooler of the two, for she looked straight at Miss Hepsy, while the latter turned helplessly to the minister. His gentle voice broke the stillness. "I have brought you this little girl Miss Hepsy," he said, "Her name is Rita and she is not very strong. This is her first peep at the country so she will enjoy it, and now I'll leave her to you and Deb. Be a good girl Rita and get strong." Then lifting his hat courteously, he turned and left. Poor Mrs. Hepsy, when she heard the click of the closing gate, she was overcome by a feeling akin to despair. What should she do or say next? If only Deb would come to the rescue but she knew that Deb would not come near. She thought of a hundred things she could say to a grown person, or a pretty well-dressed child such as she saw in the church on Sunday; but

none of them seemed to suit the small, straight, self-possessed, little figure in front of her, who still watched her as if wondering what strange thing would happen next.

At last she heard Deb drop a dish in the dining-room, and her tongue loosened at the sound.

"Come in, Rita," she said, "supper is waiting."

What a relief it was to hear the sound of her own voice and to know that it sounded natural.

Rita followed her along the entry into the little sitting-room. Then Miss Hepsy turned to look at her and noticed the dust and black streaks left by numerous cinders on her face and hands. She led the way into her own dainty bed-room, and poured out a generous supply of water in the large white bowl. Rita watched all these proceedings with interest, but did not seem to fully understand them.

Miss Hepsy was forced to explain.

"I thought you would want to wash your face and hands before tea," she said, "Let me take your hat."

This latter request did not seem to please Rita for she gave up her hat rather reluctantly and kept her eye on it.

When Miss Hepsy went to hang it in the press, she blurted out:

"The man said I could keep that hat!"

Miss Hepsy was amazed. "To be sure you can keep it child," she said, "I am only putting it in the press for you. Here is the water and you can wash your face."

Rita dipped the ends of her grimy little fingers into the bowl, spattered a few drops on her thin face, then drew her sleeve across her face and wiped her hands on her dress skirt. This was not the kind of a wash Miss Hepsy had expected to see, but she did not know just what to do or say, so she led the way to the dining-room where the table with its snowy cloth and shining dishes stood.

The fat little teapot stood by her plate but Deb was not visible.

"Sit down here," said Miss Hepsy. I know you are hungry."

Rita sat gingerly on the edge of the chair and still watched Miss Hepsy. The latter bowed her head to ask a blessing on their daily bread, and when she raised her eyes found Rita still erect and watchful. This somewhat shocked her. "Ah, well!" she thought, "Perhaps they do not pray in the city."

The meal was a revelation to Miss Hepsy. She had never been hungry, that is a genuine, craving hungry in all her life, and the way Rita devoured her food amazed her. Deb had taken her place inside the door and now and then gave an almost inaudible groan. Rita first asked the question, "Kin I eat all I want?" Then she had thrown all laws of etiquette to the wind. She took the slices of pink ham in her grimy little hands, rolled them up in her slice of bread and ate them with audible relish. Her glass of milk she had emptied in two or three gulps. When they had finally finished, she turned

to Miss Hepsy. "I never had so much to eat before," she said. "You must be awful rich."

The sight of Rita's hunger must have softened Deb's heart a little, for she undertook the task of putting her to bed. When Rita pulled off the blue calico dress, Deb was horrified to see her thin little body covered with scars and bruises. Rita seemed to understand the question in her look for she said in a hard, matter-of-fact way, "That's where Tim beats me when he's drunk." Deb shook her head and gave a pitying sigh; then she left the room and came back with a tub of warm water, soap and towels. An hour later found Rita sleeping soundly, and for the first time in her life, in a bed, she had told Deb. When questioned as to where she had been in the habit of sleeping she had answered:

"Oh, on a bundle of rags in a corner or hot nights out in the door-way."

This was Rita's introduction to the household, and during the week that followed she kept Miss Hepsy and Deb in a continual state of wonder. She stood in awe of Miss Hepsy but to Deb she talked more freely, though the main part of her conversation consisted in asking Deb questions. She was ten years old, yet she could neither read nor write, and her ignorance of the Scriptures horrified Miss Hepsy. For the people whom she saw she seemed to care very little; she had a queer habit of shrinking back if one came near her, as if she feared a blow. But every bit of out-door life was a source of wonder to her—the grass, the trees, the flowers—she almost worshipped every little bit of weed. Deb hunting for her one evening found her lying flat with her face buried in the mignonette bed. She seemed a very frail little mite. The least exertion made her draw her breath in quick, hard gasps, and though she never uttered a complaint, she often held her hand to her side and grew very white.

The first week sped very quickly and Rita knew how few days remained before she must return to the city. Her first question to Deb was each morning: "How many more days is it?" and Deb answering thought the child was anxious to get back to her home again.

She had no mother or father they knew, but lived in the very top of a block with a family named McCarty. It was a large family. Mrs. McCarty whom Rita called Moll, went out by the day cleaning, and her husband spent his time at the saloons and came home drunk and cursing. The children spent most of their time in the gutter or on the streets begging or stealing. This much Deb had found out by clever questions for Rita was very silent about her own affairs. Deb told what she had learned to Miss Hepsy; and Miss Hepsy was greatly worried over Rita's future. What would become of a child brought up in this style? She was now ten years old and in a deplorable state of ignorance. Who would ever trouble themselves to send her to school or teach her anything but crime. Miss Hepsy could not solve the question and she went around with a heavy load on her gentle heart.

As the time for parting drew near, Rita, too, grew very quiet and sat in a forlorn-looking little heap on the door-step each evening until Deb had to give her a gentle shake to rouse her. Then she would go to bed; but Deb, coming in an hour later, would find the dark eyes wide open, or see her moaning and tossing in a troubled sleep.

The very last day came. Rita had risen with Deb to see the sun rise, then she had gone to feed the downy little chicks. She had touched no breakfast but slid quietly away, and Deb at dinner time found her lying under the large apple tree at the foot of the garden. At dinner Miss Hepsy made a great effort to be cheerful and kept up a one-sided conversation, while Deb stood behind Rita, and heaped her plate with dainties. Rita tried to eat, but food seemed to choke her. The day finally ended, and Rita watched the setting sun from her old post on the door-step.

It was about midnight that Miss Hepsy was awakened by a noise, and going into the little bedroom where Rita slept, found her sitting upright in bed, her cheeks blazing and a wild light in her eyes.

"They are going to take me back," she moaned. "And I will never see the grass and flowers again; and Tim will beat me to death."

She went on louder and louder until her screams rang through the house and Deb and Miss Hepsy tried in vain to sooth her. "Don't let 'em take me back," was her constant plea.

The family physician soon stood by the bedside but he shook his head gravely and said: "Bad case of brain fever, and I am afraid she hasn't enough constitution to pull through." Miss Hepsy was crying. "Oh, doctor," she said; "what does become of such children in the city. Who cares for them when they are sick?" The doctor wiped his glasses. "If you could go with me," he said, "I could show you a place where there are thousands of little graves in the pauper's field; that is the end of their sufferings."

Miss Hepsy knelt by the bed and took Rita's burning hands in hers.

"Rita, listen to me dear," she said; "they shall not take you back. You shall stay with me always, dear, and nothing shall harm you."

But Rita did not hear, and it was many days before the wild light died out of her eyes. Miss Hepsy had taken her resolution all in a moment. She knew the responsibility of the task, and her own unworthiness, yet she determined to take this little wayside weed, that the feet of man had trampled into the mud, bind up its broken stem and surround it with beauty and love.

It was three weeks later that the good doctor carried Rita, a frail little burden, in his arms to the window; and showed her the beautiful pink rose bush that had burst into bloom.

"You must hurry and get strong Rita," he said. "The flowers are all waiting for you to pick them, and you are to be Miss Hepsy's little girl, and grow into a strong woman so

that you can take care of Miss Hepsy and Deb when they grow old."

In the days of convalescence that followed, the two women strove to outrival each other in their attentions to the little invalid.

Miss Hepsy had had no childhood so she did not know any of the fairy stories or songs that amuse children, but as she sat in her low chair by the bed, she repeated: "The Lord is my shepherd," and other beautiful, restful verses; and in the happy twilight she lulled Rita off to dreamland with "Abide with me," and other grand old hymns.

But honest old Deb was in her element. She stood over the stove from morn till eve, concocting dainty little dishes for Rita. What wonderful dishes she made and how many surprises she gave her! Then while Rita daintily picked at her food Deb would make her laugh by telling her that the speckled hen and her twelve little chicks had marched up to the kitchen door that morning to ask how Rita was; and that Mrs. Robin wished to be remembered to her, and to tell her that she had four little dearies of her own, and if Rita wanted any cherries she would have to hurry up and come into the garden. Deb's quaint talk made everything taste better, and the frail little body gained in strength each day.

Miss Hepsy had many talks with the minister and his wife; and acting upon their advice, she determined to teach Rita herself, rather than send her to school, since her age would subject her to ridicule among the children.

She hunted up her old school-books and began to rub up her own knowledge. They had no doubt that they could keep Rita with no interference from the McCarty family; but Mr. Deland suggested, as a matter of caution, that some one should go to the city and obtain their consent. This Miss Hepsy could not bring herself to do, so the task fell upon Deb. Deb's visit to the city was of brief duration. She had found Mrs. McCarty surrounded by dirt and rags, had stated her errand and met with no opposition.

Mrs. McCarty told her that Rita's father was a "poor furrin' divil" that used to sit trying to paint pictures and sell them. He knew little English, and when he had fallen sick, he had given Rita into her hands, and pointed to a little black box about a foot long which lay on the table. Mrs. McCarty gave Deb the box, and told her that Rita was a "good behaving little kid" and she was glad to have her taken care of, then Deb placed a bill that Miss Hepsy had given her into Mrs. McCarty's rough hand, and departed amid the blessings which the latter called down on her head.

Miss Hepsy examined the contents of the box, but found nothing of any value in it. There was a packet of old letters, and queer papers; but the letters were in a foreign language, and she could find no one to read them, so she put the box carefully away; and threw herself heart and soul into the task of educating Rita.

The first weeks were rather tedious, but Rita's wits had been sharpened by her life

in the city, and as soon as she had mastered the first principles of a study, she made rapid progress. She was but a poor mathematician, though she read with a fluency and dramatic power that held her listeners spell-bound. She was a beautiful writer also and was continually trying to draw anything she saw on the pages of her books.

The years passed rapidly. Rita had reached her fifteenth milestone on the road of life, and though still slender and delicate looking, her dusky hair curled naturally, and her dark eyes wore a gentle look under their fine arched brows. In moments of excitement her eyes fairly blazed, and a scarlet flush came into her cheeks making her quite handsome. Rita's love of Nature amounted almost to worship. She seemed never to get enough of the fields and woods, nor to ever get over a feeling of awe at the splendor of the moon and stars. The garden became a model of beauty and fragrance under her skillful hands. She hunted the woods for the first spring blossom, and in the autumn trailed scarlet woodbine across the parlor walls, and filled the low grate with sunny golden rods. She was a most willing hand-maiden to Miss Hepsy and Deb, and they listened for her footsteps as for the sweetest music.

Miss Hepsy had long since told Rita what Deb had learned concerning her father; and had shown her the papers in the box saying: "Mr. Deland thinks they are in Italian, dear, and some day we shall come across some one who can read them."

Rita had no pleasant memories of her city life, but one picture was ever before her eyes that of her unknown father sitting before his easel. Then she would take her pencil and try to draw a flower or tree, but the result discouraged her. However, true art knows no real discouragement, and the artist in Rita, struggling for freedom, would one day break its bonds. She said nothing to Miss Hepsy of her ever-increasing desire to draw and paint. Miss Hepsy was ever gentle and unselfish, but she did not take kindly to new ideas and plans; they confused, rather than pleased her.

Often the most trifling accident decides our fate, and so it happened to Rita. One pleasant morning in September, she was climbing a bit of rocky path that led to the Downey farm, where she was going on an errand for Deb. As she turned a corner in the path she came suddenly upon a gentleman seated on a camp-stool, with an easel before him. He was busy sketching and Rita stopped spell-bound to watch him.

He looked up when her shadow fell across his paper, but turned to his work again.

Rita stood watching until a returning sense of duty, warned her to speed on her errand.

Arriving at the farm house she found it so near dinner time, that she accepted the invitation to stay and dine with them. She said nothing concerning the strange gentlemen she had seen, and was therefore surprised at seeing him follow Mr. Downey into the dining-room. Mr. Downey introduced

him to Rita as Mr. Elliot, and he greeted her with a pleasant smile.

After dinner Mr. Downey said:

"I'll have the buggy ready for you in half an hour, Mr. Elliot; and as you are going Rita's way, perhaps you wouldn't mind giving her a lift."

"Not at all," said Mr. Elliot. "If Miss Rita will trust herself to my driving, I shall be glad of her company."

Soon Rita was seated beside Mr. Elliot in the buggy, and as they rode along, he spoke of the interest with which she had watched him work that morning. In the talk that followed, Rita forgot that he was a stranger, and poured forth her longing to become an artist. Mr. Elliot seemed quite interested in Rita's eager talk; and when he stopped in front of the cottage, he told her that he would remain in the village during the summer, and if Miss Hepsy's consent could be obtained, he himself would give Rita lessons in drawing and painting. Eagerly Rita ran into the house, and told Miss Hepsy her morning's experience. She pleaded eloquently to be allowed to take the longed-for lessons; but Miss Hepsy with her old habit of deliberating, would only shake her head and say:

"I don't know Rita, I'll see. I'm sure I never saw much use in painting, but maybe there is."

Rita's hopes and spirits fell, but one evening a short time afterward, Mr. Deland, followed by Mr. Elliot came to call on Miss Hepsy; and gained her consent to Rita's trying to learn, though she didn't see much use in it.

It was a happy summer for Rita. She worked hard and earnestly, and when the autumn came, and Mr. Elliot returned to the city, Miss Hepsy, seeing how wrapped up in her lessons Rita was, allowed her to continue them. Rita then went to the city one day in each week, and Time sped on happy wings.

Rita now attended the seminary in the village and on Saturdays spent six hours in the city. In the long evenings she read or played to Miss Hepsy and Deb as they sewed; and Miss Hepsy's heart held but one idol, and her mind but one image—Rita. So they lived their happy, quiet life, and saw nothing of the weaving of the web of destiny.

[CONTINUED NEXT MONTH.]

SUMMER OUTINGS.

Personally conducted limited excursions, by special vestibule train, to White Sulphur Springs, Natural Bridge, Luray Caverns, Richmond and Old Point Comfort.

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For the Eastern Star.

JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER.

BENNINGTON, VT., JULY 7, 1890.

SISTER RANSFORD:—On page 20, of the July issue of THE EASTERN STAR, appear two letters asking why the name "Adah," is given to Jephthah's Daughter in our Ritual. Dr. Morris wrote me about the year 1880, that the name "Adah," as applied to the first Star point, was *purely arbitrary*. He chose that title: "Because it is a common Jewish name, euphonious, *good* as any," to use his exact words. The name of the fifth point is not derived from St. John's "Elect-lady," as many suppose, but from the legend of an early Christian named "Electa," found in a Roman Catholic book of martyrs. The application of that name and legend to the "Deaconess" mentioned in St. John's General Epistle, is, also, *purely arbitrary*, at least that is Dr. Morris' explanation, given to me both in writing, and subsequently verbally, the latter during his last visit to Bennington and to our State.

You recall the discussion in Ritual matters on these two Star points, some years ago, in which it was asserted that we should not embody legend in our teachings. We are not yet wiser than the "Ancient Craft, which will probably for all time continue to teach the lesson of the Immortality of the soul by means of the *veriest fiction* that was ever coined.

Fraternally, in the bonds,
H. L. STILLSON.

IS MASONRY ALWAYS CHARITABLE?

This question occasionally arises when some inequalities in our practices are brought to our attention. There is no sentence in our rituals and obligations which indicates that our duties to our brother, his widow and orphans, ever cease. This duty is one of the first taught in Masonry, and no exception is made that the brother must be "regular" or in "good standing." All brethren will be reminded that this is true, if they will review carefully the lesson as it is delivered. In some—not all—jurisdictions it is only in the invocation that the word "regular" is used, and it sounds harsh to the better nature, for why should we not remember *all* our brethren in our petition to Deity, for thousands there are who are under the ban of "irregularity" and not in "good standing," who have for scores of years "borne the burden and heat of the day," have been active in the councils and the good work of Masonry without emoluments, even in its highest departments, who have been at last obliged to succumb to destiny and become outlawed to our Institution through poverty and infirmities of age, and through such causes have become delinquent in payment of dues. There are instances in some jurisdictions where a ballot is required for reinstatement, that brethren have lost their membership in Lodges whose charters for a century have borne their names, and until a brief time they have fulfilled to the letter their duties to Lodge, brethren and the com-

munity. But impairments of fortune or ability to bear in old age the burdens of vigorous manhood, hoping against hope with pride to deter them from confessing their indigence, they have permitted dues against them to accumulate, and not making a written request for their remission, they have lost their "standing," have been dropped from the rolls and became "irregular Masons."

There are instances where failure to pay Lodge dues are inexcusable, and for such we do not attempt to apologize, but the great mass of those suspended for non-payment of dues are, in our opinion, unable to pay them without serious injury or deprivation to themselves and families, and are too proud to admit it. For such, Masonry, in part, was instituted, and any regulation which deprives such of their rights and benefits which they so earnestly sought at the outset of their career, is not genuine Masonry. They should receive the benefits they have so richly earned by years of devotion and much treasure. No quibbles over demits one day, or even years old, should bar them out from the benefits belonging to them. The secret ballot should not deter them from affiliation wherever they prefer. Masonic crime only should intervene, and poverty is not a crime. Masonry is true masonry and universal when it uses all its own with Masonic charity.

TOKOLOGY.

Count Tolstoi paid a great compliment to Dr. Stockham when he wrote a novel founded on the teachings of "Tokology, a book for every woman." But the thousands of women who have purchased the book and who sound its praises, pay her a greater tribute. When women write that "Tokology is worth its weight in gold," "Should my house take fire Tokology would be the first book saved," "Next to the Bible it is the best book I ever read," "No book sells like Tokology," we should think every lady would make sure of possessing a copy.

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That the "worthy" alone enter there,
Whose life and whose walk show him fully prepared,
The "Innocence" emblem to wear,

"For the good of the Order," "On the Level we'll meet,"

All distinction we'll lay aside there,
And when labor's hours have drawn to a close,
We can freely, then, part "On the Square."

"For the good of the Order," in union we'll dwell,
That peace and good-will may prevail;
And the world will then see how brethren agree,
And none may our Order assail.

"For the good of the Order," on errands of love,
Our feet to move swiftly we'll train;
For Fraternity's sake, even will undertake
Any journey, to soothe a friend's pain

"For the good of the Order," when the day's cares
have fled,

And night's sable curtains around us are spread,
As our thoughts to the Infinite Deity rise,
Let a prayer for a brother ascend to the skies.

"For the good of the Order" when a brother confides
As a secret his trial or his fear,
We'll keep sacred his trust, and feel that we must
Guard his confidence, with jealous care.

"For the good of the Order," no evil we'll speak
Of a brother, we've sworn to defend,
But in some evil day, should he fall by the way,
We most surely assistance will lend.

"For the good of the Order," wise counsel we'll give,
Remembering the Fellowship tie,
In kindest tone, all errors condone,
And give warning, when danger is nigh.

"For the good of the Order," we'll hold sacred our
vows
Of Relief, Truth and Brotherly Love,
And then the Great Master will give us the "word"
That admits to the Grand Lodge above.

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"For the good of the Order," we'll welcome the Star,
That once shone so bright in the East;
And we'll ponder this well, that its radiance fell,
On the "wise men," who came to the feast.

—T. A. J.

STEALING THE SILK TRADE.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]

Silk had its origin in China 150 B. C. From thence it was introduced into Persia, and for a long time the Persian merchants held the monopoly by land and sea, and by their proximity to markets of India, they drove a thrifty trade with that country. The Emperor Justinian saw with dismay the wealth of his subjects continuously drained by a nation of enemies and idolaters, for Roman navigation had so decayed that he could not send ships to the ports of Ceylon and China for the purchase of silk, and he was indebted to the shrewdness of two Persian monks for its introduction into his domain.

These monks had long resided in China, and had a favorable opportunity of seeing how the Chinese reared the silk worms and manufactured the silk. They saw it was possible to transport the eggs to a remote climate, and so they, knowing of the Emperor's wishes, made the long journey to Constantinople, and made known their project to Justinian, who rewarded them with valuable gifts, and encouraged them with promises of future gains, if successful.

The monks returned to China, and stealthily concealed the eggs of the silk worm in a hollow cane with which they came back to the Emperor. By their direction they were hatched by artificial heat; the worms were fed on mulberries, and thrived, spun their cocoons, and multiplied. The silk was manufactured as successfully as by the Chinese.

When it was first brought from India in A. D. 274, a pound of raw silk was worth its weight in gold. The manufacture of it in Europe dates from 550. Silk dresses were first worn in 1455. Silk stockings were unknown in Europe before the middle of the sixteenth century. A pair of long Spanish silk hose were at that period considered a gift worthy the acceptance of a king, and a pair was presented to Edward the VI; by Sir Thomas Gresham.

In the third year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. Montague, the queen's silk woman, presented to Her Majesty a pair of black knit silk stockings, which pleased her so well that she would never wear any cloth hose afterwards.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

[Ladies' Home Journal.]

There is perhaps no quality or attribute possessed by man, to which there is a more untrue value attached by the possessor, than that of personal influence. By reason of vanity many men over-rate their personal importance, but by reason of lack of self-appreciation, or timidity, myriads underestimate the power they possess for good or evil. "It is not worth while for me to say anything, nobody cares for my opinion," argues some timid man, or shrinking woman, and the good that might be done, is lost.

They are overwhelmed with a realizing sense that they are but a "drop in the bucket," but they should at the same time realize to their good, and to that of others, that to each drop is given the power of attracting and influencing every other drop in the bucket. The trite old story of the "straw which broke the camel's back" contains two morals instead of one. We are too apt to use this fable to illustrate what can be done by continued and persistent effort. But, we too seldom consider that only in all the other straws having gone before, lay the power which "broke the camel's back." Had any one of the first straws been missing, that particular last one of which tradition tells us, would have been powerless to accomplish the work ascribed to it.

The successful accomplishment of many projects, is not the result of the influence which is recognized, but of that unseen, unnoticed subtle power exerted by those often who least know it themselves.

Let no man or woman under or over-estimate his or her influence on those around.

If we may not have the honor of being the "last straw" we may at least be one of the straws which has gone before, and as such, our personal influence is not by any means to be despised.

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INDIAN TERRITORY FOR 1890.

The Grand Chapter held its first annual meeting at McAlister, commencing on the 18th day of June, at 10 a. m. Most of the Grand Officers were in their seats. Eight Chapters were represented. Sister Lizzie Gabriel, Associate Grand Matron, of Kansas, Mary A. Shaw, Matron of Progress Chapter, Kansas, M. R. Marsh, Grand Treasurer, and Maria Strehm, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of Texas, were visitors. Five Chapters received Charters. The Grand Matron's address was an able paper and showed much careful study and preparation. She presided with the dignity of a queen, and proved what woman can do when given an opportunity to show her ability as a presiding officer. Thursday afternoon the Grand Chapter was driven in carriages to the mines, and taken through the public works of the beautiful city of mines. The Welcome address was delivered by Sister Rebecca Bragg, Worthy Matron of Antek Hamma Chapter, which was responded to by the Grand Matron, in a few well-chosen sentences.

On Thursday night the Grand Officers were publicly installed at the Presbyterian Academy, after which the audience was entertained by a musical and literary entertainment. Then followed refreshments of ice cream and cake, and all enjoyed themselves until a late hour. The following is a list of the Grand Officers elected: Mrs. Mary E. McClure, re-elected Grand Matron; Rev. Joseph S. Morrow, Grand Patron; Mrs. Rebecca Bragg, Associate Grand Matron; Bro. John H. Godfrey, Associate Grand Patron; Bro. Edmond H. Doyle, re-elected Grand Secretary; Mrs. H. N. Wright, re-elected Grand Treasurer. The next meeting is to be held at Atoka, Choctaw Nation, on the 3rd Wednesday in June, 1891.

WHAT IS SHE DOING?

[Canadian Nation.]

That is the brief question asked of a young girl who is, as we commonly phrase it, "Out of school." It is taken for granted she is doing something, for it is not to be supposed that, having spent years in study, she becomes an idler so soon as her school days are over. The answer, no doubt, must be a general one. She is taking up new studies, beginning a course of reading, seeking school, or starting out as teacher, opening an office as stenographer and typewriter, learning to make bread, or even studying medicine. Any one of these is good. A single one of them, perhaps, is all that a few persons need care for. But for the average girl it is safe to advise that she should, if she has not done so already, give careful attention to household duties, and thus learn to cook, bake, sew, mend—in short, "keep house." And then along with this she should seek such cultivation of her mind as her training in school and her present opportunities make possible.

Mrs. Lyman Abbott, wife of the successor to Henry Ward Beecher as pastor of Plymouth Church, is to become one of the editors of The Ladies Home Journal, on September 1, next.

For The Eastern Star.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

As the readers of THE EASTERN STAR are doubtless interested in the extent and progress of the work of our Order in this State, I will endeavor to give a brief account of some of the Chapters as observed in recent visits.

About the middle of April my "other half" had occasion to visit the southern portion of this State and my daughter and I decided to accompany him. Knowing the desire of our Grand Matron, who lives near us, to inspect the Chapters in that section of her jurisdiction, we invited her to join us; so, a party of four, we started on our travels. In the early part of last year I gave you an account of the trip to Los Angeles, so I need not now attempt a description of our journeying thither. Suffice it to say that it was made in comfort with the now-a-days usual accompaniments of a well-arranged Pullman car, a liberally-stocked buffet, and attentive porters, and that no accident nor detention interfered with its safe completion, and we arrived at our destination in time to make our preparations to attend the stated meeting of Acacia Chapter in the evening. Notice of our intended visit had been given and there was a good attendance of officers and members and the work was exemplified, though the expected candidate was unfortunately unable to be present. The new Rituals had been received only a short time before and few of the officers had learned the revised work, but the earnestness and interest shown by all gave promise of proficiency in the future. The evidences of harmony and good fellowship were most gratifying and the social features of the occasion were all that could be desired. In addition to its own members we were happy to meet representatives from various Chapters in our own as well as other States and to exchange reminiscences and experiences.

The dispensation for Acacia Chapter, No. 21, was granted early in the year 1876, and for several years it was the only Chapter in the Southern part of the State. The first returns to the Grand Chapter show a membership of twenty-seven, while at the last session one hundred and eighty were reported in good standing. It has passed through the vicissitudes incident to all organizations and has sometimes been at a standstill, but within the past few years it has taken on new life and is now a sturdy, vigorous tree, throwing out new shoots in various directions, some of which bid fair to rival the parent stock in rapidity of growth.

After a few days' stay in the "City of the Angels," during which we had opportunity to observe the evidences of its substantial progress in many directions during the past year, our little party divided and the Grand Matron and I took up our line of march for San Bernadino in fulfillment of an engagement to visit Silver Chapter, No. 75. A pleasant journey of a few hours duration through a broad valley rich in natural resources, which are in rapid development,

brought us to the village at the foot of the mountains, among which Old Baldy rears his snow-crowned head, and along whose lower heights the redlands, made fruitful by the melting of snows, are transformed into fruitful fields, vineyards and orange groves, whose treasures of golden fruit we send to you as a proof of the salubrity of the climate and the fertility of the soil of this, our adopted State.

We were met at the station and escorted to the home of our venerable brother, George Lord, by whose untiring efforts the Chapter was started, and though long past four score years, is still active in disseminating its light, and, by the purity of its daily life, and the exercise of true charity, is demonstrating the value of correct principles and adding lustre to our "Star." This visit was particularly pleasant to me from the fact that the dispensation for the Chapter was granted during my first term of office as Grand Matron and I had the honor of installing its first board of officers and of receiving many marks of appreciation at their hands. It began its career with but a handful of members and met with much opposition from some of the Masonic fraternity, but the energy of Brother Lord, which brought him in early days to these western shores, and the determined persistence which carried him through many dangers and enabled him to overcome all obstacles that came in his way—and a recital of his adventures and hair-breadth escapes would interest you if you could hear them, as we did, from his own lips—these predominant qualities and his faith in the principles of Masonry, and of the Eastern Star as its co-adjutor, carried him triumphantly through all difficulties and placed the Chapter upon a firm foundation. May he long continue to enjoy the retrospect of a life well spent!

The growth of the Chapter has not been rapid, but its members are bound together by strong ties, and not a ripple of discord has ever disturbed the calm serenity with which it pursues the even tenor of its way. With such an influence exercised for its continuance who can doubt its course will ever be onward and upward.

After a very pleasant visit we returned to Los Angeles by the route along the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains on whose seared and ragged sides, weird shadows played, and whose tops glowed with the splendor of the sun's declining rays. We passed through prosperous towns with churches and school-houses, public parks and tree-embowered homes—the outward signs of a thriving, cultured community—through neat villages nestling on the hill-sides and by the mountain streams, with surroundings of vineyard and orange groves—while now and then a concrete walk stretching its lonely length along the line of the railroad or a row of buildings erected for business purposes, but never occupied, and falling into decay, or a group of dwelling houses with gaping doors and windows, marked the site of a "boom" town whose prospective greatness existed only in the

imaginings of its prospectors. A glimpse of the old Mission of San Gabriel and of the farmers' hostelry so familiar to Raymond excursionists, and our train steamed into the Arcade station, and we were again at our temporary abiding-place, asking eagerly for letters from home, and our wishes being gratified in finding them, we prepared to enjoy a needed rest.

A few days later, our party being reunited, we went to Santa Ana the county seat of the new county of Orange, to visit Hermosa Chapter, U. D. The journey there was over familiar ground to some of us, but when we first passed over it there were only a few sheep-herder's cabins in sight and flocks of sheep were grazing on the rich herbage of the plains, where now are orange groves and fields of corn and the busy streets of a flourishing town. We found the Chapter in good condition in every way. Your mothers doubtless used to tell you, as mine did me, when any indications of vanity cropped out in the donning of a new hat or frock "Handsome is that handsome does." The meaning of "Hermosa" is 'handsome,' 'beautiful,' 'lovely' and in this case the name is appropriate, befitting both the Chapter and its surroundings. The meeting-hall in the large, new Masonic Temple is commodious and well-arranged, the regalia tasteful, the floral decorations on that evening were profuse and fragrant, the officers were earnest and eager to learn and the members intelligent and observing. The Grand Matron instructed them carefully and her remarks were listened to with appreciation and gratitude. Already there are over forty members, with applications coming in at every meeting and "Hermosa bids fair to become a large and influential Chapter. There are many new-comers in the county who have decided to make their homes in this land of corn and wine, of flowers and citrus fruits, and all with whom I conversed seemed to feel they had come to a goodly land and their lines had been cast in a pleasant place. The evening's pleasures terminated, as in all the places we visited, in the discussion of an appetizing feast and the social privileges which such a reunion offers. The following day the Grand Matron was taken in charge by the Worthy Matron who was an old-time friend and shown the sights, while we too accepted the hospitality of friends of long standing, and were driven through the streets and avenues of the town and shown the growth and development of the adjacent country. I would that all who are interested in such matters could have gone with us through one orange grove which we were shown, as a specimen of what can be done in the growing of citrus fruits in that vicinity. There were twenty acres in this orchard, the land level as a floor and carefully kept free from weeds. Half of the trees were nine years old the others seven. They had made a good growth and their branches met and interlaced, covering the ground with their shades. So full of fruit were they, hanging in heavy, golden, ripe clusters that it seemed there was no room for more, and the boughs

were covered with cream-white, waxy blossoms, whose fragrance was overpowering. The contrast of fruit and flowers with the glossy green leaves shining as if freshly-washed, was a sight for an artist to rave over. In most of the orchards the best of the fruit had been gathered and sent to market, so we were fortunate in seeing this one in all its beauty of combined fruitage and bloom. When train time came we left our friends with reluctance but other engagements were pressing and we must "move on."

After a few day's stay in Los Angeles we again started out, our destination being San Diego, or as it is sometimes facetiously termed, the city of "Bayu-climate." The first part of our journey was by the same route I have already described, but after leaving Santa Ana, the country became more diversified and the plains gave way to low hills covered with grasses, among which grew countless wild flowers of bright and varied hues. Then we came to high bluffs at whose feet, lay in placid beauty, the waters of the broad Pacific. What a panorama was spread out before our eyes! The ocean, its waters burnished by the slanting rays of the afternoon sun, the long line of low-lying hills, stretching far away to the distant mountains, whose steep sides were seamed and rent by constant conflict with the elements, and whose heads were hoary with perpetual snows, and over all the landscape the wonderful play of light and shade and color, as the grain and grass tossed their tasseled heads in the breeze and the flowers in infinite variety of form and hue nodded to each other, and the misty clouds in constantly-moving shapes and tints—"Purple, violet, gold and white" chased each other over the azure of the sky—a picture once seen to be ever after remembered with pleasure. Hereabouts in these high bluffs is the place spoken of by R. H. Dana in that readable book "Two Years Before the Mast," from whence were thrown the hides collected from the Indians inhabiting the surrounding country, and brought here for loading into the ships lying at anchor near the shore. From this point the road passes on to the old Mission of San Juan Capistrano which is situated in a little valley protected from the winds by the bluffs. A river runs through the valley, emptying into the ocean and the site seems to possess all the requisites considered desirable by the pious pioneers to whom we are indebted for the first development of the resources of our State. Says a writer "In the selection of mission sites care was taken to be not far from a landing for ships, and yet not so near, that their Indians would be contaminated by the evil influences of soldiers and sailors. There must be water at hand, some tillable land and a fair extent of pasturage. This mission occupied one of the most charming spots in California. Its gardens abounded in oranges, grapes, figs, pomegranates, peaches, apples, limes, pears and citrons, and the air was perfumed with its trees and flowers. Wine, brandy and cattle were here produced in great abundance." The Mission

was founded Nov. 1, 1776. On February 2, 1797 the construction of a new church of stone and lime was begun, and the edifice was completed and consecrated Sept. 7, 1806 in the presence of a large number of religious and military dignitaries and a vast concourse of people. On the 8th of December 1812 an earthquake cracked the walls, and threw down a portion of the building killing forty-three persons and injuring many others who had fled to the church for safety. A considerable portion of the old building still remains though in ruins. Leaving this place with its many objects of interest to the lovers of antiquities, our route thenceforth lay along the shore of the ocean. Little villages have sprung up here and there, and seaside towns of considerable pretensions, their long rows of cottages with shaded verandas and arching windows looking seaward showing them to be the homes of those to whom the sight and breath of old ocean is a constant delight. Passing the old town of San Diego and the ruins of the ancient Mission with some stately palm trees as almost the only remaining relic of its former consequence, we came to the terminus of the railroad and at once transferred ourselves and our belongings to an omnibus upon which was painted the words "Hotel del Coronado" and after a short ride arrived at this well-known caravansary and entered its wide portals. So much has been written of the Hotel, with its turrets and towers, and glass-enclosed piazzas, its symmetrically-proportioned dining-hall and commodious ballroom; its attractive public parlors and convenient private rooms; and of its beauty of location close to the ocean, whose waves in winter's storms almost dispute its right to stay, but in summer's calms, break lazily upon the long line of gracefully curving shore, and if the charm of the incomparable climate whose even-tempered mildness like the unwrapping folds of a soft garment, surrounds with comfort and invites to rest and recuperation. All these matters have become so familiar to your readers through the medium of advertisements and the stories of travelers, that it is unnecessary to weary you with further description, especially as I have already made numerous digressions from the intended subject of this communication. Suffice it to say that a solicitous regard for the comfort and enjoyment of its guests, pervades all the arrangements of this admirably appointed seaside resort, and one must be hard to please, who would fail to extract a large amount of pleasure from a visit to this place and its picturesque surroundings. We intended to remain here for several days but a change in our plans became necessary and we left the hotel on the second day and returned to San Diego. Here owing to unfortunate circumstances which necessitated a return home for some of us, our party was broken up and only the Grand Matron was able to visit Southern Star Chapter, but judging from her report it is in an excellent condition, with a large and increasing membership, a corps of officers thoroughly understanding

the nature of their duty and willing to perform them to the fullest extent. A presentation of a handsome jewel to the Past Matron was a feature of the evening, and the floral decorations and banquet were worthy of the occasion.

I very much regretted my inability to visit the newly constituted Chapter at Riverside, with the Grand Matron, who reported a favorable condition of affairs. From all accounts it is a promising Chapter, composed of good material, and can hardly fail to be efficient in extending the principles of our Order throughout the community in which its lot is cast. It is called "Ungava" and an explanation of its meaning may interest you as it did me. The committee to whom was intrusted the duty of providing a suitable name gave the following report which I quote entire:

"Your committee appointed to select a name for our Chapter respectfully report as follows: From a legend of an old-time race of the North we learn that two friends were suddenly imprisoned in a crevice or cavern in a mountain, by an avalanche of snow from which there was no escape.

"Doom and death hovered darkly over them. Hunger had done its work, and by the last glimmer of a fading taper each gave the other dying cheer and bade the long farewell, when suddenly the awful silence grew sweetly vocal, and far down the Eastern corridor shone out a *Star*, pure white, illuminating all. A wand within her hand, uplifted high, whose point burned unconsumed *there came a woman*. On rallying from the first shock, with a ray of hope, the prisoners exclaimed, 'Shadow or substance, spirit or flesh, we know not which; but by the living God we know that never unto man in deeper need was sent a saving angel! Who art thou?'

"I am a spirit. This mortal frame I use but am not of it. I am thy angel. Before His face that is forever veiled I stand forever pleading. Every soul born into human flesh has a guardian spirit. Thine am I, and I have come in an hour of need to save. Great service do I thee. Asleep at night, I stand and ward off evils from thee. Wild beasts and wilder men with nose of hunger and with eye of hate, have I turned or frightened from thee, and in the morning thou didst wake refreshed and safe as one that knows not that he is guarded. Follow thou the light that burns. I am Ungava!"

"This beautiful picture is suggestive of the spirit and fitness and in perfect harmony with the solemn obligations of our Order. Your committee unanimously recommend that it be thus recorded."

The two remaining Chapters in this District, viz: Marguerite and Ventura located at Santa Barbara and San Buenaventura, were found prospering and maintaining their former reputation for excellent work.

MARY A. FLINT.

San Juan, Cal.

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Brother E. H. Doyle, Grand Secretary, will please accept thanks for copy of proceedings for Indian Territory.

Among those who will be in attendance at the Woman's Relief Corps Convention in Boston, are many members of the O. E. S.

THE EASTERN STAR returns thanks for the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska for 1890, and compliments the Grand Secretary, Brother Guild, on its prompt appearance.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, will attend the W. R. C. Convention in Boston and also look after some O. E. S. interests while in that vicinity.

The Board of Managers of the World's Fair at Chicago, is to be enlarged by the addition of one woman delegate and alternate from each State, who will have charge of the "Woman's Department of the World's Columbian Exposition."

Brother W. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary of Indiana, is in Colorado seeking rest and recuperation. He has, for months past, been suffering from an excessive affliction of boils and carbuncles, and it is confidently hoped that the change will effect a benefit.

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to discontinue, and the time of the expiration of subscriptions will be blue pencil-marked. Please send renewals promptly and forget not to invite others to join you in this good work.

Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, is sojourning at Springfield, Illinois, during the special session of the Legislature. She is Postmistress of the House, and the question is being solved by the Illinois law-makers, what shall Illinois do for the World's Fair.

The readers of the THE EASTERN STAR will welcome with pleasure another article from the pen of Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mary A. Flint, of San Juan, California. She so grafically tells the story of her trip that one almost experiences the delights of the visits and journey in that land of flowers.

Wyoming is a State and with its birth comes enlarged privileges, for there is no sex in its Constitution. One of the forty-four States of the Union is to be governed by all people. July 23 was set apart as a day of jubilee, and a magnificent flag with an added star in the beautiful blue field, was presented to the new State by the women. Let all the people rejoice.

The Woman's Relief Corps will assemble in its eighth National Convention in the city of Boston, August 12, at 10 a. m. The headquarters of the Executive Committee will be at 657 Washington, Street, room 17. The sessions of the Convention will be held in Tremont Temple. The Department of Indiana G. A. R. and W. R. C. will go by special train leaving Indianapolis, August 9, at 3:15 p. m.

In the July number, attention was called to the Masonic Fair which is to be held in the city of Baltimore, during the month of October. Contributions were solicited and the sisters will please make a note of the request and the date. Do not procrastinate. Remember that it is not so much the value of the gift as the spirit which prompts the offerings. Send contributions to Mrs. Margaret Mengenhart, 1621 West Lafayette St., Baltimore, Md.

Friday, July 25 was Recognition Day of the Chatauqua Assembly at Acton. There were seventeen graduates present to receive their diplomas, and our O. E. S. was represented in the class by Sister Olive E. McGrew, of Milroy. The senior member of this firm, who was present, was the guest of Sister Thomas and mother also of Milroy. Brother and Sister T. B. McLain are cottagers at Acton and a chat with them was added to the pleasures of the day.

Vacation is abroad in the land, and those who can leave home are gathering by the sea, lakes, and in the forest to renew communion with nature, and gather fresh strength for life's conflict. There are many wayfarers for whom life holds no days for vacation, but each day like the other must

be utilized for bread winning. But there is happiness to be found in the busy uninterupted life, even though there be no idle days. Love sweetens all tasks.

The Convention of the Western Association of Writers, which was held in Warsaw, during July, was one of unusual pleasure and interest. It was well attended and a spirit of harmony prevailed. The name of the one who was honored with the Secretaryship is not unknown to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR. We are indebted to Mrs. Maria S. Brooks for several very excellent contributions, and congratulate the Convention upon its happy choice for Secretary.

Dr. Marie Haslep, one of Queen Esther's members, who went to China as a Medical Missionary over two years ago, and has resided in the interior some six hundred miles has moved to Shanghai. The change will no doubt be a most agreeable one for the restricted life of Wuchang must have been somewhat trying to one of the Doctor's independent habits. We trust the change of climate and scene may inspire the Doctor to our let readers hear directly from her. We have the promise and hope for its fulfillment.

We have received a sample of the "Members Badge" which is shown in another column. It is just the thing, and is convenient and beautiful. It has the five colors, characters, emblem and cabalistic word. The requirements are that the members shall wear a badge, and now that something of this kind is obtainable the Chapter will gladly furnish them for the members. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary is the Patentee and we congratulate the sister on the success of her work.

The Grand Lodge, F. and A. M. of Wisconsin, at its recent session, razed an objection which had tarnished its law against Chapters of the O. E. S. meeting in Masonic Lodge rooms. Instead, the "Grand Master is authorized to grant dispensations to Chapters of the Order to occupy Masonic halls," and through the Grand Secretary the necessary blanks and information can be secured. THE EASTERN STAR congratulates the Fraternity, upon thus wisely extending the right hand of fellowship to the Order that seeks to be its helpmeet in the work of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. "So may it ever be."

Amid the numerous cares, anxieties and labors of "ye editor"—all of which seem to increase in the same ratio as the Summer's heat—there has come, within the month just past, a more than ordinary pleasure. In her front room a Crayon Portrait hangs upon the wall. It is the work of Mesdames Trusler and Jenkins, of Indianapolis. A piece of "woman's work"—and anything in that line done well is always a pleasure to this "friend of women" as "ye editor" is sometimes called—and the work of women artists at that, the portrait has a value from that

point of view alone. But the face that meets your gaze as you glance up on entering the door is that of the loved daughter, Ida, who,

"Standing with reluctant feet,

Where womanhood and childhood meet."

heard the summons to a higher life, and yielded prompt obedience to the call—and the work becomes valuable in a sense that only hearts bereaved can estimate. Eleven years and more have passed since she became invisible to mortal sight, and the loving tones of the sweet voice were lost to mortal ears; but from this picture on the wall, the same sweetly serious expression, and the far away look in the eyes, shine forth as in the old familiar days, and back upon the wings of memory are borne the gentle, loving words she used to speak. Ah, yes! the day that gave possession of this faithful portrait of so dear a child, bears a red mark against it in the calendar, and brought upon its fleeting wings a joy that nothing can efface, and one in which we know the hearts of many friends rejoice with her.

HATTIE.

THE USE AND ABUSE OF THE BALLOT.

The privilege of saying aye, or nay, to the admission of a petitioner for the degree of membership is a sacred one. It is not to be lightly, thoughtlessly, or carelessly used. Its use is to allow each to conscientiously discharge this privileged duty of membership; that if in the judgement of any the applicant be unworthy a black ball may be cast, and the unworthiness may consist of a disposition to mar the peace of the Chapter, rather than for other causes of unfitness more generally recognized. One disturbing element of a Chapter can quite upset the best efforts of many peaceful members. It is a duty to guard well the ballot box. With some the increase in membership is regarded of first importance, giving to quality the second place. This order of things should be reversed and the Chapter that follows this line of action is building for itself a foundation sure and steadfast.

With equal care should the ballot be cast for the protection of the individual petitioning. No personal differences should be allowed to influence one in the exercise of this. To harbor the consideration of rejecting an applicant because of a personal dislike, is wholly unworthy one who has listened to the beautiful lessons of unselfish devotion to a principle of right, taught by the heroines of our Order. In the discharge of any important duty, one's own self approval must be gained, whether this be right or whether this be wrong. Having with one's own conscience settled the question, the course of action should follow on the line of right. No monitor is so safe to consult nor wiser to follow, than that little neglected faculty called conscience. The ballot is inviolably secret and no questions asked nor statements made regarding it. Whether those seeking admission be elected or rejected is no question for debate or outside discussion, and the announcement from the East of the fact either way, decides the question.

For the Eastern Star.

A TRIP THROUGH THE DELLS.

There is no nurse like old Mother Nature; her soothing touch quiets every pain, and the voices of her many children cheer the aching heart. Wise is the person who, knowing this, throws aside the drugs and potions, and seeks the open fields and pure air. There are many haunts open to him, and if he follows the example of the birds, and flies northward, he will find not only beautiful scenery, but a cool bracing air, which will invigorate and strengthen him. There is little pleasure in visiting widely-advertized resorts. One sees here the same bustling, worrying crowd that he hoped to escape by leaving the city, and when he would fain drink in the beauties of the scenery in silence, he is forced to listen to the "ohs" and "ahs" and "how lovely" of the loud-voiced American tourists. If he would escape all this, there are many haunts aside from the beaten track where he can enjoy Nature undisturbed. Among the many inviting trips which one can enjoy, a visit to the Dells of the Wisconsin River will prove a pleasure never to be regretted. From the moment one leaves the smoky dusty cars, and steps on to the trim little steamer, the "Dell Queen," until the steamer's side again grazes the little wooden dock, his interest and admiration is unceasing. For some distance the steamer goes past high ledges of rock whose sides are the resting place for vines, flowers and ferns. On the high tops pines and forest trees are outlined against the sky, while on the ledges down near the water, the rough stone glimmers under the shimmering web of sunshine reflected by the river. Midway up the rocks are the holes which the swallows have cut out for their nests, and the summer morning is alive with the twitter of birds.

A high narrow gateway called the "Jaws," guards the entrance to the Dells. The river is less than one hundred feet wide here, and the cliffs on either side rise to the height of one hundred feet. On the right is High Rock, while on the left is Romance Cliff. Passing through the Jaws a glimpse is caught of Chimney Rock, standing out in bold relief, and apparently ready to tumble from its lofty perch. Here a relic of the past greets one in the shape of the old Dell House. It is but a ruin now, but it was formerly a famous resort for the lumbermen who came down the river on their rafts. Near here the rocks on the river are very close together and the steamer rounds Circle Bend, when further progress appears to be cut off by a wall of rock which rises directly in front.

The Navy Yard is the next interesting point. The rocks at this point assume the shapes of about a dozen large boats, the hulls pointing outward, the resemblance in most cases being almost perfect. The Narrows come next. In the summer time the river glides peacefully through the narrow chasm which is only fifty feet wide, but in high water it boils and whirls so madly

that no boat could live in the whirlpool. Above the Narrows one is introduced to the Devil's Elbow, which juts out sharply and is very fantastic in its appearance. The rocks are all named and the steamer glides past Notch Rock, Rattlesnake Rock, a lovely little glen called Artist's Glen, and the Sliding Rocks. Soon the steamer stops and gives one a chance to explore Cold-Water Canon. The entrance to this is a long walk which consists of two planks anchored in the middle of a stream. Passing along this watery way a lovely little glen is reached. This gorge goes back quite a distance from the river and many are its beauties. There are musical waterfalls, cool arbors, narrow passages where one must turn sideways to get through.

One striking feature of the place is the abundance of ferns. There are to be found fourteen varieties here, and all sizes, from the huge thickets, which are waist high, to the tiny leaflet which clings to the stern old rock as if afraid of falling. The way, so fraught with interest, ends in a spot where the rocks are so hollowed out as to resemble a huge vessel, which is called the Devil's Jug. In passing, the thought arises that man might, in this one instance, follow the example of his Satanic majesty, whose Jug is perfectly dry and empty.

Boarding the steamer again, the Devil's Arm Chair is passed. The comfort of the Arm Chair is not apparent and one passes it very willingly.

At this point the river widens out nearly a mile; cool, green islands deck its surface, and the cliffs open to give glimpses of green fields beyond. A second landing is made at Witche's Gulch, which extends back fully a mile from the river. The entrance to this is a sandy road which winds between cliffs whose tops seem to touch the sky. Here a gleaming, white arrow points to the Witche's Head, a weird head and face somewhat resembling the Sphinx. This canon is wilder than Cold Water Canon. In many places the path is but a plank across a foaming torrent and the rocks closing overhead are pierced by a single ray of sunlight. There are many waterfalls here also. In the Phantom Chamber a ladder is placed in front of a foaming sheet of water and one mounts to the chamber above. This journey ends in a little plateau, where a cozy little lunch-house affords meat and drink; though strange to say, nothing stronger than lemonade is found.

When the steamer is again boarded it is for the return trip and new beauties of foliage and scenery are constantly unfolded to the eye. At a distance the cliffs look stern and forbidding, but on approaching nearer it is found that velvety moss, feathery ferns, and nodding harebells, change the rugged rocks into fragrant banks, and one carries away a picture of cooling shades and beautiful scenery that will brighten many weary days in the dusty city.

LAURA A. SMITH.

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CLEANINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Yes, Arkansas is booming. Twenty-one dispensations have been granted this year and there is a promise of forty more. Will there be anything left to capture next year?

The officers of Marble City Chapter were installed June 24, by sister Steagall. An annual picnic and anniversary dinner followed.

On the 26th of April Mrs. S. Steagall, deputy Grand Matron, visited Western Grove Chapter. Three candidates received the degrees. They were without rituals as the new ones in exchange for old ones had not arrived. Under the circumstances the work was well done. Sister S. C. Mallard is Worthy Matron.

On the 7th of June, Sister Steagall had a pleasant meeting with the brothers of Yardelle Lodge F. & A. M., together with their wives and daughters, to whom she explained the objects and purposes of the Order, and then effected the organization of a Chapter with forty-eight members. Mrs. F. E. Reynolds is appointed Worthy Matron; W. J. Moore, Worthy Patron; Lizzie Shinn, Associate Matron. The sisters went right to work to fix up a star of their own work for the floor, and other decorations.

At a called meeting of Marble City Chapter held June 18, 1890, at Marble City, Arkansas, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grim Reaper, death, has entered our midst and our golden chain has been broken and a bright link, Sister M. J. Upton, has fallen away in death, and has gone to join the golden chain around the altar of the All Wise in the world where death comes not, and to realize the full happiness of loving and serving Him forever—Be it

Resolved, That we will dedicate a page of our records to her memory, and cherish in our hearts the recollection of the trustful faith of Martha whom she represented, and while standing beside the Broken Column, will look beyond the shore of time and know our departed Sister is only waiting beyond the river to welcome us to our eternal home.

Resolved, That we recognize in this affliction, the wisdom of God, as a voice which speaks singly to each of us, and as the will of our Father who prepares his mansion for the blest, and then gathers his children home at his own appointed time.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved husband, parents and friends, our united sympathy and condolence and the affectionate remembrance in which she will be held; that a copy of these resolutions be presented to her family and be forwarded to THE EASTERN STAR, Masonic Trowel, and Highlander for publication.

Resolved, That as a further mark of our respect, the emblems of our Chapter be appropriately draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, in memory of our beloved sister.

MRS. C. WILLCOCKSON,
BRO. A. C. PHILLIPS,
MRS. M. A. MOSS,
MRS. S. STEAGALL, } Com.

FLORIDA.

Sister Hodler, Past Grand Treasurer of Indiana, now of Braidentown, writes that she

has talked "Eastern Star" to several Masons down there, but thinks the prospects for a Chapter are rather slim, for the people are so scattered and the hall is three miles away.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Guethrie Chapter, Guethrie, was constituted July 9, by the Grand Matron, Mary E. McClure, assisted by Sister O. E. Cramer, Grand Esther. A banquet followed and the occasion was one of real pleasure to all present. The new Chapter is well officered and starts out with bright prospects. Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Worthy Matron; Dr. D. A. People, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ida S. Ford, Asso. Matron.

IOWA.

HALL OF LINN CHAPTER, No. 74,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
CENTRAL CITY, IA., JUNE 30, '90.

Another link is severed from our chain in Linn Chapter. The spirit of our sister, Mrs. Florence Knapp, winged its flight to the bright world above on the evening of June 4, 1890. She was one of our charter members and in all her intercourse with our Order proved herself faithful in following its teachings. She held the office of Associate Matron for a number of months, and proved herself so efficient in discharging the duties of this office that she was called upon to act as Worthy Matron. She cheerfully and willingly did her part toward promoting the welfare of the Chapter, and was foremost in all its good works.

Being a true lover of the virtues represented by the different points of the star, she tried in her life to adopt these virtues, and heed the voices which spoke to us from each point of the star, as we met in our Chapter room month after month.

We will miss her cheerful presence, now that she will meet with us no more; her removal from our midst should teach us to "kindly scan our brother man, still gentler, sister woman," and by our lives merit the reward for a pure life, for we each must sometime like our sister, Florence Knapp, become one of the severed links from the earthly chain of the O. E. S.

The following resolutions were adopted June 10:

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in His infinite wisdom to remove from this Chapter to the Great Chapter above, our beloved sister, Mrs. Florence Knapp, and

WHEREAS, In the death of Sister Knapp, our Chapter has suffered an irreparable loss, the community an upright Christian neighbor, and the husband and children a loving, kind and indulgent mother, therefore

Resolved, That we wish to express to the husband thus bereaved, and the two little children left orphans, our heartfelt sympathy, in their great affliction. When human aid does not avail, we would, in meek submission, bow before a merciful Father, who, alone, can comfort the broken hearts.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to our sister's bereaved husband, and also be spread upon the records of our Chapter, and a copy forwarded to THE EASTERN STAR for publication.

Resolved, As a token of love and respect for our sister, that the emblems and charter of our Chapter be appropriately draped in mourning for a period of thirty days.

MRS. B. EVANS, Treas.,
MAGGIE LONG,
CASSIE McFAVISH, } Com.

IDAHO.

Golden Rule Chapter, Rocky Bar, by unanimous vote extended hearty thanks to Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for promptness and interest manifested in their welfare. This Chapter was inaugurated and its officers installed on St. John's Day by John Martin, Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron assisted by F. P. Cavanah, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Marshal; W. C. Wickersham, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Secretary and E. Stearns, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Chaplain.

The ladies of the Chapter had looked forward to this event with much anxiety and worked hard that nothing should be wanting for its perfect success. A profusion of fragrant flowers scented the air in Masonic Hall while in the east hung an evergreen star with the word "eastern" curved over it in large evergreen letters, in the west *harmony*, in the north *peace*, in the south *unity*, all in evergreen. The scene was enlivened by the continued chirping of beautiful canary birds that hung in cages from the ceiling. The sister officers were all clad in snow-white gowns. From the small tables at each point hung coverings of the five colors and upon them stood small vases of flowers of appropriate colors. The hall was completely filled and altogether presented a charming appearance. At the conclusion of the installation, addresses were made, among them a most interesting one by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. J. F. Gilman.

In the evening a large number of ladies and gentlemen attended the ball. Golden Rule starts with forty-one members, thirteen of whom are ladies. The following are its officers: Mrs. J. T. Gilman, Worthy Matron; G. D. Golden, Worthy Patron; Mrs. G. D. Golden, Associate Matron; Ed. Stearns, Secretary; Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, Jr., Treasurer; Mrs. F. H. Davis, Conductress; Mrs. J. H. Van Schaick, Associate Conductress; Mrs. W. H. Owen, Adah; Mrs. G. W. Jackson, Ruth; Mrs. Cy. V. Smith, Esther; Mrs. George L. Wall, Martha; Mrs. D. B. Ethell, Electa; Mrs. L. I. Meek, Warder; James Stamp, Sentinel; Isaac Culp, Chaplain; G. L. Wall, Marshal; Mrs. W. C. Wickersham, Organist.

INDIANA.

Mississinewa Chapter, Marion, held a very pleasant meeting July 21, and initiated six candidates.

Tippecanoe Chapter, Winamac, is flourishing and prides itself on the energy and enthusiasm of its workers, rather than its large membership.

Tipton Chapter, Tipton, is holding regular meetings during the hot weather with a good attendance. Twelve have been initiated this year.

Eel River Chapter decided to take a rest until the 2nd of September. There are good prospects for an increase of membership in the fall and all are looking forward with interest to having a new organ.

Aurora Chapter, Aurora, has met regularly during the summer with a good attendance

and pleasant meetings. At the meeting held July 21 two candidates were received. The annual picnic was held June 24 and a pleasant time is reported.

The last meeting of the Emera Club of Queen Estler, met with Sister Melinda Siddall and was very pleasant and well attended. It was voted to take a vacation until the second Friday in September. The Club began the year in debt but have paid the obligation and have some money in the treasury.

Pierceton Lodge, F. and A. M., celebrated St. Johns day and invited Pierceton Chapter, O. E. S., to join them; also extending to Sister Hunter, Grand Matron, a very cordial invitation to be present, which was accepted. A very enjoyable evening was spent and both Lodge and Chapter are in a highly prosperous condition.

Clinton Chapter is taking a vacation but the Reema Club meets regularly. It contemplates an entertainment in August to raise money with which to complete the payment on the piano. At the last meeting the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. McGuire; Vice-President, Mrs. Stettler; Secretary, Mrs. Hedgecock; Treasurer, Miss Palmer.

Queen Esther Chapter, of Indianapolis, held its annual picnic at Fairview Park, on July 24, making the trip by the electric car line. The day was lovely and the picnickers enjoyed it fully. Games of all sorts were the order of the day, but that in which all joined with seemingly equal zest was the old fashioned finger game, which is said to have been indulged in before forks were fashioned.

Guiding Star Chapter, Lawrenceburg, held a very pleasant meeting on the evening of July 14. The extreme hot weather interfered somewhat with the attendance but three petitions were received. Among the added links is the daughter of the Worthy Matron, Sister Koehler, who attained her majority on July 2, and celebrates her independence by becoming a Star. May the sweet lessons find lodgment in her heart and may she prove "Fairest among thousands altogether lovely."

Knightstown Chapter, Knightstown, is prospering very nicely. During the intensely warm weather, not a great deal of real interest was manifested, but there are several candidates for the degrees, and at each meeting there are enough members to carry on the work in the usual impressive manner. They did not call off for the Summer as has been their custom, thinking one hour more or less one night in two weeks will not prove fatal when spent in interest of the Chapter work. It were well if many other Chapters reached this wise conclusion.

The organization of Auburn Chapter, Auburn, was affected June 27, by the Grand Patron, F. W. Fanning. He was assisted by seven members of Forest Chapters, Butler, who rendered the work from memory. Sister Hazlett served as Worthy Matron and Electa;

Past Grand Matron, Sister Fanning, as Con. and Adah; Sister Wolf, Asso. Con.; Sister Myers, Ruth; Sister Stokes, Esther; Sister Moody, Martha; Sister Butler, Warder. There were twenty-five charter members composed of Auburn's best. Mrs. M. Jones, Worthy Matron; James E. Ross, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Vananken, Asso. Matron.

Danville Chapter decided to dispense with a vacation this year and the meetings have been interesting and well attended. At the first regular meeting in July, the Chapter was surprised by a visit from Nettie Ransford of THE EASTERN STAR. The first board of officers of this Chapter was installed by this sister when Grand Matron, and much pleasure was received from the hearty, cordial welcome accorded her on this return visit. It is a real joy to one who has been an active worker in the Order to be held in the regard of her co-workers. This Chapter always offers good work and open-handed hospitality.

Queen Esther Chapter never indulges in vacation and through the heated term the members find pleasure and profit in the Chapter meeting. The attendance is excellent. The regular meeting occurred on July 4, and after the business was disposed of, Bro. Smythe, Past Patron, asked permission to retire requesting the brothers to join him in the ante-room. They were allowed to silently depart and as the door closed, the questioning faces of the sisters sought each other in search of a clue to the grievance. Relief came by the return of Brother Smythe and a request to form by couples and follow him, which was readily complied with. The way led to the banquet room where the rest of the members were waiting to serve the surprised sisters with cake and ice cream. It was the first revolt of this kind by the brothers of Queen Esther, they having generously left all the serving to the sisters, probably fearing that they might be accused of usurping woman's rights. However, the innovation was well received and it is hoped, now that Brother Smythe has set such an excellent example other brothers may follow. At the last meeting a petitioner was elected and a petition received.

ILLINOIS.

Adah Chapter, Mattoon, was called to mourn another of its valued members. On June 29, Sister W. F. Jones was laid to rest with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of the Order. She was possessed of many sterling virtues and will be sadly missed not only in the home circle, where a husband and three children are bereft of a loved presence, but in Chapter and church where she was always faithful to known duties.

Paris Chapter, Paris, has regular meetings during this hot weather and conferred the degrees on two applicants. Our increase is slow as we have two Chapters here and only the rise of 5,000 inhabitants in 1880. Yet our city has gas, water-works, electric light and our township thirty-five miles of gravel

roads, and this year, improvements are being made more than since the census of 1880. Paris is on the road to fine streets and good pavements.

On the calendar of the Chicago Chapters, June 28 is marked as one of exceptional pleasure. Every Chapter was represented—Butler leading in numbers—in an excursion by lake to St. Joseph, Michigan, which place was reached at 10 a. m. The day was delightfully spent in all sorts of pleasure seeking. "The orchard, the meadow, the deep tangled wild-wood" were each sought in quest of rest from the heat and dust of the city by the lakes. On the return trip the white-caps played hide and seek just long enough to ruffle the nerves of ye sisters mine who indulge in such vanities.

Butler Chapter last month lost two of its members in one week. The Sentinel, Bro. David Casion, was stricken suddenly at his work and died before his friends could reach him. He was a zealous worker and ever ready to lend a helping hand. After the Chapter services, Garfield Lodge took charge of the remains. Before the brothers and sisters had returned home from this sad duty, word reached them of the death of Miss Minnie McIntyre. This young sister had been a member but a short time, but had won the respect and love of many. The Asso. Matron and Star officers acted a guard of honor in escorting the remains to the Fulton Street M. E. Church and from there to Rose Hill Cemetery.

Pursuant to a call from Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin the Deputy Grand Matron of District No. 1, the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons of Chapters in Chicago and vicinity, met to consider the advisability of giving an entertainment for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home and needy members of the Order, on Monday afternoon, July 14, in a parlor of the Palmer House. The engagement of the auditorium every night till January 1, somewhat dampened their zeal, but it was decided to give an entertainment, literary and musical with a reception on Wednesday evening, October 8. It will be given under the auspices of the local Chapters and for the above named benefit. The following Chapters were represented: Miriam, Lady Washington, Butler, Queen Esther, Valentine, Maple, Chicago, Rising Sun and Day Star and the officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Ratlidge; Secretary, Henrietta K. Morris, M. D.; Treasurer, Mrs. Jane Wood.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Deputy Grand Matron of the first district has paid visits of inspection to four Chapters in her district. July 14 she visited Union Chapter U. D., Union. The Chapter met in special session with a good attendance, and every officer in her station except Electa, who was too ill to be present. It was organized May last and has been visited by considerable sickness, which has kept them from making such rapid progress as they otherwise might have.

The work was well done and a delightful evening spent regardless of the heat. Refreshments were served. The Chapter is in charge of Mrs. E. E. Darling, Worthy Matron; Orson Pettengill, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Hattie Hewett, Asso. Matron.

On the 15th she visited Henrietta Chapter, U. D., Turner. This Chapter was organized early in June, by Past Grand Matron, Jennie A. Walker. There were fourteen members and three visitors present and the work was beautifully done. Exceptionally few Chapters with age and experience do so well, and much credit is due them. The Conductress Sister Clark, conducted her father and mother through the labyrinth with ease and grace. Six petitions were received and four petitioners were elected. They are not only well prepared to render the work but also closely obey the law. Three petitions being received without the fees, were not referred until such was guaranteed by the Worthy Patron and Secretary. Refreshments were served. Of this Chapter, Minnie A. Morris is Worthy Matron; Charles E. Morris, Worthy Patron; Jennie C. Voll, Asso. Matron.

The next Chapter visited was Day Star Chapter, Dundee. A special meeting was called for instruction and work. The former was well received and the latter most excellently done. This Chapter is noted for enthusiasm and earnestness, and the purpose for which it was organized will never be overlooked. Here the Deputy found in the Worthy Patron, Eugene Williams, a friend who knew her thirty-five years ago and other members who knew her mother and elder brother who have passed beyond earth's labyrinth. Surely here was rest and recreation. Sister Esther C. Hawley, wife of Representative Edward C. Hawley, is Worthy Matron and Eugene Williams, Worthy Patron.

The last Chapter visited on the homeward trip was Rising Sun, Aurora, which called a special meeting for July 19. Sister Sue M. Simpson, Grand Matron, was also a guest of the Chapter, and ten members of Henrietta Chapter, of Turner, came thirteen miles by carriage to attend the meeting. Three candidates were expected but serious illness prevented one from coming and while the degrees were being conferred one of the petitioners was not expected to live. "The work was admirably rendered receiving generous commendation. Sister Allie C. Nichols, always conducts candidates through the labyrinth of our Star with such perfect grace and earnestness that one is made to realize the beauties as never before revealed." Sister Nichols is the daughter of Past Grand Matron, Jennie A. Walker, who is also Past Matron of Rising Sun Chapter. After the close of Chapter the Worthy Pat on accompanied by the Grand Matron, Bro. Walker by the Deputy Grand Matron, followed by the guests from Henrietta Chapter, and members of Rising Sun, led the way to the banquet room. Here was spent a delightful season of refreshment and sociality and the "good byes" were reluctantly said.

KANSAS.

An Eastern Star Social was held at the home of Sister Magie, July 31, for the benefit of Electa Chapter.

Rob Morris Chapter, at Pittsburg, held a special meeting, July 28, and four candidates were received. Ice cream and cake were served.

There were over two thousand people in attendance at the picnic on the banks of the Mosho River, on St. John's Day, June 24, and all had a pleasant time.

Sister Abbie H. Gibson, of Miriam Chapter, Emporia, Allie Myers, of Anchor, and Barbara Pond, of Olive, Ft. Scott, have been in Topeka for several days on W. R. C. business.

Sister Elizabeth Magie, Worthy Matron, and Sister Mabel Gaskill, of Rob Morris Chapter, Pittsburg, and Sister Coe, of Oscar Dewey Chapter, Mound City, were visitors at a recent meeting of Electa Chapter at Girard, there being work on hand.

Saturday evening, June 21, Harmony Chapter, at Salina, held a lawn social at the Park and served ice cream, cake and lemonade. One of the best bands in the city furnished excellent music. The sisters realized \$23 from the sale of refreshments and button-hole bouquets.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, at Wichita, is preparing to hold a Chapter of Sorrow on July 31, in memory of those who have died during the year. This Chapter has almost doubled its membership since its organization. Some of its officers and members have grown grey in the service of the O. E. S., having formerly been members in other jurisdictions, and fully understand how to make the meetings interesting.

The tiny bud—Clare Elizabeth—that came into the home of Brother and Sister, H. A. Dixon, Worthy Patron and Conductress of Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, was transferred to the more genial clime of Paradise. She was the only child and had just passed her first birthday. She was sick only twenty-four hours. While we sorrow let us remember that our buds are unfolding in the sweet presence of the One who bade us, "Suffer the little ones to come unto Him."

Scarcely had the name of Alex C. Briggs been recorded on the roll of members of Merdias Chapter, Kansas City, ere a serious illness touched him and the death angel followed very closely. Though young in the work he was deeply interested and was highly esteemed by the members, as also by Wjandotte Lodge, F. & A. M., to which he belonged. His death occurred on July 6, and his sorrowing widow accompanied the remains to the old home, Attleboro, Mass., for interment.

Bethlehem Chapter, U. D., at Almena, Norton County, was organized on the evening of June 19, with sixteen petitioners, by Sister Emma A. Heard, Worthy Matron of Glen Elder Chapter. The members seem very much interested in the work, some of them

coming ten miles, and are determined to make their Chapter a success. We bid them God speed. The officers are: Mrs. Sarah Reeves, Worthy Matron; Robert D. Irwin, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Maude Dole, Associate Matron, and Mrs. Mary Fuller, Secretary.

Anchor Chapter, Olanthe, had a very profitable meeting Tuesday evening, June 17. The Worthy Grand Matron, Lillian Wiggs, was present; also Sister Lucy Taylor, Past Matron of Adah Chapter, Lawrence. Both sisters favored the Chapter with some very interesting remarks. The degrees of the Order were conferred upon two candidates in a very pleasing manner. After Chapter closed a nice banquet was served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with flowers. At the table in front of the Grand Matron was a star composed of flowers of the appropriate colors; this table was further decorated with a star shaped cake and a triangle of natural flowers. The candidates were Miss M. Kate Stevenson, daughter of R. E. and C. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron, and Miss Ethel Rhoades.

Death is seldom a welcome messenger but when it is accompanied by such painful belongings it is too grim-visaged to recount. Acacia Chapter in Hutchinson, was recently called to mourn the loss of two of its members, whose deaths were peculiarly sad. Brother and Sister Hammel met death through the explosion of a gasoline stove and the details are too horrible to relate. Only a few weeks since, a sweet girl baby came to bless the home and the happy mother said, "I am so happy and well; it seems as if nothing more is needed." Alas, little Jean and Lawrence, a brother twelve years of age, are left fatherless and motherless. The Masonic burial service, and the beautiful ceremony of our Order was rendered and the remains carried to their old home, in Greenfield, Indiana, for final interment.

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter, Welsh, was chartered June 30 with twenty members. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Kate Hewett; Worthy Patron, L. E. Robinson.

MONTANA.

Yellowstone chapter, Glendive, was chartered June 30, with seventeen members. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Harriet J. Marsh; Worthy Patron John M. Rapeljr; Associate Matron, Mrs. Mary Tilyon.

MINNESOTA.

Tuesday evening, June 15, at Hastings, Grand Patron, Chas. L. Davis, with the assistance of several from Red Wing and Farmington, re-instated Electa Chapter, whose Charter had been revoked in 1886, with the following officers: Mrs. Lois O. Mertz, Worthy Matron; A. J. W. Thompson, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Clara E. Emerson, Associate Matron; Mrs. Hannah Hanson, Secretary. The Chapter was re-instated with twenty-five of the old members and there were six initiations.

MICHIGAN.

Hayward Chapter, Detroit, has recently supplied itself with an elegant new floor Star, also chairs and tables for the Star points.

The Grand Chapter will hold its Annual Meeting in Detroit, in October next and already committees are appointed to arrange for the comfort and pleasure of the guests.

Excelsior Chapter was organized at Morenci, Lenawee County, by Past Grand Matron, A. A. Matteson, with fifty-nine charter members. Worthy Matron, Mrs. Lucy Converse; Worthy Patron, Benjamin Horton; Asso. Matron, Mrs. Hattie Rothrock.

The Grand Matron, Sister O. L. Davidson, has issued a circular letter calling the attention of the members of the Order to the needs of the Michigan Masonic Home. A Masonic State Fair will be held in the city of Grand Rapids, October next, and the Chapters are earnestly requested to aid in carrying forward the work.

Keystone Chapter, Detroit, recently celebrated its second anniversary by a reception to its friends. A very interesting program was rendered. Rev. Dr. Hoskins spoke on "What Masonry has done for women." Sister Mary Stuart Coffin, Worthy Matron, spoke on "What women have done for Masonry." Refreshments and dancing followed.

Sharon Chapter, Bay City, held its regular meeting July 18, and one of the surprise pleasures was the presentation of a very handsome Eastern Star pin to Sister H. Barton one of the Charter members. It was the sisters birthday and her co-workers wished her many returns with this golden tribute of love. A banquet and social meeting followed the close of Chapter.

Mystic Chapter, Fort Gratiot, held a very pleasant meeting on the evening of June 6. The Grand Patron, J. J. Decker, paid them an official visit. Two candidates were initiated and the work was beautifully rendered. The Worthy Matron, Sister Hyde, presided with grace and ease and although the office of Worthy Patron was pro temed by one of the youngest members of the Chapter, the work was finely rendered. The Conductress also deserves special mention. The enjoyable evening closed with an elegant collation.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Easter Chapter, Boston, held very pleasant "socials" at its Hall, Fremont St., Wednesday evening, July 2 and 16. Musical selections and card-playing furnished entertainment, while those who did not care to engage in games spent a very pleasant evening socially. During the evening, cake, ice cream and sherbets were served—and thus is Easter Chapter keeping up a lively interest during the usual summer vacation for Chapters.

By invitation of the Worthy Matron, Sister Marcia Grace Whitmore, Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, held its annual basket picnic at her beautiful residence in Montvale, Wednesday, July 9. No pains were spared to make the day what it proved—one of unalloyed pleasure. Music and games furnished amusement, while a bird's-eye view of the scene as the baskets were opened, the edi-

bles spread out, and the members gathered to partake thereof, proved unmistakably that this was truly a family gathering.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, held a Strawberry Festival, Wednesday evening, June 25, which proved a grand success. A very interesting musical and literary entertainment was given during the early part of the evening. The arrangements for a "Sale of Fancy Articles" in the near future are rapidly progressing, and bid fair to add a neat little sum to its treasury. Grand Patron, Bro. Frank E. Shaw and family and Past Matron, Sister Carrie S. Fairbairn and family are rusticating at "Signet Cottage," North Scituate. They gave their "Annual Clambake," Saturday, July 26. A large number of invitations were issued, and to those who were able to be present, it proved a day long to be remembered with pleasure.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, gave a very pleasing entertainment, Tuesday evening, with the following program:

Piano Solo—Mrs. Boles.

Song—"Open thy Lattice," Miss A. M. Sanborn.

Reading—"Striking it Brown," Miss Annie Kierman.

Piano duet—Misses Jennie Hicks and Fannie Easterbrooks.

Cornet Solo—Mr. Fred J. Pierce.

Reading—"Domestic Infelicities," Mrs. H. Josie Burnham.

Reading—"Singapoo, (in costume) Miss Susie Slade.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Boles.

Song—"Lullaby," Miss A. M. Sanborn. On encore, "Supposing."

Reading—"Consulting the Medium," Mrs. H. Josie Burnham. On encore, "Jemima's Courtship."

Cornet Solo—Mr. Fred J. Pierce.

Nearly every number of which received a merited encore. At the close of the entertainment, cake, ice cream, and sherbets were served, after which the members and friends spent the evening socially until a late hour.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

A dispensation has been granted to Jasper Chapter, at Sioux Falls. It is named after the famous Jasper Quarries at that place. Mary Brown is Worthy Matron, F. W. Harrington, Worthy Patron, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Associate Matron.

The Grand Chapter held its second Annual Communication in St. Lawrence, July 15-16. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Florence M. Mudgett, St. Lawrence, Grand Worthy Matron; Dr. G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Mattie Crane, Watertown, Grand Associate Matron; M. E. Stroupe, Aberdeen, Grand Associate Patron; Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison, Grand Secretary; Mrs. H. E. A. Spafford, Flandreau, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Estella Baldwin, St. Lawrence, Grand Conductress; Mrs. E. W. Ketcham, Madison, Grand Associate Conductress; Mrs. C. B. Kennedy, Madison, Grand Lecturer; Mrs. Clara Kemp, Watertown, Grand Warder; J. N. Pidcock, Webster, Grand Sentinel; Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, Flandreau, Grand Marshal; Rev. J. M. McBirde, Aberdeen, Grand Chap-

lain; Mrs. Annie M. Alley, Webster, Grand Adah; Mrs. Grace Williamson, Watertown, Grand Ruth; Miss Sadie A. Termant, Aberdeen, Grand Esther; Mrs. Anna Cuthbertson, St. Lawrence, Grand Martha; Mrs. Orlena M. Doe, Webster, Grand Electa. The next Annual Meeting will be held in Webster on the second Tuesday of May, 1891.

The members of the Grand Chapter were the guests of Crescent Chapter while in St. Lawrence, and were right royally entertained.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Maria R. Marsh, Grand Treasurer of Texas, represented the Lone Star State at the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, was in attendance upon the session of the supreme organization of the Pythian sisters at Milwaukee in July, and was honored by official position.

Lake Creek Chapter has adopted "Gems of Song" as their music book and has ordered a supply of them. The Grand Chapter will probably formally adopt this excellent work at its next session.

Adah Chapter has ceased using the rituals during the Chapter sessions. The officers recite their parts perfectly, and some of the other members are also prepared to fill any office without the use of rituals.

Charles S. Cone Chapter, located at Anderson, Grimes County, was chartered on June 27, with Mrs. Sallie Siddall, Worthy Matron; George H. Phan, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ebbie Walker, Associate Matron, and a roll of twenty-five charter members.

Sister Lizzie Hadley is an earnest, untiring worker for the upbuilding of the Order in this jurisdiction. She reaches the Chapters by circular letters, calling attention to duties, offering helpful suggestions and urging a closer living to the requirements of the Order. By her order, August 30 will be observed as the "Festal Day" of the Order, the 31 occurring on Sunday. All Chapters are directed to open "in full form" as early as convenient, and proceed in a body to the several cemeteries and decorate with flowers the graves of members of the Order and those of the Masonic brother. "After this duty is performed" they are earnestly enjoined to remember the aged, sick and dependent, to exemplify the practical benefits and teachings of the Order. It is also suggested that Chapters of Sorrow be held. The remainder of the day can be spent as best suits the several Chapters. A later letter calls attention to the approaching meeting of the Grand Chapter and the necessity of having reports made to the Grand Secretary in time, that Grand Chapter dues be promptly paid and that the various Chapters be fully represented.

WISCONSIN.

Honor Chapter, Sturgeon Bay, was chartered July 5 with thirty-one members. Worthy Matron, Ula D. Noble; Worthy Patron Wm. A. Lawrence; Associate Matron, Mrs. R. J. Thayer.

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MISS HEPSEY'S EXPERIMENT.

IN TWO PARTS—PART II.

Three years passed rapidly. Rita had now finished her education; and no one would have recognized in her the forlorn little waif that had stood before Miss Hepsy's door eight long years ago. Unconsciously they had changed places, and Miss Hepsy had fallen into the habit of asking Rita's advice on all matters pertaining to the household. Rita felt that no matter what happened to Deb and her, Miss Hepsy must be shielded from all worry.

One beautiful spring morning, Rita was working in the garden, lovingly putting the tiny seeds into their warm brown beds and singing as they worked. She saw Miss Hepsy's lawyer, Mr. Lewis, come up the walk, and heard the door close behind him. When she had planted the last seed she went into the kitchen, washed her hands, and chatted with Deb.

Suddenly she heard Mr. Lewis call, "Rita!" and going into the sitting-room, she saw Miss Hepsy lying unconscious on the sofa.

Miss Hepsy's first words on recovering were:

"Rita, I have lost every cent I had in the world, and we shall all have to go to the poor-house!"

Rita looked at Mr. Lewis inquiringly:

"The bank in which Miss Hepsy's money was invested has failed," he said, "but I hope to save her home and some income for her."

Dark were the days that followed. Miss Hepsy and Deb were completely crushed under the trouble. Rita, with the hope and courage of youth, went from one to the other, trying to cheer and encourage them; but matters were in a desperate condition, and

Miss Hepsy was left nothing out of the wreck but her cottage. At present there was no income, though the bank held forth the promise of a small dividend in the course of time.

Rita knew that Miss Hepsy and Deb were unfit for any hard work; and that the task of earning the living for the little family was her duty. She well knew the debt of gratitude which she owed to Miss Hepsy, and she determined that to repay in some way her kindness, should be a sacred duty. She would deem no sacrifice too great if made in behalf of Miss Hepsy and Deb.

As soon as the result of affairs became fully known, Rita went to Mr. Elliot for advice. He shared her hopeful spirit, and promised to do his best to find some employment for her. Then followed a dreary time of waiting. Rita watched every mail with expectancy, only to be disappointed; but finally, after she had come to the conclusion that Mr. Elliot had forgotten her, there came a letter from him. He wrote:

MY DEAR RITA:—I think I have at last found employment for you, though it is still uncertain. A friend of mine, Mrs. Livingstone, who is quite wealthy, and who has a mania for decorated china, wishes some one to paint a unique tea-set for her with original designs. Of course I recommended you to her; and she seems inclined in your favor. Come to the city Saturday morning and bring some of your prettiest designs with you. By the way, Rita, suppose you bring your father's papers with you too, as I have found an Italian artist that will read them for you, and I believe they are worth something.

Your friend,

LEONARD ELLIOT."

Saturday morning found Rita in Mr. Elliot's studio at the appointed time. Her interview with Mrs. Livingstone was a very pleasant one. She had not only brought with her her prettiest designs; but she had also brought three or four odd dishes she had painted for Miss Hepsy. There was a tall, slender chocolate pot, an odd-shaped saucer and a dainty little milk-jug, that

pleased Mrs. Livingstone's fancy; and she engaged Rita to paint for her a dainty little tea-set, each piece to be of a different design. The remuneration for Rita's work was not very great, but it was a beginning; and Mr. Elliot assured her, that having once secured the wealthy Mrs. Livingstone's patronage, she would find plenty of engagements. "Fashionable people are much like a flock of sheep," he said, "when one jumps the fence, the rest follow."

To Rita, the most interesting part of the morning's work still remained—the reading of her father's papers. Her vivid imagination had painted him as belonging to every possible condition of life. Now she was trembling with eagerness and impatience, for she felt that the veil between her and her unknown parents was to be drawn aside, and she would know her own name and station.

Mr. Elliot's housekeeper, a motherly woman, to whom Rita was very much devoted, spread a delicious luncheon in the studio, and she and Rita were still lingering over their sun-kissed peaches, when "Signor Rosetti" was announced.

Silence fell on the little group. Rita was very pale as she took the bundle of papers from the box where they had lain so long; and her hand shook like an aspen leaf as she handed it to the Signor. The housekeeper noiselessly removed the dishes from the room and closed the door after her. Mr. Elliot said gently: "Shall I withdraw, Rita?" But Rita shook her head, and he seated himself in the easy chair opposite the Signor who was busy opening the package. Rita crouched on a low footstool by the window and leaned her head against the casing.

The sky had become overcast and the rain was now falling steadily. For the next half hour the only sound in the studio was the plashing of the raindrops against the glass of the window, and Signor Rosetti's musical voice as he read.

The first paper was a letter filling many sheets of thin paper. It had been written by Rita's father about six months before his death and was addressed to Rita. In it was

boys after they had "dashed" (paid tribute) the guards. This dash could be a leaf of tobacco, a string of beads, handful rice, or any small object of some value. This was kept up during the balance of the day until the moon was pretty well up. Then came the festivities. Everybody danced and ate to their heart's content. The play devils (clowns) were out in full force, and capered about amusing all by their grotesque gymnastic performances. And so they kept on until the rising sun warned them it was time to get to the fields and be at work. After I had secured my boys, regained my guns and other plunder, we canoed back to our home. I endeavored to get from the boys what they were taught, and what was done to them in the Gree-gree bush, but all I could draw from them was that they were taught to fight and hunt, the laws and legends of their people, and to always stand by their brother. All I could see was their peculiar tattoo marks on their arms and backs.

The girls were taught much the same, except that instead of hunting and fishing they are taught to cook and keep house, and the duties of a wife and mother.

RALPH ST. J. PERRY.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

[Mrs. Flora Ellice Stevens in Woman's Journal]

"To him that hath shall be given," said pretty Fanchon Avelyn, musingly. "It is quite like the Scriptures, if it is not wicked to quote them—wedding presents. Girls who have everything, when they marry get quantities of lovely gifts, duplicates, sometimes half a dozen of the same article. I know they don't appreciate their presents unless they are something especially rare or costly. Perhaps I shan't either—with a charming blush—"when I get married. But it's all a sort of barter, anyway; you give so much, and expect so much in return when your turn comes. There is precious little love, or even friendship, goes with those wedding gifts, I believe. I should like mine to be a little different,—something sanctified, as it were. Presents at other times might be worldly enough, but wedding gifts ought to be actually holy. For I shall never marry a man, as some girls do, just because he is rich, handsome, or talented. I should want to love him as well as my own life, and I should not want anything to be sent me out of indifference, or simply because it was expected; or worse, to receive a gift actually tainted with envy or spite. Why, it would actually degrade my wedding!" and a pink flush of scorn came into the fair young face.

"Now, this present for Coral Gray; I've hunted everywhere for something unique. I thought of a coral pin for her name's sake, or a lovely twisted bracelet. But she has a half-score of pins and bracelets; my contribution would only be tossed carelessly into a jewel-box, and I like what I give to be appreciated. I think I shall send to Uncle Will out in New Mexico for some gorgeous Navajo blankets, or hideous Zuni idols, in the future, to remember my friends with when they enter the matrimonial state. I

would rather have some pressed flowers, a souvenir of a summer ramble, from one who loved me, than silver or gold sent by one who came to criticize, or because she thought it was expected of her. There must be people in the world who would enjoy, yes, actually enjoy and value the gift I shall send Coral, and she will pile it in a careless heap with a hundred others."

Idly walking to the window, Fanchon saw the laundress's daughter tripping down the basement steps. Fanchon remembered having heard vaguely that she was to be married the next day.

"To her own true love, of course, Poor people marry for affection, not for convenience, or riches. Those are luxuries reserved for the 'upper classes,'" with a slight bitterness.

A sudden thought came into her pretty head. Why not? She could afford to do as she pleased. So, in two minutes, the vow was made: "There I will not give Coral Gray a thing, but I will take the money I should have spent on her gift and buy presents for poorer brides. It will be easy, I fancy, to find something to suit them."

So no messenger went to the Gray mansion, but a lovely Sevres cup and saucer, bearing Miss Avelyn's card, were sent Lizzie Dow, were admired and exclaimed over, and placed on the most prominent shelf in the little sitting-room.

Next it was the cook's sister who was married, and she was gladdened with a pretty rug. Then a porter on his wedding morning received a photograph of a famous picture, in an oak frame, to grace the modest apartments of himself and wife, before Coral Gray's wedding-gift fund was exhausted. And when Fanchon received an ill-spelt note of gratitude, she felt an odd thrill of satisfaction that she had never experienced before.

So pleasant did she find her new experiment that she continued the scheme when Pansie Leigh was married, and Jessie Sherman, and Ednah Holmes. A book-keeper, who was fond of music, became the possessor on his wedding day of a violin, that cheered the winter evenings in the tiny parlor where two hearts truly beat as one. Two struggling art-students, who flung prudence to the winds and joined their fortunes for life, found a beautiful easel scarf to brighten their bare studio-home. A young girl-clerk, who wedded a salesman, received some choice plants, to bring beauty and fragrance into her new existence. Fanchon, while buying gloves, had overheard her confess how much she longed for some flowers of her own. A hard-working stenographer received a writing-desk. In fact, it was wonderful how Fanchon found out who were going to be married, and just the right gift for their tastes.

One day she invited her four bride friends to lunch, and while they were seated at the dainty table, she said:

"Girls, you think I have been dreadfully stingy or queer because I have not sent one of you a wedding present. Oh! I know you

think so, even though you won't confess it. But the fact is, I have bought your presents, and have gotten a good deal of pleasure out of buying them, too."

Then she told them her plan, and how it worked, and inviting them to drive, took them to several places where she had sent her souvenirs. And being, under all their fashionable follies, carelessness, and indifference, warm-hearted girls, they all declared that their wedding presents had been put to the best possible use.

"Do you intend to carry out your new departure?" asked Pansie.

"Not exactly," replied Fanchon, but I have determined hereafter, when one of my own social circle is married, to deduct from the price of the present I should otherwise make him or her enough to buy a pretty gift for some bride or bridegroom in humbler life, who yet has a heart as loving, ambitions and hopes as fond as we, and perhaps keener appreciations."

A year later, Fanchon herself was led to the altar by her "own true knight," and none among her costly array of gifts was more dear to her than that of the four brides. It was only an exquisite little water-color, bearing a card with these lines:

"May we, too, quote Scripture, and say: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' even wedding presents."

And Fanchon was happier yet when she learned of the set of Dickens that went to a book-hungry teacher bride, the price of which had been deducted from her wedding present.

WASHINGTON IRVING.

More than a century ago a Scotchman, a descendant of the armor-bearer of Robert Bruce, sailed to America with his English wife. To them were given eleven children, but the one that concerns us most is the youngest, a baby more than one hundred years ago, born in New York on the third day of the fickle month of April. What should they name the baby? They found they could give him no better name than that of the great general Washington who was then exerting all his force and will to free the fetters England had bound about us. So this small hero became Washington Irving. A Scotch nurse fired with patriotic spirit of the time followed the great general into a store and told him "here is a bairn named for him." The hero laid his hand reverently on the small boy's head and gave him his blessing. Little Washington's father was a native of Scotland and had been a sea captain but after going to New York he quit the "briny deep" and worked in the city until the Revolutionary War broke out. He was a very strict Presbyterian and made the children spend many of their half holidays in learning the catechism and on Sunday the only rest after three church goings was reading "Pilgrims Progress." His mother was refined, gentle and intelligent, and although deeply devoted to her religion she was more lenient, in fact the one object that made the home what it should be, for the children re-

belled against the religion that made every pleasure a sin. All, however, followed the same religion except Washington, who went to Trinity Church. He often slipped away to the theatre where he would stay until time for evening prayer, then he would come back join in the devotion after which he would go to his room, jump out of the window, climb over the roof, and see the remainder of the play. He was so full of life and mischief that he often worried his mother with his whims.

Irving's education was somewhat neglected. He despised mathematics and was often caught reading a book under his desk, such as "Sinbad the sailor" and "Robinson Crusoe." He would change work with his school-mates writing their compositions while they would do his arithmetic. He left school when he was sixteen and began studying law but always regretted that more attention had not been paid to his education. Irving's health was so poor that he spent two or three years going up and down the Hudson. He went to Europe three times. The first voyage was made when he was twenty-one. He visited Europe, Switzerland, Holland and Paris and returned to the United States after two years. On his second trip he visited Sicily, Naples and Rome, and made several inland trips where he saw all the misery and poverty of the inhabitants. He visited his brother and sister while abroad and also the poet Campbell. He thought of staying in Paris and becoming a painter but found that he loved the man who would give him lessons better than the art. He remained seventeen years in Europe during his second voyage. During one of his visits to the Old World he met Sir Sidney Smith, Thomas Moore and Bancroft. He went to Dresden and there studied French, German, and Italian. When at sixteen Irving studied law, but it was very distasteful to him and even after he had been admitted to the bar he did not practice. He helped his brother in editing a magazine and after they failed he was obliged to write for his living. He had just begun a History of New York when his brother who was in Congress offered him a position as clerk in the Navy Department but he declined the offer to his brother's displeasure. Irving became passionately fond of Mr. Hoffman's daughter Matilda and her untimely death cast a deep shadow over his life. After her death he could not bear to hear her name mentioned and was almost afraid to stay alone. Thirty years after when her father took out a faded piece of her embroidery he was perfectly quiet and soon after left the house. He never married but bought a stone cottage in Tarrytown where he lived with his two brothers and five nieces, who were like daughters to him. He called his home "Sunny Side" and it is the identical house described in the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" as the home of "Baltus Van Tassel". It was a mixture of Dutch and English, with weather cocks, tiled walls, smooth lawns, climbing vines and roses. A skirt of forest trees separates it from the Tappansee and the lordly Hudson flows near by. Irving

died suddenly of heart disease on the 28th of November, 1859, at the age of 76. He was buried at Tarrytown and every stone was closed and every heart grew sad as he went for the last time through the quiet town.

He had a handsome face, large dark gray eyes, a sensitive mouth, fine nose and chin, a high, broad forehead, brown hair, a pleasant voice and bright smile. He was sweet tempered, sensitive, affectionate, gay, full of humor and very entertaining and also conscientious, to judge from a story told while he was abroad. He and his companions had the habit of walking about the streets and stopping any or everyone to speak with them. They went one day to a house where some French girls were quilting. They gave Irving a needle and made him sew. Of course they could not understand one another but a French man who was with Irving told them he was a poor English prisoner. They were very anxious and greatly worried for his safety and gave him their blessing when he left. Irving was always sorry he had left them without setting their minds at rest. Forty years after he tried to find the house, he saw one that looked like it but instead of the merry girls there were two withered spinsters on the porch and he could not muster up the courage to go in. All through his life he showed almost an exalted opinion of women and was easily attached to them. He always took the part of the oppressed. On his forty-seventh birthday the Royal Society of Literature gave him a fifty guinea gold medal. About a month after Oxford University gave him the degree of Doctor of Laws. Many public dinners were given him. He was once sent to Spain as Prime Minister. Irving's principal works are Knickerbocker (a humorous sketch of New York), Bracebridge Hall, The Sketch Book, which contains Rip Van Winkle, The Broken Heart, Legend of Sleepy Hollow, and other popular sketches, Life of Goldsmith, Life of Columbus, Life of Washington, The Alhambra and the Conquest of Granada.

ABOUT HOMES.

[Corner Stone]

The truest homes are often in houses not especially well kept, where the comfort and happiness of the inmates, rather than the preservation of the furniture, is first consulted. The object of home is to be the center, the point of tenderest interest, the pivot on which family life turns. The first requisite is to make it attractive—so attractive that none of its inmates shall care to linger long outside its limits. All legitimate means should be employed to its end, and no effort spared that can contribute to the purpose. Many houses, called homes, kept with waxy neatness by painstaking, anxious women, are so oppressive in their nicety as to exclude all home feeling from their spotless precincts. The very name of home is synonymous with personal freedom and relaxation from care; but neither of these can be felt where such a mania for external cleanliness pervades the household as to

render everything else subservient thereto.

Many housewives, if they see a speck on floor or wall, or even a scrap of thread or bit of paper on the floor, rush at it as if it were the seed of pestilence, which must be removed on the instant. Their temper depends upon their maintenance of perfect purity and order. If there be any failure on their part, or any combination of circumstances against them they fall into a pathetic despair, and can hardly be lifted out. They do not see that cheerfulness is more needful to home than all the spotlessness that ever shone. Their disposition to wage war upon maculativeness of any sort increases until they become slaves of the broom and dust pan. Neatness is one thing, and a state of perpetual housecleaning quite another.

Out of this grows by degrees the feeling that certain things and departments are too good for daily use; hence, chairs and sofa are covered, and rooms shut up, save for special occasions, when they are permitted to reveal their violated sacredness in a manner that mars every pretense of hospitality. Nothing should be bought which is considered too fine for the fullest domestic appropriation. Far better is the plainest furniture, on which the children can climb, than satin and damask which must be viewed with reverence. Where anything is reserved or secluded, to disguise the fact is extremely difficult. A chilly air wraps it round, and the repulsion of strangeness is experienced by the most insensible.

There are few persons who have not visited houses where they have been introduced to what is known as the "company parlor." They must remember how uncomfortable they were while sitting in it—how they found it almost impossible to be at ease, and mainly for the reason that their host and hostess were not themselves at ease. The children were watched with lynx eyes, lest they should displace or soil something; so that the entertainment of friends became very like a social discipline. They must recall, too, how sweet the fresh air seemed out of doors, and how they inwardly vowed, in leaving that temple of form and fidgetness, that something more than politeness would be required to incite them to return.

Home is not a name, nor a form, nor a routine. It is a spirit, a presence, a principle. Material and method will not and cannot make it. It must get its light and sweetness from those who inhabit it—from flowers and sunshine—from the sympathetic natures which, in their exercise of sympathy, can lay aside the tyranny of the broom, and the awful duty of endless scrubbing.

INFANT BAPTISM IN MEXICO.

One of the most beautiful ceremonies in the Masonic sphere in Mexico, is the baptism of children. It is carried out with a splendor and solemnity that cannot but impress greatly even lay people who are admitted on such occasions. These baptisms are quite frequent occurrences, and furnish better evidence than anything else of the decrease of the power of Priests, Monks, and Jesuits. They were solemnized for the first time about fourteen years ago.

OUR NATAL DAY.

[Recited at Merriam Park, August 30—Rob Morris' Day—by Lillian A. Wiggs, Grand Matron, Kansas.]

We meet to part, yet parting meet,
With feelings sad and gay,
With bright, glad smiles and tender thoughts
We celebrate the day.

We mingle with the old and new
Who came from near and far,
United in the Bands of Love,
One in the "Eastern Star."

We see new faces, greet new friends,
Clasp hands with loving cheer,
Renew our vows, make promises
To meet again next year.

We think of those we've loved and lost,
Who meet with us no more,
Whose feet have crossed the river
And reached the shining shore.

Although we cannot see them,
Their spirits mingle here
To join this anniversary
Which meets from year to year.

A garland I would weave to-day:
Lilies and vollets blue,
And place in memory's store-house
For loved ones tried and true.

A spray of yellow jessamine,
A bunch of roses red,
I weave in loving memory,
Of our dear and sainted dead.

And as I take a tall, green fern
That grows in the grassy dell,
I think of Him who gave Himself
And His life to us as well.

The thought of Robert Morris, too,
With works so grand and good,
And of his life a model of
Masonic Brotherhood.

Like an echo from the distance,
His teachings come to me,
And new beauties never thought of
In our heroines I see.

Our Adah stands so fair and brave,
I seem to see her now,
If need, to give her life
To fulfil her father's vow.

Sweet Ruth the humble gleaner
Leaving kindred, friends and home
To care for the aged Naomi
In distant lands to roam.

Our Esther in her royal robes,
With noble, queenly grace,
Forgetting crown and scepter
In pleading for her race.

A Martha's trustful faith in Christ
Will soften every sorrow,
And bid us hope, and trust, and wait
For sunshine on the morrow.

Electa's life doth plainly teach
That noble gift the rarest,
Sweet Charity for all mankind,
Of all our virtues fairest.

So musing of the future
Let us these virtues teach,
In life, in thought, in word and deed
Humanity to reach?

And as we gather in the links
To lengthen out the chain
Find blessings fair, so rich and rare
And living not in vain.

Then trustfully still our mission fulfill
Remembering to each "love one another,"
With smile and song as we journey along
And a prayer for our sisters and brothers.

LIFE IS WORTH LIVING.

[Amber, in Home Magazine]

I think I shall be a little sorry when the Commanding Officer sends out word to break camp and leave this dear old earth forever. For I love this world.

I never walk out in the morning, when all its radiant colors are newly washed with dew, or at splendid noon, when, like an untired racer, the sun has flashed around his mid-day course, or at evening, when a fringe of shadow, like the lash of a weary eye, droops over mountain and valley and sea; or, in the majestic pomp of night, when stars swarm together like bees, and the moon clears its way through the golden fields as a sickle through the ripened wheat; that I do not hug myself for very joy that I am yet alive. The cruel grave has not got me! Those jaws of darkness have not swallowed me up from the sweet light of mortal day! What matter if I am poor, and unsheltered, and costumeless? Thank God, I am yet alive!

People who tire of this world before they are seventy, and pretend that they are ready to leave it, are either crazy or stuck full of bodily ailments as a cushion is of pins.

The happy, the warm-blooded, the sunny-natured, and the loving cling to life as petals cling to the calyx of a budding rose. By and by, when the rose is over-ripe, or when the frost comes and the November winds are trumpeting through all the leafless spaces of the woods, will be the time to die. It is no time now, while there is a dark space left on earth that love can brighten, while there is a human lot to be alleviated by a smile, or a burden lifted with a sympathizing tear. It will be time to die when you are too old or too sick to be a comfort in the world, but if God has given you a warm heart and a ready hand, look about you and be glad He lets you live.

Yesterday I was passing through the street and I saw a woman stoop down and pick up a faded lilac from the middle of a crossing and transfer it to a corner where it would not be trampled under foot. The world wants such people alive in it, not buried under its green sods. The heart that is not unkindful of a crushed flower will be a royal hand in the ministrations of life.

May the day tarry long on its way that lays in the grave such helpful, tender hands that seek to do good.

If you and I make a compact with ourselves that no descending night shall fall that does not mark the accomplishment of some good thing, be it little or great, we shall never want to die.

The wrecked soul that turns to suicide for relief might float its tattered sail again if it would allow itself to catch the breeze of love's constant opportunity, and forget self troubles in desire to be of service to some other suffer and endurer.

Get out of self, and you live and are glad to live; close the outlook and inure yourself in the dungeon of your own special troubles, and no wonder you want to die. When

I hear a person say "I wish I were dead," it both startles and saddens me.

As well might a tulip on a May-morning wish itself a withered stalk, or a lark full of song wish itself an egg in the nest again. No person was ever yet born into this world whose opportunity did not accompany him to make himself a blessing to the world and an honor to God. You do not need to be rich or powerful to make the world better for your passing through it. Be kind to those you meet, be considerate, thoughtful, officious in deeds of love, and when you die it will be to those about like the sudden ceasing of a lark's song or the picking and bearing away of a flower.

Don't spend your time waiting for big and momentous chances to do good. Behold, the world is full of opportunities. They fly in the air, shine in the sun, and illuminate the stars. An encouraging word to the one others slight, an outstretched hand for the lowly to grasp, a letter to some one who lies friendless in a hospital ward, a banana peeling removed from the street, a box of candy to the hard-worked servant girl, a basket carried for an over-weighted woman, an arm lent for the support of a cripple.—These are only a few of the opportunities, to make your life worth living, that lie about you. Put on your specs, and look around to find your chances and seize them, and see if you don't begin to say with me, "I am heartily, wholesomely glad to be alive in this dear old world, as long as God sees fit to let me live."

PHYSICAL CULTURE FOR GIRLS.

[Eliza Putnam Heaton in Babyhood.]

"How would I bring up a girl?" I would begin when she was two years old and teach her to stand poised from the hips and slightly forward, chest up, abdomen contracted, toes turned out at an angle of sixty degrees, and neck erect, so that the collar-bone should be horizontal. You can teach a little girl to know whether she is standing properly or not by having her occasionally walk up against a door. She should touch it with lips, chin, chest and toes. A plumb-line from the shoulders should pass through the hip and ankle joints. Then I would teach her to breathe slowly, inflating the chest upward and outward, not downward, keeping the abdomen contracted. This gives a wonderful feeling of buoyancy. As she grew older she should not take above ten breaths a minute, but they should be full, vigorous ones. Good breathing and good standing are almost enough of themselves to give good health and a good figure. In walking I would show her how to keep her face and chest well over the advanced foot, and to lift the body by the muscles and the inflation of the lungs. I would see to it that she turned her toes well out. Seventy-five women out of every one hundred walk with the feet straight or toe in. This increases the tendency to an inward turn of the knees, and encourages a pelvic contraction. The weight should rest on the balls of the feet, and the ball and heel should touch the floor at the same time. In her school-days I would take pains to have her sit at her desk properly.

A GLIMPSE OF OLD TRINITY.

How very interesting this little corner of New York State is, with its rocks and waters and islands, its teeming population and history. One of the most interesting objects to me is Old Trinity, that historical-building standing in the midst of sunken graves.

Statesmen like Alexander Hamilton, actors, long since departed from this stage, horse jockeys whose rides are o'er, millionaires whose gold could not purchase one hour of life and other worthies whose epitaphs are all that remain of them lie side by side in silent dust. Many of the graves bear the date of the Seventeenth Century, and it is interesting to roam about on the beautifully kept walks trying to read the Old English on the moss covered stones.

I paused at one sunken gray slab, without date or other inscription than the words "Charlotte Temple" and thought of the tears wept over her sorrows since first her simple, sad story was given to the world. A few steps from that lowly grave is the fine monument erected to the soldiers and sailors who fell in the war of 1812.

The members of Old Trinity built the monument to the memory of Alexander Hamilton,—“a victim to the ambition of Aaron Burr” and the sexton will point out the pew once occupied by him, and also the one used by George Washington when the seat of government was in New York.

One inscription reads:

"I here lie
Till time has flown
To its eternity."

A monument to an actor long since forgotten says—

"Three kingdoms claimed his birth,
Two hemispheres pronounce his worth."

A few evergreens are scattered through the yard, and the old gray church, the ancient trees and bits of ivy vine here and there, the velvety turf and old mossy grave stones bearing dates of three centuries, the melodious chiming that ring from the high belfry, all seem like a dream of the past that must vanish—"smoke like into air."

Back of the church yard, the elevated trains dash along; before, the enormous traffic of lower Broadway passes and re-passes, and street cars unload their living freight at its gates where once the Washington coach drew up with great dignity for the first and greatest Chief Magistrate to enter the portals of Old Trinity.

A few paces off is Wall Street, that seething caldron of speculation, the Stock Exchange, innumerable great mercantile houses, and like a sentinel it stands among them, time honored and old "Lonely and spectral and sombre and still."

ALICE STRONG.

Four of the greatest warriors of modern Europe were Freemasons, namely, Bonaparte, Wellington, Nelson and Sir John Moore.

The first Masonic journal was published at Lipzig, in 1783. It was called *Der Freid-maar*.

SELF-MADE.

[Youth's Companion.]

About twenty years ago, a professor of geology in a Northern college, while traveling through the Southern mountains, stopped over night in a rude cabin belonging to one of the mountaineers.

In the garret where he slept he found a roughly made cabinet in which was a collection of minerals and semi-precious stones, garnet, corundum and amethyst, arranged with no scientific knowledge, but with a remarkably keen sense of their differences of color, hardness and shape.

He found in the morning that the collection was made by a ragged, barefoot boy of fourteen years, the son of the hunter.

The professor thought it was a pity that the lad's strong inclination for research into the secrets of nature and exceptionally keen powers of observation should not be developed. But the difficulties in the way were many, and the learned man, after a few words of encouragement to the lad, went his way.

Two years later he returned. The boy by the sale of peltry and ginseng had earned enough money to support himself while he went to a public school in a neighboring town, where he had worked day and night to make up for lost time.

The study of mineralogy continued to be an absorbing passion with him. Enough of it was taught in the school to show him what books he needed. He sent for the English authorities on the subject and studied German and French that he might understand text-books in those languages. In the meanwhile he studied unweariedly rocks and spars and gems in the mountains around him.

Again the professor left him, wishing the boy well, but doing nothing.

The boy in the course of his out-door studies soon made some observations of which he found no record in any text-book. He communicated them by letter to some scientific Americans. A correspondence followed. It was discovered that he possessed an unparalleled keenness in detecting minute differences in gems; a capacity not only of sight, but of intuition. He became known to English and German mineralogists.

A scientific friend obtained him a position with one of the great importers of jewels in New York, which supported him while he pursued his studies.

During the last great exhibition at Paris the New York professor went to a conference of eminent mineralogists, where he was introduced to a man whose knowledge of gems and power of detecting false and imperfect stones was considered to be unrivaled in Europe. He recognized his acquaintance of the Carolina mountains!

With a slight alteration of place and date the story is a true one. The fact worthy of attention is that this boy found his way to success unaided.

The chief triumph of civilization in the

present day is that any man endowed with a peculiar talent or dominating preference for a special pursuit can find opportunity and place for its exercise. Seventy-five years ago a boy with the characteristics of this mountaineer would probably have sold peltry to the end of his days.

The American boy now is heir to a heritage which even crown-princes lacked a century ago; the chance for the full development of his individual talent.

But if he does not use his inheritance—what advantage over other men has an heir?

GRAND CHAPTER OF IOWA FOR 1890.

The Grand Chapter convened in its annual session in Colfax, September 10, at 10 a. m., and continued through the following day. It was called to order by Grand Matron, Harriet A. Ercanbrack, assisted by Associate Grand Patron, George M. Barrett. All the Grand Officers were present except the Grand Patron and Grand Organist, who were detained on account of illness. There were forty-six Chapters represented and sixty had made reports. Chapters were organized at the following places—fourteen in all: Franklin, Cedar Falls, Rolfe, Vilisca, Shenandoah, Sutherland, Holstein, Danberry, Knoxville, Strawberry Point, Sheffield, Walker, Des Moines, and Vinton, adding five hundred and forty-five to the membership, making a total of three thousand and eighty-one. The membership was depleted by death, twenty-six. Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, was a guest of the Grand Chapter. There were a large number of visitors from subordinate Chapters. The illness of the Grand Patron prevented his sending an address, and the Associate Grand Patron had none prepared, but offered words of welcome and good wishes. The Grand Matron's address showed that the year had been an active one for her, and that her work had received her heart, as well as her hand service. She says:

"I assure you that I am profoundly thankful to be able to look into your kindly faces and bid you welcome. It is no ordinary privilege and honor to stand in this place and say 'welcome' to such a company as this. I know something of the character of the people who chose you to execute the office you hold. I am aware of the ability requisite to fill the official stations you occupy. I have experienced the discipline arising from the management of a Chapter composed of the cultured and ambitious. I have, to some extent, been made acquainted with the efficient manner in which you have performed your duties incumbent upon you. Our Order has prospered, and the credit of the success is largely attributable to you. The record of your lives, and the dignity of deportment that you display in the critical and constant view of your associates has contributed to our good and the honor of our institution. 'Praise is comely, praise is pleasant,' and praise is the spontaneous language of my lips, as I contemplate the merit of your efforts in behalf of our beloved Order. When I reflect that our country is second to none in point of morals and government, and that Iowa ranks high among the States in intelligence, sobriety and citizenship, well may I be proud of the privilege of greeting you. I do greet

you with deep fraternal affection, and I enjoin upon you to greet one another ardently.

"Let us now enter upon the business of the Fifteenth Annual Assembly, feeling 'Malace toward none, but charity for all.' Let every expression concerning measures and policy be spoken publicly, frankly and kindly. Let us impress upon ourselves and proclaim to the world that our Fraternity is one of reciprocal affection, the sentiment which inclines men to do unto others as he would that others should do unto him."

On motion of Brother Dyke, the Gold Plated membership badge, recently gotten out by Sister Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary was adopted, and the Chapters were instructed that hereafter such badge would be the one used by the subordinates in that jurisdiction. Also, on motion of Sister Maria Jackson, THE EASTERN STAR was made the official organ of that Grand Body. Among the financial allowances of the Body was the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The receipts during the year had been \$1469.72, and the expenditures \$821.19, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$1559.52.

The session was delightfully harmonious throughout. Resolutions expressive of the deep regret because of the absence of the Grand Patron and wife, and sympathy for his illness, were passed. Also thanks to the local Chapters for courtesies.

On the first evening of the session the work was exemplified by the Grand Officers, followed by the Floral work, which was well rendered by Colfax Chapter, led by the Worthy Matron, Sister M. C. Lemon. The officers were installed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford, assisted by Jennie E. Mathews, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, as Worthy Grand Marshall. Sister Harriet A. Ercanbrack was elected by a large majority to serve as Grand Matron for the fifth term. The officers elect were: Grand Matron, Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, Auamosa; Grand Patron, George M. Barrette, Davenport; Grand Associate Matron, Mrs. L. L. Arnold, Creston; Grand Associate Patron, George H. Jackson, Council Bluffs; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, Mason City; Grand Secretary, E. B. Dyke, Charles City; Grand Conductress, Mrs. M. W. Gage, Grinnell; Grand Associate Conductress, Mrs. Ada M. Davis, Clear Lake.

ECHOES FROM SISTER EMELINE.

[A little fish story from the correspondence of M. C. S.—Ed.]

ARANSAS PASS—TEXAS.

You will no doubt be very much surprised to see the heading of this letter and learn that I am away down here on the coast, instead of being in the Territory attending to my business. Such is the case, and to say that I am enjoying it but faintly expresses my feelings. * * * I wish you could see the fish they haul out of the Gulf. It makes me shudder to think of them, one was caught right on the dock here yesterday that they call the Stingeree, the stinger on it was four feet long, ugh! but it was a nasty looking beast. A Tarpon weighing four hundred pounds was caught the other day, right

where we can watch them fishing from the house. Should you never hear of me again you may know I am sailing out on the Old Ocean on the back of some one of those immense fishes, for if I should happen to get one on my line I would never let go. I would hold on with a death grip, and the fish would just sail on with poor Emeline to his sea home. As yet I have only caught a two pounder. I do not feel the least stuck up as to my success as a fishist, but just wait until I catch a whale. You can never speak to Emeline any more, as I will be one of the boss fisher-women then and will have nothing to do with common people. I was out to the turtle-pens the other day and it is well worth a trip to see them. There were a half dozen turtles—the smallest weighing six hundred pounds—all lying on their backs waiting to be killed and then canned. The man would go down into the pen where there were a dozen or more of them and walk around among them as though they were kittens. One of them weighed one thousand pounds, but it is not often they get them as large as that, the average weight, I am told is from five to six hundred weight. A shark was caught, last week, where we all go in bathing, that was eight feet long. He came up to a lot of ladies that were bathing. You can imagine something of the scene. It did not long to vacate and give Mr. Shark the right of way. The men went out and caught him in a little while. They tell me they are perfectly harmless as long as they are left alone, and never attack a person unless first interfered with. You may guess that this child would give them a long range. It would not be Emeline that would disturb their sweet repose. I stopped in San Antonio a couple of days on my way here. It is one most quaint old places I ever visited. I did enjoy my stay there immensely. It is the ancient so closely connected with modern that you become quite bewildered to know or realize whether you are in this world or some other. There are a great many of the umbrella trees on the side of the walks and I do think they are the prettiest trees I ever saw. I like the Southern people very much but would not be willing to make my home South. It is too hot for me. The summers last all the year and I am told they have much better vegetables here in the winter than in the summer. I will take mine in the summer if you please and in a cooler climate.

ONE WOMAN'S WORK.

[Woman's Cycle.]

The business carried on by L. P. Hollander & Co., of Boston, is an interesting example of success, whose foundations at least were laid by a woman.

It was in 1848 that Mrs. M. T. Hollander started her establishment for the making and selling of children's clothing. This establishment was the first of its kind in Boston, if not in the United States. Before that time mothers had been obliged to have everything for their children made at home. The innovation, however, was appreciated, especially as Mrs. Hollander from the out-

set offered only the very best workmanship and material obtainable. So long ago as the famous Crystal Palace exhibition, held in New York about 1850, Mrs. Hollander sent specimens of work from her establishment that attracted much attention.

Mrs. Hollander herself had a personality so pleasing, and was known to be so reliable that her patronage grew rapidly. After a time she began to make a specialty of importing fine materials. Later she added a department wherein ladies might have their dressmaking done, and throughout maintained the reputation of her house for reliability. The fine taste, too, shown in the selection of her goods made "Hollander's" a synonym for an exclusiveness of style which feared no rival.

In the sixties Mrs. Hollander's sons entered into business with their mother, and later, when she withdrew from active oversight, they succeeded her. When the firm put up their large building on Boylston street they were able to add greatly to their departments. They are now building an addition to their Boston establishment, and next month will open a branch store in New York. This latter step has become almost necessary from their large number of New York customers. In connection with this it is interesting to notice that Mrs. Hollander herself belonged to an old and well-known New York family. There is, therefore, a certain propriety in having at last a branch of her business carried to New York.

"Hollander's has always had a unique position in Boston, and old Bostonians say that this is due to the close attention which the founder gave to details, and to the taste and good judgment which she showed from the beginning. Her sons have adhered closely to their mother's policy.

In spite of her business cares Mrs. Hollander was always deeply interested in all philanthropic movements, especially in those which related to the education and advancement of women, and her death four years ago called forth many warm words of appreciation for her work from the Boston press.

JEWELS OF A WOMAN'S LIFE.

[Ladle's Home Journal.]

There are so many jewels that may be worn day and night; so many gems that are always and only your own, that you need not grieve for those that show their brightness only by day. There is the jewel of Consideration, that you may wear just over your heart; there is the moonstone of Hope, that may glitter over your brow filling your eyes with brightness; there is that brilliant stone of Sympathy, the emerald, that makes you put out your right hand of help; and there is the beautiful one of loving Kindness that makes the left-hand help the right. But above all, overshadowing all, pinning down your tresses is the diamond of true Love—love which endureth all, suffereth all, hopeth all. Are not these better than jewels dug out of the earth? For, indeed, these jewels come from the Heaven above.

ACTING ON THE SQUARE.

[Written for and read in Delaware Lodge, White Church, Wyandotte County, Kansas, by a reader of the *Kings' Messenger*, Philadelphia, Penn., and forwarded by a friend.]

Our lives should so shine that the world may all see
That the pledge of a Mason is what it should be.
If a Brother is needy, give him all you can spare,
Provided you find him to act on the square.

What is it we strive for? For what do we live?
We are happy one hour, the next hour we grieve.
What happiness riches will bring, can't compare
To that we enjoy when we act on the square.

Our Saviour's example we should all imitate,
And our lives to some good work consecrate.
In spite of the sneers of the world, do and dare
To keep within compass, act on the square.

This Craft of all others we prize, dearly love—
Its principles leap to the Temple above.
Then let us remember, the way to prepare
For the Grand Lodge above is to act on the square.

Should we see any Brother fast going astray,
We should reach out a helping hand. Turn him away
From the tempter, who is wanting his feet to ensnare.
If we do this, why then we will act on the square.

Our duties are not all confined to this room,
They follow us whithersoever we roam,
And if we neglect them we thereby declare,
In name only we're Masons and not on the square.

Before we can sit in the Grand Lodge above,
Where all must be friendship and brotherly love,
Our records on earth, beyond doubt you're aware
Will be put to a test with Plumb, Level and Square.

WHAT WOMAN HAS DONE FOR MASONRY.

[Read by Sister Coffin, W. M. of Keystone Chapter, Detroit, Michigan, at a literary and musical entertainment given by that Chapter. From the *American Tyler*.]

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—"What Woman has done for Masonry," is, as you will perceive, a very peculiar one. Woman is supposed to know nothing about Masonry, so for her to contribute to it consciously in any way, would be like throwing treasures into a stream with a blind faith, trusting that somehow they would reach their destination and there be enshrined. This I must affirm she has done since the very beginning of Masonry, and before the formation of a Masonic Lodge, for she has borne, she has nursed, she has reared the men who fill the Masonic Lodges. She has implanted in their young minds the first lessons of truth, beauty and virtue which prepare them later to appreciate the great beauty of Masonic teaching. It is almost impossible to say anything on a subject which concerns women without eulogizing them, or touching on the old but ever new subject of how slow men have been to accord certain advantage to women. This my brother (Dr. Hoskin) has done, but I like better not to remember the dark days of which he speaks, and to close my eyes to the sad pictures he has painted of her toil, and to look rather to the pages which are illuminated with her beauty, usefulness and power, for the same pages of truth that record the ages of her abasement, record instances during those ages of learned women, women who were professors in universities, of queens and empresses whose reigns were prosperous, and many tales and legends of how lustrous eyes, lovely forms, noble

minds, and hearts have ruled Kings upon their thrones, and influenced the fates of Nations. Women naturally possess Masonic instincts. Charles Reade, whom I believe to have been a Mason, said "there is a Freemasonry existing among gentle women." I can go farther and affirm that there is a Freemasonry existing among all womanly women independent of birth or education. There is no Masonic sign, no lover's glance truer, sweeter, surer than that where the eyes of womanly women gaze even for a moment into each other's eyes. That one glance and the nobility, truth, sympathy and fortitude of the whole nature is revealed. A little story comes to me, how in an almost forgotten age, the Almighty Architect decided to have a banquet to which none but the virtuous were to be invited, consequently there were no women, only men, and that banquet was the first Masonic Lodge. Ages went by, and all things changed, and the Almighty Architect decided to have another banquet to which, as at the first, only the virtuous were to be invited, consequently there were no men, only women, and this was the formation of the second Masonic Lodge, and but for the loyalty of these women, men would have been excluded forever from Masonry, for

The Heavenly Father once decreed
A banquet, fit for virtue's meed,
And bade his messenger prepare
A feast magnificent and rare,
Where should attend the virtues all
Of earth, tho' famed in cot or hall,
Homely or fair, or old or young:
Then should an anthem grand be sung
By saintly choir, and all of bliss
Concentrated be and known in this.
When once the company was come,
There sat beneath the azure dome
A host so glorious, bright and fair,
It seemed all virtues centered there.
The anthem rings, but ah! a note,
Soft, sad and plaintive, seems to float—
To float upon the air again,
Mingled grief with the joy refrain,
And in the hall so dazzling bright,
Canopied by its dome of light,
That nowhere could a shadow fall,
Darkness sat on the souls of all—
Of all the virtues there. Then spoke
The father. "Earthly ones what yoke
Bear ye in this bright festal hour,
Ye think outside your Father's power
To lighten?" Answering the host:
"Father our friends we mourn as lost—
No friend, as father, brother, son,
Husband or lover, and we none;
They linger in the world below—
We grieve without them—let us go."
The Father to his messenger:
"From shore to shore in earthly sphere,
Is there no father, brother, friend;
In virtue clad, can here attend?"
"Father," he said "the fault I rue—
Many there are, grand, just and true—
My earthly speech doth yet define
All virtues in the feminine;
In virtue's realm no sex is known,
Let me amend, the wrong atone."
Another host gladdens the azure hall—
Sons, fathers, husbands, lovers, all.

THE STORY OF A MAGAZINE.

The *Ladies' Home Journal* tells its own story in pamphlet form, with portraits and sketches of its proprietors and editors. It is free to all who apply.

THE SILK MACHINE.

[Masonic Journal.]

An industry of great magnitude in Japan is silk culture. The silk worm is "educated" to such a degree that it becomes a mere machine, and its life must be a burden to it. It lays its egg in rows on cards; it spins its cocoon to order, and finally, dies when required. Silk worm eggs are white and about the size of the head of a large pin, and they are sold on cards like buttons. These cards may be kept all winter long without harm to them, and hatched out in the summer months. The young worm is exceedingly minute and delicate animal, and the mulberry leaves adopted for its food have to be chopped up as fine as possible. As the worm grows older the leaves are not chopped finely, until, when it is full grown, it is allowed to enjoy a whole mulberry leaf intact.

This life of dissipation is too much for it, and, with a little encouragement, it seeks the solitude of its cocoon. The cocoons are then thrown into hot water, which kills the larva and dissolves the mucilageous matter that keeps the cocoon together. A silk worker deftly finds the end, and, in a few moments, the poor worm's home is about forty yards of silk fibre on a reel. A few of the larvae are allowed to come to maturity for the sake of breeding purposes and the eggs. To get out they break a whole through the cocoons. These cocoons are called pierced, and from them an inferior quality of silk is made.

THE ARAB TRIBES.

Arabs are, as all know, divided into tribes, which, like the Scotch clans, take their names from their earliest head. As there are in North Britain MacGregors and MacDonaldis—that is sons of Gregor or of Donald—there are in the desert Beni Shammar, the sons of Shammar, and many other tribes similarly called after their first ancestor. The aristocratic families of a tribe, says the author of "The Holy Land and the Bible," marry only in a very limited circle, to keep their wealth and influence in as few hands as possible. But the blue-blooded husbands make up for this by marrying several wives, leaving the supreme rank for the one of purest descent, who has the honor of giving out the provisions of the household, and of preparing the meals for her husband and his guests, a prerogative which was ceded as a matter of course to Sarah when Abraham entertained the angels and was proudly accepted by her.

If the husband, as is sometimes done, accept from a childless wife the gift of one of her female slaves, as a wife of inferior rank, in the hope that the latter may have a child whom her mistress may adopt, the child, until adopted and formally declared free, is like its mother, a slave, and the property of the wife, and can be sold or driven out as she pleases, the husband, according to Arab custom, being helpless. Hagar and Ishmael were in this way the slaves of Sarah, and she was within her right when she demanded the expulsion of both from the encampment.

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The Grand Secretaries will please accept thanks for copies of the proceedings of Washington, Missouri and New York.

On the evening of September 24, quite a number of the members of Queen Esther Chapter called upon Sister Augusta V. Hunter, Grand Matron, who was spending a day or two in the city with Sister Nettie Ransford.

Brother and Sister E. C. Stott have the love and sympathy of the members of Queen Esther Chapter in their recent bereavement. With only ten days intervening, two members of the family of Brother Stott, a brother and the father, passed to their rest.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:—The paper will be continued to all subscribers until notified to discontinue, and the time of the expiration of subscription will be blue pencil-marked. Please send renewals promptly and forget not to invite others to join you in this good work.

Queen Esther's Auxiliary met with Sister Kate DuShiell on Friday, September 26. The meeting was well attended, and very pleasant. Several articles were donated to Alpha Chapter, Baltimore, Maryland, for their booth at the Masonic Fair which begins October. Coffee and cake was served.

DO YOU WANT BADGES FOR YOUR MEMBERS? IF SO, GET UP YOUR CLUBS. THE EASTERN STAR will send, for every club of fifteen yearly subscribers 1 dozen badges, and double the dozen for each additional fifteen. This offer will be open until January 1, 1891.

The sickle of the Great Harvester is busy

with its work of ingathering. And now a sheaf of ripe grain is garnered, and the mother of Sister Helen M. Solliday is called to her rest. September 11, after a brief illness the summons came, seventy-three years having been her allotted time. The day that she was laid to rest numbered the fifty-fourth anniversary of her marriage, and he who began the journey with her is alone yet a little while. In her sorrow Sister Solliday has the sympathy of her brothers and sisters of the Order.

"Just the thing," and "how beautiful," is the exclamation heard when the membership badge of Sister Pitkin's design, meets the eye. They are gotten up in both antique bronze and gold plate, and are a "thing of beauty, and a joy forever." Chapters have desired to supply themselves with badges, but, until now, nothing seemed to meet the needs. This is distinctively an O.E.S. badge. The bar bears the letters O. E. S., and suspended from it, by the five colored ribbon, is a five pointed star, in the center of which is typified the five heroines, and on the the points are the appropriate emblems. Between the points is found the cabalistic letters. It is a pleasure to find that a sister has supplied this need, and it is to be hoped that her co-workers will recognize the effort, and show their appreciation, by making them a part of the Chapter regalia.

An old saying puts it that "our neighbors know more about our business than we do." So thought the senior of this Company when a friend congratulated her upon the "good fortune" of inherited wealth. She has watched and waited for the fairy Godmother that should bring the golden slipper, and make the joke a verity, but no such vision has gladdened her eyes. Her inherited wealth lies in the ability to meet the "responsibility that rest upon her, in the hope that by the aid of her sisters and brothers, and the favor of God," she will not prove unworthy of their confidence, their trust and their support. Thus far Dame Fortune has favored her with scores of good, true, loyal friends, who as the shadows deepened, came nearer and nearer, and whose love she would not exchange for much wealth, for in that lies the wealth that the Father giveth His children.

A larger number of Grand Chapters meet in annual session this month than any other one month in the year. Arkansas convenes in Lonoke, October 21, continuing in session three days. Connecticut will hold its session at West Winsted, October 8. California's Grand session will be held at San Francisco, convening on October 20. One of the Minnesota Grand Chapters will meet in East Minneapolis, October 8. Illinois' will convene at Chicago on October 7. Michigan will hold its meeting this year at the city of Detroit. Ohio, will in its first regular session, meet at Columbus, October 8, and Texas also holds its annual session in October. THE EASTERN STAR sends "Greeting" to one and all, earnestly hoping that the meetings

may result in great good to the Order, and that all may be done in the spirit of harmony and good will. It appreciates the kindly invitations that have found their way to its desk, and trusts to receive an early report of the meetings for the benefit of its readers.

The call to labor has been sounded in the different Chapters, and the thoughts turn to the coming months of long evenings before us. How shall they be spent? To the earnest Worthy Matron comes the thought of what can be done to best assist the Chapter to meet the full measure of its responsibilities. Much lies within the power of that officer, and yet she cannot do it all, nor can she do anything alone. It is her's to plan and direct, and the associate officers and members should heartily support and carry forward the work. The same line of work will not answer for every Chapter any more than the same discipline will answer for every family. As a thoughtful mother studies the different dispositions of her children, so will the Worthy Matron endeavor to study the nature of her Chapter family. The first essential and also that which is most lasting is that the work of the ritual be as perfectly rendered as the ability of the officers will admit. Because it is nearing the close of the official year, is no excuse for slack or indifferent work, and the officer who will allow herself the indulgence of such a thing is unworthy of the preference of her associates. Let the work then receive the first and best attention, and then see if anything pleasurable or profitable can be added thereto. It is sometimes found best to introduce at alternate meetings something of a social nature, and in this is a large variety from which to select. But beware of the dangerous ground that nurses the thought, that of necessity, the members must be amused. Amusement is wholesome, but it should only be used to garnish the substantial.

THE EASTERN STAR has told its readers of Dr. Marie Hasleps' (a member of Queen Esther of this city), removal from Wuchang, where she located over two years ago, to Shanghai, China. The change of location must be an improvement, as the field for work is broadened, and the opportunity for touching hands with other workers is increased. A letter recently received was accompanied by a picture of the Hospital building of which she has charge, and a group of the medicals, from the centre of which is caught a glimpse of the familiar face of our Marie. Of the Hospital building she says: "It is of grey brick, with red or pinkish red brick trimmings. The wall is of the same two colored bricks. The wood work is all done up with Ningpo varnish, what is here of a rich, almost walnut brown. The whole effect is pleasing. It is the womans' part of St. Lukes'. It is on a sort of triangular corner lot." Of Shanghai she says: "This is what the U. S. Minister to China said about it in his 4th of July speech: 'It gives me great pleasure to be in the model settlement on the 4th of July, not only because as the

honorab! chairman has stated, it is a Cosmopolitan Republic, but because Shanghai is the most interesting and instructive city in the East. Situated midway in the Continent, it looks across to Japan and America. It is the depot of the great river which flows for twenty-five hundred miles across the empire of China. It is the probable terminus of the network of railways, some day to be constructed in China. It is the residence of thousands of the brightest and most adventurous of the citizens of the Old Countries. And now as it is mail hour, I close with his closing words, "Let me say that our hearts, to-day, turn to the country of our birth, and across the waste of waters we send greeting, reverence and love to the "Old folks at home." To the "young ones also send I."

"HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP."

Again are the ranks of the Grand Chapter of Indiana invaded by that messenger that sooner or later calls at all homes, bearing in His outward going a jewel from the household treasure.

His coming, in this instance, was not unheralded, for months of patient waiting was the portion of our sister, whose loss we most sincerely mourn.

Mary was the sweet scriptural name given to the baby girl who came into the home of Johnathan and Maria Banes, March 20, 1846, at Metamora, Indiana. An only daughter. And she grew to girlhood unfolding the promise of useful womanhood. She was graduated from Oxford Female College in 1865, and continued through life a student. In November, 1871, with Brother Edwin W. High, she assumed new obligations and began a domestic life, which was uninterrupted in its faithfulness, usefulness and constancy, even unto the end. Her Christian life began in her early girlhood, when she found a church home with the Presbyterians, with whom she held membership until that field was discontinued by them, when she transferred her church home to the Methodist Episcopal. In this vinyard she labored most earnestly, filling for several years the position of Superintendent of the Sunday-school, failing health alone compelling its discontinuance.

Her work in the Order began with the organization of Adah Chapter, of Metamora, in 1878, of which she was a charter member, serving for several years as its Worthy Matron. Representing her Chapter in the Grand Body, she served there as Grand Eather in 1879, in the following year, being elected to the office of Associate Grand Matron. In 1881 she was chosen for the first place within the Gift of that Grand Body, and so faithfully was this duty performed that her associates honored her with a reelection. Although at many of the intervening annual sessions, her absence was enforced by lack of strength to bear the strain of nerve and body, her interest in the welfare of the Order was unabated, and in her daily life she practiced those virtues which made her "Fairest among thousands, and altogether lovely."

In the hearts of those with whom she held official relation, is set apart a place sacred to her memory the light of whose presence shall gladden us never more until

Over the river one by one,
The storms of life past, its work all done,
These severed links of our golden chain
In His dear presence will meet again.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

The history of the Eighth National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps is recorded, and those who made up the multitudes during Encampment week in Boston, are again at their posts of duty. It was a week of weeks, and nothing that could be done was left undone, to make the affair successful, and the stay of the strangers a pleasant one. The cause for which they were gathered there made even the heavens smile, and the weather was perfect. The meetings were held in Tremont Temple, the floor of the house being reserved for the delegates, while the galleries were free to members. In decoration the room was a bower of beauty. The seats to be occupied by the different delegations were located by a beautifully hand-painted banner of white satin, lined with blue and finished with gold fringe, the work of Miss Clara H. Burleigh, of Athol, Mass. Each bore the initials W. R. C., with the dates 1883-1890. and beneath this the dome of the State House, and the word Boston. Also upon each was the name of its State to which it was presented by the Massachusetts department.

The attendance was very large, all the National officers being in attendance except the Chaplain, who was ill, and to whom a message of sympathy was sent. The departments of the several States were well represented. The address of the President, Mrs. Annie Whittenmyer, showed a year of faithful service and earnest work. She reported the organization of three departments during the year Texas, North Dakota and the Potomac, with others ready for organization.

The property near Madison, Ohio, offered for a National Home to the Woman's Relief Corps was accepted, and had been put in complete repair at an expense of from \$3,000 or \$4,000. The President had officially visited seventeen department conventions. The report of the National Secretary showed the number of departments to be twenty-eight, two provisional departments with thirty-two detached corps, and a membership of 77,779.

The usual courtesies between the National G. A. R. and W. R. C. were exchanged. The convention was favored with the presence of Clara Barton, Mrs. Mary C. Logan and Mrs. Alger. During the days of Convention a very elaborate luncheon was served to the delegates in the lower part of the Temple.

The Camp Fire of the W. R. C., held Friday evening, was a success in every particular, as was also the trip to Nahant, tendered on Saturday. In fact the sisters of the Old Bay State have made for themselves a record which will be difficult to reach and cannot be surpassed. On the afternoons of Wed-

nesday and Thursday, the editors of *The Woman's Journal*, gave a reception to members of the W. R. C., in which they were assisted by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore and Miss Julia Ward Howe.

A pleasing feature to the senior of THE EASTERN STAR, who was one of Indiana's delegates to the National Convention was the star gleams caught here and there through Convention, and the clasp of the hand that acknowledged the added "tie that binds". The following officers were elected: National President—Mrs. Mary S. McHenry, Iowa; Senior Vice-President, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, Massachusetts; Junior Vice-President, Mrs. Bessie E. Young, Missouri; National Treasurer, Mrs. Armilla A. Cheney, Michigan; National Chaplain, Mrs. Emily V. Litthfield, Maine.

SELFISH SORROW.

When a great sorrow comes upon your household, all your friends sympathize with you most sincerely for a reasonable period, but if you hold tenaciously to your griefs and obtrude your particular woes upon all who will listen, you will soon become intolerable to those who know you. Are you the only one who has suffered, and have you the right to cloud the brightness of your neighbor's life? Assuredly not; and yet you unreasonably bewail and bemoan your fate, and make yourself so miserable and cheerless that you would positively feel personally aggrieved if any one dared to insinuate that a more afflicted creature could be found. Self is at the bottom of your grief, and you are only catering to your own morbid pleasure when you repeat your threadbare sorrow to all you meet. As a rule, people like you, are generally destitute of a particle of sympathy for others who are in worse trouble.—Ex.]

BE WISE IN TIME.

No day is so bright that the clouds of trial, death and disappointment do not settle over some household; no land is so fertile but that gaunt and hungry want may invade some home; no life is so secure but that the inexorable law of death may not reach and doom its possessor to take its place in the "silent halls of death." No family is secure from such calamities, and so we say, blessed are they above measure who have made provision for the trial when it comes, as come it must, sooner or later. There is no means by which we may avert the calamity of accident or death. But a wise forethought and the means offered by life insurance may provide comfort for the stricken loved ones. And we do not hesitate to say that the man in moderate circumstances who fails to take advantage of this practical means of protection to his family, has failed in one of his most essential Christian duties. Call at office of "Masons Union Life Association, Indianapolis, Ind.

Between right and wrong there is no ground save a battle-ground.—Mary T. Lathrop.

GLEANNINGS.

DENVER, SEPTEMBER 11, 1890.

DEAR STAR:—Commissioned as his Deputy, by Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Lynds, I broke away from Nebraska duties, temporarily, and came to the beautiful and thriving city of Denver on Tuesday, September 9, 1890, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter of the Eastern Star, subordinate to the General Grand Chapter. I found all things in readiness, and the good friends anxiously awaiting my coming. Arriving at the Chapter-room in the evening, I was surprised at the number in attendance, and yet was informed that all were not there, nor could be, that evening. Hence I determined to devote two evenings to the work of organization, and did so. Upon the completion of the work, we found that there were one hundred and thirty-five charter members, the largest I remember to have known upon any similar occasion. The membership is composed of the very cream of Denver society. Among them are two Masters of Denver Lodges; three Past Masters; a Past Grand Master from South Carolina, and a large number of senior and junior Wardens and other Lodge officers; then there were several lawyers and physicians, while the female membership, without exception, ranks high. The Worthy Matron is Mrs. Mary A. Condit, formerly of the Chapter at Kansas City; the Worthy Patron, Brother W. L. H. Miller, formerly a member of the Order in Illinois; and the Associate Matron, Mrs. D. M. Farrell, late of the Chapter at Topeka, Kansas. Every officer chosen seemed to have been born for the position assigned to each. You may expect a good report from the new Chapter with advancing time; and should the membership reach two hundred by the first of January next, you need feel no measure of surprise. Denver, with her 130,000 inhabitants four Lodges, Chapter, Council and Commandry, can do that. All hail to the bright and beautiful Star! Yours truly,

H. A. GUILD.

IOWA.

I have long had it in mind to write you, but duty is so pressing and time so precious that I could find none to spare from my routine work. Our beloved Emblem Chapter is steadily growing in numbers and also in all good work. At this time Worthy Patron, A. J. Salts, Worthy Matron, Sister Russell, Asso. Matron Orrie Salts, and Brother and Sister Hannah, are in attendance at Grand Chapter at Colfax. Your little messenger comes to us and we love it. God speed the rising of O. E. S. over all the land, and may the precepts taught before her altars obtain the ascendancy over many loyal and true hearts. Woman's Mission may here find food for thought and material for work. I am fifty-seven years of age, and drive nine miles every day, teach school, and do the work for a family of five persons. I fully believe in the text—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

A. G. K.

ILLINOIS.

At a recent meeting of Miriam Chapter, Chicago, it was favored with guests from five different States: Sister Hubbard, District Deputy, of Golden Gate Chapter, San Francisco, California; a Worthy Patron from Texas, who had read in THE EASTERN STAR of the new robes, and while passing through the city called to witness the work. Also a brother from Connecticut, two sisters from Northern New York, and Sister Railing, of Olney, Illinois.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Deputy Grand Matron, for the First District, has been paying official visits to the Chapters located in Chicago. September 4 she visited Valentine Chapter, where there were visitors from the other Chicago Chapters. September 5, Butler Chapter was visited. The room was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, and the deputy was given a bouquet. The ritual work was very beautifully exemplified followed by the Floral work. A large number of visitors were present, among whom was Sister Chamberlain, Grand Electa. The exercises closed with speeches and a banquet. September 6, Queen Esther Chapter received the Deputy, where were also as guests the Grand Matron, Sue M. Simpson, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Warder, Grand Electa and Electa and members of other Chapters. The room was florally decorated and the Grand Matron was presented by the Deputy with a bunch of roses tied with ribbon of the emblematic colors. Also the Conductress and Associate Conductress, in behalf of the Chapter, presented the Grand Matron and Deputy, each with a beautiful basket of flowers. Here also the work was exemplified, it being well rendered, and a banquet followed, which was enjoyed by two hundred and eighty-four. September 9, Siloam Chapter was visited. The work was beautifully rendered and the room adorned with flowers. A banquet was one of the features of this evening, and the Deputy was remembered with floral offerings. September 10, was the evening for the visitation to Lady Washington Chapter. The exemplification of the work was most beautifully and impressively rendered, the officers acquitting themselves with especial credit. The room was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers. Sister Esther, of Siloam Chapter, remembered the Deputy with a large bouquet of white flowers. The Secretary, Sister Ratledge, of Lady Washington, gave her six large pink roses and the Worthy Matron, Sister Wood, in the name of the Chapter, presented a basket of beautiful flowers. There was a large attendance and the Grand officers present were Sister Esther and Electa. September 12, Lady Garfield received the Deputy officially. The ritual work was very beautifully rendered. Miriam and Maple Chapters were well represented by their members and the Grand Chapter by Grand Electa.

INDIANA.

South Bend Chapter resumed its work September 10, when two candidates were

initiated and petitions received. The Chapter is in good working order and harmonious.

The first meeting after the vacation of the Emera Club was held September 12, at the home of Sister Louise Matlock. The attendance was good and the meeting very pleasant. A motion that had been postponed for consideration was carried and hereafter the society will be known as Queen Esther's Auxiliary.

One by one they are coming home—the members of Queen Esther Chapter, who have been seeking pleasure and recreation elsewhere. The meeting of September 19, was in the nature of a love feast, and the cream of the feast seemed to be that each wanderer came home with renewed zeal, ready to render good and loyal service in the interest of her home work.

Loyal Chapter, Richmond, has recently been called to mourn the loss of one of its number. Sister Fannie Hunt, on Friday, September 19, was borne to her last resting place. By her request the Chapter service was rendered, and most beautifully and lovingly was the request complied with. The floral gifts were lovely, but significant among them all stood the gift of the Chapter. As the end drew near and the weariness of this life pressed upon her, and faith gave a glimpse of the bright beyond, raising her hands she exclaimed—"O, Jesus, dear Jesus, open wide the gates and let me in, for I am so tired." And most sweetly was the thought expressed by the floral design of wide open gates with the emblematic star suspended from between. And there is no more pain, but rest, sweet rest for the weary.

The extremely hot and dry weather, I must say, has not stopped the growth of our North Manchester Ivy, nor the scorching hot sun dried it up for its growth and flourishes. We had four affiliations for Aug. 4, and three initiations. The attendance was good, about thirty, which I am sure, was good for a hot night. Ice cream and cake was indulged in, and all seemed happy, and glad to be there. The poem "Our Vows," was recited by your humble servant, which was well received, if not so well rendered.

Our Chapter was called on to give up a devoted Sister. Emma Ellwood, was called home June 12. She held the station of Martha, and was one of the charter members, who was always in her place when health would permit. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. She was an earnest Christian.

Sister Corinne Daily, wife of Sheriff James T. Daily, of Wells County, died at her home in Bluffton, on September 4th, and was buried in Fairview cemetery on the 7th. She was a popular member of Crescent Chapter, No. 48, O. E. S., and also belonged to the Daughters of Rebekah Lodge of this city. Both orders took part in the funeral, the Chapter ceremonies occurring at the residence, and the D. of R. at the grave. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen here, attesting the high esteem in which our

sister and her husband were held by the community.

The following is the "memorial" of Crescent Chapter, Bluffton:

TO THE WORTHY MATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:—We, the undersigned, your committee appointed to prepare a memorial to express the sense of this chapter upon the death of Sister Corinne E. Dailey, would respectfully submit the following:

Our sister is the daughter of Anthony and Emilie Sunier, and was born January 30, 1860; became a member of Crescent chapter May 15, 1884; was married to James T. Dailey May 11, 1886, and died September 4, 1890, aged 30 years, 7 months and 3 days, leaving a little daughter three years old last January.

Again, as sisters and brothers, are we called upon to mourn one who was well-beloved, one always loyal and true; and again are we reminded of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, teaching us the importance of always being fully prepared at a moment's notice to stand before our God to give an account of the precious moments allowed us and reminding us that there is no time to spare, that for every moment we shall be held accountable.

Our chain is again broken, and a young sister is called up higher. We know that the young and old alike must die, but we also know that it is our privilege to be reunited in the Beautiful City.

To the grief-stricken husband we would lovingly and tenderly extend our sympathy, not forgetting to assure him that, if he but shape his life aright, throughout God's eternity he may be with his loved one.

Our love and sympathy go out unbounded to the little daughter so early left without a mother; but we know that God's ways are best, and that he makes no mistakes; that around the motherless little ones is His protecting arm; that the great heart of our Heavenly Father loves the little children. Has He not said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven," and will He fail to guide and guard them always?

To the mother, sisters and brother we would say, Weep not; she has but gone before you just a little. Life, at longest, is but short, and your dear one in heaven awaits you. She has passed from the trials, disappointments and sufferings of life to the comfort, rest and perfect happiness of the heavenly city whose maker and builder is God. Would you call her back? "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

To you, our sisters and brothers, we would say, within our chapter-room is another vacant chair, in our chain another severed link; and our hearts are sad, and we realize that throughout time this will always be the same. Oh! let us see to it that we are also ready, for sooner than we think, time for us may cease, and eternity dawn.

MARY E. MASON, }
P. A. ALLEN, } Com.
J. J. TODD, }

Sister A. V. Hunter, Grand Matron, paid her first official visit to Milroy Chapter, September 23. That there might be no possibility of missing connection in trains, as three changes were necessary in making the trip, she came to Indianapolis the day earlier, "The best laid plans of mice and men oft gang awa," and why not of women? In this instance they did, for not only the "plans" but the train "gang awa" and left two passengers woefully regretting the unpleasant fact. It was occasioned by a change in the time of the departure of the train. The only way left was a later train, involving an eight mile ride by carriage. At 8:15 p. m.,

the Grand Matron accompanied by the Most Worthy Grand Matron began the eight-mile ride and reached the Chapter room a little before ten o'clock, where they found the members, also guests from Andersonville Chapter—some ten miles distant by road—patiently waiting their coming. Four candidates were initiated, and the work was exceptionally well rendered, although the stations were supplied by officers filling two places, rendered necessary by death and illness. After the ceremony of initiation the following beautiful address of welcome was given by the Secretary, Sister Olive E. McGrew, which was beautifully responded to by Sister Hunter, Grand Matron, followed by remarks from the Most Worthy Grand Matron and others.

Address of welcome to the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the O. E. S., and to the Grand Matron of Indiana:

I feel that I am honored by our Worthy Matron, in being the one called upon to welcome you to our Chapter. Most cordially, do I, in behalf of the Chapter, extend to you both a fraternal greeting, and trust your visit to our village and our Chapter, may be a pleasant and profitable one to us all. My wish is, that nothing may occur to mar our pleasure in any way, and that in future years as we look back, over the years gone by, the 23rd of September, 1890, may be remembered as one of the bright days of our lives.

This meeting has been expected and looked forward to with much pleasure by all of us, but alas! one of our loved ones has gone from us. Our Chapter, since this meeting was arranged for, has lost a member, one who was very dear to us. Sister Nettie Root was looking forward to the coming of our distinguished guests and expecting to enjoy the visit, but how uncertain is life. Although not in the best of health for some time, her death was not expected, even one week before it occurred. She has passed over to a brighter home, there to await our coming. May our lives be such, that when our Heavenly Father calls us He will find us prepared.

Welcome, again, we say, loved and honored guests. Welcome, also visitors from our neighbor Chapter. I trust the bonds of fraternal love may be stronger, and that we may be more closely united by this meeting. It seems to me 'tis a help to a Chapter to have visitors, and we surely feel better to know that others are interested in our work. May we all, like Adah, be faithful to our convictions of right and duty. May we, like Ruth, prove our constancy in our obedience to the demands of honor and justice. Like Esther, lead pure and upright lives, and be willing to suffer for kindred and friends. Like Martha, may we have trustful faith in the hour of trial, and the bright hope of immortal life. Like Electa, be strong to suffer persecutions, for the sake of Truth, and may we, as she did, show by our lives that we love one another. If we do this, we can, indeed, feel that, for us, there will be

"After shower, the tranquil sun:
After the snow, the emerald leaves,
Silver stars, after the day is done;
After the harvest, golden sheaves.
After the clouds, the violet sky;
After the tempest, the lull of waves;
Quiet woods, where the winds go by:
After the battle, peaceful graves.
After the burden, the blissful mead;
After the flight, the downy nest;
After the furrow, the waking seed
After the shadowy river, rest."

Also a very nice literary program was

given. The Asso. Matron, Rella Winship, reciting "Our Vows", the Worthy Matron, Rose Barton, "Wearing the Emblems"; and Olive E. McGrew, "The Eastern Star". Refreshments followed, and although the hour was late, or it should be said early, the company seemed loth to say "good-bye."

Through the pleasure of the meeting was mingled a strain of sadness for the absence of the bright link that had told them the story of Electa, and who had looked forward to this meeting with glad anticipations. Sister Nettie B. Root was laid to rest on Friday, September 12, with the beautiful service of the ritual, leaving a husband and three children to journey on without her loving presence, but are "they not all ministering spirits?" Her Chapter offers the following tribute to her memory:

HALL OF MILROY, CHAPTER, O. E. S., SEPTEMBER 23, 1890.

We, the committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our Sister, Nettie B. Root, who was called to rest September 11, 1890, do hereby submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst, our beloved Sister, Nettie B. Root, we deem it proper for the Chapter to give an expression of its appreciation of the character and services of our deceased sister in all the relations which she sustained in life to society, the church, her family and to our loved Order. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That, in the death of our sister the Chapter has lost one of its most useful and valued members; one who was a faithful worker for the good of the Order.

Resolved, That we cherish her memory in kind recollection of her devoted attachment to our Order; that we mourn the death of her whose character and worth have commanded our highest respect.

Resolved; That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband, children and relatives in this sad affliction.

Resolved, That the Charter of the Chapter and Electa's chair be draped in mourning for thirty days; that a copy of these resolutions under seal of the Chapter be tendered the husband of the deceased; that they be placed on the records of the Chapter, and that copies be sent to THE EASTERN STAR and Rushville papers for publication.

S. C. THOMAS, }
VIE S. BARTON, } Committee.
OLIVE E. MCGREW, }

KANSAS.

Leah Chapter, U. D., Argentine, has recently purchased a handsome set of officers jewels.

At a recent stated meeting of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, Bro. McClung of Guthrie Chapter, Guthrie, O. T., was welcome visitor. Ivy Leaf Chapter held its annual picnic the last of September. This Chapter is doing some good work and is very harmonious.

Orient Chapter, Lyndon, are looking forward to a pleasant and profitable winter in its Chapter. It is only a short time since they purchased a handsome set of officers jewels, and they have almost money enough raised to purchase an organ for the Chapter room.

Towanda Chapter, U. D., organized May 19, is flourishing finely. It started with seventeen members. Have two or more candidates nearly every meeting, and now

number about 40. At the Old Settlers picnic, held September 18, at Towanda, the Chapter had a booth of confectionery, etc., and cleared forty-five dollars to add to its treasury.

Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, gave a surprise to Brother and Sister Fegety, September 12, (it being their ninth anniversary), and presented Sister Fegety with a beautiful Eastern Star badge, and Brother Fegety several fine books. Sister F. is organist at the Chapter. A very enjoyable time was had, and the company were served to a fine lay out of cake and fruits.

The stated meeting of Adah Chapter, at Lawrence, September 11, (of which Sister Wiggs, Grand Matron, is Worthy Matron) was honored by the presence of Brother Wm. Julien, Worthy Grand Patron, and his estimable wife. The work was exemplified in the same charming manner as it was before Grand Chapter, after which a banquet was served in the dining hall.

One of the most pleasant occasions in the history of Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, Kansas, occurred on Friday, August 15, 1890, when they held a picnic in the grove south of town, in honor of the departure of Bro. and Sister G. W. Kendrick, prominent members of the Chapter. About sixty-five were present, and indulged in games and a general good time during the day and afternoon. Both dinner and supper being served in true picnic style.

The Order in this jurisdiction was honored by the selection of one of its members to represent Kansas on the board of women managers for the World's Fair. The appointee, Mrs. Hester A. Hanback, is one of the prominent workers of Osborne Chapter, Osborne, while Bro. Louis Hanback is an ex-member of Congress.

Mrs. Georgiana Secoy, Past Grand Matron of Nickerson, was appointed Grand Guard of the Grand Temple of Pythian Sisters of Kansas.

Walnut Chapter, U. D., at Walnut, Crawford County, with nineteen members, was organized August 27, by Brother T. K. McFarland, Asso. Grand Patron, assisted by Sister Lizzie Gabriel, Asso. Grand Matron, and the officers of Progress Chapter, of Parsons, of which Brother Mc. is Worthy Patron, and Sister Gabriel, Worthy Matron. This Chapter starts out well, and bids fair to become one among the best in our galaxy of Stars. Mrs. Mary Chadwick, Worthy Matron, Brother H. E. Rahestraw, Worthy Patron, Mrs. D. B. Gregory, Asso. Matron, and Brother H. H. Ledlie, Secretary.

At the stated meeting of Beulah Chapter, Topeka, September 6, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Ruch of Queen Esther Chapter, Raton, New Mexico, were welcome visitors, and Mrs. Mary Holden, one of Beulah's charter members was present for the first time in several years, as she has removed from Topeka. Mrs. Annetta Whipple, Worthy Matron, has returned from her visit at Kansas City. Quite a number of prominent O. E. S. workers were in Topeka during the week September 15-

20, attending the State Fair, Rebekah Convention, I. O. O. F., and the Pythian Sisters Grand Lodge. We acknowledge a delightful call from Sister Dr. Lucy H. Taylor, Past Grand Treasurer, of Lawrence.

Union Chapter, Ottawa, with quite a delegation from Adelpia Chapter at Malvern held a picnic Aug. 29 at Forest Park. The day was perfect, the park delightful. It is where one of the Chatauqua Assemblies are held and quite famous for its buildings especially adapted for that great occasion, among them is a large dining-hall. With the consent of the keeper we utilized it, lit up one of the gas jets and warmed a large pall of coffee brought by one of the good sisters, spread out the contents of the well-filled baskets and ate as "picnickers" always can eat. Games and other amusements entertained us all the day and the setting sun still found us wishing that the day might have been longer.

Almost all of the Chapters have resumed their meetings since the cool weather has set in, so we hope in the future that Kansas will have her usual quota of news, but through August there was a famine in items. Oh, for the time to come when the principal officers will be found in their stations in July as well as December. If they are found at their posts at all times, there will be no lack of a quorum to open the Chapter. Of those who spent their vacations elsewhere, the following have returned: Miss Lillian Wiggs, Worthy Grand Matron, returned from Green Mountain Falls, Colorado, in time for the O. E. S. picnic at Merriam Park, August 30. She reports a delightful trip, and returns refreshed and recuperated, ready for whatever may need her attention in the O. E. S.

Mrs. Gerta Pitts, Secretary of Cherryvale Chapter, Cherryvale, has returned from a pleasant visit of several months in the East.

Miss Mary E. Smith, Secretary of Acacia Chapter, Hutchinson, is again at her post, after an absence of ten weeks.

Miss Minnie Henricks, Secretary of Lucretia Garfield Chapter, at Downs, is again at her post in the school-room.

Miss Ada Myrick, Secretary of Anchor Chapter, Olathe, after a two months' visit in Colorado, is again at home.

OLATHE, KANS., SEPTEMBER 22, 1890.

Yours of the 18th inst. at hand, and in reply thereto will try to give you a brief sketch of our very pleasant basket picnic, held at Merriam Park, Kansas, August 30, 1890, the day we celebrated (as the 31st of August came on Sunday).

The day was pleasant, except a few showers in the morning; at about 10 o'clock the trains arrived from Kansas City, Mo., and other points along the lines of the Ft. Scott & Gulf, and Santa Fe R. R., loaded with picnickers with will-filled baskets, ready to enjoy themselves, which they did. At "high noon", the usual dinner hour, the ladies served lunch after the most approved style, after which the President, Brother Phelps, called the meeting to order and

prayer was offered by Brother Burns, of Kansas City. The President then called upon Brother Kuhns, of Kansas City, who favored us with an address in his usual humorous and pleasing manner, after which, Miss Lillian Wiggs, Grand Matron of Kansas, recited an original poem entitled "Our Natal Day," composed by herself for the occasion, which called forth round after round of applause, which continued until Miss Wiggs again appeared and repeated the poem. After the programme, previously arranged by the President, Brother Phelps, had been carried out, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Sister A. C. Stevenson, Past Grand Matron of Kansas, President, and Wm. Julien of Olathe, Grand Patron of Kansas, as Secretary; no other business appearing, the meeting closed with the entire congregation singing "America," that old song so dear to every American. At 5 o'clock p. m., the different Chapters returned to their homes feeling somewhat weary, but well pleased with the way they had spent the day; and in conclusion, I will venture the assertion, that these annual reunions will do more toward spreading the work of the O. E. S., than anything that can be done by our Sisters in that direction.

I have issued seven dispensations for new Chapters since our Grand Chapter closed and hope to be called upon to issue as many more before the year closes. And I hope the day may soon come when every Master Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction, may consider it his imperative duty to unite himself with a Chapter O. E. S. in order that he may be able to discharge his duty and obligations to Master Masons Wives, Widows, Sisters, Mothers and Daughters, that they may become purer, better and consequently happier.

Hoping that this short sketch may be useful to you, I remain very courteously and fraternally yours,
WM. JULIEN, G. P.

MAINE.

Mizpah Chapter, Saccarappa continued its meetings through the summer with a good attendance, and considerable interest among the members.

Another Chapter has been added to the roster in the Pine Tree State, and Old Town now glows with the light of the Stars. A Chapter with forty-three Charter members was organized September 10, of which Mrs. Effic M. Hartwell is Worthy Matron, John E. Haynes, Worthy Patron, and Mrs. Margaret M. Lancaster, Asso. Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Patron, F. E. Shaw, has issued a dispensation to organize a Chapter at South Farmingham with twenty charter members.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, will have a sale of fancy articles on the fourth Wednesday in October, and one of the chief attractions will be a table, over which the Grand Patron will preside, and which will undoubtedly be the table of the Fair.

Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, resumed its meeting on the evening of September 3. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The Chapter enjoys one of the finest rooms in the State. Sister Hattie B. Johnson, of THE EASTERN STAR, was a visitor.

The reception tendered the General Grand Chapter officers by Sister Frances Clarry and mother of South Boston, was a very enjoyable affair and those who were so fortunate as to have been present speak in warm words of praise of the hospitality of the hostesses.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, began its meetings September 2. There was one candidate for initiation and the work was excellently done, although several officers were absent and their places had to be supplied. Sister Johnson, of Queen Esther, Indianapolis, Indiana, was present.

September 8, Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held its first meeting since vacation. Although there was no candidate, the officers very kindly did the initiatory work for the entertainment of Sister Hattie Johnson, who was a visitor for the evening. Sister Johnson also met with Vesta Chapter, of Charlestown, at their initial meeting following vacation.

MINNESOTA.

The summer vacation has passed and the Chapters in this jurisdiction, at least those who have been taking a vacation during the months of July and August, have begun their fall work, and we hope with increased and renewed vigor.

Notwithstanding the heated term some of the Chapters have continued working.

Minneapolis, No. 9, has added sixteen to its membership.

Lorraine and Plymouth, of Minneapolis, have augmented their numbers considerably.

Constellation Chapter, No. 18, St. Paul, inaugurated the fall campaign by doing work Wednesday evening, September 3, and had the pleasure of a visit from W. G. M. Sister Jacoby, G. S. Sister Ida M. Wing, and other visitors from Minneapolis and Newport.

August 27, Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, W. G. M., and Andrew P. Swanstrom, W. G. P., paid Fidelity Chapter, No. 17, Litchfield, an official visit. A most enjoyable time was spent in this beautiful city, which is one of the prettiest in the State. They could not do enough to make the visit a pleasant one. The meeting was held at the Lodge room in the afternoon, after which, carriages were provided and all the members present, about fifty, drove over to the hotel or their pleasure resort and partook of a sumptuous banquet. The evening was devoted to a camp fire at the cottage (Teepe Washta) of Sister Strobeck, W. M.

September 1 the same officers visited one of the new Chapters, Miriam, No. 26, at Hutchinson. This romantic spot, sacred to the memory of the Tribe of Asa, contains a very active Chapter. Here the members seemed to vie with each other in their hospitality.

It is the intention of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron to visit every Chapter in the jurisdiction during their present term of office, believing that a great deal of good can be accomplished.

WEDNES.

MICHIGAN.

Myrtle Chapter, at Ithaca, has been specially favored in a social way of late. Following upon the heels of the Rob. Morris festivities Worthy Matron, Sister Comstock, and husband were "surprised" by the brothers and sisters last Saturday evening, who drew up in carriages in front of their residence, a little after 8 o'clock, to the great bewilderment and amazement of the former. The welcome, though rendered in the confused way we might expect, was sincere and heartfelt. After an hour of social chat, a refreshment of fruit was served, under the supervision of Sisters Johnson, Peet, Netzorg and Martin, and at its conclusion, Sister Peet, in behalf of the Chapter, presented the Worthy Matron a beautiful Eastern Star Pin with Emblem and diamond set in center, which act of kindness so overcame the latter as to render an acknowledgement difficult. The good-nights were exchanged with a fervor of hearty-good-will and friendship, that made one mentally respond "So may it ever be."

Myrtle Chapter, No. 59, O. E. S., Ithaca, assembled at Masonic Temple Saturday evening, August 30, 1890, to commemorate the birthday of Bro. Rob Morris the founder and Patron of our Order. The occasion was one of much enjoyment and harmony, and consisted of able addresses by Worthy Patron J. N. McCall and Past Grand Patron C. Waterbury relating to the history of said brother and the Order, followed by a masterful and eloquent eulogy to his memory in the form of a beautiful poem by Bro. Giles T. Brown, which we would send for publication if space would admit. Music was interspersed and this part of the exercises closed with the presentation by Margaret M. Comstock, Worthy Matron, in a neat little speech of a Past Grand Patron's ring to Bro. C. Waterbury in behalf of Myrtle Chapter, as a token of their appreciation for past services and kindness. A delightful repast was then served in the Banquet Hall followed by toasts admirably presented by Toast Master Bro. O. W. Martin and responded to by Bros. Potts, Brown, McCall, Sister Peet and others. The sisters of this Chapter are under special obligations on this occasion to Bros. Trask and Comstock for valuable assistance in collecting materials and arranging the feast,

which did great credit to the ladies of the committee, and are greatly indebted to the Brothers of this Order and of the Masonic Fraternity generally for special courtesy and favors since our organization; our gratitude for which we would like to give expression to here.

Quite an interest is manifested by our members in the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, and in response to the call of G. W. M. Davidson a fund is being raised to send thereto.

We are hopeful for our future also that we may soon be able to send you subscribers for your interesting paper. Kindly give the above report space in your columns and oblige,
Fraternally,

NETTIE COMSTOCK, Sec.

Will an item or two from this way off upper peninsula be acceptable? Seems as if there are some who might be interested in knowing what we are doing. First, is the election of officers for the ensuing year: Worthy Matron, Miss Allie Wicks; Worthy Patron, Dr. J. D. Jones; Asso. Matron, Miss Kate M. Scott; Conductress, Mrs. Ed. Ringsford; Asso. Conductress, Miss Ella Penylase; Secretary, J. S. Hathaway; Treasurer, D. H. Lieberthal; Adah, Mrs. Grace I. Catlin; Ruth, Mrs. Thomasine Carter; Esther, Mrs. Sadie Lieberthal; Martha, Mrs. Helen Colburn; Electa, Mrs. Helen Newberry; Warder, Mrs. Mary Cruse; Sentinel, Jno. Russell. The officers elect were installed the 12th inst., by Sister Grace Catlin, who has been Matron for the past two years. Our Chapter will be represented at the meeting of the Grand Chapter by Sister Catlin, who holds the office of Grand Electa in that body. We are in a fairly prosperous condition though not as much interest is manifested by members, as we would like to see; however, on one subject we are harmonious and active—that of assisting in the grand work of the Masonic Fair. We will institute a series of entertainments to be given every two weeks, to raise funds with which to aid in this laudable enterprise, and at the same time hope by "cheerful companionship and social enjoyments, to lighten the burdens of active duty." The Grand Master, J. S. Cross, accompanied by Brother A. Clark, State Lecturer, held a school of instruction here about two weeks since. They assisted in the service of dedicating the Masonic Hall at Crystal Falls; were tendered a fine banquet by the Masons' wives and sweethearts, and went away expressing great satisfaction at the treatment accorded them.

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sular, held its election recently, nearly all the old officers being re-elected. It has a membership of sixty or sixty-five, but lack somewhat in interest,

H. O. Kimball Chapter, Iron Mountain, is active and making its light shine. During the winter two delightful entertainments were given. The installation of the officers of the Lodge, F. & A. M., was public and the sisters provided the banquet, which was much enjoyed. The ceremonies were beautifully and impressively rendered. Sister E. J. Ingram, Past Matron, in behalf of the Sisters of the Chapter, presented the Lodge with an elegant silver water service, consisting of pitcher, goblet, bowl and tray,—also a unique antique oak stand. The Masons were taken by storm, but the Master, T. B. Catlin, responded in a happy manner, also the Secretary, Brother Tuten, thanked the ladies for their expressions of good will.

The Chapter at Escanaba was instituted March 6, 1888, with nineteen Charter members. Named after R. C. Hathaway, who presented the Chapter with a full set of officers jewels. The first year twelve new members were received. The second year, fifteen, and the year just closed has a record of twenty-one. It is an active Chapter, the members taking great interest in the work. They had hoped to send a delegate to Grand Chapter, but the Masons have just moved into more commodious quarters; at the dedication the O. E. S. will provide the banquet and they expect that will take their available funds. The Worthy Matron will donate some articles for the booth taken by Peninsular Chapter U. D. Several other members will also assist Peninsular Chapter in providing their booth at the Masonic Fair. At their election last week their Matron Libbie S. Anthony was re-elected, likewise the Worthy Patron, Brother Farrell, the Associate Matron is Sarah Merriam. After almost every initiation refreshments are served, oft-times card-parties, etc., are held, none but O. E. S. members being invited.

G. I. C.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Boula Chapter of Flandreau, South Dakota, visited Madison Chapter of Madison on August 20. They were taken to Morena Beach, Lake Madison, where a delightful supper was given by the Madison ladies at the Grand View Hotel. They returned to the city about 10 p. m., by the Moton R. R. where they were entertained at the homes of the members of Madison Chapter. The

next morning before returning to their homes they were driven to all points of interest in and around the city. A very enjoyable time is reported.

TEXAS.

Festal Day in Texas proved to be just what it was intended; a good re-union of the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and then a formal introduction to the Masonic fraternity. That it had a general good effect is shown by the following record of new Chapters: Moody Chapter, at Moody, McLennon County, was chartered on August 25, with Mrs. C. Wakefield, Matron; J. S. Wakefield, Patron; and Mrs. E. Whaley, Associate Matron; with sixty-five charter members. Marl Chapter, at Marl, McLennon County, was chartered on September 2, with Mrs. M. J. Punchard, Matron; E. W. Punchard, Patron; and Mrs. E. C. Carpenter, Associate Matron; with thirty-eight charter members. Killeen Chapter, at Killeen, Bell County, was chartered on September 3, with Mrs. M. L. Robinson, Matron; J. D. Slawson, Patron; and Mrs. Emma S. Roberts, Associate Matron; with thirty-two charter members. A petition has also been received for a Chapter at McGregor but has not yet been acted on.

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INSPIRATION.

[Youth's Companion]

Narrow and steep the pathway we must tread,
And even then the crown may be of thorn,
Which all the years thereafter must be borne,
Till silence numbers us among the dead.
Hard must we toll to win this bitter bread,
And through the clear flash of the radiant morn,
Oft see the clouds, with edges tempest-torn,
Rise in dense gloom, by disappointment led.

Yet is not all this strife a better gift
Than aimless wanderings through sunlit days?
Does not each upward struggle serve to lift
The soul to where God's clearer radiance plays,
Till through some stern and rock-embattled rift,
We reach at last life's firm and level ways?
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ARAXA CORDELIA.

The sun shone through the east window of Araxa Cordelia's kitchen, right into the face of the old clock, and was stealing round to play peep with the Virginia creeper that rambled all over the south porch.

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It was, and dinner under way. On the large stove that shone as bright as "Rising Sun Polish" could make it, various stewpans and kettles were already sending forth puffs of steam—a savory incense to that unappassable god, appetite.

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preserves, got the breakfast, washed the dishes, made the beds, scrubbed the kitchen floor and back-stoop, sprinkled the clothes, mixed the bread besides sweeping and dusting the "setting room", running out to the woodpile for wood, to the well for water, and into the garden to pick peas and sundry "garden sase" for the twelve o'clock dinner; stopping as she passed the flower-beds to pick a sweet William and pull the weeds out of a row of marigolds.

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"About everybody has a talon or a mission and I don't mean to be much behind the times.

"I've been calculating all along to do something out of the common run, something that ain't so menial and full of fractions as this every day routing.

"I'm tired of the everlasting scrub and scour, and planning what to have to eat,

only to see my best belaborations disappear like dew before the morning sun and no thanks."

"It ain't that I'm afraid of work, but the monomania of it is enough to disinfect a cricket. I've looked about considerable among the crooks and turns in my head, and have kept up a steady-going thinking, and at last I found my vocation. As quick as I found it I went right at it, that's my way, no hop and go one with me. I always felt as if I was above the common herd, everything in my life has pointed that way. It always fell to me to write the letters for the home-folks (grandfather's and Jake's hands are as stiff as lynch-pins so they can't yield the pen, and Belinda as soon take a dose of medicine as touch one), and I've signed all the bills and papers ever since I begun to make pothooks, and later on copied into a book the receipts for making cakes and puddings in a way that was a sight to behold; so when I was conspired to write a story, I didn't wait a minute but just slashed it off as easy as I can brush the flour off my hands. I've got other yearnings and respirations a reaching out over-the-hills-far-and-away sort of feeling as if I was broadening out, and my ideas swelling into a freer, wider currycomb of deflection. But I shan't stop to speak of them now, because I ain't one of the diverting sort. My, how the parson and Deacon Snubs do perambulate and divert! The Deacon's name fits him to a T, too; he's in his elementary when he can put folks down and throw a damper over the meeting when everybody's warmed up. If I was a preacher, now I'd be one, and not be bossed round by a passel of committees and deacons. If I was a man I believe I could be a preacher, I feel so soaring when the pasture is digressing I could put words right into his mouth, but laud, if I'd ever suppress a word, the rafters would be down round my ears in no time. If I was a man I'd be one and show 'em what a man ought to do." (and her eyes roamed reflectively toward the wood-box) "I've always wished I was one ever sense I become sensible of their derogatives, mainly on account of their pockets. To see how

nature has looked out for them: their clothes chuck full of pockets, and I have to go round with one lorn pocket bulging out of all cemetaries. If I want anything that's in it, that thing is sure to be at the bottom, and if I want to get at my pocket-book, most particular when somebody's waiting, it universally gets wedged in corner-ways, and I cannot contract it without getting red in the face, and pulling my glove off wrong side out. I told Jake one day I'd found my missive, and he said he didn't know as a missive outside of home was called for, as far as I was designed. Jake is full of acrostic remarks, acrostics is his excelsior, and if he purloins any comfort out of 'em, let him, but because I'm good at housekeeping ain't no sign I ain't got a soul above it. He says it needs soul in housekeeping, if there was more of it there wouldn't be so many trying to find it somewheres else. But he's always arguing and setting his face against everything I reach out after, so I didn't pay any attention to him and Belinda, they always side together, but kept right on till I got my piece done.

"I copied it till it was as illegible as it could be, and wrapped it up and went to the city, obnoxiously to see Arabel, but dubiously bent on taking it to the newspaper office. Well, I found Arabel elocutionating. The last time I was there she was practicing asthmatic decorations, and every dish and old jar, such as I keep in the cellar, was brought to the front and make to look like a Chinese mandrake—enough to take your breath away—cluttered, I should say, but dreadfully asthmatic, and when her table is set, it looks like a China crazy-quilt. I tried my hand at it, painted some dandelions on a jug with the handle off, (that was the asthmatic part of it) and you wouldn't believe how it looked. Jake said it looked as if I'd dropped it in a bowl of butter. If anything could take the starch out of my sails, it would be Jake; but, as I've said, I don't mind his acrostics.

My, but I wish I had the perquisites and propinquities Arabel has, I could be as good a elocutioner as she is. It fills me with enviable confictions when I think of how I'm hid away under the obscurations of a country farm, devolving in the revolutionary currency of diurnal construction and devouring myself in behalf of a comatose household.

There's a disconnecting chain of circumstantial evidence in elocutionating. When folks find out they can elocutionate it runs right into Sunday-school work, and charitable entailments, from that to clubs and guilders, and every occasion for perennial celebrities, such as Fourth of July oratorios, and birthday and wedding caravansaries, from them to the nostrum, and from the nostrum right onto the boards and scantlings of the stage—the theatre you know. The stage is a harbinger of rest for women that feel as if they are out of their speical orb, and others that can't get along with their husbands and families, and have talons.

I'd been to the city before, and there ain't

a place I can't find, so I didn't let on to Arabel, but put my piece in my pocket and went down to the editor's sanitarium with, I will own, just a mite of fear, and some approach.

What stuff I've heard about them editors! I wasn't afraid of 'em, because I'd read, they say it themselves in their papers, that they are a poor, no-account lot, always in debt and everybody owing 'em, and have to depend on all sorts of articles that's brought in by this one, and that one. A meeching lot, I made out, devouring every variety of indigestibles, so I went right in, and if I warn't surprised! They're always calling their place a den, and have led folks to believe that the editor was the factory of the place, doing all the work himself, but they're a deceitful pack. Instead of a dark cubby, I expected to find him in, I found several of him in different rooms, great, high, square rooms, one leading into the other, all of 'em carpeted and furnished equal to any Lodge room; desks and easy chairs, and bookcases, and it was as still as prayer-meeting when the minister is waiting for some one to speak. In the room I went into was two of him, a passing away the time a reading newspapers, and a snipping out pieces for their scrap-books. They didn't look up or notice me, no more than if I'd been a mouse, and I can tell you I was as still as one. I set right where I could look through into two other rooms, and there he was triplicated at three different desks, and one of the triples would lean back in his chair every minute or two and swing himself round, and tip back till he was in a declining state, and read and acted as though he was enjoying himself at somebody's expense, but the one I wanted to see, wasn't in, and I waited and waited, and waited. His little boy said he wouldn't be in till twelve o'clock, and when he did come, he wouldn't stay long, so I waited, and bimeby I got kinder faint and hungry, and drew up to a desk that stood in a corner by itself, and took out some seed-cakes I brought from home. I passed 'em round to the snipping editors, and they took some with the politest smile you ever see. I told 'em I made 'em myself. They said they couldn't be beat. I knew that before they said it, for if ever a batch of extra cookies is wanted for the vestibules I'm appointed to make 'em.

About the time I'd got through and brushed up the crumbs, in come the editorium I wanted to see. I got up on my feet, and said I'd got a piece to admit, and went to take it out of my pocket, but it wouldn't come. It got wedged in crossways some-way, and I worked and pulled, and the editorium waited, till I felt the inspiration break out all over me. I could have said something if I warn't rooted and grounded in the maximum never to give way before folks, but he was the pink of politeness, and waited with great depression, (as the French say) as patient as could be—seemed as if my own feelings was inflicted in him.

Bimeby it give way with a jerk, and out it come with about everything there was in my pocket. My handkerchief tumbled out and scattered a lot of crumbs, and part of a

cookie, and my pocket-book bounced half way 'cross the room, and flew open, and some pennies and a stick of gum, and half a dozen hair-crimpers, and that pesky lottery-ticket went hilter-skitler all over the floor, and when I went to pick 'em up, out tumbled them plated-teeth I never can get used to, and always take out and slip in my pocket when I set out to do anything particular. Well, I said to myself, as I was picking 'em up, counter-trumps happen to the best of us, so I don't care, and then I tried to untie the string, he wanted to cut it, but I always save strings. My fingers was all thumbs, and shook like a popple leaf, and I felt my face get red as a beet.

After a while I fetched it and asked him to read it. My, but he was polite! He looked at it in a kind of a disinterested way, and said he was proud of the distinction, and hadn't a mite of doubt but it was out of the common run. I told him he might besure of it. *I wrote it myself*, and he said certainly, but at present his forms was all full. I thought as I glanced at 'em a setting round at the desks, that there want no occasion to doubt what he said, they looked as if they hadn't starved, except one—I guess he was the meeching part of him, thin as a pin.

He was saying he'd be—when his other little boy came in and said something about pie, then he took a sudden hurry and said: "If I'd excuse him" and bowed so polite it was a sight to see him; and I come away thinking maybe somebody had brought him some more indigestibles. I asked his little boy what made his pa in such a hurry and he said (if you'll believe it) that the devil was after him.

I told him he was sinelevant boy, and was in a position for the emissaries, and had better look out, for the individual he was so free to mention loves a shining mark, and it would be more culpable if he was studying his category instead of leaning over the ballasters in that prevaricating way. I glanced back at him as I went out of the door and there he was at the top of the stairs standing on his head and smiling as good-natured as if I had'n't said a word.

They say, that boys will be boys but I don't see why they should. I went back to Arabels and found her little girls dancing teacher giving her lessons. Well I don't hesitate to say you never saw the like.

It superseded everything that was ever divested to my futile imagination. He was teaching her some kind of a high fling. It want a mite necessary for she's pert enough for one of her age and has flings enough and knows

I don't know I'm sure, when Arabel's going to get through making up that child. She's enveloping more talons than she's got fingers and toes. But it runs in the family, I don't know as the child is to blame. If I had the disadvantages she has, no telling what I couldn't be a dancing man myself maybe. It might be more trying to the athletics than writing out stories but it wouldn't be such a strain on the mental difficulties.

Well it may be time and money wasted for

when she's old enough to dissimulate she'll just as like as not, up and get married.

It's my view that talons and missions ought to be the patent rights of women that haven't husbands and babies to worry about.

No, I didn't get my piece in but I felt almost as though I did—I'd seen a live editor and it's my belief he's got as many lives as a cat.

Merciful me! Here I am perambulating and time is fugiting, and the punkin is burning on that new macadamized kettle," and she caught it up and deftly turned the steaming contents into a creamy looking dish before, as she said, it had time to taste.

A BIT OF KANSAS HISTORY.

The twelfth anniversary in its present form, of Medias Chapter, Kansas City, Kansas, was celebrated on the evening of October 16, and was in every particular a success. Owing to illness the Grand Matron was unable to attend but they were favored with the presence of the Grand Patron, Brother Julien. There were also guests from over the border—Kansas City, Missouri—thirty members of Harmony Chapter and twenty-five of Hesperia. Leah Chapter of Argentine, was represented by fifteen of its members. Belfountain and Tuscan Chapter of St. Louis, Mo., by Sister Mulford and Clough. Cut flowers and potted plants added their beauty to the room decorations. After an hour was spent socially, the assemblage was called to order by the Worthy Matron, and Grand Patron Julian addressed them, following which Worthy Matron Ericsson gave an address of welcome. A very pleasing literary and musical program was rendered and the following very interesting "Historical sketch of the Chapter" was read by Past Matron Mary C. Snedden: Worthy Associate Grand Matron

GRAND PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—We meet to-night to celebrate the anniversary of Medias Chapter No. 1, O. E. S. Were we called upon to tell our age, we might, like a maiden of uncertain years, well hesitate. We have truly 'been born again, and again, and could give our age as a mature lady of thirty-four years, a blushing maiden of eighteen years or a little girl of twelve years.

To give an historical sketch of this Chapter it will be necessary to go back into the 'misty past', and before many of us first saw light, and it seems like raking among dead embers. It was before the day of railroads, cables or mule cars, the telephone, electric light, gas, or even coal oil lamps, when a heavy rope spanned the Kaw river and a sleepy ferryman, guiding a flat boat across, formed the only means of communication between the two places; when the red man roamed over these heavily timbered hills, and owned all the broad lands whereupon stands 'the metropolis', that our beautiful Order first shed its rays west of the Mississippi. On July 28, 1856, thirty-four years ago, a little band of men and women, most of whom were members of the tribe of Wyandotte Indians, took our obligation and formed a "Constellation of the Eastern Star," with Mr. Matthew Walker, Worthy Patron, and his wife, Mrs. Lydia B. Walker, Worthy Matron, naming the constellation her Indian name, 'Medias,' meaning soft spoken woman. They were organized by Mr. Leonard, of Louisville, Ky., who was making a trip by boat, selling Masonic supplies. He was obliged to stay here two months, waiting for the next boat (wonder how that sort of travel would suit the mod-

ern drummer?), and assisted them greatly in the work which was then dramatized and very complicated. They learned it, and initiated a few candidates into the mysteries of the labyrinth, and had many enjoyable social evenings. Where are they now? All gone to join the 'silent majority' forming an unbroken chain above? No! One is here.

Only one of that Chapter is with us. We feel honored in bearing on the rolls of our Chapter the name of Eliza J. Stone, the only living member of "Medias Constellation" so far as we know.

The questions, "Shall Kansas be a free State or a slave State," followed by the civil war, were more momentous than the Eastern Star. It faded and was almost forgotten. Time passed with its many changes, a new generation grew up. Wyandotte grew from the little village to a city. Many new people came in and the members of Medias Constellation were scattered or dead.

In 1872 Robert Morris, the founder of the Order, and Robert Macoy, of New York, had formed a partnership, changing and simplifying the ritual. Morris was about to make a trip to the Holy Land, so he gave Macoy authority over the Eastern Star. He then sent out agents to "work up" the Order wherever they could, giving a good commission on all charters, rituals and supplies. One of these agents organized eighty-nine Chapters in the young State of Kansas in one season, charging from \$25 to \$40 and expenses for each. He "swooped down" on Wyandotte Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, one evening in the spring of 1872, sent them "poste haste" home for their wives, and organized Floral Chapter No. 9, O. E. S., with Mrs. M. L. Sharpe, Worthy Matron, and E. T. Hovey, Worthy Patron.

We organized, elected officers and exemplified the work, in about two hours, leaving an impression on our minds as clear as—mud.

When we met again we knew as much about running an Eastern Star Chapter as some candidates do now—result failure, cost \$40.00. We did not try to meet again till in 1877. Mrs. Sharpe, the Worthy Matron, called a meeting for the purpose of re-organizing the Chapter. We had never recognized a head, and had never been called on by any one to surrender our charter, so we took it up again and went to work. We were ably assisted by Brother W. E. Whiting, of Kansas City, Mo., who wrote out all the secret work for us, and by Miss Nettie Clark, a young school teacher, who had received the degrees in Iowa.

Our first meeting was held May 12th, 1877. We re-elected Mrs. Sharpe Worthy Matron, and Jas. Snedden, Worthy Patron. Since that time we have met regularly, and our growth has been continuous. About that time the Grand Chapter of Kansas was formed, to which we gave our allegiance, since which time we have had some law by which to be governed.

Early in 1878 we learned there had been a former organization, and were proud to welcome, as a member, Sister Lydia B. Walker, March 13th, 1878.

She then presented to the Chapter the original Charter and Signet of "Medias Constellation". Before the second meeting of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, all Chapters in the State, so far as found, were summoned to surrender their Macoy charters, and receive new ones from the Grand Chapter. All to be renumbered from No. 1. Of the eighty-nine organized, only thirteen could be found with life enough to respond.

Floral Chapter No. 9, in surrendering its charter asked that under the new Charter it be known as "Medias Chapter No. 1". The request was granted at the meeting of the Grand Chapter, held in Atchison, October 16, 1878, which event we celebrate to-night. I was elected Worthy Matron in December, 1877, and thus received the honor of being the first Worthy Matron under the new

charter. Bro. D. R. Churchill was the Worthy Patron, and Bro. G. J. Newlert Secretary.

You will be pleased to know that the first candidate to knock at our doors, was C. W. Ericsson, the husband of our efficient Worthy Matron. May 16, 1877, he petitioned for the degrees, with Brother and Sister Clark and John W. Kerr. Brother Kerr has been dead many years. Brother Clark and Miss Emma are members of Southern Star Chapter, San Diego, Col., and Brother Ericsson is a Past Patron and a faithful worker still.

During these years there have been many changes, but a few of the "old-timers" are still active workers.

We have had one hundred and eighty-eight members. Have suspended forty-eight, demitted twenty-six, expelled none, and eighteen Brothers and Sisters have gone forever. Many sad memories are awakened by re-calling the names of *Our Dead Brothers and Sisters* who were wont to meet and greet us.

Brothers I. B. Sharp and Jesse J. Keplinger, Brothers J. R. Parr and Edwin E. Palmer who "crossed over the river" the same day, Sister Mel M. Keplinger, Sister Emma Park whose sad life and tragic death are fresh to all, though nine years have passed. Sister Lou Wood, who passed so many months of suffering, Brothers Eager and Ryns are still dear to us. These were followed by Brother J. C. Welch, Past Patron, one who seldom failed to be with us, and we miss Brothers Courter and Briggs, both young and zealous workers, and let us not forget *our mother*, Lydia B. Walker: who died May 27, 1884, and was laid to rest in the Old Wyandotte Indian Cemetery, one of the few spots unchanged by the march of time. In accordance with her oft repeated request, this Chapter performed the burial service at her grave. But let us turn from the past with its sorrows and its joys, to the present and future.

What are we doing for "the Good of the Order"? Are we keeping pace with the rapid developments around us? I believe we have made progress, that we have 'heard the call of want' and 'lightened the burden of sorrow'; that we have more than once assisted the "brotherhood in its noble work." If so we have not lived in vain. That our brothers appreciate this, is evidenced by the fact, that since our organization they have never charged us for rent, lights or fuel. My sisters let us show them that we appreciate their kindness to us by doing what we can for them. The Lodge has rented the third floor in the new Opera House, let us furnish the room. We can, for by our labor, we purchased this carpet, and covered these chairs and the altar. Here is work at our hands, let us do it with a will.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT FOR 1890.

The Grand Chapter met at Winsted, October 8, with a good attendance, and a spirit of harmony. The following is the list of officers for the ensuing year: Grand Matron is Mrs. Clarissa B. Curtis, Grand Patron, Elizur B. Parsons; Asso. Grand Matron, Hannah L. Harvey; Asso. Grand Patron, James P. Pellett; Grand Secretary, Frances R. Martin; Grand Treasurer, Mary M. Warner; Grand Conductress, Julia Grannis; Asso. Grand Conductress, Amelia E. Leeds; Grand Chaplain, Rev. S. A. Davis; Grand Lecturer, Jay C. Holden; Grand Marshal, John Wood; Grand Adah, Mary A. Perkins; Grand Ruth, Lucy W. Bosworth; Grand Esther, Emily T. Spencer; Grand Martha, Cornelia F. Meachem; Grand Electa, Sarah J. Root; Grand Warder, Lucy Cook; Grand Sentinel, William L. Griswold.

For The Eastern Star.

TO A CUP OF WATER.

Sparkling, limpid gift of God,
 In thy crystal depths I find
 Sweetest drops of hope and Joy
 Balm and solace for the mind.
 Lurks no evil serpent here,
 With its poison fangs of Death,
 With its venom sac of Grief
 And its foul polluted breath.
 Here no clammy coils that crush,
 With a serpent's awful power,
 Some young life of promise bright,
 As a careless hand a flower.
 But within thy depths there lies
 Something strangely pure and sweet;
 And we think, while quaffing thee,
 Life without were incomplete.
 Ne'er can Bacchus, God of wine,
 Slake the thirst of fever so
 Cool the brow and heal the wounds
 When our lives are full of woe:
 But with fancies, vague and false,
 Leads the trusting soul astray
 To the darkened haunts of sin
 Far from righteous light of day.
 Emblem of the purest life,
 Emblem of a life sublime,
 Ever may thy blessed draught
 Cool and freshen for all time;
 Housse to action weary hearts
 That are fainting by the way;
 Courage give to wounded souls
 In the thick of battle-fray.

—LILLIAN GOLDRICK.

For the Eastern Star.

STANLEY'S FIRST LECTURE IN AMERICA.

The papers called it the most notable gathering that had ever congregated under one roof in New York. Every one of the three tiers of boxes was filled, the vast parquette showed not one vacant seat; on the stage were five hundred or more of New York's leading men; the family circle, the parietre and balcony were also filled. Most of the gentlemen were in full dress and many of the ladies were costumed as for the opera, with evening dresses and uncovered heads.

Lights gleamed on priceless gems, fans fluttered, perfume filled the air, all was brilliant, and gay, and beautiful, to welcome one who had come from thrilling adventures in pathless tropical forests; from tribes of dwarfs and cannibals; from Arab slave-raidings; from the jaws of Death itself—Stanley. After having marched six thousand miles across the African continent, and being lost to the world for three years; after having made discoveries of inestimable value to commerce, discoveries which insure the speedy civilization of this darkest part of the earth; after having accomplished his mission and brought beleaguered Emin Pacha back to the world, Stanley, whose real name no one knows; Stanley whose birth-place and parentage is a mystery, and who commenced life as an American newspaper reporter stood before that vast audience of cultured men and women, and received from them such an ovation as falls to the lot of but one or two persons in a century.

As he stepped from the wings out on the stage, every man rose to his feet and remained standing until Stanley was seated. They cheered and cheered until Chauncey

M. Depew began his address of welcome. "Three years ago," said he, "this man was dining with a party of friends and anticipating the pleasures and profits of a lecture tour. A telegram was handed him from the King of Belgium, and the next morning he had sailed away to answer his summons. He has now returned to fulfill his broken engagements of three years before. Alexander, the Great, in his march to the Ganges, Marco Polo in his travels in China, Columbus, planting his Queen's standard on the shore of a new continent, and Henry M. Stanley, the discoverer of Central Africa, are the four greatest discoverers of the ages." And now, Stanley has commenced another journey, the one of matrimony, and Mr. Depew joined with the immense audience in wishing the world-renowned American and his noble English wife, long life, health, happiness and prosperity. At his concluding remarks every eye was turned to "box 4" where Mrs. Stanley, with her mother and a party of friends were enjoying her huztriumphs. I had a fine chance to see Mrs. Stanley as we were standing in the main entrance, waiting for one of our party. She is tall, large-boned, has brown hair and gray eyes, a beautiful mouth and looked every day of thirty-five. Her dress was white satin and tulle, made with a very long train. It was *extremely* low. She wore very beautiful diamonds, and carried an immense ostrich fan, and wore plenty of rouge on her face. The latter fact I discovered as she passed us in the entrance, the former, when she had taken off the dark velvet opera wrap embroidered in Persian colors, and lined with white Persian lamb, and was seated in her box, her bouquet of lillies of the valley and orchids lying on the crimson plush railing in front of her.

As Stanley stepped to the front of the stage and placed his manuscript on the rest, the applause was hearty and prolonged. His subject was "The Rescue of Emin," and he eloquently depicted the hardships of making a way through endless forests, harassed by the poisoned arrows of savage natives, dwarfs and cannibals, tortured by hunger and privations of every sort. He had three hundred and eighty-nine men with him when they started, and when they emerged from the darkness of the forests on the shores of Lake Albert, only one hundred and seventy-three remained alive to tell the tale of their sufferings. They were one hundred and sixty days in a jungle so thick that sunshine could not penetrate the gloom, or grass grow on the ground.

"The ground was rank with vegetable corruption, the atmosphere heated, stifling, dark and pregnant with the seeds of decay of myriads of insects, leaves, plants, twigs and branches. At every pace my head, neck arms or clothes were caught by a tough creeper—scratching and rending whatever portion they hooked on. Insects of numberless species lent their aid to increase my misery. As we marched under the leaves these ants contrived to drop on the person, and their bite was more vexatious than a

wasp's. I had no *meat* of any kind, of bird or beast for nearly a month, subsisting entirely on bananas or plantains."

When Stanley entered upon that march, his hair was black; now it hangs in heavy white masses over his forehead.

His motto is "wait not for fate to meet you but go meet it." And his going has brought him wealth, enduring fame, an aristocratic bride and a wedding (if not a grave) in Westminster Abby.

Be ye brave, courageous, strong of mind and limb, tender of heart, daring, yet wise in daring, knowing that brain is far better than brawn; know ye that intellect to plan and will to execute is nobler than the birth-right of kings. Do not dream; act, not wait; mend your fortune, not bewail it. This is the lesson I learned from the life and the lecture of Henry M. Stanley at the Metropolitan Opera House, Tuesday, November 11, 1890.

ALICE STRONG.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA FOR 1890.

The Eighteenth Annual session of the Grand Chapter convened in San Francisco, October 15. All the officers except Grand Ruth and Grand Sentinel were present, and nearly every Chapter was represented. Also, there were eleven Past Grand Matrons and six Past Grand Patrons in attendance, beside a large number of visitors. "Brother Jessie B. Fuller, Grand Patron, presided with ease and dignity, and made all feel at home." His address was short, recounting his official acts and visits, and he says in conclusion:

"Although our growth has been gratifying, and every year adds to our numbers, still there is room for more, and I trust the day is not far distant that will find all worthy Masons and their families honored members of our beautiful Order, where the good are made better, and where peace and harmony should, and I trust will, always prevail. Let us ever remember the beautiful precepts of our Order, and laying aside all jealousies and worldly strife, endeavor to so live that the world will say that the Order of the Eastern Star has something more than a name—it has the power to make noble men and women of all who are members of it. Truly it must be a blessed Order.

One year ago a committee was appointed, with instructions to report at this session in regard to the establishment of a Home. The report of so efficient a committee will, no doubt, be an interesting one; and as the Masonic fraternity are in earnest in regard to the same good work, a full discussion of which has been had before the Grand Lodge of this State and the matter put in such shape that it must result in success, I trust that if it is found unadvisable to proceed alone in the work such legislation will be had at this time as will result in joining with them, and a Home will be erected in the near future that will be a credit to us all and a blessing to the needy."

"Grand Matron, Annie E. Briggs, added to the many friends she had already made, by her cordial manner and graceful carriage. Her address was excellent and contained the reports of the several Deputy Grand Matrons, showing the Order to be prosperous and doing good work." She says:

"The Order was never more prosperous than at this time. A general interest in the wel-

fare of the Order seems to prevail, and in every Chapter there are found intelligent, pure-hearted, and energetic brothers and sisters, who fully realize the beauty and excellence of the teachings of our Order, its beneficent influence upon the members, and its hopeful mission in disseminating the morality of the household to mankind about them. Our membership is increasing, and with the abundant prospects of general prosperity in our Golden State, there is no reason why our advancement as an Order should not keep pace with the rapid progress of the State, until hand in hand with our Masonic brothers we shall be hailed as the harbinger of peace and good will among men.

Little has been said by the members of the Order concerning the action of the last Grand Chapter relating to the Home. The trouble seems to be in giving material shape to the project. It may be that as the Masonic Order has considered the subject for many years without any definite result, that we may meet with no better success. I think that our Order is thoroughly inclined toward the establishment of a Home, and feel that a trifle more of Charity to the needy ones would cause our Star to shine with increased lustre; would give us a realizing hope around which our effections would cling, and which would remain a monument of our sincerity in the cause of relief.

I have no doubt when our able Home Committee shall have formulated some practical plan, it will receive an ardent response from the Chapters and members of the Order, and that it will be found that charity is not the least of the many virtues which adorn a good and true member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At the last Grand Chapter you kindly, but to me unexpectedly, conferred upon me the highest honors that this Grand body can bestow upon a Sister. I feel that I have failed in the acceptable performance of those duties, when compared with the earnest and intelligent work performed by my predecessors in this exalted office. Wherever I have been remiss I know you will forget. It may be that none have passed this responsible and honored chair without feeling, as I do, that much more might have been accomplished for our Order. Our Order is indeed worthy of our earnest efforts, the pure principles of morality, the light of our hearthstones, the hope of immortal life, lessons of life, taught in sweet music, fragrant flowers, kind words and loving acts, founded upon the inspiration of Him who holds us in the hollow of His hand, who has given us the Star of Bethlehem to guide our feet through the labyrinth of human life, and who adds diadems to the crown of immortality, as we dry the tears of sorrow, or comfort the distressed on our earthly pilgrimage.

As Grand Matron I have fully realized the extent and grandeur of our Order; for in every city and town, in the valleys and on the mountain heights, members of our Order may be found. I have been welcomed to their homes as a stranger, but the parting has been that of friends, nay of Sisters and Brothers. For the kindness and many acts of sincere friendship extended to me throughout this jurisdiction, I return my heartfelt thanks; memory cannot forget the happiness caused me during the past year by loving members of our Order, and I hope that my presence among them has at least in a small degree added to their happiness and prosperity. Ever will I bear in remembrance those Sisters and Brothers whose kind advice and timely presence aided me in my journey, and in the performance of my official duties.

In both addresses kindly mention was made of the death of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskell.

The report of the Grand Secretary, Kate J.

Willats, showed a membership of six thousand and sixty-five in ninety-one Chapters.

The report of the Grand Treasurer, Lizzie Wardwell showed a balance in the treasury of \$4,036.05.

The Home Fund Committee was continued with authority to meet and confer with a similar Committee of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M., who are confidently expected to formulate a plan for the establishment of a Home for the widows and orphans of Masons, which will be adopted at the next session of that body. The committee reported that \$2,000 had already been raised.

Five Chapters were organized during the year.

The following are the officers of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year: Fred L. Button, Grand Patron, Oakland; Mary J. Parker, Grand Matron, Los Angeles; Avery Shepherd, Grand Associate Patron; Mary L. Southworth, Grand Associate Matron; Kate J. Willats, Grand Secretary, San Francisco; Melissa Morey, Grand Treasurer; Dora Stofen, Grand Conductress; Bertha Barnett, Grand Associate Conductress; Amelia Woods, Grand Chaplain; Elizabeth Crocker, Grand Marshal; Frances Davisson, Grand Adah; Minnie Glass, Grand Ruth; Minerva McPike, Grand Esther; Esther Mould, Grand Martha; Elizabeth Grimes, Grand Electa; Lola Davis, Grand Organist; Hattie S. Jones, Grand Warder; E. L. Crawford, Grand Sentinel.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

An entertainment quite out of the ordinary occurred in Bozeman, Mt., on the evening of October 27, under the auspices of Lily of the Valley Chapter. A few days previous the members of the Masonic Lodges and their wives were invited to Masonic Hall to spend a social evening with the members of the Chapter. The committee in whose charge were the arrangements for the evening were Mrs. N. E. Davis, E. B. Martin, Charles Jackson and Judge A. McPherson. One of the attractions promised was the presence of the Grand Officers, and there were over sixty present to welcome them. After an hour spent socially they were called to order by Mr. Martin and Mrs. Wilson began a wedding march. Then the ante-room doors were opened and Dr. Sanderson entered followed by a wedding party, who advanced to the altar where in a beautiful and impressive ceremony W. H. Randall and Miss Margaret North Lancaster were pronounced husband and wife. The father of the bride is the Grand Patron, who was also instrumental in starting Lily of the Valley Chapter in which he was zealously seconded by his wife, the Worthy Matron and daughter. Immediately following the family party were Mrs. Edna Hedges, Grand Matron, Helena; Mrs. Lizzie Marsh, Asso. Grand Matron and Mrs. Akin Associate Grand Conductress of Butte City, also Jacob C. Power, Asso. Grand Patron, Townsend. To say that the assembled audience were surprised but faintly expresses it. And it was a rare pleasure to witness the union of two so near-

ly bound to them by fraternal ties. After congratulation Grand Matron Hedges was introduced and "in a sweetly modulated voice, in the purest English she gave the aims and objects of the Order" and counted this as one of the real pleasures of her life. Mrs. Marsh, Asso. Grand Matron, and others briefly responded to calls and at the conclusion all sat down to an elegant repast at which the health and happiness of the bride and groom were generously wished. Like all things bright and fair comes the good-byes all too soon.

GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS FOR 1890.

The Eighth Annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held in the Lodge room of Lone Star Lodge, No. 403, A. F. & A. M., Denison, beginning on Tuesday, October 21, and ending Thursday, October 23. The Grand Officers present were: Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, Grand Matron, San Antonio; J. W. Ellender, Grand Patron, Cedar Bayou; Mrs. M. M. Neely, Asso. Grand Matron, Bonham; Stephen Gould, Grand Secretary, San Antonio; Mrs. M. R. Marsh, Grand Treasurer, Denison; Miss Fannie Miller, Asso. Grand Conductress, Wortham; Mrs. Maria Strehorn, Grand Martha, Denison.

The report of the Grand Patron was a brief resume of his year's work, and a tribute to the efficiency of his co-workers in office.

The Grand Matron's address was a greeting of welcome and congratulation, pointing out that the past year had been a busy and successful one for the Eastern Star Order in Texas, that order had been brought out of confusion, peace and harmony had prevailed, and substantial gains had been made in Chapters and members. Referring to the increase of interest among Masons, she stated that all Chapters meet in Masonic Lodge rooms without charge for rent, and that when Ruth Chapter, No. 112, was organized at Yoakum, the members of the Blue Lodge voted \$25 out of their treasury to pay the Eastern Star charter fee. She reviewed briefly the first celebration of Festival Day dwelling more fully on the services of her own Chapter (Adah, No. 49, San Antonio, of which Miss Parma Fisk is Worthy Matron). She paid a well-deserved tribute to Stephen Gould, Grand Secretary, whose earnest work had done more than perhaps any other one person to bring matters to their present satisfactory condition. She closed by urging renewed zeal upon all Chapters and members, and by pledging herself not to be behind in any good work.

There were eighteen Chapters represented, some of them by the full number of delegates, against six Chapters last year, only two of which had three delegates.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed fifty-eight Chapters in operation, of which fourteen were chartered during the past year.

Tuesday night an informal reception was tendered the members of the Grand Chapter and their guests, in the hotel parlors, by the members of Gate City Chapter, and a thor-

oughly enjoyable evening was spent in social converse.

Wednesday a number of constitutional amendments were proposed, which were finally all referred to a committee with instructions to prepare and report to the next annual meeting a new constitution.

The committee of Grand Officers reports submitted a report from which the following extract is made: "That we have examined with great interest the able address of the Grand Matron, and would congratulate the Grand Chapter on having selected one so fully qualified to fill the great and important duties of her office. In token of our love and esteem for her we would commend her to the favorable consideration of this Grand Body, and can of a truth say: "Well done, good and faithful servant." We would offer the following salutation; "May health and peace through all her life preside; A sleepless angel be her guide; Felicity her steps attend, And God be her unchanging Friend." We have also examined with great interest the report of the Grand Patron, and we heartily endorse his every act. He has labored hard and diligently in the performance of his duties."

THE EASTERN STAR was formally adopted as the official organ of the Grand Chapter, and the member's badge invented by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter was recommended for general use.

The Grand Matron, having had the question submitted to her, officially decided that marriage does not alter the relations of Masons to their daughters and sisters, and therefore the marriage of a Master Mason's daughter or sister to a profane does not deprive her of the privilege of initiation into the Eastern Star Order.

Edmund H. Doyle, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory, Mrs. Sue J. Doyle, Past Asso. Grand Matron and Mrs. H. N. Wright, Grand Treasurer, of the same Grand Chapter, were introduced, received with Grand Honors, and invited to seats in the Grand East. Letters were read from Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, Atoka, Indian Territory, and Mrs. Lizzie E. Gabriel, Asso. Grand Matron of Kansas, expressing regret that they could not be present at this meeting of the Grand Chapter of Texas, as, in response to invitations, they had promised to be.

A telegram of fraternal greetings was received from the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, and responded to.

Wednesday afternoon was to have been spent in the enjoyment of a picnic given by the Masons and Eastern Star members of Denison, but the rain interfered, and the Grand Chapter occupied the time in working the Floral Addenda, followed by a trip in the motor line of Denison.

Wednesday night Gate City Chapter had a special meeting for work, initiating three candidates, and the officers of the Grand Chapter added the Floral Work. The entire service was subject of hearty commendation by all who were fortunate enough to witness it.

Thursday was taken up with routine work and the election and installation of officers.

Sister Hadley was re-elected Grand Matron, and entered on her third term, the election being by acclamation, and with hearty unanimity. Bro. Gould, for his efficiency as Grand Secretary, was promoted to Grand Patron. Sister Cassil was elected Grand Secretary, she being the first lady elected to that office in the history of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Following is the complete list of officers, with their addresses: Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, Grand Matron, San Antonio; Stephen Gould, Grand Patron, San Antonio; Mrs. Belle de R. Moon, Asso. Grand Matron, Gainesville; Capt. A. F. Hicks, Asso. Grand Patron, Marble Falls; Mrs. Jennie Cassil, Grand Secretary, San Angelo; Mrs. M. R. Marsh, Grand Treasurer, Denison; Miss Fannie Miller, Grand Conductress, Wortham; Mrs. Maria Strehorn, Asso. Grand Conductress, Denison; C. H. Wyson, Grand Lecturer, Melissa; J. L. Miller, Grand Marshal, Wortham; Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, Representative till 1892, San Antonio; Rev. Harry Cassil, Grand Chaplain, San Angelo; Mrs. A. C. Stampley, Grand Adah, Bedias; Mrs. R. Loewenthal, Grand Ruth, Denison; Mrs. M. M. Neely, Grand Esther, Bonham; Mrs. E. Chevalier, Grand Martha, Gainesville; Mrs. M. A. Hicks, Grand Electa, Marble Falls; Mrs. H. Palmer, Grand Warder, Chamber's Creek; J. D. Slawson, Grand Sentinel, Killeen; J. L. Miller, Grand Marshal, Wortham; Sister Atchison, Grand Organist, Gainesville.

The officers of the subordinate chapters to be elected in December will only hold office till Festal Day, 1891, and hereafter elections will be held at the last stated meeting in August, and installations on Festal Day, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Resolutions of thanks to the Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities of Denison for unusual courtesies were adopted, and the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet in San Angelo on the second Tuesday in October, 1891.

At night, in the large banquetting hall of Lone Star Lodge, No. 403, A. F. & A. M., the ladies of Gate City Chapter, No. 77, gave to the Masonic and Eastern Star fraternities a grand banquet, in which, following the instructions of the Masons of Lone Star Lodge, they spared no expense. Addresses, brief but earnest, were made by several of the Grand Officers and some of the local members of both Orders. The tables were made attractive by the richness and profusion of the viands, more attractive by the neatness and taste displayed in their arrangement, and most attractive by the wit, brightness and genial good spirit which surrounded them.

Thus closed the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Texas. Three days in session, three sessions a day, from sixty to three hundred persons present at the different sessions, and not one unpleasant word spoken, not one unkind thought or feeling expressed. Surely, the brightness and beauty of our Eastern Star are love and harmony.

Mrs. JENNIE CASSIL, Grand Secretary.

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WOMAN'S STATUS.

The Edinburgh Reviews says on this subject:

A woman is a woman, and not a lesser edition of a man. The competition, in which we are forever laboring to involve them, has no existence in nature. They are not rivals nor antagonists; they are two halves of a complete being. The offices they hold in this world are essentially different. There is scarcely any natural standing ground, which we can realize, on which these two creatures appear as rivals. The very thought is preposterous.

Shall the woman challenge the man to a trial of strength? Shall the man pit himself against the woman for delicacy of eye and taste? Shall she plow the heavy fields with him, wading through the new-turned mold or shall he watch the sick with her, patient through the weary vigil? An exchange of place and toil, the man taking the in-door work, and the woman the out-door, in order to prove the futility of their mutual discontent, was a favorite subject of the old ballad-makers, and the witty minstrel is generally very great on the domestic confusion that follows, and gives the wife the best of it. But the fact is that such rivalry can be nothing but a jest. The two are not rivals,—they are not alike. They are different, creatures,—but they are one.

LET HER STAND ALONE.

Once give full scope to the expression of woman's powers, in any and every form of activity that may correspond to those powers, relieve alike from fear of poverty and dependence, and from the tyranny of enforced activity, and womanhood will blossom into a beauty and strength and loveliness of character hitherto undreamed of. Especially in the home relations of women will this be apparent. An earnest thinker upon the subject has said, "it is inevitable that the removal of any external pressure of necessity to marry for the sake of a home and support, will have a tendency to elevate the standard of marriage, first among women, and then among men." One of the greatest foes to happy marriages is the existence of the mercenary spirit on the part of parents and daughters. Nothing will so effectually remove it as the possession by young girls and women of satisfactory, honorable, remunerative occupations, and the countenance and approbation of society in the pursuit of them. Margaret Fuller said: "No woman can give her hand with dignity until she has learned to stand alone." The day is near at hand when the thoroughly educated woman will be the one admirably described by Goethe as "able, if necessary, to be both father and mother to her children." Here will be found the true conditions for forming love-inspired marriages, and, as a consequence, the ceasing to be of any other kind. And while we open to them the door of freedom to find that highest heaven of earthly happiness—the home builded upon love and a happy marriage, we at the same time furnish them with a key of escape from that bastille, that hell—a marriage from which love and respect have departed.

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Beulah, Melrose, Queen Esther, Keystone, Mary Love and Signet Chapters.

The Grand Matron, Sister Harrington, and Grand Patron, Bro. Shaw, officially visited Olive Branch Chapter, Ashland, on Tuesday evening, November 4, accompanied by the Grand Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton; Grand Conductress, Sister F. K. A. Barrows; Grand Sentinel, Bro. H. F. Ball; Past Grand Treasurer, Sister R. E. Little; Worthy Matron of Orient Chapter, Sister A. M. Hooker. Four candidates were initiated; the very impressive manner in which the lectures and work of the Order was presented, held all present spell-bound during its presentation, and could not fail to leave a lasting and beneficial impression on the minds of the candidates. Visitors were present from Stella, Aurora, Vesta, Keystone and Orient Chapters. Supper was served to the guests previous to the meeting, and at the close a banquet was served for all present.

Monday evening, November 10, was that on which Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, was favored with a visit from the Grand Matron, Sister Harrington and Grand Patron, Bro. Shaw. They were accompanied by the Grand Chaplain, Sister S. Foster; Grand Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton; Grand Conductress, Sister F. K. A. Barrows; Grand Electa, Sister Etta Perry, and a large number of Past Grand Officers, Matrons and Patrons. Berkley Hall was procured for the occasion, and adorned with the elaborate paraphernalia and scenery of this Chapter, a nice Chapter room was filled up. Five candidates were initiated, the beauty and impressiveness of the work being greatly enhanced by the musical selections so finely rendered by Sister Carter. Visitors were present from Queen Esther, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ransford, Derry Depot, N. H.; and Stella, Vesta, Beulah, Melrose, Keystone, Mary Love, Signet, Easter and Orient Chapters, of Massachusetts. Supper was served in the early evening.

Wednesday evening, November 5, Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, received the Grand Matron, Sister Harrington, and Grand Patron, Bro. Shaw and Suite, consisting of the Grand Chaplain, Sister Foster; Grand Conductress, Sister Barrows; Grand Marshal, Sister Barton; Grand Electa, Sister Perry and a large number of Past Grand Officers, Matrons and Patrons, representing thirteen Chapters. As on previous occasions of the kind, every available spot in their spacious hall was needed to accommodate the large number of members and visitors present—Stella, Vesta, Beulah, Melrose, Queen Esther, Keystone, Signet, Easter, Lady Emma, Magdalene and Mizpah Chapters being largely represented. Sisters Hattie B. Johnson, of Queen Esther, Indianapolis, Ind., and Mary J. Horn, Worthy Matron of Ransford Chapter, Derry Depot, N. H., were also seen amongst the guests. Five candidates were initiated and the work finely rendered. The very pleasing manner in which the initiatory odes from the "Gems of

Song" were introduced, drew forth great commendation from all. Supper was served at the close of the Chapter.

The "Entertainment and Social Dance," given by Melrose Chapter, Melrose, Friday evening, November 14, proved a grand success, both financially and socially. Under the direction of the Worthy Patron, Bro. W. Emery, the following entertainment was presented: Selections by Windsor Orchestra; Reading, Miss Hattie Hill; Piano Solo, Mrs. Wilkins. Four young ladies then gave a very pleasing exhibition of Calisthenics, after which the time was spent socially and with dancing till a late hour. The floor was under the direction of the Associate Conductress, Mrs. M. A. Caswell, assisted by Sisters F. Peeble and M. A. Higgins, the Treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Emery and Worthy Matron, E. A. Linger. During the evening, Sisters Fannie Lincoln, Annie Lincoln, Carrie Knowles and Hannah Knowles were in the banquet hall serving the "Conundrum Y" with the following menu, which we leave you to guess: Women of grit, 5 cents; An unruly member, 5 cents; Fruit of the vine, 2 cents; A cold vowel, 5 cents; Staff of life, 5 cents; Spring's offering, 1 cent; Boston's overthrow, 5 cents; Winged vanity, 5 cents; Tree Cake, 5 cents; Porous cake, 5 cents; Ice cream, 15 cents.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, held a special meeting on the evening of November 17, under what would seem to be discouraging circumstances. The rain was pouring, and it being just previous to city election, ward caucuses were rife. The brothers stood bravely up to the political guns first, and then put in an appearance at the Chapter swelling our numbers to full a hundred. The special object of the meeting being to initiate the large number of candidates in waiting in order to have finished all of the yearly business before our Chapter election, which will occur on the second Monday in December. The Secretary read a proclamation from Frank E. Shaw, Grand Patron, of Massachusetts, who appointed as his Special Deputy, our Worthy Matron, S. Addie Stone. After the business the unmarried men of Mizpah Chapter proclaimed another surprise. During the evening the doors of the banquet hall had been kept closely guarded, but now they were opened wide and the bachelors of our Order invited us to partake of a feast prepared by them without even the shadow of a girl to help and encourage them. It was a success in every particular. The viands were in great variety and delicious, and as daintily served as by feminine hands. In fact, we are very proud of our Mizpah bachelors, and believe that they cannot be excelled in any other Chapter of the Eastern Star.

Tuesday evening, October 28, the Grand Matron, Sister A. M. Harrington, and Grand Patron, Bro. F. E. Shaw, officially visited Keystone Chapter, Boston. They were accompanied by the Grand Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton; Grand Chaplain, Sister S. Foster; Grand Conductress, Sister Barrows;

Asso. Grand Conductress, Sister E. E. Marden; Grand Secretary, Bro. C. C. Dike; Grand Martha, Sister M. P. Lloyd; Grand Electa, Sister Etta Perry; Grand Warder, Sister E. A. Singer, and a large number of Past Grand Officers, present and past Matrons and Patrons—eleven Chapters being represented on the Suite. One candidate was initiated; also S. Penrose Williams, of Providence, R. I., who received the degrees by Special Dispensation, in the furtherance of a Chapter in that place. The work was very finely rendered. The new and commodious quarters of this Chapter were found none to ample for the accommodation of the members and visitors present from Stella, Vesta, Beulah, Melrose, Queen Esther, Mary Love, Martha Washington, Signet, Easter and Mizpah Chapters. Sister Hattie B. Johnson, of Queen Esther, Indianapolis, Ind., was also present. Supper was served previous to the opening of the Chapter. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron were presented with elegant bouquets by the Worthy Matron, Sister Jennie E. Morse. Tuesday evening, November 14, Keystone Chapter held a "Sale" of useful and fancy articles which proved a grand success, despite the drenching rain which was pouring down outside.

The "sale" of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, held October 29, proved a very pleasing affair, and a grand success financially, netting \$167.00 for its treasury. Tables were arranged in the center of the Hall in the form of our emblematic star, with very pleasing effect. The pentagon of the star was composed of potted plants, lofty and majestic palms of various species, towering high in the center. Beautiful and costly aprons were sold from Electa's table; Ruth and Adah presided over fancy articles, paintings, books, etc. Esther's was the flower table, while Martha dispensed confectionary. In one corner of the Hall, the Worthy Matron, Sister R. A. Harding, presided over a table in the form of a huge basket laden with all kinds of fancy and useful articles, conspicuous amongst which was a chair, pure white and gold, of her own handiwork. The back and seat were composed of a white watered ribbon about ten inches wide. Diagonally across the back in letters of gold, was the legend, "Lean on me, I'm all right." on the seat a cluster of pansies were painted in all their varied hues. Across the back was draped pure white watered ribbon two inches in width. In the opposite corner of the Hall was the Grand Patron's table, bearing gifts rich and rare, from members of the Order, some even coming many hundred miles on their mission to assist this Chapter. Amongst them was a whip from the Associate Grand Matron, Sister L. G. Provin, which Brother R. B. Harding, Jr., took home with him, bearing the laurels of the most popular brother, and thirty-seven dollars weighed down the table as the result.

VERMONT.

Mt. Anthony Chapter, Bennington, has resumed its meetings, having indulged in that unwholesome order of business named a summer vacation. Harmony and good will prevail and activity will follow.

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Merry and Happy Christmas to all.

Brother F. P. Griffin, Worthy Patron of Bourbon Chapter, while in the city attending the Convocation A. & A. S. R., called at the office of THE EASTERN STAR. The latch string hangs out and there is a welcome for any and all.

DO YOU WANT BADGES FOR YOUR MEMBERS? IF SO, GET UP YOUR CLUBS. THE EASTERN STAR will send, for every club of fifteen yearly subscribers 1 dozen badges, and double the dozen for each additional fifteen. This offer will be open until January 1, 1891.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:—The paper will be continued to all subscribers until notified to discontinue, and the time of the expiration of subscription will be blue pencil-marked. Please send renewals promptly and forget not to invite others to join you in this good work.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts is about to issue to each Subordinate Chapter in that Jurisdiction, duplicate Charters, that in case of fire or loss they will not be Charterless. The original will be used only upon the occasions of the official visits while the duplicate will remain in the Chapter room.

The Chapter wedding in Bozeman Montana mentioned in our Gleanings was both novel and beautiful and THE EASTERN STAR trusts that a journey so auspiciously begun may encounter no broken ties, nor stormy weather, but whether there be light or shadow may His light guide and His love over shadow them.

Sister Augusta V. Hunter, Grand Matron made some official visits during November the report of which I expected to give in this number. She took a very severe cold and was too indisposed to report further than that she visited Portland Nov. 13 Winchester 14, Farm-

land 12 and Aurora 17" and was royally entertained and much pleased with the work."

Laura A. Smith whose name has grown familiar to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR is in charge of the Society Department of the *Indianapolis Sentinel* and is proving herself a credit to the quill fraternity. As she began her literary work with THE EASTERN STAR and is still one of its contributors, it is interested in her welfare and justly proud of her success.

A gem has found its way to our desk. It is a booklet of thirty-six pages issued by the Woman's Literary Club of Dunkirk, New York. It is the Woman's Calendar for 1891. It is both useful, beautiful and unique, and will make a most acceptable Xmas gift. Its cost is twenty-five cents and can be had by addressing Mrs. Lucy E. Harris, Cor. Sec., Dunkirk, New York.

Past Grand Patron, John R. Parson of Missouri was honored with election as Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge F. and A. M. on October 16 and on the 29 he received the 33rd degree of A. and A. S. Rite in Washington D. C. It is pleasant to note brother Johns advancement for he also carries the interests of the O. E. S. and continues in its ranks as a worker.

THE EASTERN STAR returns thanks to Brother William H. Smythe, Grand Secretary for copies of the proceedings of each the "Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters" and the "Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons." The dispatch with which the efficient scribe gets out the proceedings is only excelled by their beautiful appearance.

Mrs. Ida Harper, has become a resident of our city and is engaged on the Editorials of *The Indianapolis News*. Mrs. Harper is a womanly woman in the best sense of the term, and writes with strength and grace. Besides, she is interested and ever ready to lend her aid to all movements for the advancement of her sex. THE EASTERN STAR is indebted to her for contributions which were greatly enjoyed by its readers.

The Proceeding of the Eighth National Convention, W. R. C. is received. The first thing that smiles upon us, as we turn the pages is the pictured face of Past National President Anna Whittenmyer. It is a book of over three hundred pages and is beautifully gotten up, reflecting great credit upon those whose duty it was to oversee the work. It is a record of much earnest work and its perusal will give both profit and pleasure.

The "Greeting" sent out by Sister Sue M. Simpson, Grand Matron of Illinois, announcing the appointment of her deputies is a gem in its way. She has displayed excellent taste in its selection. She has recently been the recipient of some beautiful gifts, the last coming from sister Nellie M. Bassett, Associate Matron of Arcola Chapter, of which she is very proud and for which she

desires, through our columns to return thanks. THE EASTERN STAR, takes pleasure in being a medium through which members of the Order can meet and greet each other.

The Masons of Michigan are actively interested in building a Home for those of their fraternity who shall need its sheltering care. It is located in the city of Grand Rapids, and during November a Grand Fair was held in the home City which is recorded as a great success. The all absorbing topic of conversation, and center of interest since it was started has been the Fair, and every Mason had a personal pride in making for Michigan a remarkable record. But not alone did the brothers win the wreath of glory, for the sisters of the O. E. S. became co-workers "with the Masonic brother" and paid their tribute of love and labor at the same shrine. To sister O. L. Davidson, Grand Matron is largely due the measure of success reached by the Order, and she was loyally sustained, for in response to her call they came as individuals and as Chapters bringing articles and money. It is estimated that the amount received will exceed \$30,000 which will enable the completion of the Home. The furnishing of the rooms is being done by individuals as a "memorial" offering and some will be furnished by Lodges and Chapters. "It is probable that John D. Jennings, the 'father of the home' who first started the movement, and who more than any other man pushed it through, will be one of the first inmates. He was in good health and prosperous when he first proposed the home, but since then he has had misfortune and illness, and it will be a happy relief for him to get into the safe retreat." Such is life, "To-day prosperity and the presence of loved ones fills our cup with joy. To-morrow, adversity and sore bereavement casts us into the valley of sorrow."

It affords me more pleasure than I can express, to be able to tell the readers of THE EASTERN STAR, that my call for aid made in the November issue of our paper did not fall upon deaf ears. Suggestions have reached me that a circular letter might be more effective, and I heartily endorse it, but it would be accompanied by considerable extra expense and time. My time is so completely filled that there is little space for extras, and the sisters can, I am sure, scarcely appreciate the variety and the number of duties that await this one pair of hands. In the earlier days of my work in the Order, when strength, time and means were mine in a larger proportion, they were at the service of the Order to an unlimited degree. While I recognize the fact that through the paper the Worthy Matron of every subordinate Chapter cannot be reached, I know that a sufficient number receive it to make the fund all that will be need for this case, if each who receives does her duty. I am also confident that our sis-

ters stand ready to respond to the call of duty. And it is those who give that are by far the more blessed, for the Chapters that minister to the less fortunate have no time nor inclination for discord and indifference. I desire each Worthy Matron to understand that the call is to her as directly so, as though it were an individual request. In this matter we are not-bounded by jurisdictions, for we are one family. Let us come near to each other in sympathy and love no matter if miles, more or less, lie between us. I have received and acknowledged contributions from the following Chapters:

Bel River Chapter, South Whitley, Ind.....	1 00
Misessinawa Chapter, Marlon, Ind.....	2 00
H. C. Kimball, Iron Mountain, Mich.....	10 00
Queen Esther Auxillary, Indianapolis, Ind..	5 00
Warsaw Chapter, Warsaw, Ind.....	5 00

NETTIE RANSFORD.

A GLEAM FROM WISCONSIN.

Another star has appeared in the horizon of Wisconsin, and of a brilliancy and quality, aye, and quantity not to be surpassed. Early in November the Grand Secretary, F. & A. M., John W. Laffin, also Grand Recorder, and Past Grand Master notified the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Lorraine J. Pitkin, that when she was ready a Chapter could be organized in Milwaukee. She requested them to set their own time and she would rally a sufficient number of good workers from Chicago to accompany her and aid in the organization. November 7, was the time set and eighteen from four Chapters responded, while others came to the train to wish them "God speed." Arriving at the Hall they were greeted by a room full of petitioners. The meeting was called to order by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, who stated the object of the meeting, after which the Ritual work was exemplified without the use of the Ritual by the following officers: A. H. Wright, Asso. Grand Patron, of Illinois, as Most Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Sarah A. Eddy, Worthy Matron of Queen Esther, Chicago, as Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mrs. George A. Webb, Asso. Matron of Siloam, Chicago, as Right Worthy Asso. Grand Matron; Miss Allie E. Foskett, Secretary of Miriam, Chicago, as Right Worthy Grand Secretary; Mrs. Nellie Sheffield, Asso. Conductress of Queen Esther, Chicago, as Right Worthy Grand Treasurer; Miss Sutton, Conductress of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Conductress; Mrs. Elwell, Asso. Conductress of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Asso. Grand Conductress; Mrs. Clark, Adah of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Adah; Miss Allie E. Faskett, Secretary of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Ruth; Miss Chaffee, Esther of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Esther; Mrs. S. M. Farrar, Martha of Siloam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Martha; Mrs. Fletcher, Electa of Miriam of Chicago, as Worthy Grand Electa; Mrs. Carrie L. Stillson, Past Matron of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Warder; Brother Fletcher, of Miriam, Chicago, as Worthy Grand Sentinel. Mrs. H. B. Eager, Worthy Matron and Mrs.

Crandall of Miriam, were also of the party from Chicago. The organization was not completed as they desired further time for the purpose of completing the list of officers, and Sister Pitkin promised to go to them the following week. According to promise she went on November 13, and was accompanied by Mrs. Laura B. Snyder, Worthy Matron of Siloam, Chicago, who had telegraphed for her father, Hon. Charles H. Booth, M. D., Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, to meet, them which he did, although the train was nearly two hours late. Mrs. Jane Wood, Worthy Matron of Lady Washington, Chicago, and A. H. Wright, Asso. Grand Patron, Illinois, joined them in Milwaukee. Upon arriving at the Hall it was ascertained that there were one hundred and seventy petitioners. The officers were installed by Right Worthy Grand Secretary Lorraine J. Pitkin, with Mrs. Laura B. Snyder as Worthy Grand Marshal. Every attention possible was paid the visitors by the newly fledged star, one of which was a drive about the city, and a vote of thanks was unanimously given the Chicagoans. The membership comprises the active members of the Grand Masonic bodies. There were Grand Secretaries, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand High Priests, and Masonic officials of every sort and grade, one Deputy Grand Master going two hundred miles to join the Chapter. The Master of one Lodge gave way on the 8, and another the 13. Professional men, State and United States officials came to swell the list, and Milwaukee Chapter No. 2 starts with a record second to none. Worthy Patron, John W. Laffin.

SUCCESS THROUGH INDIVIDUALITY.

[Masonic Journal.]

Nothing can be more idle or more entirely destitute of appropriateness for the occasion than the assurance frequently given young people that it is useless for them to undertake a certain project, as many persons have already undertaken it and failed. Ergo, the next aspirant must fail. It is false logic and he who suffers himself to be deterred by it from pursuing his vision lacks something of true fidelity to his ideal. There is no such thing as absolute precedent in human action, because it is individuality which determines success or failure. "A thousand may fall at thy right hand, and the pestilence may come nigh thee." Nine persons may fall in a certain definite place, and the tenth may make in it a triumphant and joyful success. It depends. The precedent of failure is no presumption that one who comes after will fail, nor is the precedent of success an argury of its continuance with a series of individuals engaged in the same work. Human life is not mapped out by fixed and unalterable laws, nor is it automatic to repeat either conditions or results. In a great city, whose magnetism is continually drawing in new life from the country and from smaller towns to re-inforce its activities, this phase of arguing the future from the past is frequently seen. A young man proposes to initiate a certain enterprise. "You cannot do that,"

an experienced observer remarks: "a dozen people have tried it, and have all failed." But this fact is no reason why the newcomer should not try. He will set in motion a wholly new range of influences and activities that no one else has heretofore done, because these are his alone, by virtue of temperament and individuality. Perhaps the one most potent power for every individual is to believe in himself; to hold fast to his conviction, and not be discouraged by the conclusions of experience more extended than his own. This is much easier in early youth than in later years. As we live on, we inevitably acquire new standards of measurement and testing ourselves by these, and seeing about us those whose original gifts are firmer than our own, and to whom better circumstances and opportunity have been given, we cannot retain that entire belief in our own powers that is easily held in a more limited knowledge of life. This fact accounts for another, namely, that much of the fairly acceptable class of work is done by persons of whom one might say they do not know enough not to do it! That is, they do not realize how much better it has been done before, or might be done, by other people. As Henry James said of Miriam in *The Tragic Muse*, that "she had nothing to do but to succeed." Therein lies a profound truth. Oscar Wilde declares that nothing is necessary for writing a three-volume novel save a complete ignorance of life, and the subtle truth of this remark is apparent. Still, it is often they who are not too conscious of the intellectual gradation and artistic values of their contemporaries who are the most useful to their age. And there is something finer in one's meeting the work of life with the best energies he has, even if not very impressive in themselves, than there is in standing afar and making no effort. Because one cannot sing like Patti, or play like Rubenstein, shall we, therefore, have no music? It is the "souls pauperized by inaction" that we are to dread, whether our own or other people's; not those that are knowing the expansion and the education of developing themselves through worthy effort.

A shipwrecked sailor buried on this coast

Bids you set sail;

Full many a gallant ship when we were lost
Weathered the gale.

The deeper truth is expressed in the subtle significance of these lines from Theocritus.

The critical fastidiousness whose only logical sequence is inertia—because, indeed, its conceptions are too lofty, its standard too fine, to be attained—is far less valuable to the world than is less criticism and more conviction. Smith may look on with a superior smile as Brown pegs away, more or less clumsily and crudely, at some art or enterprise, and he may thank the gods that he is not as Brown, but that he knows enough to know that he knows nothing. Yet in ten years it will be the limited and uncritical Brown who will have achieved results that helped himself and others, while the superior fastidiousness of his friend has settled into hopeless inertia.

GLEANNINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Deputy Grand Matron, Sister S. Steagall, visited Corning Chapter on her way home from Grand Chapter. It is quite young but remarkably prosperous (being a little over two years old.) The sisters have purchased a nice set of jewels and a seal. They have an organ and cabinet, and have paid half of the expense of carpeting the Hall. They deserve great credit for the energy they have displayed, and they are not yet weary of well doing. Mrs. Ida Beloit, is Worthy Matron, and is admirably qualified for the work, as is also the Secretary, Mrs. Viola R. Taylor. In fact the Chapter is efficiently officered.

COLORADO.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, reports progress and interest in the new work in which they are engaged. The Masons are especially enthusiastic and promise in all things Queen City Chapter shall be second to none.

CALIFORNIA.

Oak Leaf Chapter, of Oakland, on the evening of Oct. 23rd. held a meeting at its hall in Masonic Temple, which was in some respects the most memorable ever held within the jurisdiction.

It was during the session of the Grand Chapter in San Francisco, and by invitation the members of the Grand Chapter were the guests of the evening. Among the large number of visitors were members of nearly every Chapter in the State, but a noticeable feature was the presence of nine Past Grand Matrons, besides the retiring Grand Matron, and Grand Patron, and also the newly installed Grand Matron, Mary J. A. Parker, of Los Angeles and Grand Patron, Fred L. Button, of Oak Leaf Chapter. The work of the Order was exemplified in an accurate and impressive manner, and with that ease, grace and dignity which is only to be expected in a most excellent corps of officers, each having the welfare of the Order and Chapter deeply at heart, and bent upon "making the first impressions upon the candidates what we desire they should be." The music rendered during the conferring of the degrees was by a mixed quartette with organ accompaniment and added greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The Chapter usually opens with the hymn "God Bless our Star," always receiving the candidates at the door with the chant, "Lord's Prayer," and closes the Chapter by singing the national anthem, "America,"—showing the spirit of fervency, devotion and patriotism which prevails in this Chapter and which it strives to inculcate.

After the initiation of the candidates, pleasant addresses and remarks were made by Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Sister Mary A. Flint, Past Grand Matrons, Sisters Briggs Freeman, Moore, Partridge, Krebs, Young, Mann Rolfe and Owens, and also by Past Grand Patrons Bros. Fuller and Young.

This Chapter, is noted not only for the excellence of its work, but for the warmth of fraternal feeling which prevails among its

members, and during the past year has been presided over by Emma H. Button, Worthy Matron and George Patterson Worthy Patron who have added fifty to the membership of the Chapter during their term. Oak Leaf Chapter now numbers two hundred ninety five members and is the largest Chapter, in the State.

IOWA.

Vinton Chapter was constituted by Grand Matron Harriet A. Ercanbrack, October 23. After installation a banquet was served in the parlors. Mrs. Mary Whitley is Worthy Matron, E. S. Hubbard is Worthy Patron and Mrs. Mattie Jenkins, Asso. Matron.

Mystic Star Chapter, Norway, at the regular meeting of October 23, elected two petitioners to membership. After the close of Chapter the members called on Associate Conductress, Sister Kate McQuin, to pay their respects to the little stranger who has added his presence to the household.

ILLINOIS.

Sue M. Simpson, Grand Matron was tendered a grand reception by her home Chapter, Central City, Peoria, on her return from Grand Chapter, in honor of her re-election. In her work she is heartily supported by her husband, who is also devoted to the work. Sister Simpson reports the Order in an excellent condition and "the work, in most of the Chapters being uniform" and beautifully rendered. She has organized one Chapter since the Grand Chapter session.

Paris Chapter held one of its delightful socials on the evening of October 30. It was held at the residence of Sister Wright whose delightful home was well-filled with members and guests. After the following program Mrs. Starr sang a German cradle song and charades were indulged in. Refreshments were served. Instrumental music, Miss Curtis; Reading, Mr. Moke; Vocal duett Mrs. Etta Scott and Dr. Jenkins; Reading, Mrs. Addie Scott; Original Talk, Mr. Moore; Music, Miss Boatman; A Western Wedding, Miss J. Trogdor.

Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, held its regular meeting November 15, with an attendance of about a hundred. Three petitions were received. Eight charter members were present, one of whom was Right Worthy Grand Secretary Pitkin. There were eighteen visitors from Mariam, also Siloam, Butler, Lady Washington, of Chicago and Henrietta, of Turner, Illinois, were represented. It was an occasion of no small importance, as any one would have known who were fortunate enough to be present, for the officers were newly robed with elegant gowns—the gift of one of the members, Brother A. H. Kaiser. Queen Esther is to be congratulated upon the possession of a brother endowed with both means and will to make such a royal gift.

Siloam Chapter, Chicago, at its meeting of October 28, received eight petitions, elected five petitioners to membership and initiated four candidates. The work was unexceptionally well rendered. Mrs. Laura B. Snyder is Worthy Matron. After recess the

Floral Work was given and a banquet followed. Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, was present and justly complimented the officers for the excellent work in which other visitors joined. Mrs. Ella B. Sargent, Past Matron of Siloam, was the candidate for the Floral Work, and while standing on the right of the Conductress, the Worthy Patron came down from the dias and addressed Sister Sargent, expressing the appreciation of the members of Siloam Chapter for her valuable services in the past, and as she is about to leave the city to take up her residence in Missouri, it was meet and proper that some practical expression of their esteem and kindness should be given her on the eve of her departure. He presented her with a beautiful Past Matron's Badge. The Sister responded after some hesitation, being thoroughly surprised, words were tardy, but emotion showing her appreciation of this token of love was not wanting.

INDIANA.

At the meeting of Terre Haute Chapter November 17 there was attendance of about sixty. Four candidates were received.

At the meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, held November 21, a link was added to the chain and four petitions for affiliation were received. Sister Mary D. Travis, of Athena Chapter, Crawfordsville, was a visitor.

Queen Esther Auxiliary, Indianapolis, met with Lizzie J. Smythe on the afternoon of November 14. There was an unusually large attendance and the afternoon was delightfully spent. Ten dollars was allowed for relief—five for a member of the home Chapter and five for the Sister for whom the call was made in our November issue. It was voted to have an entertainment—The Festival of Days—in the early part of December, and it was placed in charge of Sisters Metcalf, Rice and DaShiell. Refreshments were served, and they parted to meet with Sister Rodenberger November 28.

Eel River Chapter, South Whitley, held a very interesting meeting on the evening of November 10. Professor Merriman, the principal of the South Whitley schools, received the degrees, and upon being called upon expressed his enjoyment of the work, complimenting the officers for the manner in which they performed their duties. The candidate was presented by the Worthy Matron Etta Ross with a bouquet combining the colors of the Order of her own growing. There was a good attendance and refreshments were served. At the meeting of November 24, two petitions were received, and there were literary exercises.

Knightstown has a large Chapter, and it is still increasing in membership. At the two last meetings three were initiated and quite a number await subsequent meetings. The officers are punctual which adds much to the excellence of the work. At the close of the last meeting they had a very interesting and amusing program. "A full orchestra was present, also had quite a number of recita-

tions and music. Then a potato race, something new in the way of a novel and funny entertainment. To describe it that the readers of the STAR may follow the example of those who have tried and found it amusing to all—a favor is given to the victorious one who wins the race; the potatoes are carried across the room in a silver spoon with all the haste possible, and deposited into a receiver. There may be any number of potatoes. We had five for each participant." Try it.

Warsaw Chapter held a very pleasant meeting on the evening of November 18. The banquet was served at 6:30 p. m., in which about sixty-five members and visitors participated. After which the degrees were conferred on four candidates. The Chapter room was bright with natural flowers and smiling faces. After a short recess, the beautiful Floral Work was given to Past Matron, Sister Mary E. Thayer, of Plymouth. Sister Griffin, Worthy Matron of Bourbon Chapter, and other visitors were present. The membership is seventy-six and eight candidates await initiation. Our oldest Master Masons enjoy the Star meetings more than they do their own Lodges. No special meetings are called, consequently there is always work and good attendance. Sister Hunter was invited to be present, but she is visiting Chapters in the south part of the State and could not go.

The Areme Club of Terre Haute Chapter is not to be outdone and those who attempt such a feat must look well to their ways. Another success was scored on November 19 when the "Deestrick Skule" was presented. Masonic Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and merriment reigned supreme. At eight o'clock the scholars came in answer to the bell and they were of all sorts and sizes, sunbonneted in every variety of make and color. The session began with, "I want to be an Angel," there was music by the harp and guitar and the recitations followed closing with that choice selection so familiar to all, "There is a Happy Land, Far, Far Away." The audience was treated to some pretty selections on the mandolin and guitar during recess. The afternoon session was favored by a visit from the board of directors. The calling of the roll by the teacher Miss Prim—Mrs. Charles Goodwin—showed a very full attendance. The school was closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne." It was so greatly enjoyed that a repetition is asked for.

Fidelity Chapter, Logansport held its regular meeting on November 4. Past Matron, Anna Clark was present and greatly enjoyed the progress made by the Chapter over which in its infancy she presided. After the close of the Chapter the third Division took charge and a very interesting program was given. Part first consisted of "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" over which sister McKeen presided as Mrs. Jarley with great credit. She was ably assisted by brother Kern as John who wound the figures under her direction. The especial attraction of this

part was brother Henderson as Little Lord Fauntleroy. His smallness of stature made him particularly fitted to truthfully represent this personage and encircling his head were ringlets planed from the best of ash, Sister Myres as baby attracted the attention of all.

Part second was the five heroines represented by tableaux, the recitations being by sister Myres. The closing scene was a "side show" to which all were admitted by the payment of ten cents, and the half can never be told of the fun created by the drawing of a curtain. There were the "Siamese twins" as large as life, one, two thirds the size and weight of the other and united by hemp. The living skeleton was also well represented, two hundred and fifty avoirdupois. The tattooed man was none other than Past Patron Sargent. All success to Fidelity.

Mississinawa Chapter, Marion, entertained most delightfully on the evening of November 17. It was a regular meeting night and Kokomo Chapter was invited to meet with them. About fifty of the members responded by their presence going over by special train and returning as—as-freight? They were met at the depot by the committee and escorted to the Hall where they were welcomed by a large representation of the members of the home Chapter. An unexpected, though not an unbidden or unwelcomed guest was the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Nettie Ransford who still enjoys the wreath of smilax so kindly given by sister Fravell and which encircles the picture of a sweet face that looks down from the mantel the sound of whose voice gladdens the home never more.

The room was pleasant and made homelike by the touches and handiwork of the sisters. The floral decorations were in charge of sister G. R. Fravell whose green-houses yielded most beautiful chrisanthemums, palms and smilax making the Chapter room a thing of beauty. Brother John W. Miles was master of ceremonies and after the call to order Worthy Patron, Chas. E. Neal welcomed the guests in a very nicely and spicily written address. The response was made by Worthy Matron, Gertrude Miller, of Kokomo in well chosen words sweetly spoken after which came the dinner in the banquet room. Following this the Chapter was opened in form and the degrees were conferred upon George D. Caster. The program was completed after the close of the Chapter as follows:

Song—Solo, with quartette.

Recitation—Mrs. Cain, of Kokomo Chapter.

Music—Strauss Mandolin Club of Marion.

Solo—Brother George W. Gunder.

Music—Banjo and guitar—Misses Ridenour and Overman.

Music—Strauss Mandolin Club.

Banquet.

Toasts—Mrs. H. W. Miles, "Our Guests," response by Dr. Scott, of Kokomo; Anna Gunder, Worthy Matron, "The Stars," response by Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Ransford; Dr. Justin Ross, "Fraternity" response by Bro. Wakefield of Kokomo.

Song—"Good Night." Quartette.

Bourbon Chapter mourns the loss of a severed link. Brother Stephen Sharp has been a great sufferer for several years and died at the Hospital in Chicago, Ill., where he had gone for surgical treatment. He was seventy-two years of age, and was a Mason of unquestioned faithfulness. The funeral services conducted by Right Eminent Henry G. Thayer, Past Grand Patron, were very impressive and largely attended. The following expresses the regard in which he was held by the members of his Chapter:

HALL OF BOURBON CHAPTER, Oct. 25, '90.

We, the committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of our brother, Stephen Sharp, who was called from earth to a better inheritance, do hereby submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our beloved brother, we deem it proper for the Chapter to give expression of its appreciation of the character and services of our deceased brother, in the relations he sustained to our loved Order. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of our brother the Chapter has lost one of its most useful and valued members; one who was faithful and true to the best interests of the Order.

Resolved, That we cherish his memory in the pleasing recollection of his devoted attachment to our Order; that we mourn the loss of one who has always commanded our highest respect and confidence.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife, children and relatives in their sad affliction.

Resolved, That our hall and chapter be appropriately draped in mourning for thirty days; that a copy of these resolutions be tendered the wife of the deceased; that they be placed on the records of the Chapter, and that a copy be furnished THE EASTERN STAR for publication.

MRS. A. G. FOUTS,
B. MCALPINE,
MINNIE MCKINLEY. } Com.
KANSAS.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, has added twelve to its list during the year and four will be received December 9. Election of officers will occur December 23.

Tuesday evening, November 18, Sister Trouslot, Past Matron of Newton Chapter, and Sister Stanley of Parsons Chapter, visited Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, and they gave several suggestions which will be of benefit in the work and serve to stir up an interest.

Cherryvale Chapter, Cherryvale, have initiated five candidates during the year and now have a membership of fifty-four. Refreshments are served after each initiation. Frequently an interesting program of literary and musical pieces is given and enjoyed by all.

Anchor Chapter, Olathe, initiated two ladies at the stated meeting October 21st. This Chapter has adopted a very unique plan and they think it is going to prove very interesting and instructive. After the business of the meeting is transacted each member responds to roll call with a current event or any item that would be interesting.

Dexter Chapter, though its membership is small, is one of the oldest in the State and is harmonious. Several members live some distance in the country, which in times of bad weather makes their attendance impos-

sible. However, they have not failed to catch the spirit of the organization, for they are engaged in gathering together the littles—each member contributing—to send to the aid of two sisters, who, through the death of their husbands, are left with large families.

Mrs. Geo. Wilmarth, of Beulah Chapter, and Mrs. W. J. Wadleigh gave a reception at the suburban home of the latter on Friday, November 7, from 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. A little son of Mrs. Wadleigh acted as usher, directing the guests to the cloak-rooms, and a little daughter was the attendant to assist the ladies. The rooms were decorated with autumn's favorites, the chrysanthemums, and the dining-room looked lovely in white with the curtains drawn and lighted with candles. These sisters are to be congratulated on the success of their receptions.

Newton Chapter, on the evening of November 14, entertained the Grand Matron, Sister Lillian Wiggs, Grand Warder, Sister Kenner, and Grand Chaplain, Sister Hall. There were also eight members from Florence and one from Ivy Leaf Chapter. Two candidates were initiated, after which a few remarks were made for the good of the Order. Then all were invited to refresh the inner man at tables laden with all the delicacies of the season. These Chapter visits are bright spots in our lives, and always work good for the Chapters as well as the individuals.

At a recent meeting of Rob Morris Chapter, Pittsburg, Sister Elizabeth Magie, Worthy Matron, was agreeably surprised by being presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of love and esteem from the members. On one side of the watch is a beautifully engraved stars with the monogram E. M., on the other the inscription "Presented to our Worthy Matron, Elizabeth Magie, from the members of Rob Morris Chapter, No. 74, O. E. S., Pittsburg, Kan., Oct. 10, 1890." Sister Magie has been an indefatigable worker in the Chapter and although living in an adjoining city, Girard, she has never missed a meeting.

While some have been enjoying the bright sunshine of happiness, others have been cast into the dark valley of sorrow. Sister Olive Clark, Grand Conductress, and Worthy Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, Lyons, has been called to part with a dear sister, Mrs. Aaron Ella Roberts, wife of Frank T. Roberts. Mrs. Roberts had stopped to visit her sister as she was returning to her home from Colorado. She was taken worse and after seven weeks suffering with that fell destroyer, consumption, she passed away October 29, leaving a husband and three little children, numerous relatives and friends to mourn her loss. May the blessed faith of Martha comfort their stricken hearts.

Union Chapter, Ottawa, was visited by the Grand Matron October 1, Dr. Huay H. Taylor, Past Grand Treasurer, accompanying her, they were joined at Olathe by Brother Julien, Grand Patron, his wife and father. The work was exemplified, two candidates, a

young lady and a middle-aged gentleman, receiving the degrees. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition and the work was well done. After all business had been transacted, the Chapter was closed and then we were invited in the banquet hall where an elegant spread was served. The Grand Matron was presented with a delicious angel food cake artistically frosted, the sides having the emblems and symbols, and the top the words "To our Grand Matron, 1890," in raised work.

Beulah Chapter, Topeka, at the stated meeting, November 1, elected one petitioner and conferred the degrees on two ladies who had previously been elected. Sister Sara Levison, of Naamah Chapter, Shelbyville, Ind., was a welcome visitor. On Wednesday evening the first social of the season was held at the suburban home of Brother and Sister Sage. The sisters with their baskets went out in the afternoon and had supper ready when the brothers arrived at 7 p. m. A literary and musical program followed the supper. Sister Sage had her home beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and other plants. The first social of the season was pronounced a grand success by all present and the next one is eagerly looked forward to.

Mrs. Dr. Branstrup, Past Associate Matron, of Beulah Chapter, assisted by Mrs. Irving Doolittle gave a chrysanthemum reception in the parlors of the Hotel Troop on Thursday afternoon October 30 from 2 to 5 o'clock. Nearly two hundred ladies were present and entertained in a royal manner. The parlors were decorated with chrysanthemums of all colors, while an occasional palm relieved the monotony and added to the appearance of the rooms. A large monogram in red and white chrysanthemums bearing the letters B. D. was sent by a friend and ornamented a table. The dining room was trimmed entirely in white and the large table in the center was decorated by a fruit pyramid. Music was furnished by Watson's orchestra and the flowers were from J. T. Hays, the Florist.

October 14, 1890, Brother and Sister E. A. Smith, of Acacia Chapter, Hutchinson, passed the fiftieth mile-stone in their married life. The members of the Chapter with the Masonic bodies planned a surprise on the worthy couple and met at the Masonic Temple to do honor to the occasion. Bro. John M. Jordan called the meeting to order and said he desired Bro. and Sister Smith to occupy seats beside him on the dais, Bro. E. Wilcox and Sister Winslow were appointed a committee to escort the couple forward. Bro. John Atkinson in a neat speech, in behalf of friends presented Bro. Smith with a gold-headed cane. Then Sister Mawry, Worthy Matron, stepped forward, and with a few earnest, sympathetic words presented Sister Smith with a gold thimble. Bro. Smith arose to return his thanks, his heart was full and his grateful acknowledgements told the donors their gifts were appreciated. He spoke briefly, but the silence was eloquent and every heart was touched. A lunch was served, good

cheer and kind feelings made every heart glad.

The most notable event in the history of Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka Kansas, occurred on Thursday evening, November 13, when the members held a special meeting and gave a banquet in honor of the visit of Grand Matron, Miss Lillian A. Wiggs, of Laurence, and Grand Martha, Mrs. L. M. Gibson, of Emporia. The Chapter room and banquet hall were beautifully decorated with flowers. Two candidates were initiated and the work of Queen Bess highly complimented by the Grand Matron, after the initiation an elaborate banquet was served and the remainder of the evening spent in socialibility.

During the evening Miss Wiggs recited two poems—one composed by herself—in a very pleasing manner.

On Friday a reception was tendered her at the elegant residence of J. E. Dittmore from 9 to 11 a. m. At noon Miss Wiggs took the west bound train for Newton accompanied by Mrs. Ellen A. Kenner, Worthy Matron of Queen Bess, where they were entertained by Newton Chapter, Friday evening November 14.

LOUISIANA.

The work of the Chapter at Welsh has been somewhat retarded owing to the season of rice harvesting in which all were engaged. That being over they are now ready to turn their attention to Chapter work. All, except one of the officers, have memorized their work, that one having an ample excuse for not having done so.

MISSOURI.

Missouri has added two more to her Chapter lists. Past Grand Patron John R. Parson, although placed on the retired list is still serving. He recently organized Prudence Chapter at Brashear, Adair County, with thirty-five members and Boone Chapter at Columbia, Boone County, with sixty-four members.

MONTANA.

Lily of the Valley Chapter, Bozeman, was organized in April last and while it has not a large membership, its workers are interested and enthusiastic.

With Ruth Chapter, Butte City, the year has been very successful, each meeting showing a marked increase of interest. At the meeting of November 5, five were elected to receive the degrees, one for affiliation and two candidates were initiated. A committee of from three to six is appointed each meeting for the purpose of furnishing entertainment which consists of a program literary, musical and occasionally refreshments are served. Quite an interest is created as they make each one feel they have a work to do in the social, as well as the moral work of the Order. The Chapter is to be regaled and the presence and assistance of the Grand Matron, Sister Edna Hodges, is promised for the approaching installation. The Worthy Matron says: "While we rejoice over our successes, we would not forget the links broken asunder by death. Only a few short days ago we were called upon to per-

form the final rites of a departed sister, and thus each golden link united here is broken, may we hope to be joined in the one Grand Chapter above, where parting comes no more."

MICHIGAN.

H. C. Kimball Chapter, Iron Mountain, fulfilled its promise of \$50.00 to the Masonic fund for the Home. The money was raised by giving entertainments and socials. One sister, Kate Ingram, took the entire charge and furnishings of one successful social. At the meeting of November 11, one candidate was initiated and two petitions were received. The Chapter has also provided itself with a fine Estey organ and a large cupboard filled with dishes for the use of the bodies meeting there. Sister Catlin, Past Matron, says "We are greatly indebted to the Masonic Brotherhood generally, for special courtesy and favors since our organization; they have given us the use of hall, furnished us fuel and lights, and aided us in many ways. We appreciate their kindness, and take pleasure in expressing our gratitude. Last night I read an address embodying therein my report of the work at Grand Chapter. In it occurred the following:

"In one respect we have been particularly fortunate, in that we have no broken and dis severed links in our fraternal chain. From many, aye, nearly every Chapter, come reports of the loss of dearly beloved members: our hearts are saddened as we remember that our Grand Chapter sustained an irreparable one, when Sister D. A. Merrill was called to her eternal home.

"In this connection, in the knowledge that we have never had a demand upon us by the cry of the orphan, the call of want, or the piteous wail of sorrow," I will speak of a matter very near to the heart of our Most Worthy Grand Matron. She wished brought to the notice of sub. Chapters a call upon them in behalf of Anna Smyer of South Dakota, a worthy member of the O. E. S., who has met with severe losses and is broken in health. Our Most Worthy Grand Matron says: "Life is made up of littles and by gathering here a little and there a little" we shall be able to relieve this sister until nature does the work of restoration." We discussed the advisability of contributing to the relief of Sister Smyer, and upon motion we voted ten dollars for that purpose.

MINNESOTA.

Friday, November 7, Bro. N. A. Gearhart, Associate Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter, accompanied by twenty-five brothers and sisters of Zenith Chapter, of Duluth, among whom were all of the officers except three, went to Cloquet to organize a new Chapter of our Order. The party left Duluth at 3:30 p. m. and were met at N. P. Junction by several teams sent over by the brethren at Cloquet, and after a rather cold ride of six miles, arrived at our destination at 6 o'clock. We had supper at the Nelson House, which is under the management of Bro. A. W. McDowell and his estimable wife Sister McDowell, and we know that they know how to keep a hotel. At eight o'clock, Sister Kate Johns, Worthy Matron of Zenith Chapter, assisted by the other officers and members, opened a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in form, and conferred the degrees of the Order upon eighteen Master Masons and seventeen ladies. Brother Gear-

hart then presented to them the dispensation from Brother Swannstrom, Worthy Grand Patron, for a Chapter to be known as Cloquet Chapter, with Sister Lydia Cox, Worthy Matron; Brother W. E. Bender, Worthy Patron, and Sister Louille Bender, Associate Matron.

After dancing until about 11 o'clock, we again repaired to the Nelson House where we found Bro. McDowell had prepared a very elegant banquet, to which we did ample justice. We started for home at 5:15 a. m., expecting to arrive at Duluth at 7:00 o'clock, but "The best laid plans of mice and men, gang oft a-glee." When we arrived at N. P. Junction, we found our train two hours late, and did not arrive home until 9:15.

Cloquet is a very thriving village of about 2,000 inhabitants, has a good, live, flourishing lodge, and has now a O. E. S. Chapter organized with thirty-five members and I am sure they will give a good account of themselves. They made it very pleasant for us, while we were there, and we were very glad to be enabled to do that much for the increase and prosperity of our order.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, held a regular meeting, Friday evening, November 7, and received to petitions.

Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, held a regular meeting, Thursday evening, November 20, and received one petition. Visitors were present from Vesta and Melrose Chapters.

October 21. Doric Chapter, Easthampton, was visited by the Grand Officers when the degrees was conferred upon three candidates. About fifty members of Bethlehem Chapter and twenty of Adelpi Chapter were present, and also the Worthy Matron and Asso. Matron of Golden Chapter, and all pronounced the evening delightfully spent.

Grand Matron Sister Harrington and Grand Marshal, Sister Barton, visited Dekamer Chapter, Whitinsville on the evening of October 29. A supper was served in the hall after which the Chapter was called to order. The work was exemplified in the usual manner, and the Grand Matron spoke in the highest terms to the officers regarding the work. There were present, as visitors from Miriam Chapter, Worthy Matron Sister Russell; Asso. Matron, Sister White; Conductress Sister Lamson, and all made appropriate remarks. The evening passed very quickly and pleasantly.

The Grand Officers made their official visit to Bethlehem Chapter, Florence, October 20. There was present the Grand Matron, Sister Harrington; Asso. Grand Matron, Sister Pro-

vin and Grand Marshal, Sister Barton. Grand Patron Shaw was unable to attend owing to a death in the family and fraternal sympathy was extended him. One candidate received the degrees, and the work was well rendered, after which a bountiful collation was served. Following this, order was resumed, and they were addressed by the Grand Matron and her associate officers, also Sister Casson of Golden Chapter.

Wednesday evening, November 12, the Grand Matron, A. M. Harrington, and Grand Patron, F. E. Shaw, officially visited Signet Chapter. They were accompanied by the Grand Marshal, A. W. Barton; Associate Grand Conductress, E. E. Marden, and a large number of Past Grand Officers, Matrons and Patrons. Five candidates were initiated and one affiliated. Those who have witnessed the good work of this Chapter, can never forget those strains of music as sung by Brother George H. Monroe, and Sister M. M. Lenfest, and adding so much to the impressiveness of the work. Visitors were present from Stella, Aurora, Vesta, Beulah, Olive Branch, Melrose, Queen Esther, Keystone, Mary Love, Easter and Lady Emma Chapters. Supper was served in the early evening.

Grand Matron, Sister A. M. Harrington and Grand Patron, Bro. F. E. Shaw, officially visited Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, on Friday evening, November 7. They were accompanied by the Grand Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton, and Past Grand Treasurer, Sister R. E. Little. This Chapter is favored with the grand and beautiful Masonic apartments for its home, to which bouquets of roses and asters at the stations of the officers added brightness and beauty on this occasion. The work of the Order was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. After the customary speeches and congratulations, a nice musical entertainment was presented by the members. Supper was served at the close of the meeting; and, altogether, November 7 was a day that will long be fraught with pleasant recollections by the members and visitors of Lady Emma Chapter.

Accompanied by the Grand Marshal, Sister A. W. Barton; Asso. Grand Conductress, Sister E. E. Marden; Grand Warder, Sister E. A. Singer, and a number of past and present officers and Grand Officers, the Grand Matron, Sister A. M. Harrington and Grand Patron, Bro. F. E. Shaw, officially visited Easter Chapter, Boston, on Wednesday evening, November 19. Four petitions were received, three applicants elected, and four candidates initiated, with much credit to the officers. This is a young Chapter and still small, but it presents some features in its work that many older Chapters would do well to note. The Chapter room was enlivened with bouquets of roses and asters at the stations of the principal officers. A nice supper was served in the early evening. Visitors were present from Stella, Vesta,

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Sorrows, pains and anguish past,
"Oh, the pain, the bliss of dying."
Finding rest in heaven at last.

—P. H. T.

Ionia, Nov. 14.

Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence, Rhode Island, will be organized December 3, with a membership of about a hundred, Brother F. E. Shaw, Grand Patron of Massachusetts serving as Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron. The Worthy Matron is Mrs. Emogene Williams; Worthy Patron, S. Penrose Williams; Associate Matron, Mrs. Hattie E. Davis; Secretary, Miss Ida Howland.

The Month of December is to the Order, the most important of the twelve. In it is decided to a great extent the welfare and prosperity of the Chapter. Yes oftimes its life. The duty that awaits every member is one which should receive due and conscientious consideration. It is none other than the selection of officers for the coming year. Election often calls together a number of members who are not in the habit of regularly attending the Chapter, hence they fail to appreciate the importance of it. Officers should not be bestowed because of personal friendship or because some aspiring member desires it. From the latter withhold thy vote for the office seeker in a fraternal organization is one who should receive no countenance. Let those be selected who by their regular attendance at Chapter; their faithful and efficient discharge of duties assigned, have earned for them advancement. If an officer has failed to fill a minor position with credit, she deserves no promotion, and one who appreciates the honor conferred upon her by her co-workers, should be selected.

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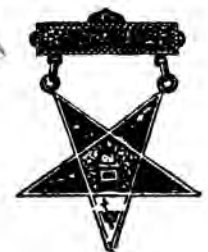
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FEBRUARY.

February, and quiet and still
Lie the snow heaps o'er the vale and hill;
Longer the day lingers in the west,
Slowly the maples don a red crest:
Brave little crocus works through the mold,
Brightly she smiles in spite of the cold;
Far in the south land Robln's note rings,
His call to spring-time loudly he sings;
Cupid has waked from his dreamless sleep,
And watch for victims he now doth keep,
Through bars and locks his messages fly,
Deep in warm hearts his keen arrows lie,
Still his bright presence is held most dear
In the days of winter dark and drear,
Tis then our glad welcome rings most true,
When, sweet Love, we find our cheer in you.

- LAURA A SMITH.

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[Abbie L. Jewel In Young Woman's Magazine.]

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This was supplied in part by a dear old lady, the mother of my landlady and the friend and confidante of half the village people. To her sunshiny room came the mothers with their knitting and their household trials; the young men about to leave home to make their own way in the world; the minister with his parish cares; the maiden with her engagement ring or the tears of unrequited love; and the little child with his broken toy. Each was sure to receive attention and sympathy, and few indeed were the troubled ones who went away without some comfort.

Evenings she seldom had visitors; and as we closed the store early I used often to read to her an hour or two, and I found her a most appreciative listener. Often I would read stories of the heroes of the days of old, and of the early days of our country's history. One evening I lay down the book with a sigh and said:

"How grand are such deeds! How my narrow life pales beside it! Yet I think, had I the opportunity, I would not flinch in the face of danger. No one can know how this hum-drum life stifles me." Softly she laid her hand on my arm. I could feel even then, though but partially, what I have realized more fully in maturer years, that the hand of that pure-souled woman, browned and seamed by homely toil, was beautified by those marks of years of loving, willing service.

Gently she spoke, and her words sounded hardly more clearly to my ears that night than they do to my heart to-day after many years have passed.

"We all delight," she said, "in accounts of heroes. Even in childhood our cheeks flushed and our hearts beat high as we read in history, song and story, the deeds of valor of pioneers and warriors, of sturdy men in the face of danger and death. With what enthusiasm have we told and retold the exploits of our brave volunteers in the late (I hope the last) war.

We should never underrate such deeds. The man who, at the risk of his own life, plunges into the icy water to rescue one from drowning, is justly lauded as a hero. The same man may be a hero in every-day life and no one recognize the fact. He may be battling nobly against adverse circumstances, or struggling manfully with temptations, yet doing all so quietly that not even his nearest friends suspect him of being a hero. Such heroes are often found in the humblest homes. In our own little town I can count several who, though their names are never known to fame, will doubtless have honorable mention and great reward when time's great ledger is opened.

In that little brown house which you pass daily, lies a woman who has not left her bed for ten years except as the strong arms of a loving son have lifted her from bed to lounge and back. Yet she is never heard to murmur. When the accident came which deprived her of the use of her limbs, the son was about to enter college. He learned the trade of a shoemaker, that being the only

opening which promised to bring them a living and allow him to spend the most of his time with his mother. Her lounge is where she can see him at work. But so hard was his sacrifice that he told me once it was years before he could make a pair of shoes without longing to throw them into the fire, such tasks were so different from the work he had planned.

He has always had on honest pride in doing good work, and his chief pleasure is to make his mother as nearly comfortable as she can be made. If he ever had thoughts of marriage, they must have long since been put aside; for beyond what is needed for absolute necessities, all his earnings are spent in trying to make his mother less lonely and dreary. To see the two together you would think he had no desire in life beyond his mother's room, his work-shop, and the homes of a few unfortunate people whom he manages some way to find time to befriend.

Mary Thomas always longed for an education, and her one year away at school must, I think, have shown her her capabilities; for she certainly has a remarkable mind. Yet she feels herself needed here, and year after year she seems no nearer the opportunity to continue her studies. Her home is nominally with her parents, but if one of her sisters has an extra amount of work on hand, Mary is sent for. If one of her nieces or nephews has measles or scarlet fever, "Aunt Mamie" has no home ties, and can come as well as not. So, subject to the call of all the family and many of the neighbors, from one to another she goes with her deft fingers, her loving heart, following every day the teachings of Him of whom it is said, 'Even Christ pleased not Himself.'

"You remember Ted Harmon, who is freckled and about as homely as a good-natured, healthy boy can be. He is dull at school, too, and awkward at home when his sisters want him to be polite. But he spends his holidays and Saturdays sawing wood, and uses the money thus earned to buy books and toys for little Jack Davis, whom you have seen hobbling by on his crutches. Jack cannot play boyish games, and so at

recess when the other boys are at ball, a game of which Ted is very fond, he stays in the school-room with Jack and plays such quiet games as are suited to his lame friend.

"Connie Ellsworth wears her last year's hat and plain dresses when all the girls in her class have new and stylish garments. In answer to their jeers and slights she says not a word, and I have just learned by accident that she sends nearly all her allowance to the children's hospital.

"One of the most lovable women in town gave up her lover to devote herself to her sick mother, and so unselfishly was the sacrifice made, that the mother never knew it was a sacrifice. After her mother's death she stayed to care for her father and the younger children. Then, much against her wishes, her father married. Though her step-mother is kind, she is incompetent and a semi-invalid, and the daughter is still unable to leave them. To see her cheerful face and watch her many helpful acts, you would never guess that her life was other than she would have it; or that the absent lover is as dear to her as when years ago she sent him away, kindly but firmly, never letting him see her heart, half hoping he would forget her and be happy with another.

"You sometimes see a little woman whose feeble steps, gray hairs and shabby garments would never call forth admiration. Yet for years she has struggled to reclaim a drunken husband, and so far without success. Still she has a firm faith, a hopeful spirit, and a hand ready to help. In sickness or sorrow no one is more in demand, and no one more ready to go.

There are mothers and fathers too, whose whole lives are a constant sacrifice to give their children a better opportunity in life than they themselves have had. Not every one has the opportunity to risk their lives to rescue others; but we may use our lives for others. The pathway to moral heroism is open to all, and no life so commonplace but nobility of soul may make it truly grand."

As after the lapse of years I think of these words, and of the sainted woman who uttered them, whose sweet spirit is long since at rest, I remember how her estimate of every-day heroism has helped me over many a wearisome mile of life's travel, and I am reminded of these lines by Susan Coolidge:

"A commonplace life we say and we sigh,
Put why should we sigh as we say;
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky
Makes up the commonplace day.
The moon and the stars are commonplace things,
The flower that blooms and the bird that sings,
And God, who sees each separate soul,
Out of commonplace lives makes His beautiful whole."

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

IN LOWER NEW YORK.

I took a walk last Saturday with a bright, black-eyed little lady, and such a walk! Not up Fifth Avenue to see the dash, the style of the upper four hundred; not by the aristocratic shops; not through the Park, nor yet on Broadway. Twenty-third Street knew me not, nor did I explore Sixth Avenue.

No, taking the James Ship ferry boat, we landed down town almost under the great stone pillars of the Brooklyn bridge.

We picked our way between street-cars, under horses' noses, alongside of huge vans and brewery wagons, to the quieter but fully as dirty region of Catherine Street. Slime on the side-walk was thick and slippery, that on the roadway, ten times worse. The buildings, for the most part, had that desolate, dirty, down-trodden appearance that is farthest removed from respectability. The streets were well-filled, and I suppose some of the people were decent, but their appearance did not indicate it. My guide, who is a strict Baptist, displayed some pride in a large, desolate church, and very small mission room, owned and supported by her denomination. I thought it was an excellent field for that sect, as *water* was badly needed.

But Catherine Street did not bring us to lower New York, and when we reached Division, we turned on that delectable ground for fourth-class, cotton-velvet, Jew milliners.

"Miss Mary" wished me to walk on the inner side, but I objected—had an idea I should like to use my arm again—and I was wise (and selfish) for hers must have been black and blue.

As we stepped in front of the first door, a slip-slod, bleached blonde with a black and white pin-check shawl over her head, clutched my companion, and pulling her toward the open door, poured a voluble tirade in our ears,—“Now, ladies, I know ye are in want of a hat! We have the finest stock and cheapest prices in New York, City. Just step inside and see for yourselves. It won't cost you anything but your time, and if you don't want to buy, you don't have to. Now what is the use of going up town when you can get a good thing twice as cheap right here. Now *won't* you come in, ladies?”

We shook our heads and passed beyond her jurisdiction, for the instant the line is reached between the shops the first “runner-in” gives place to the next, and they never poach unless prepared for a free fight as a consequence.

The next, another blonde with artistic (in her estimation, I suppose) patches of red and white paint liberally besprinkling her physiognomy, making her look like a red and white leopard, contented herself by asking “if we wished any *Paris* hats this morning,” and did not urge us when we said no. At the next place, the runner stood at the door and evidently thought we were not promising looking subjects, for she did not come out at all.

At the fourth place the girl was the worst of all. The moment we crossed the line, she threw both arms around Miss Mary, pulling her toward the door, that young person trying her best to free herself, and rattled off her stereotyped phrases in glib style. Miss Mary gasped that she “was taking the other lady through the street, and did not want to buy.”

At that, the girl rushed around to me. She flung one hand around my waist, and shut and then jerked my umbrella from my

grasp with the other, hauling me toward the open door, where several interested spectators stood. I am sure that “running in” was that girl's occupation only in winter. In summer she must be a female base-baller, for her arm was hard as iron and her “grip” something that must be felt to be appreciated. I realized that I was in the hands of my master, and verily we must have looked like a ferry tug towing a reluctant schooner of twice its size, for she was short and I am tall. But, Miss Mary bravely freed me. One jerk on the umbrella and it was ours, and we had passed beyond the young woman's line.

At the next two places the runners coaxingly pulled Miss Mary toward the door, but desisted at hearing a firm refusal.

At one place the girl was not more than fifteen, and had some girlish grace in spite of the disfiguring paint on her face. She did not touch us and plead so prettily for us to enter that I should have done so, had not Miss Mary refused to go.

Perhaps some of the other “runners in,” for so they are called, are young, but they look as if youth, and all youth should be, never were theirs.

I think there were twenty-three shops in all, and from all but six these girls accosted us. It was raining, but had it been fair, there would have been three or four in front of each store.

The side-walk was wet, but I did not see a single pair of rubbers on their feet. One had on a good jacket, two had nothing around them, and the rest had shawls, in most cases thin, over the head. They all were painted and wore a straight bang across the forehead generally bleached to a sickly green. They looked ill nourished, and murdered the English language in every sentence they uttered. My friend said they received only two or three dollars per week for standing out there, hailing every passer by day after day, through summer's heat and winter's snow. A shelter at night, food, clothing, a fire in winter; these things are indispensable, and how can they be provided for in New York on such wages! These girls must either work late into the night at some rough work after having stood all day, or kill what soul they do possess to feed the body.

Do they *read*, do they attend church, do they pray? Of what do they think?

One has only to see them to know they belong to the lowest strata found in a great city. They are ignorant, or they would not be there, and ignorance receives the lowest wages and longest hours.

If they are, or ever do become mothers, how will they perform that holiest office of guiding a child's pure mind! When will the inherited tendencies of the offsprings of such women be overcome, and they made enlightened citizens?

Thus I mused as the elevated railway carried us far beyond such scenes. And soon my reverie on the race problem was replaced by anxious thought on what we should have for dinner, as we sat in a cozy cafe for ladies not far from Fifth Avenue and Broadway.

ALICE STRONG.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

Ye are the light of the world.—Mat. 5, 15.

[Written for the public installation of Wamego Chapter, Wamego, Kansas.]

Earth's children fain would have a star
Of gladsome light to gleam
Upon their lifelong journey, far
Adown times drifting stream.

This star of hope for mankind beams
Throughout all Christian lands:
And still would send its joyful gleams
Among benighted bands.

It first appeared in time of old
A brilliant Eastern Star—
The coming of the Christ it told
To all the world afar.

It led our sainted sisters dear,
Whose lives we emulate;
But they now from a higher sphere
New light disseminate.

The sacrificing daughter brave,
In whose young life we see
The potent lesson, which she gave
In pure fidelity.

The widow in her station low,
Just and honest, toiled and strove,
That in the future all may know
True Constancy and love.

The fair and noble-hearted queen,
Who trod a captive race—
A star among the thousands seen
In loveliness and grace.

The hopeful sister, in belief
Of immortality,
For her bereavement found relief
And sweet humility.

And last—but greater still, forsooth,
The martyr's light doth shine,
The mother bold upholding Truth
And Charity divine.

The light of noble lives indeed,
A guiding star may be
To shine undimmed and "kindly lead"
Throughout eternity.

As shine these lights upon the way,
So may our lives and deeds
A beacon be to send a ray
Among the "broken reeds."

R. N. PEMBERTON.

WOMAN WITH AND WITHOUT MASONRY.

[The above toast was responded to by Mrs. Irer O. Young at a banquet of Miriam Chapter, Helena, Montana.]

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that I of all the members of Miriam Chapter, should have been called upon to respond to this toast. My general knowledge of the influence of Masonry upon the fortunes of women is so limited that I am compelled to draw upon personal experience in making this response to-night. If therefore, I bring forward to sit at your banquet board the skeleton of the closet, ascribe it not to a pessimistic spirit, but to habits of strict adherence to truth formed in childhood and followed all along down through my declining years.

In a time not far distant, if the interval be measured by the successive returns of smiling spring, but far in the dim and vanishing past if measured, as is the length of human life, by heart throbs and experience, mine was a happy home. Within its charmed circle the evenings found our entire family, happy in mutual association, in the enjoyment of books, and in the cultivation of

friendship. Our domestic sky was as bright and cloudless as that of a mid-summer day in Montana. No shadow had appeared above the horizon to foretell the discord that was to come, when all at once, in the silent watches of the night, when no tell-tale beam of light might show the shame that sat upon his countenance, my husband confessed an inward prompting toward Masonry. Being a student of psychology as well as of human nature, I was neither surprised nor terrified. I counselled him as best I could. I told him of man's triple nature, the man society thought him to be, the man he thought himself to be, and the man he really was, that in that real man lingered the remnant of the savage which is found in every member of the human race; that it was, undoubtedly, the savage within that was struggling for supremacy, and that unless the other two members of the alliance united to put down the revolt, he would surely fall from domestic grace. I told him of Adam in the Garden of Eden, holding Grand Lodge all by himself, and that, after due trial the Potentate of potentates had declared that it is not good for man to be alone. Discouraged and apparently defeated, the tempter retired, but, alas for the vanity of human hope! Having been called from my home soon after for a somewhat protracted absence, I returned to find my husband a victim to all the wiles of Masonry—a willing victim. He was a member of the Blue Lodge. I soon became a member, though not of the same order. His was organized, mine unorganized. He had crosses, so had I. Touched with remorse at my evident misery, he tried to comfort me; promised that when his duties to society, business, church and lodge had been discharged, he would be as devoted as of yore. True the lodge would make many calls upon his time as there was the Blue Lodge, the Royal Cross, the Black Arch, the Commandry, and—there were thirty-five others, but I can't now recall the names. About that time we came to Montana, and, soon after our arrival, I noticed that my husband became very restless. I ascribed the change to climatic influences as we had never lived at so high an altitude before. He became acclimated, however, sooner than I expected and in a rather novel manner.

His malady developed into a disposition to join the Shrine. Feeling that his peace of mind could be secured in no other way, I consented and he presented himself at the door of Algeria Temple. To his summons a voice from within made answer in the form of an inquiry, "Sir, have you a conscience?" My husband answered, "I have, most noble sir, but it is worn almost threadbare." (From within.) "You cannot enter here. One of the conditions of eligibility to membership in this order is an entire lack of conscience." My husband is now a member in good and regular standing. As soon as he had been initiated he was made a member of the deception committee which is composed of all members not otherwise engaged and is

particularly active on the night of initiation.

To the indolent mind the name of Mystic Shrine, suggests terror and awful solemnity; but to one who reads the signs of the times the order and its name are perhaps the most consistent things connected with the institution of Masonry. It combines in its ceremonies the rites, so-called religious, of the ancient Druids, the sun dance of the Sioux, and the activity of the present messiah craze. Within its walls, man may return to his original, primitive, noble condition, drink the bubbling, foaming waters of oblivion, smoke the fire-cracker of peace, and each to his admiring brethren tell his deeds of noble daring. I said that the order of the Mystic Shrine was the most consistent part of Masonry, but I would not have you look upon it as faultless since it is not of divine origin. The most serious criticism I would make upon it is that it does not admit women to membership therein. I look upon the order as a sort of safety valve for the relief of the pressure of nineteenth century civilization, which is, as you all know, "exceedingly grievous" to bear.

Now granted that it is necessary to permit this relief to man, is it not a need even more imperative in the case of woman since she is acknowledged to be the weaker vessel? In my opinion, the war and interior departments of our government might easily solve the Indian question by instituting among them the order of the Mystic Shrine. I have telegraphed Gen. Miles to this effect, and he has wired me that, accompanied by a Sioux delegation, he will be in Helena next Thursday night to investigate Algeria Temple as a war measure. Now, then, whether or not Masonry has been to me an aid, I will, in the manner of Frank Stockton, leave you to determine. If my husband has been subtracted from his family ties, my gain or loss depends entirely upon the nature and amount of the quantity which he represents. If he represent a negative quantity, mine is the gain, but if a positive quantity, I have been the loser. It is not, always safe however, to generalize from a single case, but one may with a tolerable degree of accuracy reason from a known cause to its probable effect. In my problem the known quantity is Masonry, the unknown, its effect upon woman in general. The institution of Masonry is very ancient, but so is sin, so that old age does not always argue merit. Its aims, however, and the class of men who compose the order determine, largely, its influence. There is perhaps no other organization that can claim so large a number of large-brained, large-souled, earnest, representative men as the order of Masonry. The churches claim many and are doing a grand work among their members and in the world at large; but the Masonic Order more catholic than they, receive many men of marked ability, whose hearts are as ready to respond to a call for sympathy or help, but to whom has never come sufficient revelation for honest church membership. True there are masons unworthy the name, but that is an

incident of human life and not a vital element of Masonry.

And now since humanity stand shoulder to shoulder in this daily march on life's journey, and since no strong influence can touch any considerable portion of the race without spreading like an electric current throughout the entire length of the human chain, whatever makes better the man tends in a proportion scarcely less to elevate the woman who is associated with him. We argue then that Masonry is a grand institution; that its good influence is reflected through the members directly into their homes, and indirectly throughout the length and breadth of the land; that—but what is this? Is it possible that I am pronouncing an eulogy on Masonry? Again, my friends I must call upon you to determine whether the institution is so replete with merit as to have won from me these words of honest admiration, or whether my change of attitude is but an additional illustration of the sentiment Pope expresses in the lines,

"Vice is a monster of such horrid mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen.
But often seen, familiar with his face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

THE INDIANAPOLIS PRESS CLUB.

It was formerly quoted that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," but the idea has changed to the one that the hand that wields the pen rules the world. While the newspaper has become a power in the civilized world stronger than a monarch's world, the outside world knows very little about the inside machinery of a newspaper office. People who have the morning paper laid beside their plate at the breakfast table, never think that all night long the telegraph has been clicking away, the city editor has been sitting at his desk until 3 a. m., and the reporters have been rushing around through wind and rain hunting for items. In fact few people ever know who the reporter is, until he writes some uncomplimentary truth regarding So-and-so—then the abused rushes to the office, paper in hand to "investigate." Newspaper workers seldom know very much concerning each other. No one is more closely confined to his work than the average newspaper worker. If he finally does get an evening "off" he is called back before he gets a square away from the office or is sent for, to write something up.

The members of the press of Indianapolis, with the view to furthering sociability and gaining the help which comes from an interchange of views, met on the last day of the old year and effected a permanent organization known as the Press Club of Indianapolis. The club starts with a charter membership of 41, and a constitution similar to that of the Chicago Press Club has been adopted. The club has taken a step in a new line, and admitted lady attaches of different papers as members. This admission is probably due to the great attractiveness of the Indianapolis press-

women. At any rate, it is a magnanimous act on the part of the gentlemen of the club, and we appreciate the justice.

Four ladies were elected charter members at the first meeting. They are: Mrs. Nettie Ransford of the *THE EASTERN STAR*; Mrs. Ida A. Harper, of the *Indianapolis News*; Miss Anna Nichols, of the *Indianapolis Journal*; and the writer who is of the *Indianapolis Sentinel*.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford is one of the most progressive women of the day, and no woman has more iron in the fire, and handles them with greater skill than does she. Her literary work was taken up after she had passed the first enthusiasm of youth, when business reverses rendered it necessary for her to enter into the field of bread-winners. She was the originator of the *Woman's News*, published in Indianapolis, but soon withdrew, and now publishes her own paper which is devoted to the interests of the Order of the Eastern Star. She has an exceedingly varied ability, which enables her to edit her paper with no help whatever, and attend to all advertising, mailing, subscribing etc. Mrs. Ransford now occupies the highest position of any woman in the Order of the Eastern Star, and in her capacity as M. W. G. M., she visits various cities in this and other States, where every possible courtesy and honor is showered upon her. Banquets and levees are held for her, and the same accomplishment which enables her to use her pen fluently, makes it possible for her to respond readily to every request for a toast or speech, and she has even been known to sing when sufficient pressure has been brought to bear.

In addition to her other duties, Mrs. Ransford is a model house keeper and does all her own housework. She has always been an earnest Church-woman, and has a sweet kindly nature that never refuses help to the lowest of God's creatures, even if it be but a cheery helpful word, or a cup of cold water.

Mrs. Ida A. Harper is a remarkably brilliant woman, whose accomplishments extend into every field of work. Her first literary work was done on the *Terre Haute Saturday Evening Mail*, when she ran a department devoted to the interests of women, for eleven years. Her success with this column was remarkable and her opinions were widely quoted. She became associate editor of the *Fireman's Magazine*, which is the organ of the Brotherhood of locomotive firemen, and which has the largest circulation of any labor periodical in the world. This work she retained for eight years.

Mrs. Harper never made a profession of journalism until about one and a half years ago, when she became managing editor of the *Terre Haute News*, with full control of the paper. She carried the paper through the municipal campaign last Spring, advocating a ticket which she made up from the tickets of the two parties and every man on her ticket was elected. During this campaign every line of editorial was written by Mrs. Harper. She resigned her position

at *Terre Haute* to accept a position as associate editor on the *Indianapolis News*, believing it would be better to be connected with a metropolitan paper. Mrs. Harper does a vast amount of miscellaneous writing. At one time she furnished letters of travel to eleven large papers. She is fond of housework and keeps everything as neat as a pin. She has great business ability and has made all the contracts, and built several houses. Mrs. Harper is a very ready talker and a sympathetic listener, and like Mrs. Ransford, is known as woman's friend.

Miss Anna Nicholas began first to work in the counting-room of the *Indianapolis Journal*, after five years' work here she was promoted to the editorial staff of the paper and has retained this position for seven years. She writes editorials on every subject, and no one can tell her political editorials from those written by the men.

Those working with her on the paper prefer her judgement on their work to the judgement of any man on the paper. Miss Nicholas is exceedingly reserved, among her family she is called the "silent woman." When one breaks through the reserve he finds a warm loyal friend whose friendship never fails.

The officers of the Press Club are: President, William Fortune; Vice-president, W. A. Wilkins; Second Vice-president, Hilton U. Brown; Third Vice-president, J. B. Jesup; Treasurer, Harry S. New; Financial Secretary, Charles Dennis; Librarian, W. R. Williams; Board of Directors, S. E. Moras, Harry S. New, Morris Ross, Cornelius Mayer and F. L. Purdy.

On January 4, the President, Mr. William Fortune gave a banquet to the club at the Grand Hotel, of this city. Speeches were made by the President, and various members of the club. As some of our readers may be interested in what literary people eat, we here print the menu in full.

New York counts.
Purée of prairie chicken.
Froiled fresh shad a la Maitre D'Hotel.
Lettuce Celery. Olives Girkins.
Billed Vermont turkey oyster sauce.
Roast chicken—dressing
Prime ribs of beef drip gravy.
Roast quail—game sauce
Claret punch.
Rissoles of sweet breads—truffles.
Portuguese fritters orange sauce.
Mashed and boiled potatoes
Purée of spinach with cream Lima beans
Shrimp salad
Macaroni pudding sauce Ecumante
Lemon merangue pie. Blackberry pie.
Assorted cake.
Charlotte russe au chocolate.
Walnut ice cream.
Fruit. Coffee.
LUCRA A. SMITH.

Mrs. Isabella Barrows, who is best known as a writer, associate editor of the *Christian Register*, quick stenographer and accomplished linguist, was thoroughly educated for a physician in the best foreign schools as well as at home. But her love of medicine was rather theoretical than practical. Literary work is her pleasure.

MOTHER KEEPS CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN.

She has passed through death's stream to her home
In the skies,

To the home of her hopes, the saints paradise;
Has bidden adieu to life's sorrows, life's cares,
Now resting from toil in a world bright and fair.

On this side the stream, the eyes darkened so long,
Now gaze on such beauties this earth ne'er has
known:

The ear dulled to hearing now lists to the song
Of angels, archangels, the glorified throng.

The hand trembling with age, from earth letting go,
From her Lord takes the crown to wear on her brow;
Our mother, dear loved one, we know thou dost rest
With Christ in His mansion, the home of the blest.

In the home of the blest, if Christmas be known,
Our mother departed can join the glad song:
Yea, more she can do, can sit down to the feast,
Will keep Christmas in heaven, keep Christmas with
Christ.

Dec 24, 1890.

P. H. TAYLOR.

FROM BEYOND THE ROCKIES.

BOZEMAN, MONTANA

Dec. 29th 1890.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Appreciating the fact, that you have displayed great interest in this new O. E. S Grand jurisdiction, since its organization, as well in truth— for the few struggling Chapters, which for some years have worked loyally and bravely on under the inspiring influence of that "Star of Bethlehem," encouraged by the hope, that the day, bright and clear, would surely dawn, when dignified by the title quoted, and clothed with official power, they should realize, a full fruition of the happy destiny they had for so long a time, only hugged in dreams—I purpose offering you, now and again, a few stray bits of information, which perhaps, after a liberal clipping, may be found worthy of publication in your charming little monthly journal. The very newest and freshest morcel, is, of course, at this "Yule Tide," matters concerning the goings and comings, of his venerable and imperial Majesty, "Santa Claus," jolly and rubicund, hoary and grand, the greatest of Emperors; who rules with love's hand.

How those three pairs of eyes sparkled, and danced about, in the heads of the three "little Tots, I visited, on Christmas Eve," while impersonating the lovable and amiable "Kris," high indeed sprang the hopes, and faster beat their little hearts, as their chubby hands clutched at Mamma's dress, and an elder sister's, when his heavy step was heard approaching the threshold—a step, no doubt, made musical to them by the jingle of his bells, and the clear, night-piercing notes of his horn. Yes, and tears flowed too, in that home, made dear to my heart by the memories of births, and a marriage and deaths. Tears that were love's offering at the shrine of a Mother's devotion to the memory of an absent one, peacefully sleeping beneath a far off mound. Ah! well! blessed, thrice blessed are they, who can during this "Festal Season," drop a tear for the loved ones departed, and yet rejoice with the little ones near, who forgetting the "Silvered Threads" that droop low upon

their brows, can be cheered by the shoutings and clatter of the innocent children as they welcome the coming of "Kris," for it is proof, that untainted by the lordliness and selfishness of the world, they have at least, been preserved pure in spirit, and tender and loving in heart.

Unusually fine weather for this Section and Season, having prevailed for sometime, it was not a matter of wonderment that the double installation of officers of Gallatin Lodge No. 6, A. F. & A. M., and those of "Lily of the Valley," Chapter No. 4, O. E. S., should have drawn together such a merry party as assembled at "Masonic Hall," in our city on Saturday evening last, 27th inst. Both Orders were well represented, the sisters, as usual, forming the larger number. The impressive service of the "Blue Lodge" installation was finely rendered by Past Master Jos. M. Lindley, who selected for his Marshal, Bro. C. E. Lancaster.

That genial and loyal brother, Elsberry Martin, re-elected "Worshipful Master," was duly inducted into his chair of State, in the East, his step, unusually elastic, could it, I wonder, have been due to the presence of ladies? Brother White Caldwell, was strictly enjoined to "look well to the West," and a young and inspiring brother, J. F. Hundley was charged to look carefully after the "Meridian Station." At the conclusion of this interesting ceremony, that bright particular star so lately arisen upon Montana's social horizon, "Lily of the Valley" No. 4, took charge of its craft and marshalled them for their first public Installation, W. G. P., Brother C. E. Lancaster, was by request the installing officer, who selected for the G. M. Sister Rachel M. Lindley, as the beautiful words of our Ritual, arranged for such occasions, fell from the lips of the installing officer, in gentle and kindly admonition to those thus called to rule, "To practice Charity," "Love one another" and "Temper Justice with Mercy." The large audience, duly impressed with the solemnity of the scene, sat listening with almost bated breath. Sister Mary Lancaster, W. M., re-elected, was duly escorted to her Station, and then there came to sit beside her, her counselor, our zealous brother Elsberry Martin. The West in charge of Sister S. N. Baker, also re-elected, will be well attended to, while the two months bride, Sister Maggie N. Randall, will for the coming year unravel to the Novitiate the mazes of the confusing labyrinth. The proclamation being made by our G. M., that we are again equipped, for a twelve month's work, in the moments of silence which followed, the newly installed Patron arose, and in a few well chosen phrases, presented to the W. M., in behalf of the Chapter, an elegant Golden Jewel, as a token of the esteem and affection in which she is held. The emblem is a rich and elaborate affair carrying on the obverse side of two separate bars highly ornamented the name of the recipient, on the reverse an appropriate Latin inscription; the Star, quite large, is enameled colors with emblems, surrounded by a circle of evergreens suspended from the lower

bar in chains. The Matron completely surprised was rendered almost speechless, yet she proved her full appreciation. This being the first event of the kind in our Chapter, it reflects great credit upon those who conceived the design and attended to the details of its presentation. A collation was then spread, and such a collation! Shades of that departed prince of gluttons, George the three times of England. It was a ravishing spread, aye, and a veritable banisher of peace for I still shudder when I recall the dismal scenes, rehearsed before me as I dozed upon my midnight pillow. And so it ended this joyous occasion which has been duly labelled and laid away, telling to those who may come after us of the closing scenes of a year made doubly bright to us all by the celestial beams of our EASTERN STAR, which have warmed into life the social virtues of Bozeman's brave men and attractive dames.

Fraternally yours with best wishes for the coming year.

CHAS. E. LANCASTER,
Grand Patron.

THE SILK MACHINE.

An industry of great magnitude in Japan is silk culture. The silk worm is "educated" to such a degree that it becomes a mere machine, and its life must be a burden to it. It lays its eggs in rows on cards; it spins its cocoon to order, and, finally dies when required. Silk worm eggs are white and about the size of the head of a large pin, and they are sold on cards like buttons. These cards may be kept all winter long without harm to them, and hatched out in the summer months. The young worm is an exceedingly minute and delicate animal; and the mulberry leaves adopted for its food have to be chopped up as fine as possible. As the worm grows older the leaves are not chopped finely, until, when it is full grown, it is allowed to enjoy a whole mulberry leaf intact.

This life of dissipation is too much for it, and, with a little encouragement, it seeks the solitude of its cocoon. The cocoons are then thrown into hot water, which kills the larva and dissolves the mucilageous matter and keeps the cocoon together. A silkworker deftly finds the end, and, in a few moments, the poor worm's home is about forty yards of silk fibre on a reel. A few of the larva are allowed to come to maturity for the sake of breeding purposes and the eggs. To get out they break a hole through the cocoons. These cocoons are called pierced, and from them an inferior quality of silk is made.

Every day is a little life, and our whole life is but a day repeated. Therefore live every day as if it would be the last.

The Lodge of Edinburgh is a very old institution. So far as authentic records go, it is the oldest Masonic body in the world with a continuous history. The records open with a "Minute of convention" of the Lodge of Scotland, held at Edinburgh in 1597. That minute is signed by William Shaw, the king's "maister of works," an office of state similar to that now held by the chief commissioner of woods and forests.

SMALL GIFTS.

Who gives the world a noble thought,
And writes it out, in prose or rhyme,
May furnish for some lowly soul
A stepping-stone on which to climb

For I believe each child of earth,
However darkly stained by sin,
Still holds the hope that higher worth
Somewhere, somewhere, he yet may win.

Then send your noblest thoughts abroad,
Nor idly wait some higher call;
Give to humanity and God
Your best; nor deem the gift too small.

OAKS AND VINES.

[St. Louis Republic.]

An accident has occurred to the oak and vine theory of the relationship between husband and wife, and it was precipitated by no less a person than that direct descendant of Mother Eve, Mrs. John Smith. Here is what that woman has been led to reveal to women in general:

"My husband is very fond of beans, and as I was in the garden one day putting up bean poles I thought how often he had compared women to vines and men to the supports on which they climb. There was a strong wind blowing on the day in question, so I looked at the bean poles and thought that the poles would figure as trees, and perhaps I might get an inspiration from them. There were two rows of them—one in which the vines were twined all about the poles, and another in which the poles had just been set out and the vines had not yet begun to cling. Well, they were struggling beautifully with the wind, and the harder it blew the tighter the vines seemed to cling to the poles. I felt the inspiration creeping over me—when there came a sudden gust of wind and blew over every single one of the poles which didn't have a vine on it, and left those that had been standing, straight as ever! That just spoiled it all; for after that, no matter how I looked at them those vines always seemed to be holding up the poles, instead of the poles holding up the vines."

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Treas., Mrs. E. B. Wadsworth; Con., Clara W. Palmer; A. C., Ellen Crosby; Chap., Carrie A. Odiorne; A., Hattie E. Sherman; R., Addie Smyth; E., Sadie Allard; M., Annie Polley; E., May Moulton; War., Mary E. Rawlings; Sen., Wm. Stocker.

Orient Chapter, South Farmington, was constituted January 7, upon which occasion all but four of the Grand Officers were present and assisted in the work. The ceremony was pleasingly and instructively rendered, and the evening a most enjoyable one. Before the ceremony a banquet was served to nearly two hundred members and guests. The following officers will have the work in charge for the ensuing year: W. M., Mrs. Ann M. Hooker; W. P., Homer B. Miller; A. M., Mrs. Mary H. Potter; C., Mrs. L. M. Palmer; A. C., Miss Mary Heald; Mar., Miss Mary Coolidge; Sec., Mrs. O. O. Davis; Treas., Mrs. O. W. Collins; C., Mrs. G. H. Davis; O., Miss Ella Gaines; A., Miss Ruby Heald; R., Mrs. F. L. Oaks; E., Mrs. W. H. Hastings; M., Mrs.

A. J. Heath; W., Mrs. J. M. Woods; S., E. Potter; E. Mrs. W. C. Wright.

The officers of Ester Chapter, Boston, were installed on Wednesday evening, January 7, by P. M., R. Emily Little, assisted by P. M., Ellen J. Alden, as Mar., both of Vesta, and Sister Hayward, of Easter, as Chaplain. The officers are: M. H. Paige, W. M.; M. H. Munhall, W. P.; S. I. Berry, A. M.; Jane M. Worrall, Treasurer; Etta L. Cook, Con.; Lizzie E. Rogers, Asso. C.; A. Jennie Gale, Chap.; Alice J. Munhall, A.; T. C. Berry, R.; Lydia E. Johnson, E.; Currie F. Johnson, M.; May Woodbury, E.; P. M. Winnie A. Warden, W.; H. P. Johnson, Sen.; Lena Day, Organist. One candidate was initiated during the business meeting of the evening. The reports of the several officers showed the Chapter in a good financial condition and a large amount of work done during the past year. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter, Charlestown.

About two hundred Masons and their families were present to witness the beautiful installation ceremony of our Order as presented by P. G. M., Annie B. Huntress, assisted by P. G. M., Eva J. Perry, as G. Chap., and P. M., Helen A. Atkins, of Vesta, as G. Mar., at the Masonic Hall, Maynard, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, when the following named officers of Magdalene Chapter, were inducted into their respective stations: W. M., Louise H. Long; W. P., Thomas Deane; A. M., Lottie Conners; Sec., Ethlyn Jones; Treas., Lida Hart; C., Laura Crossley; A. C., Maggie Deane; Chap., Matilda Fix; A., Lizzie Wilson; R., May Saulsbury; E., Janie Deane; M., Naucy Haynes; E., Abbie Clement; War., Annie Whitehead; Sen., Theodoric Jones; Organist, Clara Maynard. A grand banquet was served at the close of the Chapter, after which the time was spent socially and with speeches until a late hour.

On Friday evening, Jan. 2, P. G. M. Mary E. Gleason, installed the officers of Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, assisted by Sisters Abbie S. Hall, of Aurora Chapter, as G. Mar., and Nellie C. Loughton, of Vesta, as G. Chap. The officers are: W. M., Martha Holman; W. P., E. Wilber Brown; A. M., Ida I. Brown; Sec., Helen A. Atkins; Treas., Frances M. Williams; Con., Annie R. Scolley; Asso. C., Ella G. Sprague; Chap., Nellie R. Crane; A., Annie B. Williams; R., Eva J. Perry; E., Nellie C. Loughton; M., Grace E. Holton; E., Elizabeth Harrisou; W., Rausline M. Hill; Sen., Walter I. Sprague. At the close of the ceremony the retiring W. M., Sister Etta Perry, was escorted to the East and presented with a Past Matron's jewel by the W. P., Brother Brown, in behalf of the Chapter. A collation was served at the close of the Chapter. Vesta will give a reception and dance at Cadet's Hall, Main St., Charlestown, on Wednesday evening, February 4, when a very pleasant time is anticipated.

The retiring W. M., Ethel K. Moor, installed the officers of Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, on Wednesday evening, January 7. She was assisted by Sister Etta Mitchell as Mar., and Sister Anna F. Mulloy, as Chap.

The officers are: W. M., Ellen L. T. Almy; W. P., Samuel Friebe; A. M., Lizzie J. Havener; Sec., Mary E. Brown; Treasurer, M. Louise Maynard; Con., Alice P. Warren; A. C., Mrs. N. G. Burleigh; Chap., Anna F. Mulloy; A., Mrs. J. M. Taylor; R., Mrs. E. I. Dill; E., Ella F. Conners; M., Mrs. F. E. Randall; E., Sarah F. Ray; War., Mary E. Moore; Sen., Leonard G. Webster. At the close of the ceremony the W. M., Sister Almy, presented Sister Moore with an elegant Past Matron's jewel, in behalf of the Chapter. Although completely surprised, Sister Moore did not lose that dignity and composure with which she is especially gifted, but received the gift with befitting remarks, manifesting her appreciation of this token of respect and esteem. A collation was served at the close of the Chapter.

On Thursday evening, January 15, the following named officers of Beulah Chapter, Stoneham, were publicly installed by P. M., Emily E. Marden, of Queen Esther Chapter, assisted by P. M. Mary H. Norton, of Melrose, as Mar., and Sister Carrie A. Odiorne, of Queen Esther, as Chaplain.: W. M., Angie H. Sweetzer; W. P., Daniel S. Jones; A. M., Carrie M. Bascom; Sec., Lillie Boothby; Treas., M. A. Newhall; Con., Cynthia B. Cutter; A. C., Flora E. Kensn; Chap., Laura C. King; A., Mollie Livingston; R., Emma C. Delano; E., Helen P. Hadley; M., Abbie Hersom; E., M. A. Whitney; War., Clara L. Buswell; Sen., William F. Walker; O., Nellie B. Cutter. Nearly every available spot in the Chapter-room was filled with members and their friends to witness the ceremony the beauty of which was greatly enhanced by the singing of selections by a choir. A banquet was served in the early evening. At the close of the ceremony, the W. M., Sister Sweetzer, presented the installing officers with beautiful bouquets; after which the retiring W. M., Sister Marcia Grace Whitmore, was invited to the East and the W. P., Brother Jones, presented her with an elegant Past Matron's Jewel in behalf of the Chapter. Sister Eva J. Jones then more than surprised the retiring W. P., Brother Willis Beard, who is a conductor on the B. & M. Railroad, by calling him to the East and presenting him with a miniature car resting on a platform strewn with flowers. In accepting the gift the brother said "The car looked very nice, but he saw no door to get into it," when the sister removed the roof of the car disclosing a bed of flowers in the various hues of the Order.

Stella Chapter, Worcester, held a public installation on the evening of January 8. G. M., Sister A. M. Harrington, assisted by P. G. P., Brother Farnsworth, and G. Mar., Sister A. W. Barton, installed the officers. The work was very gracefully performed. A fine quartette was in attendance and sang the beautiful songs appropriate to the occasion. Many friends of the Order (who are not members) were present, and they expressed themselves as much pleased with the ceremony, and went away, I am sure, with a greater respect for the Order. After the installation remarks were made by the

installing officers, and a very interesting paper on the rise and progress of the O. E. S., was read by that pioneer in the work, Brother Seagraves, G. S. We hold a special meeting every four weeks, with a supper, and nearly always a musical or literary entertainment. Our Chapter is very harmonious, and when we sit down to the tables in our banquet hall we are like a large family of boys and girls—the only trouble is, we are increasing so fast that very soon there will not be room at the tables. The Eastern Star, by whose light we are guided, will show us a path out of all difficulties. If we look to this Star of Bethlehem it will teach us the true meaning of that glorious song of old, "Peace on earth, good will to men." I feel more and more that the religious element of our Order should not be lost sight of, it should be the bright ray in our Star. The obligations laid upon every one who is received into our ranks should make a deep impression, and each one should strive to live up to the vows taken at the altar, so that our Order may grow better and nobler as it increases in numbers.

Wednesday evening, January 14, P. G. M., Annie B. Huntress, publicly installed the officers of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, assisted by P. M., Carrie S. Fairbairn, of this Chapter, as G. Mar., and P. M., Helen A. Atkins, of Vesta, as G. C. The music for the occasion needs no comment when we say it was presented by Brother George H. Munroe and Sister M. M. Lenfest and Bertha Hilliard who have so pleasantly entertained this Chapter and others many times before. The altar was so beautifully entwined with smilax, while on the top were arranged our emblematic flowers in their appropriate order. The officers are, W. M., Paulina Shaw; W. P., John R. Fairbairn; A. M., Ella J. Taplin; Sec., Lizzie S. Blackman; Treas., Ellen Chandler; Con., Margaret A. Sutton; A. C., Sarah Richardson; Chap., Charlotte M. Simonds; Mar., Sister W. Geopper; A., Ada P. Kinear; R., Sister Marshall; E., Emma Lawtell; M., Carrie Graves; E., Louise Hilderman; W., Sister Packard; S., George F. Coward; O., Eva G. Howard. At the close of the ceremony the W. P., Brother Fairbairn, in a very complimentary speech, presented Sister Huntress with the beautiful bouquet which had adorned the pedestal in the East during her work. P. W. P., Bro. Sutton, then thoroughly astonished Sister Carrie S. Fairbairn, by presenting her with an elegant Past Matron's Jewel, in behalf of the Chapter. It was now the retiring W. M., Sister Harding's turn to be equally as astonished by being escorted to the East and presented with a beautiful floral tribute in the form of a horse shoe, which had borne an important part in the adornment of the room for the evening, although its real mission was a token of respect to the worthy Sister. Remarks by P. G. P. Huntress, a song by Brother Munroe, and also by Sisters Lenfest and Hilliard, closed this very pleasant evening with Signet Chapter.

P. G. M., Annie B. Huntress, assisted by G. Con., F. K. A. Barrows, as G. Mar., and Sis-

ter Mary E. Littlefield, of Beulah, as G. Chap., installed the following named officers of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, on Friday evening, January 9:—W. M., Fannie F. Lincoln; W. P., Charles W. Higgins; A. M., Carrie Knowles; Sec., Hannah L. Knowles; Treasurer, Mary L. Emery; Con. Sarah B. Westgate; A. C., Marion A. Caswell; Chap., Matilda Stantial; A., Dora Baker; R., L. Addie L. Higgins; E., Annie Lincoln; M., Fronia Preble; E., Ellen M. Buttrick; W., Adelaide R. Streeter; Sen., J. Owen Littlefield. The installation was public and the Chapter room was well filled to witness the impressive ceremony, made doubly so by the vocal selections interspersed throughout the work by a quartette composed of Messrs. Charles F. Miller and J. H. Nute, Mrs. Smith and Miss Carrie Shepard, Sister Nellie B. Cutter, of Beulah Chapter, presiding at the organ. Beautiful bouquets adorned the stations of the principal officers, while over the East, "Welcome" was traced with white immortelles upon a background of evergreen. At the close of the ceremony the W. M., in a very neat speech, expressed the gratitude of the Chapter to Sister Huntress, and presented her with an elegant bouquet; to which Sister Huntress very pleasantly responded. P. W. M., Mary H. Norton, in a few well chosen words then presented the retiring W. M., Elizabeth A. Singer, with an elegant Past Matron's jewel. Next, P. M., Dora Baker, stepped forward and greatly surprised the retiring W. P., Brother Emery, with a beautiful basket of flowers, which until this moment had been concealed in some secluded corner. The entertainment for the evening closed with a banquet to which all were cordially invited. During the regular business meeting of the evening four petitions were received and two candidates elected.

Tuesday evening, January 13, the following named officers of Keystone Chapter, Boston, were publicly installed by P. M., Fannie K. A. Barrows, of this Chapter, assisted by P. M., Laura M. Davis, of Aurora Chapter, as Mar., and Sister Carrie A. Odiorne, of Queen Esther, as Chap.: W. M., Margaret J. Sawyer; W. P., T. Perry Higgins; A. M., Ellen M. Mellen; Sec., E. C. Lawrence; Treasurer, Caroline K. Morse; Con., Jennie E. Hicks; A. C., Ellen Hicks; Chap., Mrs. J. Paine; Mar., Harry Bliss; A., Bertha Kellar; R., V. E. Borland; E., L. B. Johnson; M., Jennie E. Kellar; E., F. Campbell; War., Jennie E. Morse; Sen., J. Herbert Morse; Organist, Hattie M. Brown. The music for the occasion was furnished by a trio composed of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Munroe, and Mrs. M. M. Lenfest, of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, while Brother Lenfest presided at the piano. At the close of the ceremonies, the installing officers were presented with beautiful bouquets by the W. M., Sister Sawyer. The W. P. then requested P. P., Charles A. Wheeler, to escort the retiring W. M., Jennie E. Morse, to the East, and in a few words presented her with an elegant Past Matron's jewel, which Sister Morse received with very pleasing and ap-

propriate remarks. On turning to retire to her station, Sister Morse was confronted by P. G. P., Charles C. Dike, of Stoneham, who presented her an elegant basket of flowers, with the compliments of himself and family. Sister Morse, in receiving the gift, very feelingly expressed her appreciation of this beautiful token of regard so unexpectedly presented. Again, we see the retiring W. M. of this Chapter protecting her successor in office by guarding the door and protecting the Chapter from interruption, which we deem equally an honor to herself and the Chapter. Visitors were present from Aurora, Vesta, Beulah, Melrose, Queen Esther, Signet and Easter Chapters. During the business meeting of the evening five petitioners were received, five applicants elected and five candidates initiated.

NEVADA.

The installation of the officers of Esther Chapter, Carson City, took place on the evening of December 20, and was quite a social event. Past Patron, John Elliott acted as installing officer, and Sister Mary Harlon, as Marshal, and the work was rendered in an impressive and dignified manner. The Masonic Fraternity were invited and quite a number responded by their presence. The invitations were very pretty and were the handiwork of the son of the W. M., Martha J. Murphy. The installation was followed by a musical and literary program and dancing, with an interruption for the serving of refreshments. The Chapter expresses obligations to Miss Anna Martin, who never refuses to assist in a musical and literary way; also to Captain E. B. Zeleniskie, who assisted. The Chapter called again to its service, P. M., Martha J. Murphy, W. M.; with Chas. H. Gaensha, W. P.; Jennie Jacobs, A. M.; John D. Kersey, Sec.; Ida Tobsiner, Treas.; Lizzie Murphy, Con.; Mary E. Stevenson, A. Con.

WISCONSIN.

Two Chapters have been recently organized in this new jurisdiction—Queen Esther Chapter at Lodi with thirty-nine charter members—Mrs. Sarah L. Prunyn, W. M.; Eben B. Dunlap, W. P.; Sister Addie H. Blake, A. M., and Orient Chapter at Mazo Manie, with seventy-one charter members, Mrs. Laura M. Alvord, W. M.; J. W. Greening, W. P.; Sister Sarah Stickney, A. M.

WASHINGTON.

Lorraine Chapter, Seattle, increased its membership last year by sixty-four. It is the banner chapter of the State.

Fern Chapter, Tacoma, installed officers January 7th, after which about eighty members enjoyed themselves in a social dance. On January 20th about twenty-five members of Fern chapter went to the beautiful little village of Puyallup, accompanied by Brother Edd R. Hare, Grand Patron, who conferred the degrees upon about thirty and organized a chapter to be known by the sweet name "Naomi." The sisters of Puyallup entertained the visitors in such good style that many felt disposed, like Ruth of old, to stay with "Naomi." Sister Susan Black is W. M. C. M.

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Sister Mary A. Gould, P. M. of Queen Esther Chapter, this city, was elected Asso. M. of Moberly Missouri.

Past Grand Patron, Henry G. Thayer, made a brief call at the office of THE EASTERN STAR, when in the city recently.

Sister Mary P. Lloyd, W. M. of Martha Washington Chapter, Gloucester, Massachusetts, has been seriously sick.

P. E. Hoss, Past Patron of Kokomo Chapter, has gone to Florida for a two months' stay. THE EASTERN STAR was favored with a call on the way.

Sister Kate Metcalf of THE EASTERN STAR, who has for some time taught in our city schools, has relinquished that position for work with the paper.

Dr. Mary Smith, who is to occupy one of the offices in the Propylaeum, will not leave her present quarters, 133 North Pennsylvania Street, until the last of this month.

Sister Pitkin is having a badge made like the gold membership badge, only it is suspended from the bar by chains and has the points enameled in the appropriate colors.

We have received a very unique and pretty invitation to attend an "Open meeting of Alpha Chapter," Baltimore, and we greatly regret that distance prevents attendance. All success to Alpha.

Brother P. H. Taylor, who has favored THE EASTERN STAR with contributions has been quite ill, but is improving. On December 26 he followed his aged mother who had passed her ninety-second year, to her final resting place. Like a sheaf of ripe grain she is garnered into the rest of Paradise.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:—The paper will be continued to all subscribers until notified

to discontinue, and the time of the expiration of subscription will be blue pencil-marked. Please send renewals promptly and forget not to invite others to join you in this good work.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Secretary, was unanimously elected Postmistress of the Illinois Senate. She filled a like position for the House last year, hence her election to the Senate proves her to have been a capable and efficient officer. Her work in the Order also receives prompt attention.

THE EASTERN STAR calls the attention of its readers to its advertisements. The firms it represents are of the best in their lines of industry. It is with no small degree of pride that we give voice to this fact which is self-evident, for, to carry so excellent a class of advertisements, but bespeaks the confidence in which the paper is held from a business standpoint.

THE EASTERN STAR feels grateful to its friends for their continued favors. It requires no small amount of labor, courage and perseverance, to carry forward an enterprise until it reaches the level where one may pause and take breath. But when the way up hill is made more easy by cheery words and kindly acts, the load, however heavy grows lighter and the pathway less difficult.

Mrs. Ida Scott who recently returned from a year's sojourn abroad which was devoted to study in her chosen profession, has located at 187 North Pennsylvania St. Mrs. Scott is an Indiana woman who but adds to the list of those who have made our Hoosier City known to the musical world, as an abode for sweet singers. She will favor her friends with a Song Recital, on Monday evening, February 2, at Tabernacle church.

Sister Mary T. Lodge formerly a resident of this city and a member of Queen Esther Chapter, is now a resident of Detroit, Michigan. While attending the Grand Chapter in that city last October I enjoyed a pleasant visit with her. It is a pleasure to learn that her son, Frank Terrell Lodge, of whom she is justly proud, has been made Master of one of the Masonic Lodges of that fair city and *The Tyler* gives him a lengthy and complimentary notice.

THE EASTERN STAR takes pleasure in telling its readers, among whom there are many friends of Superintendent and Mrs. Jacobs, recently of the Institute for the Blind of this city, that their work in Pittsburgh is meeting with success and is highly appreciated. It is no ordinary preparation nor interest in the work that they carry with them into their new field of labor, for their work here was characterized by continued advancement in methods.

"'Tis true it is a pity, but pity 'tis, 'tis true," that so many of our bright sisters should say that they have no time for reading. It is as essential that the mind be fed as that the

body be provided with nourishment. Far too often household cares are allowed to encroach until they thoroughly engross every moment, and the wife and mother is transformed into a piece of machinery. Too late she realizes her mistake, and that the husband to whom she should have been a companion has outgrown her, and the children think of mother only as one who supplies their wants.

During the past month it was the happy privilege of the senior member of this firm to be favored with an invitation to accompany the Grand Matron, Sister Hunter, on her official visit to our Fidelity and Athens Chapters. The invitations were most gladly accepted and the memory of the pleasant visits will stay always. The many courtesies shown by Chapters and individual members are more deeply appreciated than tongue or pen can express, and the prayerful desire is that the acquaintance and friendships thus formed may deepen as the years roll on.

It is the season of the year for invoicing, and in all branches of industry they are busy ascertaining if there be loss or gain in the finances. This, however, should not be confined to industrial pursuits, for the success of all things depends largely upon the condition of the treasury from which each is supplied. The beginning of the year should find each Chapter taking account of its stock and its finances should be carefully looked after. Many Chapters are wrecked, that might be healthful, helpful bodies, because of the neglect of collecting dues. It is far easier to pay semi-annually or annually than to allow them to accumulate until the amount reaches a large sum.

In the calendar of events in which the Indianapolis women have made for themselves a place, is recorded a fact which places them worthy of taking front rank. It is the successful completion of the Propylaeum, which was formally opened on the evening of January 27. The building is owned by women and will be largely used by them. Under its hospitable roof will gather the women of the city in their various societies, while ample provisions are made for social gatherings and meetings of different kinds. It is in every respect a building of which our city may justly feel proud, and for which she should "render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's"—the acknowledgement, that her women bear more than a favorable comparison in enterprise, intellect and culture, with those of any city.

It is now nearly three years since Dr. Marie Haslep, of Queen Esther Chapter entered her new field of labor as Medical Missionary in China under the auspices of the Episcopal Church of which she is a member. After spending two years in Wuchang in charge of the Elizabeth Bunn Memorial Hospital she is transferred to the Woman's Department of St. Luke's Hospital, Shanghai. It is a building designed especially for the

reception of female patients, and is entirely under the Dr.'s charge. In her work she is assisted by those who alike have had experience in the work among the Chinese. At the opening of the new building many were the congratulations offered, for this advance step toward reaching those whom they would serve. Dr. Haslep is the first woman that the Church has given such a position and the Church women, especially of Indiana, will continue to follow her with their help and prayers.

Queen Esther Auxiliary has just closed a very successful year. Its January meetings were held at the homes of Sisters Branson and Barows, and were largely attended and very pleasant. At the first meeting in January the annual election occurred which resulted in the choice of Sister Carrie Hornshu, President; Sister J. R. Hays, Vice-president; Sister Lizzie J. Smythe, Secretary; Sister P. A. Hampton, Treasurer; Sister Kate DaShiell, Directress. Sister Drummond who has served the society since its organization, as Secretary, was presented with a very handsome solid silver dessert and sugar spoon. Some time since when the call came for aid for South Dakota, through some members of the Order there, a package of clothing was sent from here by members, and among the things was a doll with the request to the one who should receive it, to write to the lady who sent it. One of the pleasing incidents of the last meeting was the reading of a letter by Sister Drummond written in response to the request. Each member felt glad, if in even a slight degree other hearts had been made happier.

And still the Order in Minneapolis is a divided family. We had hoped that the dawning of the new year would find all under one banner. Some Chapters of what is designated as No. 1, have voted in favor of, some against the proposed Convention, while some are yet to be heard from. With some, the idea seems to prevail that by union they relinquish all past honors. Only so far as relates to the unpleasantness ought the past to be blotted out. It is a complication of affairs that never before existed, and for such, means never before employed, must be used. It is an exception that will never again occur, and why continue this warfare of charge and counter-charge. It is a blot on the Order in whose service every member is obligated to surrender self, and effects not only Minnesota, but the Order at large. As we traverse the labyrinth of our beautiful star in pursuit of further light and knowledge, at every point we are taught the sublime lessons of self abnegation. Queen Esther would not to-day be the noble queen had she not placed in the balance against her people's wrongs, her position and life itself, if needs be. Even if position and honor were to be sacrificed what is its value if the sweet dove of peace is not allowed an abode among us? May the overshadowing presence of the Star of Bethle-

hem, whose light is our guide, blend all differences into harmony and peace, and "so may it ever be."

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SAN JUAN, CAL., Jan. 1, 1891.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Another year has opened before us, and though we may not look through its coming days, with prophetic vision let us hope that it will bring to all we love a larger measure of happiness and prosperity than they have known before.

To you Most Worthy Grand Matron, and to the readers of THE EASTERN STAR, to all members of our Order, I trust it will prove indeed "A Happy New Year," and that you and they, at its close, will look back with satisfaction, upon work well done, duties performed with earnestness and many pleasures enjoyed. That many new members will be added to our Order, who not only in numbers, but in influence, shall add to its strength and increase its power to do good.

Fraternally yours,

MARY A. FLINT.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The years they come, and the years they go and the milestones mark the onward march of Father Time by both sad and joyous occasions.

On the evening of January 24, Brother James and R. W. A. G. M., Sister Mary C. Snedden, Kansas City, Kansas, reached the twentieth milestone in their matrimonial journey, and were quietly enjoying an evening at home. But the quiet was interrupted by the entrance of two Chapter Sisters and later by Brother Towner, the W. M.'s husband, who told them that the W. M. was at the Chapter room attending to some business and needed their assistance. Upon reaching the hall, they found over fifty members of endias Chapter awaiting their arrival. And the G. M.; Lillian Wigge, had been sent for to participate in the festivities. Sister Wigge, in her own peculiarly beautiful and appropriate words and manner, stepped forward and in behalf of the company, presented to the couple a "complete set of exquisite white Haviland China, with a fruit dish, decorated in the five colors harmoniously blended, after which Sister Towner presented the bride with a beautiful bouquet of emblematic flowers. Sister Snedden was made speechless by this act of loving remembrance from her own, with whom she had lived and labored. Her's was a heart too full for utterance and Brother Snedden expressed thanks for both. After congratulations, all repaired to the banquet hall where refreshments were served. An impromptu program followed in which recitations were contributed by Sisters Wigge and Thomas, and songs by Sisters Speck and Irene Snedden. The EASTERN STAR hopes that many happy years may be added to the twenty and with them may come the choicest gifts in their garner.

CONSIDER THE LILLIES.

[LaFayette Van Cleve, D. D. in Masonic Review.]

One morning the angel of the flowers went into his garden; when he came to the big gold-fringed sunflower, he saw that his head was bowed over, and dewy teardrops were falling from every petal, his big, strong stem was bent, and he was sobbing bitterly. What aileth thee, said the angel, and why dost thou weep? Then the sunflower answered: I cannot tell thee all my story, for thou wouldst then account me envious. I have been growing with all my might since early in the spring. I have been very industrious, and have gathered up all the treasures of the earth that I could reach. I have made myself large and strong, my big leaves have spread out like umbrellas, when the sun was hot, and they have fanned my neighbors with every breeze. I have become the largest and highest flower in all the garden. It was only reasonable that I should expect corresponding notice and appreciation. Yet the gardener passes me by, and when visitors come to see us they scarcely notice me at all, except when they follow it with some reproachful words. Why, early in the spring, when I was scarcely out of the ground, the children came out with gleeful laughter and genuine happiness and gathered the little daffodils and dandelions that were hardly out of the mud,—they kissed them, and pinned them to their bosoms, and were brimful of joy. Then I anticipated the great rapture I would produce when I arrived at my present mature estate. Then, there is that little white lily, a tender, timid thing, that I sheltered when the wind blew swiftly, and when the sun was hot, that lived upon the little crumbs I chose to allow her, and just as soon as she uncovered her scared white face the fine ladies came to see her, and caressed and praised her. Only yesterday the gardener sent her to the desk of the big fine church, and set her up to ornament the communion stand. I am passed by and scarcely noticed, except by some vulgar birds, that tear away and disfigure my face in search of seeds, and are impatient for me to get old and die that they may devour my treasures. Surely, if this is all my ambition and frugal living brings me, I had better been content to be a puny daffodil, or a shrinking, trembling lily,—for, it is true, that she is clean, unpretentious, very little in the way, and seems to be appreciated, contented and happy,—and so I could have been if I had not attempted so much.

Then, answered the angel: Thy pride and thy ambition cause thy sorrow and fill thy breast with the burning coals of envy. If thou wouldst be happy, thou must be content to fill thy allotted place, according to thy Master's pleasure, and remember that the consciousness of having done this is the only fountain of pure and lasting enjoyment. Thou hast blessed the lily by befriending her, and thou dost not well to begrudge the birds thy luscious treasures, while the daffodils and lilies would leave them to perish with cold and hunger. Thou mightest find the purest joy in doing good even to the least of thy Master's creatures.

GLENNINGS.

ARKANSAS.

Sister Kate C. Cleveland, A. G. M. and D. G. M., has been paying official visits and organizing Chapters. On December 17th, she organized a Chapter at Walnut Ridge, with twenty-one charter members. December 22nd, visited Reyno Chapter which she found in a flourishing condition with a membership of ninety-six. While there she was the guest of the G. M. Sister Conner. December 27th found her at Corning Chapter which numbers over forty-five. The meeting was very pleasant, the music being worthy of especial mention. The exercises closed with a collation. December 30th, she organized a Chapter at Augusta, with twenty-five charter members. The Masons enter very heartily into the work in that locality, making it doubly successful.

COLORADO.

Garden City Chapter, Greeley, recently held an election of officers and is taking a new lease of life. Two candidates await initiation, and the promise for a future of good works is very hopeful. The former Secretary, Sister Meta T. Bassett, is W. M.

Queen City Chapter, Denver, held its election with the following result: W. M., Mary Barry; W. P., Harry Carr; A. M., A. E. Potter; Sec., Jennie P. Dowson; Treas., Edna Cornforth; Con., H. B. Coleman; A. C., M. T. Croskey; C., Eugene Grissom; M., Frida Appel; A., Clara D. Lindsay; R., Jennie I. Miller; E., Mary E. McElwee; M., Lillian W. Baker; E., Carrie Grant; W. Lillie M. Root; S., Thomas Fairhurst; O., Lettie Kessler.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boulder City, was added to the roster of the subordinates under the G. G. C., on January 8. Although a severe snow-storm was raging, it did not prevent the gathering of a goodly company. It was organized by H. A. Baker, D. M. W. G. P., who called to his aid as Marshal, Brother A. T. Henry, who rendered valuable assistance. About thirty petitioners were present, and all expressed admiration for the beauty and sublimity of the work. "Every office seems to be filled by the right person in the right place." It is officered as follows: W. M., Sarah A. Conwell; W. P., Thomas K. Carmack; A. M., Sarah W. North; Sec., Fred White; Treas., Siddie Carmack; Con., Jennie Safely; A. C., Mary Brosnahan; C., J. W. Devlin; A., Frankie Robinson; R., Laura E. Yates; E., Rose Koehler; M., Emma Conwell; E., Lydia A. McMurtire; W., Eva Henry; S., D. L. Robinson.

ILLINOIS.

A Chapter was organized at Auburn Park, January 20, by C. A. Winship, P. P. of Maple Chapter, Englewood. He was assisted by the officers of Chicago Chapter of which Sister Winship is W. M. The G. M., Sue Simpson; D. G. M. Marguerite Kley and A. G. P., A. H. Wright, were present. The new Chapter is officered by Sister W. H. Crane, W. M.; W. C. D. Gillespie, W. P. Sister Amelia Gillespie, A. M.

The officers of Union Chapter were installed December 26, jointly with Union Lodge F. and A. M. By invitation, Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., installed the officers of the Chapter, with Homer Darling as G. M. Appropriate songs were sung from Gems of Song, by a quartette choir, E. Blossom acting as Organist. After the ceremony a banquet was served, which was prepared by the sisters—Mrs. E. E. Darling, W. M.; J. Pettengill, W. P.; Hattie Hewett, A. M.

The following officers of Miriam Chapter, Chicago, were duly installed on December 27: D. C. Carrier, W. M.; William McCombie, W. P.; Emily Sutton, A. M.; Allie L. Foskett, Sec.; J. Jacobus, Treas.; Nettie Elwell, Con., Hattie Clark, A. C.; after which a banquet was served, furnished by the sisters of the Chapter. Sister A. M. Eager, the retiring Matron, was presented with an elegant Past Matron Star studded with diamonds, designed and manufactured by Brother C. A. Winship, Past Patron of Maple Chapter. Also a complete surprise awaited Brother A. H. Wright, retiring Patron, when in his hand was placed a beautiful gold-headed cane handsomely engraved. Miriam Chapter has a very encouraging prospect for the coming year, and bids fair to surpass its former record. The Secretary's report showed 205 active members, and a full treasury also, showing a total attendance upon its regular meetings of 1,710, or an average of nearly forty-three at each meeting. The funeral chime has sounded once during the year, calling from us to the Chapter of Rest. Brother Robert W. Smith.

The officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago, were installed publically by the retiring W. M., Sister Sarah A. Eddy; Sister Jennie C. McClelland was Marshal. After the installation, Brother Vierling presented the retiring Matron with a Past Matron's Jewel. In the centre of the Star was a suspended gavel, and from the bar hung a beautiful diamond. Also, Sister Rankin, W. M., presented Sisters Eddy and McClelland with exquisite baskets of flowers. Brother William Kaizer was then invited to the East and Sister Sarah A. Eddy, P. M., in very appropriate words presented the brother with a life membership to the Order, as a slight token of the appreciation of the Chapter for the generous thought that resulted in the presentation of the robes for the officers in October last. The brother was deeply affected but responded with thanks as did Sister Eddy. A pleasant program followed, and another social event was scored for Queen Esther Chapter. With the closing hours of Sister Eddy's administration came a sad duty, for one of her band was called to her home "beyond the river." Sister Amanda Waggoner was laid to rest at Aurora, the sisters of the Chapter accompanying the remains from Chicago.

IDAHO.

The officers of Golden Rule Chapter, Rocky Bar, were installed in connection with those of the Lodge F. & A. M. and was a very pleasant affair. After the installation

a lunch was served which was followed by a dance which all enjoyed.

IOWA.

The Order in this jurisdiction was never in a more prosperous condition, and its peace and prosperity is largely due to the efficiency and earnestness of its G. M., Harriet A. Ercanbrack. Since the meeting of G. C. in September last, she has constituted eight Chapters, instituted three and held several installations.

Mt. Moriah Chapter, Anamosa, has counted its tenth mile stone, and the event was celebrated by a joint installation with Anamosa Lodge, F. & A. M. G. M., Harriet A. Ercanbrack, installed the officers with Maj. J. G. Cudworth as G. Mar. They are: Sister Margaret S. Sigworth, W. M.; T. R. Ercanbrack, W. P.; Sister Mary Scott, A. M.; Rev. J. I. Corbyn, Chap.; M. C. Rigby, Sec.; J. B. McQueen, Treas.; Sister M. Pell, Con.; Sister H. F. Keeler, A. Con.; Sister Dora Peters, A.; Sister H. H. Monroe, R.; Sister J. G. Cudworth, E.; Sister M. C. Rigby, M.; Sister L. A. McQueen, E.; Sister Anna Monroe, Org.; L. Schoonover, W.; Mark Pell, Sen.

Oelwein Chapter is prospering nicely and is entering upon the new year with every promise of success. Sister Rena Bently was re-elected W. M., and the Chapter showed its appreciation of her faithfulness by presenting her with a very handsome easy chair. While the gift was a surprise and a pleasure the thought back of the gift is the thing that strengthens the tie that binds. Her associate officers are: F. S. Watson, W. P.; Sister Clark, A. M.; Sister J. H. Millard, Sec.; Sister A. C. Wilson, Treas.; Sarah Wilson, C.; Sister C. E. Redfield, A. C.; Mary Pattison, A.; Sister S. Mosher, R.; Sister P. H. Peterson, E.; Sister L. S. Hamlin, M.; Sister J. J. Coonrod, E.; Sister A. McQuilkan, W.

Excelsior Chapter, Charles City, and St. Charles Lodge, F. & A. M., had a joint public installation on the evening of December 29. There was a very large attendance in the beautiful new Masonic Hall. The Chapter installed first, G. Sec. Dyke, acting as installing officer. The Chapter has made a net gain of twenty-one members during the past year, and the old corps of officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote. They are: W. M., Mrs. E. B. Dyke; W. P., D. E. Moore; A. M., Mrs. M. G. Tower. After the installation the ladies gave a magnificent banquet to the assembled guests. The O. E. S. made many converts during the evening. The Chapter now has sixteen petitioners on the way. Masonry is having a boom in Charles City. The Blue Lodge has now 101 members and a splendid Commandery.

Sister Ransford:—Listen and let me tell you of pretty Chariton, the County seat of Lucas County. It is a gem of a City, set in the midst of the wealth of dame nature and adorned by all that culture, cash and common sense can suggest. I found on a recent visit there were many grand good Masons, their wives, daughters, sister and mothers among the people of the city. In response to an invitation I visited Engle Chapter and

found it highly prosperous. The officers all did well and deserve a compliment in THE EASTERN STAR. For three successive terms, Sister L. L. Arnold, A. G. M. wielded the gavel. Her administration was characterized by wisdom and zeal as the growth of the Chapter indicates. Sister Lizzie Yengel enters upon her second year as W. M. She is a bright and brainy girl and presides with ease, grace and dignity, and will, I predict, be a third term. In the language of Ingomar will say, "by heavens I like the girl." The installation of officers was held jointly with the Blue Lodge and was delightfully pleasant. An elegant banquet was served. The officers are Miss Lizzie Yengel, W. M.; T. J. Rhodes, W. P.; Miss Lydia Hollinger, A. M.; Miss Carrie Carter, Sec.; Mrs. Hollinger, Tres.; Miss Emma Snyder, Con.; Miss Anna Buffington, A. C.; Mrs. Oppenheimer, A.; Miss Hennie Rosenberg, R. Mrs. Rhodes, E.; Mrs. Noble, M.; Mrs. Stone, E. Mr. Rush, W.; Mr. Snyder, S.; Rev. F. Duncan Jaudon, Chap.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—The craft of this city—Keokuk—had a delightful time on the evening of December 30th, on which occasion the two Blue Lodges and Elmira Chapter O. E. S. held joint installation of officers—the latter is as follows: Sister J. K. Mason, W. M.; D. W. Swartz, W. P. Sister S. B. Miller, A. M.; Sister D. G. Lowry, Tres.; Geo. H. Ferree, Sec.; Sister B. F. Martin, C.; Sister D. W. Swartz, A. C.; Sister Leibforth, A.; Sister Morgan, R.; Sister Daugherty, E.; Sister Webb, M.; Sister Thomas, E.; Sister Thomas, W. After the installation all repaired to the banquet room where an elaborate supper was served to about four hundred, followed by toasts, responses, music, dancing and sweet converse. Time sped all too rapidly and the mellow strains of the orchestra with its "Home, sweet Home," reminded all that 'twas the hour to say "good night." You remember Sister Carpenter, "in the west" in Grand Chapter at Colfax, last September? Her home is in this city and a delightful one it is. Sister C— is bright and zealous in the work. She served two years in the "west" in G. C. Elmira Chapter is well sustained and is doing a splendid work for our Order. Faithfully yours. S. J. A.

EDITOR EASTERN STAR:—Believing that you would be interested in tidings relating to our Order—away out here in Fort Madison, I will say: Diamond Chapter is a power for good in this beautiful city. Its membership is of the best in the land. The Chapter is exceedingly fortunate in bearing upon the roll of membership such names as Sister Agnew, P. G. M., and Brother Sabert M. Casey, P. G. P. A few evenings ago in the Masonic Hall the installation services were held and the following is a list of officers that were installed: Mrs. O. E. Newton, W. M.; Dr. J. M. Carey, W. P.; Mrs. Fannie Frederick, A. M.; Mrs. Ada Dodd, Sec.; Mrs. C. E. McDermith, Treasurer; Mrs. E. F. Smith, Con.; Miss L. Anderson, A. Con.; Mrs. F. B. Craig, R.;

Mrs. C. E. McMurphy, M.; Mrs. L. H. Moore, E.; H. Dolph Chap; Mrs. L. H. Moore, W.; O. E. Newton, Sen., Mrs. Sallie Casey, Org. P. G. M., Sister Mary C. Agnew officiated as installing officer. The ceremony was impressively rendered and the evening one to be long remembered. Ft. Madison has a State prison, Anamosa another. Iowa, like your own beloved Hoosierdom has two penitentiaries! the Grand Chapter a few years ago selected a Grand Matron from the last named city, and Brother Casey, of this city, was elected Grand Patron. A wag of a brother, brimful of good humor, and, if my memory serves me right, is a promising attorney in Anamosa to-day, "brought down the house" and had a real good laugh and "lots of fun" with the Grand body for selecting the two first Grand Officers from the prison cities of the State. However the choice was a wise one, for better officers, combining more of the elements of executive ability, and the upbuilding of our Order never wore the purple. THE EASTERN STAR comes to a number of the Diamond members, who think it is the best paper extant, and one that should be in the hands of every officer, at least, of every Chapter, and so does yours fraternally, ST. LAS.

INDIANA.

The installation of Hope Chapter, LaFayette, passed off pleasantly, and at the next meeting the officers will be robed.

Centre Chapter was organized by Brother Hoss, P. P. of Kokomo Chapter, with twenty-nine charter members. He was assisted in the work by sixteen members of his Chapter. Brother Hoss was the first Master of the Lodge, F. and A. M., at Centre, and his selection as Deputy to organize the Chapter was a very appropriate one.

The installation of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, was held January 2, but owing to illness three of the officers were unable to be present and were installed at a subsequent meeting. The retiring Matron, Lizzie J. Smythe installed, the officers, with Nettie Ransford as Marshal. A very nice collation was served by the retiring officers.

The following officers were installed for Windfall Chapter: E. J. Vice, W. M.; A. D. Riffe, W. P.; Janie McLeth, A. M.; Sallie Riffe, Secretary; Sarah Sanders, Treasurer; Frona Lawson, Con.; Susan Zeek, Asso. C.; Mollie Dallins, Chap; Bell Hough, O.; Jane Wright, A.; Susan Gifford, R.; Alice Clem, E.; Amanda Cook, M.; Bettie Marker, E.; Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, W.; Bloom Hough, Sen.

Beulah Chapter, Otterbein, is growing rapidly, having sixty members, and at its last meeting two petitions and two dimitts were presented. The Chapter has purchased very fine jewels and an organ and has sent an order for emblems for the five points. Tuesday night December 30, Green Hill Lodge, F. & A. M., installed its officers, and Beulah Chapter, rendered some choice music.

The officers of Andersonville Chapter were installed on the evening of January 13. Sister Olive E. McGrew, P. M., of Milroy Chap-

ter, served as installing officer and Brother J. McGrew, P. P., assisted as Marshal. Sisters VanCamp and Crawford accompanied them. Andersonville is officered as follows: Ellen Barnes, W. M.; Atwell Morgau, W. P.; Carrie Shriner, A. M.; Mrs. A. Shriner, Con.; Hattie Shriner, A. C.; Wm. Kaler, Sec.; R. Beale, Treas.; Dr. Rayburn, Chap.; A. Shriner, Mar.; Clara Barnes, A.; Mrs. Kaler, R.; Mrs. Barber, M.; Mrs. Morgan, E.; Emmet Barber, W.; Mr. Barnes, Sen.

Ivy Chapter, North Manchester held its election of officers on December 15, and after the election the brothers with some husbands who are not brothers, served turnips and toothpicks followed by more palatable eatables. The installation was held jointly with the Lodge F. & A. M., January 5, followed by a musical and literary program. Brother W. E. Thomas sang "Anchored", some members presented a short drama and shadow pantomime. The officers are Lydia Hamilton, W. M.; E. M. Rager, W. P.; Eunice Whitlow, Asso. M.; Laura Gunther, Sec.; Laura Lower, Treas.; Della Sheller, Con.; Sarah Beakley, Asso. C.

Guiding Star Chapter, Lawrenceburgh, held its installation on the evening of December 27th, in connection with that of the officers of the Lodge F. and A. M. It was a very pleasant affair, the brothers deciding it far more enjoyable than before the Star appeared among them. Following the installation remarks were made and refreshments served. Two petitioners await initiation and two petitions the ballot. The officers were installed by P. M., Louise Koehler. They are: Sister J. Foster, W. M.; P. Becker, W. P.; Sister Becker, A. M.; Sister Lou Decker, Sec; Sister Louise Koehler, Treas.; Sister Ward, Con; Sister Adler, A. Con.; Sister T. Mathews, A.; Sister L. Miller, R.; Sister F. Gatch, E.; Sister L. Pusey, M.; Sister J. Mathews, E.; Sister Craig, W.; Bro. Johnson, Sen.; Bro. Dolph, Chap.; Sister T. Hayward, Org.

Riley Chapter is not surpassed by any in the State in the persevering efforts of its members to attend either stated or special meetings. Many of the members live in the country and have to drive several miles over roads which are, a great portion of the year, almost impassable. One young lady at the last stated meeting came four miles on horse-back. They meet on Saturday afternoon once a month and so they all plan their work accordingly and have a good "turn out", equal to many city chapters. They are noted for their hospitality toward all visiting sisters and brothers. Very creditable work is done in an earnest and pleasing manner. Sister Mary Thompson is W. M.; Brother L. Hamilton, W. P.; Sister Lavinia Jackson, A. M. At the meeting held January 24, Sister Kate Metcalf of THE EASTERN STAR, installed the officers.

The officers of Columbus City Chapter were installed on the evening of January 3, by the G. M., Augusta V. Hunter, with Sister E. J. McNaguy, as G. Mar. At a recent meeting three candidates were initiated, the new

officers doing the work, as it has heretofore been done, "without the aid of ritual, and in a manner highly creditable to themselves and the Order. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition and the membership constantly increasing. The officers are: Mrs. H. E. Click, W. M.; Jas. R. Harrison, W. P.; Mrs. K. D. McLallen, Asso. M.; Miss Lizzie Liggett, Treas.; W. F. McLallen, Secretary; Mrs. E. S. McNagney, Con.; Mrs. Edith Ruch, Asso. Con.; Miss Mabel Liggett, A.; Mrs. Emma Jones, R.; Mrs. Eva North, E.; Mrs. Gertrude Strady, M.; Mrs. Carrie Deardorff, E.; Mrs. Grace Ramp, W.; Silas Deardorff, Sen.

Bourbon Lodge F. & A. M. and the Chapter O. E. S., installed their officers on the evening of January 13. There was an attendance of nearly two hundred and all seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion. Among the guests from abroad was Sister Thayer, A. M. of Warsaw Chapter. The banquet that was served so fully met the expectations that even the three brothers who clamored for oysters are still as clams. At a recent meeting six candidates were initiated and the work was well rendered. The officers are: Mary Griffin, W. M.; F. P. Griffin, W. P.; Mary McKinney, A. M.; Ella McKinney, Sec'y.; B. F. France, Treas.; Minnie McKinney, Con.; Rose Fouts, Asso. Con.; Nola Payne, A.; B. McAlpine, R.; F. Vine, E.; I. M. Mattingly, M.; Nettie Davis, E.; J. Bumhour, W.; J. Bumhour, Sen.; D. Senicour, Organist; B. McAlpine, Chap.

Floral Chapter, Huntington, held its annual election Thursday, December 25, 1890, and on Thursday evening January 8, 1891, the officers were publicly installed. Masonic Hall was well filled with the members and their friends to witness the beautiful and impressive ceremony as performed by the P. M., Sister Eliza Ricker, assisted by Sister L. V. Wright as Marshal. The following officers were installed: W. M., F. C. Bratton; W. P., Ervin Wright; A. M., Sarah S. Dillon; Sec., Sarah A. Hildebrand; Treas., Ann Corlew; Con., Nellie L. Kidd; Associate Con., May Dewitt; A., Eliza Wright; M., Edna Griffith; E., Deborah Warden; W., Frances Ruggles; Sen., Tremont Dewitt; Chap., Thomas Perry. The music for the occasion was furnished by a select choir, accompanied by Miss Flora Cutshall, organist. At the close of the ceremonies, short speeches were made by Dr. Wm. B. Lyons, one of the oldest members of our beautiful Order, and an old-time friend of its Founder, our late lamented brother, Robert E. Morris. Also by Dr. W. C. Chafee, Dr. E. Wright and others. After which the meeting closed and all departed for their homes, we hope "feeling that it was good to be there." The blanks in our list of officers are caused by the unavoidable absence of the ones appointed, and will be installed as soon as convenient.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—On Tuesday afternoon Dec. 30th I had the pleasure of being present as the organization of Larwill Chapter O. E. S. This chapter starts out with twenty-nine members and everything favorable for its success.

Friday evening, Jan. 2nd a public installation was held by the Blue Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star of Roanoke. By invitation of the Chapter I installed its Officers. The occasion was a very enjoyable one, and it is very evident that our Order has the hearty support of the Masonic Fraternity of that place.

Tuesday evening Jan. 6th by invitation I installed the officers of Warsaw Chapter. Two candidates were initiated, the work being exceptionally well rendered, and the floral work beautifully exemplified, after which due deference was paid to the elegant refreshments served in the Banquet room. The welfare of Warsaw Chapter is in safe keeping in the hands of its efficient corps of officers, with Sister Conrad as Matron and Brother Webber A. G. P. as Patron. Next morning came the journey to Logansport, with the four hours wait at Plymouth, which was most delightfully spent in the home of Brother and Sister Thayer. Arriving at Logansport, it was a most agreeable surprise to see the genial face of the M. W. G. M., who was also an invited guest of the Chapter. Within the Chapter room the tasteful decorations, the elegant banquet spread, etc., all gave evidence of the labor of willing hands and loving thought for the preparation for the delight and comfort of the expected visitors. Two candidates were initiated and the work most admirably done without the Ritual, although exemplified for the first time by a new corps of Officers. After the Banquet the following toasts were read, by Toast Master Brother Frank, and responded to by different persons present. "Selected"—Mrs. Nettie Ransford; "Social features of our Order"—Brother Winters; "Fidelity Chapter"—Brother Parker; "The Eastern Star"—A. V. Hunter; and "Grace, Wit and Beauty of Les Garçons by Miss Adah Cushman which, being so especially appropriate is herewith presented for publication. Les Garçons were aproned, coated and capped in the most approved style and on the roster of the Chapter were known as brothers—A. P. Jenks, C. Carter, J. E. Gibson, Cot Barnett and sisters Taylor, Tucker and Roach.

Grace, Wit and Beauty of *les Garçons*.

Before much can be said on this interesting subject, I will explain for the benefit of the small portion of the company who may not remember their French of earlier days, that *les Garçons* in our plain U. S. terms is nothing less than those very serviceable creatures known as "waiters" or the still modernized "Tray Pushers." With their small coats, spotless aprons and dainty caps, they form the Uniform Ranks of our Order.

After this explanation I trust you may better appreciate the appropriateness of the application of the terms Beauty, Wit and Grace to our fair "White Caps."

Their mission is not so much to persecute their victims as to victimize their purses.

The Grace of these "*Beaux esprits*" can not be doubted for an instant as they were selected from among the "*Elite*" of the Chapter.

The Wit of the crew can be better displayed after decapitation.

They have come to us with their best Tucker and Gibbons and to say that they have served a feast that is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to the hungry is indeed only slight praise.

Oddies it may seem they have obtained a *boy Cott* in their trade and even succeeded in making potato salad without getting a single *Roach* in—an unknown feat in our city hotels.

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The wit of the *Roach*—the grace of the cook—the beauty of the salad.

We all have seen the tailor made dress, and the tailor dressed girl.

And heard—no doubt—of a tailor made hat. But, this night, the Taylor dressed turkey. We have eaten all that. May you have prosperity in your new profession and ever be found willing to dance Tucker to the tune of Capt. Jenks. *Au Revoir*.

After returning to the Chapter room all were most agreeably entertained by music furnished by Sister Shultz and others and recitations by Miss Sybil Stevens daughters of the candidates. One of the most pleasing features of the evening was the presence of the two dear children, little Miss Eva Meyers and Master Carl Schultz who so gracefully marched to the East as the officers entered the room and as gracefully presented the M. W. G. M. and the G. M. each with a magnificent bouquet of roses, and retired with the same ease and dignity with which they entered. The remembrance of the delicate courtesy will linger with us much longer than the fragrance of the sweet flowers which must fade and die. Fidelity Chapter is true to her name.

Thursday evening Jan. 8, found us within the walls of the Chapter-room at Crawfordsville. Here, too, we were reminded that everything possible had been done to make the visit of the Officers a pleasure long to be remembered. Although the Christmas-tide had passed it was brought very near, in thought, by the decorations of Evergreen and Holly arranged in a manner so pleasing to the eye. An added pleasure was the presence of Sister Smythe P. M. of Queen Esther Chapter of Indianapolis. Eight candidates were initiated, the work being well done without Rituals, after which all enjoyed the bountiful Banquet served in the Dining-room. By previous arrangement the officers were then installed by the G. M. The M. W. G. M. then entertained the members and visitors with appropriate and interesting remarks. At a late hour, the Chapter was declared closed, and the visiting officers left the room feeling that this Chapter well deserves its name, the "Athens" of Indiana. The next day, and time of leaving came much too soon, for we were both to say good-bye to the dear friends, but Duty called elsewhere, the M. W. G. M. to her home, and the G. M. to the promised visit to Delphi. Three hours at Lafayette on the way were made very pleasant and short by the kindness of Sister Lancaster. Delphi Chapter room reached, I found as usual, a cordial welcome from the sisters and brothers. The officers were all new in their stations, a part of them being installed that evening, but all seem anxious to perfect themselves in their work, and the year promises to be one of an increase of interest for this Chapter. Refreshments were

served and an enjoyable evening was spent and many pleasant acquaintances formed among the members of Delphi Chapter.

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KANSAS.

Estella Chapter, Oxford, had work for the first meeting in the year and has a promising outlook for the future.

We were favored with an invitation to attend the New Year's reception given by the ladies of Ivy Leaf Chapter, Wichita, were sorry to have to send regrets.

At the stated meeting, January 6, of Olive Chapter, Ft. Scott, four candidates were initiated, among whom was the daughter of Sister Jessie M. Pearsall, Grand Treasurer. Although the officers were new they did the work splendidly.

Queen Bess Chapter Eureka held public installation in connection with the Masons Dec. 23rd. After which an elegant banquet was served in the banquet hall to about eighty members and guests. Queen Bess has had a very prosperous and harmonious year. Fourteen candidates have been initiated into the Order. Nearly all the old officers were re-elected, and with one or two exceptions have the work committed.

Elizabeth Richmond Chapter, South Haven, was organized January 5th by sister Edna E. Hall, G. C. who was assisted by her husband, R. Allen Hall, P. P. of Coldwater Chapter, Michigan, now a member in Wichita. Elizabeth Richmond is W. M.; R. W. Lemmond, W. P.; Ella Peckham, A. M.; E. H. Droz, Sec. Also on Jan. 16, by the same was organized Woodbine Chapter at Douglass, Mary E. Brown, W. M.; George Nagle, W. P.; Mattie Nagle, A. M.

Andrina Chapter, U. D. Eldorado was instituted January 8th with fourteen charter members. Sister Ellen A. Kenner G. W. assisted by the following officers of Queen Bess Chapter, Eureka, organized the Chapter: A. Wilson, A. M.; E. Marden, C.; Mary Rizer, A. C.; B. Cloyston, C.; Allie Martin, O.; Nannie Harlan, A.; Lucy Dittmore, E.; Jennie Richardson, M.; Clara Miller, E.; Martha Hammond, W.; Mrs. Stella B. Armstrong is W. M.; T. A. Kramer, W. P.; Miss Elma Wingert, A. M.; C. F. Armstrong, Secretary.

The officers of Ellsworth Chapter were publicly installed January 7. The installing officer was Past Matron, Carrie O. Getty, and the ceremony was rendered more impressive and beautiful by being thoroughly memorized. Sister Mary E. Lyons assisted as Marshal and her work was also committed. Refreshments followed the installation and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Ellsworth Chapter has a membership of forty-two. It is the custom in this Chapter to remit the dues of all sisters who are widows.

Miriam Chapter, Emporia, held installation December 26. It was conducted by Past Grand Patron, J. Jay Buck, with Levi M. Gibson as Marshal, in connection with the following Masonic bodies, Emporia Lodge A. F. & A. M. Emporia Chapter R.

A. M., and Emporia Council R. & S. M. The installation of officers was followed by a supper served in the banquet hall of the Temple. The Masons of Emporia always do things in about the correct manner, and consequently nobody will be surprised when we say that the installation was a social affair that was highly enjoyable.

Osborn Chapter, has had a successful year having added seven new members, while the membership has been depleted by removals and one of the brightest links was severed. The officers were installed in connection with those of Osborn Chapter, R. A. M. on the evening of Dec. 27th. The installation was appropriately interspersed with music and after the ceremonies refreshments were served to about one hundred and fifty guests. The officers are: Sabina E. DeTrack, W. M.; F. P. Wells, W. P.; Ellen Hubbell, A. M.; Fannie Hawn, Sec.; S. P. Crampton, Treas.; Anna Skinner, Con.; H. G. Cunningham, A. Con.

Crescent Chapter, U. D., Wilson, was instituted with fourteen members, December 31, by Brother John Hammond, P. P. of Crystal Chapter, Bunker. Brother Hammond was accompanied by Sisters Hammond, W. M., Shaffer, Sellers, Crabtree and Marten, and Brothers Crabtree, Lindsey, Thomas and Wengert of Crystal Chapter, who assisted in exemplifying the work. After work was finished all partook of a bountiful supper and watched the New Year in, then Brother and Sister Hammond drove eight miles in the storm to their home. Sister Ernestine Deissroth, W. M.; Frederick Deissroth, W. P.; Sister Sidonia C. Kyner, A. M.; and Sister Gertrude Keller, Secretary.

Fidelity Chapter, Carbondale, held public installation Dec. 18, and the Masonic Fraternity and Friends of the Order showed their appreciation by a full attendance. Supper was first served, after which Sister Beddle delivered an address on "The Origin, Antiquity, and Benefits of the Order" which was received with interest. The officers were then installed by Sister A. J. Reed with Sister M. Beddle as Marshal, and are, W. M., Sarah Thomas; W. P., A. F. Graham; Asso. M., Ella Ellis; Sec., A. Waetzig; Treas., Sister Gauger; Con., Mattie Fuller; Asso. Con., Jane McKee; A., Alcesta Easton; R., Winnie Veatch; E., Augusta Bartlett; M., Minnie Veatch; E., Julia Patterson; War., Mary Catron; Sen., Kinzey Veatch.

The occasion of a recent banquet given by El Dorado Commandery, Knights Templar, was made more enjoyable by the presence

of the wives, daughters, mothers and sisters, as guests. The tables were laid with unusual care, everywhere displaying in arrangement and floral designs, the emblems of the craft. The banquet was in every particular a credit to the "prince of caterers," Sir Knight S. A. Mateer. The interest of the members of our Order centres on the fact that among the toasts given, was one to The Eastern Star, which was responded to by Sister E. A. Kenner, G. M. Also among the guests is the familiar name of Sister Eudora E. Hall, who with her husband, Sir R. Allen Hall, was seated at the right of the Emminent Commander.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, held a special meeting December 16, when six candidates were initiated. After the ceremony there was a loud rap on the door. It was opened and in walked a dignified goat, decked out in bright ribbons, and had a crazy patch saddle in which the five colors of the Order were prominent. For a time merriment reigned supreme. A banquet was served after the close of Chapter. At the regular meeting held December 23, the officers were installed by P. M. Mary C. Snedden, R. W. G. M. assisted by P. M., Flora M. Ericsson as G. M.; Sister Libbie Towner, W. M.; Wm. Priestly, W. P.; Sister Ida Saunders, A. M.; Sister S. P. Weaver, Treasurer; Sister Elida L. Chadburn, Secretary; Sister Kate Taffe, Con.; Sister S. P. Thompson, A. C.; Sister Jennie Taffe, A.; Sister W. J. Butler, R.; Sister A. Waggoner, E.; Sister Hattie Priestly, M.; Sister L. Courter, E.; Sister Estella L. Briggs, W.; Brother F. L. Weaver, Sen. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of an O. E. S. jewel to the retiring W. M., Sister F. M. Ericsson. It was presented by Sister Jennie Taffe, on behalf of the members, in a very pretty little address. Sister Ericsson was completely surprised, but responded with heartfelt thanks. Mendias has had, under Sister Ericsson, a prosperous and harmonious year.

Wamego Chapter, Wamego, invited the members of the Masonic Lodge and their families to attend its installation. After the installation ceremonies were over Sister Mamie Pemberton read a poem composed by her father, Prof. Pemberton, one of the members. Lunch was then served and the evening socially spent. This Chapter was chartered in March, and during the rest of the year conferred the degrees on sixteen candidates. Sister Stone, W. M., was pleasantly surprised on Christmas eve to receive a beautiful little gavel from the G. M., Sister

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Beulah Chapter, Topeka, held the first social of the New Year on the evening of January 7, at the beautiful home of Brother and Sister J. S. Collins, W. P. and Electa, 615 VanBuren St. Sisters Mattie Branstrup, W. M.; Elma Startzman, A. M.; Mary Wilmarth A. C. and Frinda Edwards assisted in entertaining the guests. About seventy-five were present and passed a delightful evening. Florist Jas. T. Hays, sent a hundred roses with his compliments. Beulah Chapter at the first meeting in January, received four petitions for the degrees, and on the second ten petitions, so there will be some work to do. At the meeting of January 17, Brother G. W. Clark, P. G. P., and Sister Olive Clark, C. Lon., of Lyons, and Sisters Anise Mendenhall and Lawson of Lawrence, were welcome visitors. Judge Clark has been appointed Assistant Attorney General, and will be in Topeka for the next two years. The many friends of Brother and Sister Clark will find them at home at 600 W. Sixth Ave., Hick's Block.

MONTANA.

On December 29, the officers of Ruth Chapter, Butte City, were installed by Edna L. Hedges, G. M.; Lizzie Marsh, A. G. M., acting as G. Marshal. The beautiful ceremony was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. At the close of the installation an excellent literary and musical program was rendered, followed by a tempting collation.

MISSOURI.

Golden Gate is the name selected by Bro. Sam L. C. Rhodes for the third Chapter which is to be located in Kansas City, and of which Sister Asa Maddox is W. M., and Asa Maddox, W. P.

Past Matron, Mary A. Gould, installed the officers of Randolph Chapter, Moberly—they are: Sister Frank Tuttle, W. M.; Brother G. Kelley, W. P.; Sister J. S. Gould, A. M.; Sister F. Ackert, Sec.; Sister F. Clark, Treas.; Sister J. Ruby, C.; Sister Stella Laughlin, A. C.

MICHIGAN.

At a recent meeting of Oriental Chapter, Grand Rapids, four candidates were elected to receive the degree, and at the next initiation its officers will be robed.

Sharon Chapter, South Bay City, is in quite a flourishing condition. Three can-

didates have been received since election and there is one awaiting initiation and one petition to be balloted for.

Sister Sarah Bridge, W. M. of the Keystone Chapter, Detroit, was presented by Hayward Chapter, with a beautiful parlor lamp. The gift was made in recognition of the services rendered by Brother and Sister Bridge in music for Haywards' festive occasions.

The recent Fair held in Detroit, by Hayward Chapter of that City, netted the Masonic Home at Grand Rapids, \$150.00 for which General Innes, Sec. acknowledge receipt with thanks. Also the treasury of the Chapter was increased \$50, the receipts from a supper given.

Unity Chapter, Newaygo, was organized twenty months ago with sixteen charter members, and now numbers sixty-four. Five candidates await initiation and seven petitions are pending. It has purchased an organ, secretary's books and Seal. A very nice set of officers' Jewels were presented the Chapter by the Masonic Fraternity. Though a town of but fourteen hundred inhabitants, it has excellent material for good Stars.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter for '90 make a pamphlet of eighty pages recounting the work of its twenty-fourth annual session. A very full report was given in the November issue of THE EASTERN STAR. Sister Rose in her report on Foreign Correspondence "thinks it strange that Indiana should keep the Patron at the head of the Order." He is, only so far as his name heads the list of officers, and his address is first submitted to the Grand Chapter. The work in Indiana is divided, the G. P. having charge of the organization of new Chapters, and the G. M. exercising all other executive duties.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The officers of Lady Emma Chapter, Fitchburg, were installed by G. M., A. M. Harrington, assisted by G. P. Shaw, with P. M., Emma Eaton, acting as G. Mar. The evening was most delightfully spent.

The officers of Bethlehem Chapter, Florence, were installed by Past Matron, E. C. Elder, the work being beautifully done. After the installation, speeches were made by brothers Fuller and Remington, sisters Elder and Wilcox. At the close all were invited to the banquet-room, where an oyster supper was greatly enjoyed.

The officers of Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, were installed on the evening of January 12, by Sister Gleason, P. G. M., assisted by Sister Hall, A. M., of Aurora Chapter, of Natick, and Sister Stacy, as Chaplain, from Mizpah. The large number present were delighted with the dignified, impressive rendering of the installation ceremonies.

The officers of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, were installed on Monday evening, January 12, by the retiring W. M., Emily E. Marden, assisted by G. Con., F. K. A. Barrows, as Mar., and Sister Carrie A. Odiorne, as Chaplain. The officers are: W. M., Ada E. Lavers; W. P., John G. Thorogood; A. M., Maria P. Hyde; Sec., Esther A. Gerald;

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And watches, as her anger flies.
See she smiles! Oh wondrous power!
Millions of violets burst into flowers,
Sunbeams in ecstasy mirror the smile,
Raindrops like gems sparkle the while,
Softly her kisses blow o'er earth,
Gaily the robin trills his mirth,
Flowery pathways Dame Nature weaves
Of dainty blossoms and soft leaves.
Tree buds above, flower buds below,
Sunshine between where maidens go.

—LAURA A. SMITH.

IN WINFRED'S WARD.

[Caroline B. LeKow in The Lookout.]

Eleanor Roosevelt was out of sorts. "Everything is so monotonous," she said to herself over and over again. It rained, and she could not take her usual afternoon drive on the avenue; but that troubled her little. The driving was as monotonous as all the rest of existence.

It was something of a change even to stay indoors at that hour of the day; but there was nothing in the house to interest her. From the window she sauntered to the piano, and, seating herself, struck listlessly a few chords.

Gradually a less wearied look came over the young face, and she began to play in earnest; grand music at first, thrilling through the great room, then the airs of some old ballads,—closing with a cheery song, which she ended abruptly in the middle of a bar.

She rose from the piano and turned to the mantel. "Only four o'clock," she said aloud, with something like a groan. "I never saw such a day! There'll never be an end to it!" Suddenly a thought seemed to strike her. She crossed the room swiftly, walked through the long hall, and up a broad flight of stairs to a little room in the rear of the great house. As she approached, she heard the sound of singing. How sweet and clear it was! And the words—the words were those of the old

ballad she had so suddenly ceased playing:

"Ah, don't be sorrowful, darling,
Now don't be sorrowful, pray;
For, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more night than day."

She entered the room as the song ceased. "Why, Ellen, I never knew you had such a voice! I never heard you sing before."

"It was your playing started me, Miss Roosevelt. But I'm so happy to-day!"

"Happy!" The young mistress of the great house repeated the word with a strange intonation, as if it were a new one to her. "Happy!" she said, for the second time, brushing aside a great heap of silk and lace from a broad low table, and seating herself on one end of it. "Well, I'm wretched—miserable! Such a day—pouring from morning till night; and nothing new to read, or—I thought I'd come up and try on some of the dresses again,—anything to kill time. What makes you so happy?" she inquired with a quick change of tone.

"My sister was taken to the hospital this morning," the young seamstress replied, smiling.

"What!" gasped Miss Roosevelt. "Hospital! Your sister!"

"The doctors decided three months ago that there was no help for her, but it was only last week that I had any hope of getting her into such a place—a place where she will be so splendidly taken care of, where she will have every comfort, and where I can go to see her every day!"

"Tell me all about it."

Miss Roosevelt pushed farther away from the shining piles of silk, bending eagerly towards her companion.

It was a simple story, and took but a short time in the telling. Winifred Austin was one year younger than her sister. Early orphaned, they had struggled through girlhood and into young womanhood together, by the hardest sort of hard labor at the sewing machine, until a spinal disease had developed with the younger one, making her a cripple for life.

"But the Hospital for Incurables,—do you know anything about the hospital, Miss

Roosevelt? A very rich woman left the money to build it with."

Miss Roosevelt shook her head. She knew nothing of hospitals,—no more than she knew of prisons, and police courts, and other horrors with which she had always associated them.

"It is such a pleasant place in Winnie's ward! The ladies of St. Mary's Mission, where we went to Sunday-school, arranged so that she could go there. They gave her a sunny corner, too—such a blessing,—and we're so thankful! Why, we're happy!" Her deft fingers busily plaited narrow folds in the silk as she talked on with animated manner and radiant face.

Miss Roosevelt sat still and watched her. This was a revelation. Why had she never before thought of this girl as a human being? She had realized that she was a fine seamstress; her work was faultless, as was also the work of the sewing-machine standing near by her. She had hardly separated them in her thought.

Yet this young girl had been coming to this great granite mansion every day for weeks to sew for her; always with a placid face and cherry manner, and rapid fingers, and yet with all the poverty and deprivation, with all the pain and hopelessness of her humble home waiting for her every night after her day's work was done,—this poor sewing girl, happy because her only sister was in a hospital, and the sun shone in her corner of the ward! A pang struck through her heart, like the birththroes of something terribly strong and great.

"Can you see your sister to-day?" she asked suddenly.

"Oh, yes, that's the best part of it. I can see her every day after work is over."

Miss Roosevelt rose suddenly, and pulled the bell rope. Put away all this stuff," she said impulsively, taking the work out of Miss Austin's hands. "Get your hat on. I want to see your sister. Tell James to have the coupe at the door just as quick as he possibly can," she said to the maid who appeared in answer to her summons.

Miss Austin hesitated.

"But such a storm, Miss Roosevelt! You never go out in such a rain as this!"

"It's high time I did, then," Miss Roosevelt responded, with another pang, as she became conscious of the fact that the young sewing-girl had come and gone, unheeded, many times in just such pouring rain, and not in a carriage either.

The drive was not a long one, the hospital which sheltered so much helplessness and suffering being but a few blocks from the Roosevelt house, which for generations had been the abode of elegance and abundance. Winifred's ward was not sunny to-day, unless one could designate as "sunshine in a shady place" the smile which lighted the sick girl's face at sight of her sister. She had heard much of the beautiful and wealthy Miss Roosevelt, and showed gratitude, but no surprise, at the unexpected visit.

"Will you please play something for my sister and the rest of them?" Miss Austin pleaded in a low tone. "They would all enjoy it so!"

An upright piano stood in the hall just outside the ward, and Miss Roosevelt went to it at once, glancing, as she passed, at the rows of beds on each side of her, and feeling as if she were walking in a strange, new world. It grew dark as she played on and on, forgetful of everything but the quiet suffering souls by whom she was surrounded; and then she sang—sang as she never sang before,—sweet old familiar hymns at first, and ending with the little ballad.—

"'Tis wintry weather, my darling,
Time's waves they heavily run,
But, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more cloud than sun.

"And God is God, my darling,
Of the night as well as the day;
And we feel and know that we can go
Wherever He leads the way."

The music died away in soft, caressing chords. And as she rose from her seat, she found that she was surrounded by a group of women and children,—such women and children! She had never in all her life seen such thin, drawn faces, faces so old in youth, so stamped with traces of human pain, so full of pathetic patience.

Many broken words, and murmurs of gratitude, greeted her. The little children all tried to grasp her hands. Women kissed the folds of her garments. She stood stunned, overwhelmed among them.

One of the nurses, smiling, though her eyes were full of tears, gently moved them aside, and laid her hand on Miss Roosevelt's shoulder. "It's so new for the patients," she said, her voice trembling. "If they could hear you play and sing once in a while, I'm sure it would do them more good than medicine. Just look at them!" The two passed down the ward together. Many of the women had struggled into a sitting position upon their narrow cots, a smile upon their pallid faces, a look of gratitude in their hollow eyes. They gazed upon her as she passed by, with a look which was a prayer and a benediction.

This was not Miss Roosevelt's last visit to the hospital. It was the beginning of a long

series of visits, made on regular days of the week, at regular intervals, that the patients might know when to look forward to the pleasure which her coming gave them:

She told the story to other idle women,—women, like herself, with great talents, great fortunes, and unlimited leisure. "Just to go and play for those poor creatures? Just to sing a few songs for them? Why, of course. That's a very little thing to do. I'd like to do it; but I should never have thought of such a thing,"—such was the answer returned to Miss Roosevelt's appeal.

Many, for the first time in their lives, thus learned why it is more blessed to give than to receive; how a man finds his life by losing it, and that one's strongest hope for heaven is based upon one's willingness to lend a hand on earth.

WORDS TO THE WISE.

[Abby Morton Diaz in Union League.]

We have considered some of the reasons why many women contract marriage for various unworthy considerations, that is, they go through the legal form, that alone being marriage which is based on mutual love and respect, these being based on a sufficient mutual acquaintance. Other marriage than this is not union but disunion. The amount of unhappiness caused by that disunion, called incompatibility, can never be revealed. Neither has it yet come to be recognized that disunion cannot unite, and that the marriage relation entered into and continued under a legalized disunion is in one sense a criminal connection.

From incompatibility come divorces, these being so numerous, as shown by statistics, that the marriage institution seems likely to become hardly an institution at all, but to a great degree a system of transient conditions.

The evils of such a system are too numerous for our present consideration, but one of these bears so directly on the matter we have in hand that it must not be passed by. The children of these inharmonious marriages must themselves be inharmonious. They can scarcely fail of being faulty in character, are likely, from birth conditions, to be sensual or untrue, or lacking in the nobler qualities, and to this, which is their birthright, must almost surely be added all that would naturally come to them from the probable unsatisfactory kind of home life resulting from this wedded disunion. And these children, be it remembered, will become citizens, and as such they are likely to fill places of influence, to possess large opportunities, to affect the country's interest and reputation, and whatever may be their station, their qualities, manifested in conduct, must affect the moral standard of the community.

The next question is, in how far can we remedy the existing state of things? How substitute true ideas for false ones in the minds of all women? How make them feel that a true single life is far better than an untrue marriage.

EASTER.

[Eugenie Pruden in Home Magazine]

But Easter-day breaks! But
Christ rises! Mercy every way
Is infinite—and who can say?

From the earliest period of Christianity down to the present day, Easter, the anniversary of our Lord's resurrection has been one of the festivals of the church, anciently called "The Great Day," later, "The Queen of Festivals."

On Easter morning, in primitive times, it was the custom for Christians, in their salutations to each other, to say "Christ is risen;" to which came the reply, "Christ is risen indeed."

Some have supposed our name Easter is derived from *Eostre*, the name of a Saxon Deity, whose feast was celebrated at this time of year, while others suppose it is from *Oster*, which means rising, a very appropriate interpretation, as it is the resurrection time of the year—of the vegetable world.

During different periods of our history, in different localities, there have been various customs connected with the keeping of Easter, which came into use largely through superstitious beliefs. One comes to mind how it used to be the custom of certain people upon Easter day to light a sacred fire, when every household would bring a walnut branch and throw upon it, which, when partially burned, was removed and preserved to lay upon the hearth-fire during a tempest, as a protecting charm against lightning.

No such customs, however, are known to exist in this country, though we do hold to an observance of the day, which every year comes to be more and more universal. We make it a flower day—so much so, we might in truth say Easter has come to be with us a festival of flowers. We decorate our churches; we decorate our homes; we give gifts of flowers to our friends. How strange it seems now, as we look back over the ancient ways of keeping Easter, that we find so little mention made of the use of flowers; still, perhaps, it is not so strange when we bring to mind for how short a time in reality we have made use of them. The florists tell us that twenty years ago they had no Easter trade in flowers worth the speaking of; that its growth has been entirely within the past ten and twelve years, and that during some of these years the demand for flowers has exceeded the supply. An English paper of last May said they had sent \$42,000 worth of flowers to New York for Easter decorations. Take this amount in connection with what we raise ourselves, and we can very readily imagine something of the quantity used. Upon first thought some might consider this a great waste, the expenditure of so much money in just flowers and plants, but with it is connected the doing of much good, as in cities many of the plants and flowers that are used in churches, are distributed among the hospitals and the sick.

"A light heart lives long." Think only healthful thoughts. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

THE STARS OF CONNECTICUT.

Across my pathway to *O'ive*,
The stars shone bright from the *Orle* it,
As with weary feet and aching brow,
I entered the hall of *Bige'on*.
O'er the portal of whose *Mystic* door,
Hung banners inscribed *Ezeclisior*.
My pulses quickened as I espied
A group of sisters on either side.
With *Baki* smile, and *Welcom* hand.
In *Crity* a true loving band,
And with a charity *Evergreen*,
Ecta, *Adah*, *Martha* are seen.
A trio of kind sisters are they,
With a Hope in Immortality.
Then with a fervency spoke dear *Eli*
Come, enter sister with us to dwell:
Queen *Ether* too spoke in accents low,
As she clasped hands with brave *Te* *the*.
Dwell content with us, and you will see,
Our Fidelity to *Pillulu* y,
Martha *Washington* and *Lucia* bright,
Send forth rays to *the* *height*
Fair *Robecca* and *Nao* ni too.
In Constancy ever pure and true.
As you wear the *O'ire* branch of peace,
May Light, Purity, and Joy increase,
And beneath the fair *Mignolia* tree,
The *Acra* and the *Myrle* see,
Which with Sharon's *Rose* you may entwine
To crown all these sisters dear of mine.
And pray that ere this years work is done,
Weak Chapters will gain strength ev'ry one.
And soon, Yankee like we truly "guess"
You'll see new stars in our O.—E—S.

—CLARISSA B. CURTISS, G. M.

GRAND CHAPTER OF KANSAS FOR 1891.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter met in Masonic Temple, Salina, March 10 and 11. It was called to order at two o'clock p. m. by the G. M., Lillian A. Wiggs, who was assisted by the G. P., William Julien and the associate officers. There were present thirteen Grand Officers and Past Grand Matrons, Mary A. Hepler, Mary A. Buck, Myra Mottram, Mary C. Snedden, Rinda E. Chesney, Lottie E. Young and P. G. P., Julius R. Trouslot. Also as visitors M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford, R. W. A. G. M., Mary C. Snedden, R. W. G. Sec., Lorraine J. Pitkin, A. G. M., Mary Wakefield and P. G. P., Sam L. C. Rhodes, of Missouri. There were forty Chapters represented.

The room was a bower of loveliness, for flowers were everywhere and the beautiful blossoms dispelled the remembrance that outside winter was abroad in the land. The sisters of Salina had made everything ready for the coming guests. The ceremony of opening was preceded by a very pretty march by the officers, which was prepared by P. G. M., Mary A. Hepler. The officers of the General Grand Chapter, the visiting Grand Officers and the P. G. M's. and P. G. P. were conducted to the East and received with grand honors. The local Chapter presented the G. M. with an exquisite corsage bouquet and the G. M. remembered the M. W. G. M. with three beautiful calla lilies.

The Grand Matron appointed the following committees:

Credential—Lottie E. Young, Frances E. Ellis, Brother Brinkerhoff.

Finance, Ways and Means—Myra Mottram, Lottie Trouslot, J. A. Regnall.

Unfinished Business—Lucy A. Taylor,

Martha A. Branstrup, Clara A. Hinman.
Jurisprudence—Alfred Whitman, Delia Freeman, Helen B. Farnsworth.

Chartered Chapters—Albertine N. Sperry, Frances Stone, A. M. Reddall.

Chapters U. D.—Mary C. Snedden, D. C. Battey,

Appeals and Grievances—Lucia Clark, Ellen M. Carpenter, J. R. Trouslot.

Foreign Correspondence—Rinde E. Chesney, Harriet N. Smith, Terry Critchfield.

Sister M. A. Crowley, W. M., in behalf of Harmony Chapter, Salina, presented the G. M. with a beautiful floral star, and also welcomed the Grand Chapter and visitors. The welcome was responded to by P. G. M., Mary A. Buck, in beautifully chosen and well-spoken words. The opening of the Grand Chapter was indeed beautiful. The work was memorized and well-rendered, each officer giving her best, making almost a perfect whole.

In the west were the emblems of mourning for the station of A. G. M., was made vacant by the recent call of the messenger, who bore in his outgoing the spirit of Sister Lizzie E. Gabriel.

The G. M., Sister Wiggs, is, I believe, the youngest to fill such a position, but none could have more sweetly and acceptably served. It is a feature of especial pleasure to those who are looking back upon life, to see the younger women so earnestly taking up the work. Her address was beautiful and beautifully delivered. We cull a few thoughts, she says:

"From many lands and many tongues, hearts moulded alike by human sympathy into the love of their fellow-men, echo these cheering words, and lead rejoicing pilgrims from every land to lay the offering of a loving heart upon the cradle-altar. And we to-day, actuated by a yearning for the good, the true, and the beautiful, bring the humble tribute of our offerings to the same altar; for the Star that once trembled upon the horizon is moving towards the zenith of human ideals, and floods our earth with its mellow light. Under its benign influence the shadows of superstition and bigotry are giving way to Fidelity, Constancy, Purity, Faith, Love.

It is well, then, therefore, that we meet here to-day to review the past. It is well that we meet to greet each other as co-workers of the present. It is well that we meet to lay our plans for the accomplishment of still greater things in the future, and gather inspiration for our labors.

When last we met, you placed within my charge certain duties to be performed, and it is proper that I submit for your approval a statement of the manner in which the powers delegated have been used.

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Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath.
And stars to set—but all
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death"

In that higher Chapter the doors have swung inward, and one by one these loved ones have entered to form links of an ever-increasing, unseen chain:

Memory touches with her magic wand, and the vacant chairs are again filled by familiar forms; sweet voices of the past gladden our hearts, and loving hand-grasps thrill us as of yore. The present and the future are the better for the lives of these our Brothers and Sisters, who thus live on

forever. May we emulate their virtues, and departing, leave behind us memories as precious.

Thus have the busy days sped by which make up the record of the changing year; and happy indeed would it be if we could record the high resolves, the noble vows, the buoyant words of hope, the willing sacrifices, the consolation at the threshold of the tomb, the heroic actions, that these passing days have witnessed in our Order. But as it ever was, so with us; the things in which we glory most, and which form the brightest gems in the world's diadem of rejoicing, are the ones of which we may but hint—the things which no pen may record. That the year has been fruitful of these higher things there is no doubt.

Our borders have widened with the year. Fifteen chapters have been added to our number, and an interest awakened that will lead to the establishment of many more in the near future. Thus every year our Order is removed still farther from the "experimental stage." This steady growth gives hope that in the not-far-distant future every Masonic Lodge in Kansas shall have its counterpart in the associated efforts of the wives, mothers, and daughters to accomplish in our Order the good which Masonry seeks. It needs no prophet to foretell what the future has in store for our beloved Order. As higher civilization clears our skies and drives away the clouds of ignorance and prejudice, every star in the boundless blue shines out with brighter lustre; and over them all, with a softer light, stands our guiding star to mark the consecrated ground where all mankind shall come, bound by fraternal ties, to offer the incense of enraptured hearts, and the precious gifts of well-spent lives. Then in this generous effort, let us with each other vie to show who best may labor in our cause—

Hailing with gladness the beautiful light
Of the dear Eastern Star, that shineth as bright
As the one which the shepherds saw shining on them
And gliding the roofs of far Bethlehem.

Angels than sang, for mankind could not sing,
Of the peace and good-will that this Star should bring:

But under our Star we take up the strain,
And sing fondly of love and good-will unto men.

Though sad be our partings, there cometh a time
When again we shall meet in a far fairer clime,
Where all of the stars shall blend in one ray
And make the effulgence of eternal day.

The G. M. reported the appointment of deputies to constitute the newly chartered Chapters and install their officers. The granting of several "special dispensations" and official acts, among which was the appointment of a committee to represent the Grand Body at the Grand Lodge in regard to an Orphans' Home. Also she made many pleasant Chapter visits and recommended that some action be taken regarding the defraying of the expenses of the G. M. when visiting in an official capacity, a very proper suggestion which however passed by unheeded.

The Grand Patron's report showed that he had not been unmindful of the responsibilities resting him but had discharged the duties with all faithfulness. In opening he says:

"Another year in the history of this Grand Chapter has been numbered with the past, and through the loving kindness and tender mercies of Divine Providence, we have once more been permitted to assemble around our sacred altar to offer up devotions to Him who doeth all things well.

Since we last met changes have been wrought, and to-day we miss the familiar

forms of many of our old associates, who, in years past, were permitted to gather around our sacred altar and mingle with us in the Chapter-room, and grasp the hand of those who, with us, desire the growth and upbuilding of our beloved Order.

It is with pleasure that I can report this Grand Jurisdiction in a prosperous condition. The Order in this State has been growing rapidly, and within the last year a new impetus has been given it through the zeal of many earnest workers, and new fields have been opened for the dissemination of the true principles of our Order, and many new Chapters have been formed.

During the year just closed I signed the charters of the ten new Chapters granted charters at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, approved the official bond of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and such other routine business as pertains to the office of the Grand Patron, besides granting dispensations to fifteen new Chapters in different portions of this Grand Jurisdiction. He also recommended "some provision for the payment of the necessary expenses of the G. M. when visiting Chapters, especially in cases where the Chapters visited are weak and unable to pay such expenses."

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed a balance on hand of over \$1,000.

Charters were granted to thirteen Chapters and two were continued U. D.

An amendment to change the time of meeting from March to May, having been submitted to the subordinate Chapters, and receiving the necessary endorsement was declared carried. A resolution was offered by the G. P. that as a token of appreciation for the services of the senior P. G. M., Mary A. Hepler, that the Grand Chapter pay her expenses to the sessions so long as she is spared to attend them, which was unanimously carried and the sister who was out of the room, was invited to the East and briefly responded to the gracious compliment.

On motion of Sister Snedden, P. G. M., the membership badge of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin was adopted as the badge to be used in that Jurisdiction.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of the expenses of the G. G. C. officers, which was adopted.

Electa Chapter reported the case of an orphan, which was left to its care, and the Grand Chapter adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter shall pay to Electa Chapter, No. 23, the sum of fifty dollars annually, so long as the same may be needed for the use of Emma Avery, an orphan, now under the care of that Chapter.

The Committee on Masonic Home was increased to five, consisting of Alfred Whitman, Mary C. Snedden, Mary A. Hepler, Lucy H. Taylor and D. C. Battey. They will confer with a similar committee of P. G. M.'s from the Grand Lodge, F. and A. M., and together they will formulate a plan of action.

On the first evening of the session, Harmony Chapter, of Salina, conferred the degrees upon two candidates. The officers wore satin robes, which were loaned the Grand Chapter by Parsons Chapter, and the work was well rendered. A letter of sympathy was sent to P. G. M., Georgia SeCoy.

Just before the close of the session, P. G. M., Lottie E. Young, in behalf of friends, presented the G. M. with a beautiful diamond ring in the following words:

"Worthy Grand Matron—I have been honored in being called upon to perform a very pleasant duty. This ring has been selected by your friends as a present to you, as a little token of our love and appreciation of the work done by you the past year. We believe that the sparkling gem contained herein is a symbol of the light and intelligence which has radiated from your work during the year that has past and gone. We have no knowledge of your ever having received that ring which we, who are not wholly one without that other one by our side, have received, therefore allow me to place this upon your finger as an emblem of your engagement to the work of our beautiful Order."

Although surprised, the G. M. replied that she never had that ring—none had been presented her—she supposed many of the sisters knew how she felt, and she hoped her life might be as bright as the gem.

The following officers were publicly installed by the M. W. G. M., assisted by Sister Carrie O. Getty, G. Mar. Sister Getty did her work beautifully, calling forth many compliments: Sister Eudora E. Hall, G. M., Wichita; T. J. McFarland, G. P., Parsons; Sister Carrie O. Getty, A. G. M., Ellsworth; David C. Battey, A. G. P., Florence; Sister Myra Mottram, G. Sec., Ottawa; Sister Jessie M. Pearsall, Treas., Ft Scott; Sister Lottie E. Trouslot, G. C., Newton; Sister Helen B. Farnsworth, A. G. C., Topeka; Sister Carrie S. Smith, G. Mar., Girard; Sister Mae Quick, G. A. Colwell; Sister Frances Stone, G. R., Wanego; Sister Stella B. Armstrong, G. E., Eldorado; Sister Rebecca Reed, G. M., Nickerson; Sister Lucia Clark, G. E., Independence; Sister Mae Wells, G. W., Osborne; A. E. Naw, G. Sent.; Sister Smith, J. G. Org. The G. C. will hold its next annual meeting at Pittsburg.

MARRIAGE BY PURCHASE.

R. R. in the Young Idea

Many persons do not realize how far back some of our present customs date, nor how interesting is their origin.

For instance, the word "wedding" is derived from the "wed" or security which the Anglo-Saxon groom gave to the trustees to prove that he should perform his part of the contract. It was necessary to have a trustee appointed, because, after the world became civilized enough not to have the wives captured and carried off by force, the fathers became corrupt and made contracts with many prospective sons-in-law, and received from them money, or what was called *foster lean*. Then when the wedding-day came, the father could only give the bride to one husband, and yet he kept all the *foster leans* which he had been able to collect. Daughters in those days were a source of income, as their work belonged to the father, and every husband expected to pay for his wife.

The symbol of domestic authority was the shoe, and the father gave this to the bridegroom. He then became the bride's owner. Having paid the price, he tapped her lightly upon the head as a token that she was his property. The throwing of the slipper also

comes down from the Saxons, and has the same meaning.

When in the Bible story Boaz paid for his bride, Ruth by redeeming the property of her mother-in-law he cast off his shoe as a sign that he had bought her.

Herodotus tells us that once a year the Babylonians held a wife auction when all their marriageable girls were disposed of to the highest bidder. The money thus obtained was divided into portions for the undesirable girls, whom nobody wanted, but who found purchasers because of the dowries they carried with them.

Until within the last half century modern nations have not provided for women according to their degree of civilization as successfully as did the ancient Babylonians, for they shut every avenue to independence, and expected every woman to marry, and every husband to live and support her. It is the greatest mark of progress in the history of women that it is no longer considered a heinous thing for her to stretch out her hand and earn her own loaf of bread.

"LADY" OR "WOMAN."

Mrs. Lynn Linton calls attention to the curious fact that whereas fifty years ago, gentlewomen said "mamma" and were called "ladies," while humbler people said "mother" and were called "women," we have now made a kind of verbal somersault. What used to be the sign of dignity has become the shibboleth of vulgarity, while the old badge of the common folk has been adopted by the upper classes. The philosophy of the matter lies, we are told, in the strange desire to be thought socially better than we are, which leads in time to the universal adoption of a title that once had a definite meaning. The inevitable consequence is the return of the higher to the simple conditions abandoned by the lower, for "the fine flour" always separates itself from the immediate imitators and prefers to adopt the style and manner of those who are too far removed for the possibilities of confusion. "Woman" in Mrs. Lynn Linton's opinion, is taking an almost Junonic symbolism—grand, supreme, all-embracing; while "lady" has fallen to the ground like an over-ripe plum in the heart of which the wasps have been at work.

MASONIC.

Upon the corner-stone of the Capitol at Washington is the following inscription upon a silver plate: "This southeast corner-stone of the Capitol of the United States of America, in the city of Washington, was laid on the 18th day of September, 1793, in the thirteenth year of American independence, in the first year of the second term of the presidency of George Washington, whose virtues in the civil administration of his country have been as conspicuous and beneficial as his military valor and her liberties have been useful in establishing her liberties, and in the year of Masonry 5793, by the President of the United States, in concert with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several lodges under its jurisdiction, and Lodge No. 22, for Alexandria, Va."

AN ANSWER.

Do you know you have asked for the costliest thing
 Ever made by the Hand above—
 A woman's heart and a woman's life,
 And a woman's wonderful love?
 Do you know you have asked for this priceless thing
 As a child might have asked for a toy—
 Demanding what others have died to win
 With the reckless dash of a boy?
 You have written my lessons of duty out
 Manlike you have questioned me:
 Now stand at the bar of my woman's soul
 Until I have questioned thee!
 You require your bread shall be always good,
 Your socks and your shirts shall be whole;
 I require your heart to be true as God's stars,
 And pure as heaven your soul!
 You require a cook for your mutton and beef
 I require a far better thing:
 A seamstress you're wanting for stockings and shirt
 I want a man and a king!

A king for the beautiful realm called home,
 And a man that the maker, God,
 Shall look upon as he did the first,
 And say, It is very good!
 I am fair and young, but the rose will fade
 From the soft young cheek one day;
 Will you love me then 'mid the falling leaves,
 As you did 'mid the bloom of May?
 Is your heart an ocean so strong and deep
 I may launch my all on its tide?
 A loving woman finds heaven or hell
 On the day she is made a bride
 I require all things that are good and true.
 All things that a man should be;
 If you give this all I would stake my life
 To be all you demand of me,
 If you cannot do this—a laundress, a cook,
 You can hire with little to pay;
 But a woman's heart and a woman's life
 Are not to be won that way.

—Exchange.

EDUCATION.

"So shall join the choirs' invisible,
 Whose music is the gladness of the world."

All that has been is ours for the taking, from the Homeric legends which Schliemann has made history to the latest invention of American Edison. Plato teaches us still from the olive groves of the Academia and living Cicero charms us by his grace and fire. The world of art, of literature, of music, the past and its history, the future and its promise may be ours.

Then occupy not all your time with material things; but believe that ideals, high thinking, the acquisition of knowledge, is as real a duty as washing the dishes. Rooms that are swept must be swept again, dinners will be devoured, holes will come where the darns are, and when the last tot is bathed on Saturday night, you know that Monday morning you must begin all over again on the washing. Not but what these things must be attended to, and *ought* to be done as a labor of love, but we must not let our minds stop with our hands, educate each to do its own work.

There are thousands who work that they may sleep, eat that they may exist, and die without knowing the shape of the planet on which they lived. It is education which takes the drudgery out of life. And it is because we women are human beings and are going to live evermore that we wish to be the best that our lives permit. It is because we wish our children to be wiser than ourselves that we wish to be as wise as possible. It is because the immortal will last

through eternity and the material is so short lived that it is only wise to educate the mind, the soul.

History is the record of the works of mind, and as we study, resolves its self into a succession of biographies. Every change, every revolution was first a thought in one man's mind, and every revolt since Eve ate the apple has had its effect on our own individual lives. Each one of us is wiser because Solomon lived, better, because of Martin Luther, incomprehensibly better, grander, because Christ walked the high-ways and byways of Palestine. We are what the past has made us, the product of the slowly evolving ages; and the thoughts that Semiramis or Cleopatra thought are living in effect to-day. Hypatia, Sapho, Mary Queen of Scots, Catherine the Great, Ristori, have touched with a finger, howsoever light, the present time.

We have stood with Leonidas at Thermoplie, and for us Demosthenes may again declaim by the Aegan Sea. With Cesar we may cross the Rubicon, and with William the Conqueror, the English channel. A French Reign of Terror, or a Russian insurrection appeals to us. We recognize something kindred to ourselves in Henry of Navarre, and Richard the Lion Heart. We study ship-building with Peter the Great and the stars with Galileo. Knowledge makes one a citizen of the world. The past, with the accumulated experiences of the ages, gives itself to us but for the asking, and we learn "she hums the old, well known air through innumerable variations."

To him who understands, the rocks, floods and fields, are voiceful with their wonderous history, and a pebble can tell him of time when man was not and the crust of our planet, a motten lake. Agassiz, Humbolt Spencer, Darwin, Hugh Miller, Oh, the secrets they have wrested from the book of nature. Man has "dropped his plummet line into space," and measured the velocity of light, the distance of the sun, the density of the planets, has reached out in all directions after an understanding of the magnitude of God's creation.

And the fair land of literature, the land from whence we may command a view of ourselves! Pope says "the proper study of mankind is man" and a study of the Greeks, the Romans, the English or the French make us wiser in directing our own American mode of living. What a pleasure it is to sit by my fireside and yet wander through English scenes with Dickens, Eliot, poor Hood or gentle Charles Lamb.

Will not the works of Helne, the dramatic poems of Schiller, the love songs of Goethe, the hymns of Luther show us a sublime Fatherland! We can stay at home and smile at their weird, grotesque "Marchen" such as Grimms, Tieck or Hoffman wrote, or let their Kant or Fichte teach us to think. And our Hawthorne, Longfellow, Holmes, Bryant, Holland, the unfortunate Poe, and elegant Lowell, gentle Irving and brilliant Lew Wallace—we can only be the better for the hours spent with them.

The intellectual activity which enables you to appreciate Browning or Emerson will help in directing the household wisely. Homes have never been so convenient, so comfortable, so pretty as now—women have never been so well educated, so alive to the ethical questions of the day. Never has such care been taken in the rearing of children, never have the mental and physical natures of the young been so studied—and never have women been so sensitive to the needs of the world as at the present time. Never have women been more beautiful than now or dressed with more skill, and never in the history of the world have so many been ready to devote their lives to uplifting their less fortunate fellows at home or in foreign mission fields.

The more thorough the education, the more extended the experience a woman receives, the nobler wife and better mother she will make, and more, her wisdom will enable her to lift her children higher than herself.

An education is never finished, the fields and hills, the sounding sea, the babbling brook, books, music, art, charity, social enjoyment, love, all will contribute to the true education, aye, even sorrow, till the snowy head is covered with earth and who can tell but then the soul will continue to unravel the mystery began.

ALICE STRONG.

HOW TO MAINTAIN AN INTEREST IN CHAPTER WORK.

[Mrs. Lucia A. Clark, W. M. Eva Chapter, Kansas, for Grand Chapter by request of Grand Matron.]

Doubtless every person present has a theory, perfect in every detail, concerning the proper way of conducting any enterprise, and of the most harmonious and effective way of obtaining desired results.

Said theory holds good until demonstrated by practical application. We discovered a very good illustration of our statement in a conversation between a lady and gentleman of our acquaintance, in which the proper management and education of a young girl, was the theme under discussion. The gentleman had very explicit, and we must add, excellent ideas of proper methods even to minute affairs.

The lady was edified, and filled with admiration, and thinking a person so well posted upon education of girls would be able to give advice on proper management of boys, propounded an earnest inquiry which elicited the following reply: "Well, the ideas that I used to hold regarding the boys I find won't hold together at least not in my own experience, in fact I leave my boys mostly to their mother."

Now in reference to our ideas of best methods of creating and maintaining an interest in our Chapter. 'Tis easy to say let each member be prompt in attendance; let all commit their rituals and pay up dues promptly; let all act harmoniously, and never use the black ball except in extreme cases, and then only for the absolute good of the Order; but in how many Chapters is

this ideal state of things a reality? In other words as in everything else, there is no excellence without labor. So I will not attempt any theoretical statements, but simply give a few practical methods that have proved successful in our own experience. We have found one of the most powerful incentives to full attendance lay in the line of refreshments no matter how simple. Then in meetings where no work is to be done, select several members to act as candidates, and go through with the form of initiation. It will add proficiency to the actual work, and at the same time be interesting. Then hold the banquets on the nights of work in some public place. Let it be known there is something of interest going on where everybody cannot come. It will advertise the Order and create a desire to belong to it.

We have in our Chapter a very capable as well as enthusiastic sister who is a great benefit to us. She with the co-operation of the Chapter planned a lemon social, held at our principal hotel. All Masons and their families were invited. It was such a pleasant affair, and all were delighted; immediately seven petitions were sent in. It was such a success that recently another social was given under the same conditions, only it was called an observation social. The modus operandi of which was a table whereon was placed nineteen various articles. Each guest was provided with pencil and paper, then passing slowly around said table, each mentally noted the contents. They were then given five minutes to write down their observations. The papers were then taken up and read off to the great amusement of the large company present. The person noting the largest correct number of articles received a handsome prize. Then simple refreshments were served, after which the company left thanking the sisters for the agreeable evening spent. Direct results of entertainment within the week, eight petitions from persons who were there came in.

It was my good fortune last October, to visit our lamented sister Gabriel at her home in Parsons, and in her company visited the Chapter-room. And for successful enterprise I think Progress Chapter, of which she was Worthy Matron, deserves the highest commendation. All seemed so united and enthusiastic, and in such hearty accord with the Masonic bodies of the city. They seemed to have been eminently successful in entertainments by which they had provided their Chapter with beautiful satin robes besides other expensive decorations. She was so full of plans for advancement. The Order was very dear to her heart. We know how severely the Chapter must feel their bereavement; how they miss her gracious presence and wise counsels. We know, too, how each heart here to-day that had known her noble and loveable qualities of mind and heart, is saying:

"Oh for the touch of the vanished hand,
The sound of a voice that is still."

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THE DESTINY OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

[The above toast was responded to by Mrs. A. C. Logan, at a banquet of Miriam, Helena, Montana.

In attempting to prophecy what the destiny of the Order of the Eastern Star may be, I think it best to draw my conclusions from its past history, as those who prophecy most correctly, are those who study the events of the past, and the causes that lead to the events.

Since the organization of the General Grand Chapter in 1876 when it was given a new impetus, the history of the Order has been that of rapid growth and prosperity, especially in the past few years. It is I think with one exception the only successful Order of its kind, and I believe with the able and efficient aid of the brothers in the future as we have had it in the past, its progress can not help but be that of geometrical progression.

Although we are told that the Order of the Eastern Star is no part of Masonry, it is I believe founded on the same principle or principles as Masonry, the chief of which is Charity. Charity to the poor and brotherly and sisterly love and charity toward all the members of the Order.

The Order of the Eastern Star will be to women what Masonry is to men, and I am aware that no higher praise especially in the minds of the gentlemen, could be awarded, or a more brilliant future predicted.

So also will the Order be to women as the Star of the East, after which it is named, to the Wise men of old, leading them ever onward in the sweetest and greatest of all virtues, Charity, and in the other virtues represented by the several points of the Star personified in Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, and Electa.

That it will unite a great mass of men and women in the bonds of brotherly and sisterly love and charity, which cannot help but result in untold good in every community where there is such an Order.

That this spirit prevailing in the Order will not benefit or be confined to the members alone, but will go forth and spread as

"The good begun by thee shall larger grow
In many a branching stream and longer flow."

for
"If our virtues go not forth of us
T'were all alike as if we had them not.

I hope I have predicted nothing but what is very possible and I do not think I have drawn on my imagination to any great extent, but in order that my predictions be fulfilled, it will be necessary for each and every member of the Order, and each Chapter as an individual, to strive for its advancement in every way possible, and make it recognized as a charitable institutions whose "deeds speak louder than its words."

Long may our beautiful Order live and when the golden chain of friendship and love is severed on earth, may it be united in Heaven where purity of love reigns supreme. And may the virtue of our lives shine with a brilliant luster, that it may be said of us, "The fairest among thousands and the one altogether lovely", so may it ever be.

OUR "WESTWARD HO!"

By especial invitation of the Grand Matron, I attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Kansas recently held in Salina. On my way thither I was joined at St. Louis by Sister Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec., and we expected to have breakfasted with Sister Snedden, R. W. A. G. M., on the morning of March 7. A freight wreck ordered otherwise and occasioned a delay of six hours, which landed us in Kansas City, Kansas, for dinner. Here we found a goodly company to welcome us to Kansas soil, for Sister Mary, counting the shortness of our stay, had invited friends to meet us. We were in the nature of a surprise, and when Brother Martin, formerly one of Queen Esther's—Chicago, Ill., faithful member remarked that he would give a dollar to see Lorraine come in at the door, he little realized that in ten minutes it would be required of him. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Brother Sam L. C. and Sister Rhodes and daughter, Brother and Sister Towner and Ericsson and Brother and Sister Martin.

On the following afternoon, Mendias Chapter, Kansas, invited Harmony, Hesperia and Golden Gate Chapters from across the river, and Tirzah Chapter to attend a reception at the Chapter-room. The invitations were most generously accepted, and a large company spent the afternoon very pleasantly together. From the hall we went to the home of the Worthy Matron of Mendias, Sister Towner, where a six o'clock dinner was served and the time very delightfully spent until the hour arrived for our departure for Salina. On our onward trip our company was increased to five, sisters Snedden, Towner and Ericsson having joined the party. Boarding the train we found Grand Patron Julian, wife and party, to whom I was introduced as Sister Smith. Five a. m. found the weary wanderers seeking where to lay their head, but a little of dame nature's sweet restorer made all things right and dispelled the weariness. It was the wish of Sister Wiggs, G. M., when the request for the visit was made, that it be kept secret, and the members of the Grand Chapter be furnished a surprise, and of course it was the pleasure of all to further her plan. There were many delightful surprises and pleasures in store, and among the great pleasures was the meeting of a number of our Indiana sisters who were settled in different localities in Kansas. Sister Branstrup, who was one of the early members of Orient Chapter, and is now Worthy Matron of Benlah, Topeka, sweetened the occasion with continued gifts of beautiful white carnations and smilax. To sister Maria Chase, who was formerly of our Queen Esther family and is now Secretary of Ellsworth Chapter, I was a complete surprise. A meeting after thirteen years with the changes that can be crowded into some years, can be better imagined than described. The Grand Chapter session was one of the pleasantest that it was ever my pleasure to attend, and Kansas will allow no obstacles to prevent her reaching the highest plane among the Grands in the fraternal family.

The Grand Chapter over, we turned our steps eastward and the home coming, was as the going, made pleasant by the courtesies along the way. On reaching Kansas City we were the guests of brother and sister Rhodes until the following day, when we spent the afternoon in the pleasant Chapter room of Harmony Chapter, Kansas City, Missouri. The three Kansas City Chapters, Harmony, Hesperia and Golden Gate tendered a reception to which Mendias and Tirzah of Kansas were invited. Here again, I found Indiana representatives. Sister Miller, W. M., of Harmony Chapter, whose girlhood home was La Porte, and Sister Brattin, a former member of Minerva Chapter. Sisters Miller and Bigley received and introduced the visitors, and Sister Wakefield, Asso. G. M., of Missouri, presided very gracefully and introduced the guests in whose honor the reception was given. Very nice refreshments were served in the banquet room, and a very handsome bouquet was presented to each, Sisters Pitkin, Snedden and Bamsford. On leaving the Chapter room a small package was given us which was found when opened many "miles away" to contain several pieces of elegant cake with a note expressive of good wishes signed, "Miller and Bigley." From the hall we went to the pleasant home of Brother and Sister Wakefield for dinner where the intervening time until 9 p. m., was enjoyably spent. Sister Snedden was persuaded to accompany us as far as St. Louis, and the following morning found us in the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Lynds. The evening was spent with Tuscan Chapter, of which mention is made elsewhere, and in a few hours we parted, each taking a different route, to begin again life's duties that were laid aside for this trip of meeting, greeting and parting. It was from the beginning one of continued pleasure, and it mattered not where or whose guests we were, the same courtesy and love pervaded the atmosphere.

N. R.

SPONGE OUT THE HEADACHE.

The ordinary nervous headaches will be readily relieved, and in many cases entirely cured, by removing the waist of one's dress, knotting the hair high up on the head out of the way, and while leaning over a basin, placing a sponge soaked in water as hot as it can be borne on the back of the neck.

Repeat this many times, applying the sponge behind the ears, and the strained muscles and nerves that have caused so much misery will be felt to relax and smooth themselves out deliciously, and very frequently the pain promptly vanishes in consequence.

Every woman knows the aching face and neck generally brought home from a hard day's shopping or from a long round of calls and afternoon teas. She regards with intense dissatisfaction the heavy lines drawn around her eyes and mouth by the long strain on the facial muscles, and when she must carry that worn countenance to some dinner party or evening's amusement, it robs her of all the pleasure to be had in it.

Cosmetics are not the cure, nor bromides, nor the many nerve sedates to be had at the drug-shop.

Use the sponge and hot water again, bathing the face in the water as hot as it can possibly be borne; apply the sponge over and over again to the temples, throat and behind the ears, where most of the nerves and muscles of the head center, and then bathe the face in cold water running from the faucet. Color and smoothness of outline come back to the face, an astonishing freshness and comfort is the result, and if a nap of ten minutes can follow, every trace of fatigue will vanish.

The same remedy is invaluable for sunburn, and the worse case of this latter affliction of sensitive skins will succumb to the hot-water treatment. The cold douche should not follow in this case; instead, a light application of vaseline or cold cream, which prevents peeling of the skin as the hot water prevented inflammation. Nothing so good for tired eyes has yet been discovered as bathing them in hot water, and neuralgia nine cases out of ten will yield to applications of cloths wrung out in hot water in which the hand cannot be borne.

LANGUAGE OF GEMS.

[Jewelers' Review.]

From the most remote period of history significance has been attached to precious stones, and they have been supposed to exert a baneful or blessed influence over the destinies of the wearers. Among other curious old fancies about them is that which connects one with each month in the year, and with all who are born in that month. Thus to January belongs the garnet and the jacinth, which preserves the wearer from pestilence and from lightning. To February belongs the amethyst, signifying temperance. It protects the wearer from evil thoughts and jures or prevents inebriety; it makes him diligent, and procures him the favor of princes. The stone of March is the jasper, which cures hemorrhages, when worn or applied to a wound. Those born in April should wear the sapphire, significant of purity. To May belongs the agate, which protects from poison and appeases pain. If single in color it renders the wearer invincible. June has the emerald, significant of hope; teaching the knowledge of secrets, bestowing eloquence and wealth. It betrays inconsistency by crumbling to pieces when it cannot avert the evil. Achmet Stetram says that "He who dreams of green gems will become renowned and meet with truth and fidelity." The falling of an emerald from its setting is an evil omen to the wearer. When George III was crowned a large emerald fell from the crown. America was lost to Great Britain during his reign. To July belongs the onyx which excites melancholy and vain terror to the wearer, but fortunately the month also possesses cornelian, which cures these evils and also secures success, particularly in law suits. To August belongs the sardonyx, which brings riches to the wearer. To Sep-

tember belongs the chrysolite. To October belongs the beryl or aqua-marin, which renders the wearer successful in navigation, and insures safe voyages. The opal also belongs to this month, a stone which unites the colors and qualities of all others, and has been beautifully called by a poet and artist, "A pearl with a soul in it." Its meaning is childlike fairness and loveliness. November has the topaz, which signifies courage and cheerfulness. It shows the presence of poison by loss of color; it gives light in the dark, and dispels enchantment if worn on the left arm or around the neck. It also strengthens intellects and brightens wit. Those whose birthday is in December have the choice between the ruby, turquoise, malachite, or can wear all three. The ruby signifies passionate love and joy and gives pleasant dreams, but it shortens the sleep of the wearer and disturbs the circulation of the blood, inclining to anger. The turquoise is the noblest of opaque stones and signifies self-sacrificing love. It appeases hatred and reconciles lovers, and it relieves or prevents headaches. It also protects the wearer by drawing upon itself, the evils that threaten him, becoming dark, dull and apparently worthless, but regaining its color gradually when the danger is past. This valuable property, however, belongs to it only when given—not when bought. Diamonds and stars in rhetorical language have become almost synonymous terms, while the pearl has been described by Pliny as being nothing more or less than a dewdrop swallowed by the oyster.

THE BUTTER-FLY AS AN EMBLEM.

"The Eastern Star seems to be popular with wives and daughters of Masons in the western states," says the *Masonic Chronicle*, "but we notice that several female correspondents to Masonic journals intimate their displeasure at the insignificance of the symbolism as at present sanctioned by the Order, contending it to be utterly meaningless. While endeavoring to supersede the Rite of Adoption, as practiced in Latin countries, Rob Morris would undoubtedly have been wiser had he consulted some works upon the ancient mysteries, more than one of which were devoted to females exclusively. A chief among these mystic sects had an existence at Athens, whose neophytes wore, amid the tresses of their hair, a butterfly as a token of initiation. Than this familiar object no more significant or instructive symbol could have been selected, as sight of it suggests the highest moral lesson. The butterfly was emblematic of Psyche, the soul, while the fable of Cupid and Psyche supplies us with a key to the mysteries of old—that is, life, death and resurrection. Originally a repulsive worm, the butterfly buries itself in a coffin of its own creation, to emerge, after death, a beautiful creature of the air, regenerated and suffered to roam above the face of mother earth, whence is derived our popular conception of angels."

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Sister Clara Meredith, Past Matron of Queen Esther Chapter, has been quite ill for several weeks.

Sister Nanrie Crews, Worthy Matron of Muncie Chapter, is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Sister Branstrup, formerly of Orient Chapter, La Porte, is Worthy Matron of Beulah Chapter, Topeka, Kansas.

Sister Ophelia Boilvin, formerly a member of Queen Esther Chapter, now a resident of New Albany, paid *The Eastern Star* a call while on a visit to the city.

Any person sending THE EASTERN STAR five yearly subscribers, will receive a solid gold Eastern Star, or other society pin. Try it.

The last issue of *The Masonic Constellation* contains a very excellent picture of Brother Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and a sketch of his life, written by John D. Vincil.

The Grand Secretary of Connecticut, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Illinois, California and Texas, will please accept thanks for copies of the various Grand Chapter proceedings for 1890.

Mrs. William Farr, wife of one of the proprietors of the leading hotel in Wabash, has just applied for a patent on a most unique wardrobe which will hold thirty-six dresses, has pockets for umbrella, brush, broom, etc.

All the way from Escanaba, Michigan, came an Easter Greeting to "Mrs. Nettie Ransford." An Easter Egg pin cushion of white satin on which is painted our emblematic Star. Sister Anthony will please accept thanks for the beautiful remembrance.

THE EASTERN STAR is mailed so that it may reach its subscribers by the first of each month, and if it fails to do this, it will be considered a kindness if notified of the

fact. Will the subscribers please aid in correcting any irregularity of this kind?

Loyal Chapter, Richmond, has been seriously afflicted by sickness among its members, and it is now called to part with its Treasurer. Sister Gertie Taylor, after an illness of three weeks, on March 26, entered into her rest. She leaves a husband and a little daughter to mourn her loss.

THE EASTERN STAR and *The Guard* have arranged to furnish the two papers to those who desire information regarding both Orders, at special club rates. For \$1.20 sent to either office, both papers will be furnished for one year. *The Guard* has changed its place of publication from Westfield to Nobleville, but otherwise it is unchanged.

The Department Convention of Indiana Woman's Relief Corps will meet in its eighth annual session in this city April 8 and 9. The sessions will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on North Illinois Street. An informal reception will be held in the parlors of the New Denison on Wednesday evening, April 8. Every preparation has been made to insure a pleasant and successful convention.

Queen Esther Auxiliary held its meeting of March 27, with Sister Dunham and although the rain poured down unceasingly, there were over twenty present. Sister Graham, of Rose Chapter, Delphi, was a visitor, as was also Mrs. Bacon, a guest of Sister Hays. There is considerable work being done by the society, whereby the treasury is being replenished. Very nice refreshments were served.

It was with great reluctance, and at the eleventh hour, that I sent regrets to Guiding Star and Andersonville Chapters, who extended an invitation to accompany the Grand Matron on her visit. The last days of the month are exceedingly busy ones, and a day or two's illness rendered my absence at the time fixed simply impossible. I greatly appreciate the courtesy shown by the Chapters who have so kindly remembered me with an invitation, and hope, if not now, I may have the pleasure of meeting with them.

One of the occasions that gave real pleasure during the recent visit to St. Louis, was the Sunday Service at the Masonic Home. The grounds and buildings had been considerably improved since a former visit was paid there, and it is yet only begun. Under this hospitable roof eighteen children and nine widows find a home. The Masons of Missouri may well be proud of this Home which shelters their brothers' unfortunates. Not alone by the Masons is this glorious work being carried on, for the sisters of the O. E. S. are adding their mite.

Sisters, THE EASTERN STAR is a child of your adoption, and the degree of success in either numbers or merit that it attains, lies largely with you. Its columns are open to you, and about its hearthstone you may gather to "help, aid and comfort each other," in promoting the interest of the Chapter work and carrying forward plans for advance-

ment. That it may better serve its purpose it asks you to bear in mind that if you have been faithful in the past, you must in no wise grow weary in well doing, for the reward is to those who are faithful to the end. Send items and forget not to show the silver lining when the paper displays the blue mark.

The seventeenth annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, will be held in this city convening April 22, at two o'clock p. m. The Chapters through out the jurisdiction with few exceptions seem in a healthful condition. Only one Chapter has failed to report, and the Grand Chapter dues of eight are still unpaid. Fourteen Chapters have been organized. The Grand Secretary has secured reduced railroad rates and from the signs of the times the attendance will be large. Those who attend one year are sure to have a desire to annually repeat the pleasure. The usual circular will be sent out by the Grand Secretary the first of the month.

The time for spring house-cleaning has come, when every good housewife makes a raid upon dust and dirt, and carries her household belongings out into the fresh air and sunshine. Every one feels the necessity for a general clearing up in the spring, and it would be a good thing if the house-cleaning would extend to the members of the families, and lead them to indulge in a mental and moral clearing away of bad habits and selfishness. If the woman whose whole conversation is one long drawn-out string of gossip, whose jealousy prevents her ever recognizing any good qualities in another person, could be prevailed upon to give her tongue a rest it would be a blessing to her friends. If each one started out with the determination to let the sunshine into his own soul, and clear away mental cob-webs of uncharitableness and discontent, and also determine to pour sunshine into the life of others, the spring house-cleaning would be thorough and bring forth good results.

As the Grand Lodge of one, and another, and again another jurisdiction wheels into line, and takes up the work of Masonic Homes, the hearts of the Indiana sisters yearn for the time when for us shall come the opportunity "to pay the tribute of love and labor at the same shrine." Realizing that no jurisdiction can boast of better Masonry, nor truer Masons than can Indiana, she wonders why in this royal work they enter not in. Some two years since we learned of the appointment of a committee to report upon this matter, but nothing further has reached the listening ear of the sisters. In the early days of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, Past Grand Matron Comstock advocated the establishment of a Home, and later, our lamented Sister Lakin took up the refrain, so the sisters are only waiting. Let it be hoped that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in May next some definite action may be taken. Of course sentiment and theory will not build and maintain a Home. It takes money. But the Masons in Indiana

know how to build nice Temples, and furnish them. In entertainments none can excel them, and the sisters have full faith that in this sweet charity, if they but try, success will attend the effort.

Governor Hovey settled the debate as to whether he was in favor of having women on the board of the World's Fair commissioners or not, by appointing four ladies as commissioners last week. Mrs. May Wright Sewall is to represent the state at large; Mrs. S. S. Harrell of Brookville, Ind., represents the third district; Mrs. Florence Worley, Ellettsville, the sixth district, and Mrs. E. P. Hammond, Rensselaer, the tenth district. We hope that the work of Indiana will create a more favorable impression than did their exhibit at the New Orleans exposition in 1885. The census of 1880 shows 51,442 women registered as workers in Indiana in 136 occupations. The last census will show a vast increase of women workers. In these days every good and every reform is accomplished by organization. No one doubts but that the organizing of women's clubs has taught women to work harmoniously in concert, to become broader and more liberal in ideas. Successful women's clubs abound in Indiana and they should each send a showing of their work to the Columbian exposition. Not only the free kindergartens, industrial associations, benevolent and missionary societies, but literary and musical clubs should be represented by their literature and programs. Authors and other writers and publishers among the women of Indiana should send their works. In union lies strength, and unless each woman feels a personal interest in the display of her state, the four lady commissioners can not accomplish much.

IN MEMORIAM.

"Lizzie E. Gabriel, A. G. M. of Kansas, died February 23, 1891." Such was the message that brought sadness and sorrow to many hearts. Sister Gabriel was the Worthy Matron of Progress Chapter at Parsons. She was well known throughout the State, and greatly beloved, not only for her enthusiasm and interest in the Order, but also for her excellent and noble traits of character.

The grateful hearts that have been touched by her hand of charity, or her loving sense of sympathy, bear testimony to her virtues, and will build to her memory a monument more lasting than marble. May her dying words: "Let us not be dismayed, for our Heavenly Father has promised to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power," teach us to emulate her virtues, and departing leave behind memories as precious.

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COURTESY IN THE CHAPTER ROOM.

As the Order of the Eastern Star increases in membership and Chapters, the subject of the proper manner of receiving visitors is being considered. Each Jurisdiction, and possibly each Chapter has formulated for itself a rule, so far as the formal reception of guests is concerned. Too much form is unwhole-

some as savoring of form alone, but the courtesy due one holding an official position should in no case be ignored. Of the latter, there is greater danger than of the former. In America, where all are so nearly equal, where royal blood is that which flows in the veins of the true man or the true woman, whatever may have been the parentage, position is lost sight of.

One of the benefits of organization is the cementing of this common interest, but in all these organizations, there is one to whom is delegated authority above the others. In organizations composed of women, or largely so, there has been no training in the direction of the form of receiving guests. Hence it is not a wilful, intentional neglect when one entitled to especial honor, is not accorded it when visiting a Chapter. However, it is time that the knowledge was growing, and if there be a proper way, it be found out or one be established. One who is presiding or has presided in the East, is entitled to be seated in the East, and whether he be invited or conducted is to be settled. The presiding officers of a Grand Body, or those who are Past, are, with the privilege of the East, entitled to Grand Honors. Care should be taken to introduce visitors to the members of the Chapter, and while this duty devolves upon the Conductress and Associate, each member should feel it a privilege to assist in making for "the stranger within the gates" a pleasant remembrance of the occasion. A cheery "good evening," and a hand grasp costs nothing, and it is an investment upon which the interest cannot be completed.

Fancy if you can, the feelings of a member of the Order in a strange place. The feeling of loneliness follows everywhere, but—the Chapter—there will be found a welcome, friends. Is it always so? Ah me, would that the response might be in the affirmative, for in simple justice it should be. Too often a visitor is allowed to commune with himself while the members are so engrossed with each other, that his existence is quite forgotten. Where this state of affairs exist, let it be corrected, and never allow a guest to depart except with the desire to come again. Some of the sunshine that gilds life's darkest places, are the little courtesies that are often called of little worth. In the hurry of life, so many of these are crowded out that the pathway is bleak and barren. Let these things be an essential in the Chapter-room, and the sweet incense that arises from thoughtful kindness, will far outlast the rarest perfume.

PROPHECY OUT OF THEIR OWN HEART.

When we read that it is the women, and not the men, who blocks the wheels of progress for themselves, the outlook seems most discouraging. The only event to comfort is in the fact that God takes plenty of time in which to work His miracles, and when He does it by educational processes the work to be enduring must necessarily be slow.

One hundred years ago girls were not allowed to attend any public schools in the

country, and an attempt to admit girls to a high school, raised such an outcry in Boston little more than fifty years ago, that the scheme had to be abandoned. Now, the latest report of the U. S. Commissioner of Education, names over two hundred institutions for the superior education of women. Of 212 institutions in what is called the "West," that offer higher education to women, 115 are co-educational. This innovation which began in Ohio, met with much discussion and opposition among women themselves, but the falling into line of Harvard and Columbia, and other conservative institutions, show us how surely and permanently the prejudice is being removed.

Harvard has now in its astronomical departments women assistants. Women scientists are given State and National government appointments, and almost every college has one or more women professors, or assistant professors. When we regard the few years in which this advance in the matter of education has been accomplished, it seems as marvelous as any other stride in material progress, which has made America the wonder of the world.

In literature, in journalism, in medicine and in law, progressions supposed to be forever debarred to women, and coveted only by unsexed women, the change has been so radical that it can hardly be imagined that it was not always as we have it now.

Under present conditions we cannot adequately conceive the temerity of a certain Mrs. Margaret Craper, who in the time of the Revolution conducted the *Massachusetts Gazette and News-Letter*. That she was ostracized by her own sex for so doing, would appear from the fact that not one followed in her footsteps until the brave Mrs. Ann S. Stephens ventured to become one of the staff of the *New York Express* in 1837.

The thirty years in which Mrs. Stephens was connected with that paper saw the great revulsion of sentiment in favor of women writers and women journalists. Women, now, instead of hiding their diminished heads and burning their manuscripts, as poor Fanny Burney did, for fear her sex would be discovered in her writings, stands proudly side by side with learned men in Press Associations, in book reviews, and in biographical notices.

And they are just as womanly women as were those who shrank in holy horror from such publicity fifty or sixty years ago. They can smooth a pillow for an invalid husband, and can hush a crying baby, if need be, just as deftly as the mawkish women who still cringe, and confess an innate inferiority and incapacity to help on the world's great work.

If we look into the matter we shall find that the women who make this clamor are not the ones to inspire a husband and father with hope and courage in the face of any domestic calamity.

The real woman who rises to the occasion in face of adversity is one who is not troubled about distinction of sex.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

CLEANINGS.

IOWA.

February 18, about thirty members of Oelwein Chapter, paid to Mrs. William Bently an unexpected visit. It was in honor of her birthday anniversary, and a general good time was had. Games and laughter was the order of the evening, in which both young and old joined, the latter finding themselves growing younger by such exercises. Refreshments were served.

Emblem Chapter, Corning, in stated meeting February 24, W. M., Sister Russell, your pupil of days of Auld Lang Syne being absent, A. M., Sister Salts called the Chapter to order and invited Brother J. W. Bixby, Master of the Blue Lodge, to take W. P., Brother Hanna's chair, Brother H. being absent on account of clerical duties. Brother Bixby filled the position with his accustomed ability. Mr. H. S. Hill, husband of our bright sister Martha, was elected to receive the degrees of the Order, and one petition was received.

At our next meeting, March 23, will occur our third anniversary; just now some of our people are talking of celebrating the event after work, by a social and refreshments. Our Treasurer, Sister Hoxie, is a delegate to the W. R. C. annual Convention at Dubuque on April 15 and 16. She will be a companion by our A. M., Sister Salts.

THE EASTERN STAR comes regularly to a number of our members, and they prize the little paper very highly. In my opinion they are all paid-up subscribers; they are that class of folks. If, however, some are in arrears, it is a clear case of oversight on their part, and a reminder from you will bring the remittance. Try it. M-B-L-M.

ILLINOIS.

At the last meeting of Auburn Park Chapter, four candidates received the degrees and three petitions were presented.

Chicago Chapter is continuing prosperously, having at a recent meeting elected six to receive the degrees, received four petitions for degrees, one for membership and initiated one candidate.

Since October last, eight Chapters have been organized and fifteen more have applied for dispensations. The G. M., Sister Simpson, is devoting her best efforts to the Order in her Jurisdiction.

Olney Chapter, at a special meeting held March 11, initiated six candidates, elected one to receive the degrees, and received two petitions. Following the work lunch was served to about sixty-five members, and the evening was most enjoyably spent. The members are much interested in the work and harmony prevails.

Maple Chapter, Englewood, is flourishing and all is peace and harmony. At the last meeting, eight petitions were received. An Easter Party will be given on the evening of the 31st. The program will be dancing and amusements. We hope to record it a

success in every particular. THE EASTERN STAR is remembered with an invitation and all within its circle wish they might attend.

The sisters of Hesperia Chapter, Havana, have certainly demonstrated the fact that women can keep a secret. A special meeting was called for work on March 19. The sisters appointed a committee and prepared a banquet, unknown to the brothers. When the Chapter closed in form, the doors of the spacious banquet hall were thrown open and our Brother, Chas. Schill, made the announcement, "Brothers, the women have prepared a bite for you." It did us good to see how completely surprised they were. Needless to say that they did full justice to the dainty lunch set before them. Quite a number of our brothers have not attended regularly our meetings, and of course they missed this treat. Their faces were quite long as the sisters told them what a fine time we had. It has been truthfully said, "the way to a man's heart is through his stomach." From some of the outside remarks made by the absent brothers, we may expect a better attendance at the future meetings of our Chapter. F. M. C. Sec.

INDIANA.

(FROM THE GRAND MATRON)

Friday evening, March 6, was spent with Lake Michigan Chapter. The work was done in a pleasing manner and without the aid of rituals, although it is yet a new Chapter. Members are alive to the work. Lunch was served, and many agreeable acquaintances formed.

Saturday, March 7, found me in the home of Sister Macomber at South Bend, where, by invitation I had gone to spend the Sabbath. Here I was most agreeably surprised to find a meeting of the Chapter had been called for Saturday evening—candidates in waiting—and a delightful lunch prepared. The invitation and floral work were rendered in South Bend Chapter's usual impressive manner. I highly appreciated the courtesy extended me.

Monday evening, March 9, I visited the sisters and brothers of another new Chapter at Winamac. Here I found the officers quite proficient, the initiation being given almost entirely without rituals. Guests were present from Logansport, a well-prepared banquet was served, and all the guests of the evening will carry with them pleasant recollections of the visit to Tippecanoe Chapter.

Tuesday evening, March 10th, Rochester was visited. Their initiatory work was done in an acceptable manner, not entirely without reference to the ritual, but as they are earnest workers, they will be successful. Lunch was served and everything possible done to make the visit a pleasure.

Wednesday evening, March 11, found me enjoying the genial hospitality of the members of Orient Chapter, La Porte. The visitor was made welcome in every sense of the word. This Chapter is very proficient in its work in every way, and is to be congratulated on its efficient leader. After the im-

pressive work of initiation all did ample justice to the splendid banquet prepared by the sisters.

Thursday evening, March 12, I had the pleasure of seeing the work done in Clinton Chapter room, Frankfort. This Chapter is well instructed in the work, and the sisters demonstrated the fact that they are equally conversant with the mysteries of the culinary arts by the appearance of the tables in the banquet room. An added pleasure to the occasion was the visit with personal friends.

Saturday evening, March 14, was most enjoyably spent with the members of Miriam Chapter at Greenfield. The work was beautifully rendered, the room handsomely decorated with potted plants, a delicious lunch served, and amid general hospitality the stranger in their midst was indeed made to feel that she was among sisters and brothers.

Monday evening, March 16, I witnessed the work done in the impressive manner which Knightstown Chapter knows so well how to render it. This is one among the largest Chapters in the State. Peace and harmony prevail, therefore they are prosperous and happy. A delightful lunch was served, after which all were most agreeably entertained with a musical and literary entertainment furnished by members of the Chapter and the orchestra of the city.

Tuesday evening, March 17, Connersville was visited. Here I found a new Chapter rapidly taking hold of the work, and I am sure the near future will find them quite proficient, as the members are highly interested. A splendid banquet was furnished by "Section 4," the members of which acquitted themselves in a most admirable manner.

Thursday evening, March 19, was spent in the beautiful rooms of Loyal Chapter at Richmond. This Chapter is now seriously afflicted by the illness of several of several of its officers, yet quite a number of its members were present, and the initiatory work beautifully rendered, the same being finely illustrated with stereoscopic views. An added pleasure was the presence of Sister Mabel Liggitt, of Columbia City, who took the chair of Adah pro tem. Ice cream and cake were served, recitations given and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Wednesday evening, March 25, found me in the Chapter room of Guiding Star Chapter. Much illness among the members prevented a full attendance and the initiatory work, yet a pleasant meeting was held, and acquaintances formed which will long be remembered. After Chapter closed, a social was held at the home of Sister Koehn, where delicious refreshments were served and everything done possible to make the visit among them a pleasant remembrance.

A. V. H.

Floral Chapter, Huntington, added one to its number recently. Its work has been greatly retarded by sickness among its members.

On March 9, E. A. Greenlee, D. G. P. accompanied by the staff of officers from Hope Chapter, La Fayette went to Williamsport and organized Rock Dale Chapter with Mrs. M. E. Bittenger as W. M.

Kokomo Chapter at its last meeting had a Mum Social and Art Gallery, which was both entertaining and amusing. At a special meeting twelve candidates were initiated, which shows that the radiance of their star is broadening.

Kokomo Chapter has been called to the sad duty of paying the last tribute to one of its faithful members. Sister Dora Waggaman was called from labor to rest, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss. At her request the Chapter performed the burial service and it was beautifully rendered.

Queen Esther held two very largely attended, and pleasant meetings during March. At the first, three petitions for degrees and one for membership were received. The last two meetings of the auxiliary were held with sisters Clark and Moulton and both were very largely attended and enjoyable. At the last meeting the possessions of the society were added to by the presentation by sister Patout, of a beautiful Eastern Star quilt. There is no evidence of other than harmony among the members and the work moves smoothly and pleasantly.

At Delphi, during a wait-over for trains, Sister Kate Metcalf, of THE EASTERN STAR, received the warm hospitality of Sisters Kane, Gross and Crockett. While at Sister Chrockett's, a lunch was brought forth as if by magic, of which new maple syrup was a tempting dish. Sister Crockett is engaged in the chicken business, and at the last show held at Indianapolis took twenty-seven prizes out of thirty.

Sister Ida M. Tucker, of Logansport, entertained Sister Kate Metcalf, of THE EASTERN STAR, a few weeks ago, during her short stay in town. Being classmates, many interesting topics of "Auld Lang Syne" were talked over. Sister Metcalf also took tea and spent a delightful evening with Sister Meyers, W. M., who invited in some of the brothers and sisters of Logansport Chapter to enjoy a little informal.

The sisters of Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, were completely surprised by the brothers at a recent meeting. A very elegant banquet was served, the sisters not being aware of its preparation until they were invited into the banquet-room. Brother Travis covered a little delay with one of his especially witty speeches. The brothers are laughing at the astonishment of the sisters, but the sisters will endeavor to balance accounts.

Marion Chapter, at its last stated meeting, conferred the degrees upon one of the oldest citizens of Grant County, old Mr. Harry, aged about eighty-five years. His interest in the work was intense although his deafness greatly marred his enjoyment of it. His daughter received the degrees also. The work was almost perfect, for better officers

are hard to find. A lunch was served and a good social time indulged in. Sister Kate Metcalf, of THE EASTERN STAR, was present and invited to the East by Sister Gunder, W. M., who presides with much dignity.

In the March number of THE EASTERN STAR a mistake was made in stating that Eel River Chapter had been the recipient of a "floor star". The Chapter procured a floor star and other necessary paraphernalia shortly after being organized nearly three years ago. The present was the small emblematic star for decoration purposes. The visit from the G. M. was beneficial. The new year opens with bright prospects, the attendance is good with continued interest. The new officers have entered upon their duties with an earnestness that proclaims success.

Portland Chapter was organized and the officers installed at the Masonic Hall in Portland, August 15, 1889. The Chapter has at the present time fifty members, and the officers are as follows: W. M., Mrs. Anna B. Marsh; W. P., John Ebert; A. M., Miss Nettie Current; Sec., Miss Viva Ross; Treas., Mrs. Mary Spade; Con., Miss Lillie Arthur; A. C., Miss Ava Miller; Chap., Mrs. Lillie Denney; Org., Miss Libbie Somers; A., Mrs. Mary Hall; R., Mrs. Kate Baker; E., Miss Lizzie Arthur; M., Miss Lola Vail; E., Mrs. Snsie Dickes; War., Miss Maggie North; Sen., Brother Eleazar Crowell. All the officers are proficient in their work, and Portland Chapter is moving grandly forward.

By authority from G. P. Fanning, in company with Sisters Carrie F. Bradford, Clay A. Wilkinson, Mrs. R. Peden, Misses Alice Whitesel, Lizzie Bell, Mattie Edwards, Leona Furgason, Anna Woods and Stella Weaver, officers of Knightstown Chapter, on the morning of March 10, I boarded the train for Middletown, arriving there about ten. We were met at the station and welcomed by a delegation of sisters and brothers, in embryo, who escorted us to their several homes, where we were entertained in true hospitable style. In the afternoon, we met in the Lodge-room of the Masonic Order, and organized Middletown Chapter, U. D., and instructed the fourteen officers and four others, in the beautiful lessons of the Order, after which we returned to the homes of our newly made sisters and brothers, for tea. At 7 o'clock p. m. we opened the Chapter in full form and initiated the remainder of the twenty-seven Charter members present. After some very appropriate remarks by Bro. Conrad Elliott, a solo by sister Alice Whitesel and recitation by sister Mattie Edwards, an elegant lunch was served, and the evening until a late hour, was spent in social enjoyment. A more appreciative and hospitable people we have never met, and our visit among them will always be remembered as one of the pleasant occasions of our lives. Each returned home feeling glad that they had been one of the party assisting in the organization of Middletown Chapter.

E. N. W.

DEAR SISTER RANSFORD:—Will you please lend a listening ear while I tell you of

Marengo Chapter. Perhaps a word or two from our lovely little city will be of interest to some one. Indeed I feel so much inclined to that opinion that I can not refrain from giving expression to some of my thoughts, and more. I feel that we should be represented in your columns. Marengo Chapter was instituted Dec. 31, 1890, by Bro. Wm. H. Smythe G. S. of Indianapolis, with twenty-eight Charter members and have had very good success since. Our officers consist of Miss Mary Mitchell, W. M.; Mr. Daniel Jenkins, W. P.; Miss Lula Stewart, A. M.; Mr. V. A. Stewart, Secty; Mrs. W. T. Walts, Treas.; Mrs. J. H. Weathers, Con.; Miss Hattie Stewart, A. Con. With so worthy a list of officers we look forward to a year of prosperity in O. E. S. work. Well to our little city, that some may not be deceived, we have one of the loveliest places in the U. S. for viewing nature's work. Here on the surface is a constant change of scenery. When spring comes innumerable varieties of wild flowers decorate our hill slopes, and the changes through the seasons are constant. We view the woodland and hill slopes, the rocks, the stalwart trees, until we learn we can not reach an end of the changes, then we repair to the cave where nature has surpassed the most renowned sculptures, by building busts and monuments that the chisel can not imitate. There too, we find a constant change, from a muddy boulder to a hill made of diamonds. There too is the underground cemetery with its snow white monuments. Nature has smiled on us, and if any reader of THE EASTERN STAR would like a day of pleasure in our wilds, Marengo Chapter extends an invitation and a hearty welcome.

M. B. M.

KANSAS.

During the Masonic Conclave in Fort Scott in February, the sisters of the Chapter tendered those attending, a reception, which in every particular reflected great credit on all who assisted. The ladies were in full evening dress, and in receiving and serving were equally proficient. A musical program was rendered and refreshments served, and the courtesy extended was fully appreciated by the visitors.

Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron Young, of Ottawa, whose journey in married life had reached its twenty-fifth mile-stone, were reminded of the fact by their friends who surprised them with an evening visit. The visitors carried not only their best offerings of love and good wishes, but substantially evidenced these by the gift of an elegant silver tea-set. The presentation was made by Rev. Woods.

Mistletoe Chapter, Fredonia, on Feb. 20, conducted two candidates through the mysteries of the O. E. S. labyrinth, and thus added two more members to its "Infant Class." This class has a rule that none can belong who weighs less than two hundred pounds. After the work which was very creditably done, came refreshments and an observation game. The new officers have made an excellent commencement for a successful years work.

The home going of sister Mary A. Hepler, to Ft. Scott from the Grand Chapter session, with such a compliment as was there paid her, was emphasized by the members of Olive Chapter over which she presided for several years, by a surprise party to congratulate her. Sister Hepler was the first G. M. and the G. C. compliments her by passing a resolution to defray her expenses during life, to and from the sessions. Her Chapter feels justly proud of the action. Sister Hepler welcomed the guests with that cordiality that has won for her so many friends.

MICHIGAN.

Oriental Chapter, Grand Rapids, is much pleased with its new robes. March 17, at a special meeting, five candidates were initiated.

Grand Matron, O. L. Davidson, March 6, organized a Chapter at Buchanan, with a charter membership of thirty-five. The G. M. reports the organization healthful and earnest, and predicts for it a bright and useful future. So may it be.

Arbutus Chapter, Lansing, has, since its election of officers, added thirteen to its list of members. It has "been called upon to mourn the loss by death of one of its most valued charter members, Sister Sarah Donovan, being the second bright link of the 'golden chain,' called from the Chapter on earth to gladden and brighten the Chapter in Heaven. She passed quietly and peacefully away Sunday p. m., February 22, surrounded by her devoted husband and children and a few intimate friends.

Mt. Pleasant Chapter is prospering. It has furnished itself with a new set of books and has taken a new interest. Several successful entertainments were given during the winter. One of the pleasant occurrences was the surprise paid the W. M., Sister Chattanooga, the evening before her departure for Chattanooga. They not only carried the wherewith for a collation, but presented her with a beautiful emblematic pin to carry with her as a reminder of those she left behind her. It gave pleasure not only for one journey, but for all the journeys through life.

MONTANA.

From a sister of Ruth Chapter, Butte City, comes the following message, and the sympathy of all goes out to the members of our fraternal family: "I promised you from time to time, to send word of what we are doing here, but in this letter I have naught but sorrowful tidings to note, as the progress of our Chapter has been checked by sickness and death, beginning with the close of last year. Last November P. W. M. and G. Adah, Sister Alice Steel, laid to a final rest, a beautiful boy of four and a half years. The day before Christmas our brother, Will Holland, of whom notice has been given. He was a true brother, and the husband of P. W. M., Sister Fannie Willholland. Our Matron of this year has been unable to preside since her first meeting on account of inflammatory rheumatism. Our A. M., Sister J. G. Hammer, has filled the station faithfully and well

up to the present time, but on Tuesday last, March 10, death entered the door of her home, and snatched therefrom a sweet little babe of fifteen months. P. W. M. and G. A. C., Sister Ada Aiken, in the month of February and within ten day's time, placed side by side a loving mother and sister. Sister J. E. Lloyd also placed on the bosom of mother earth, a darling treasure of five years. Thus has it been; we have seen one after another of our officers and members bending low over, and gazing on the forms of their loved ones. Pale as marble, so silent, so cold; and the star of the future so bright to the gaze of these dear sisters, seem to have gone down in the darkness of night, the joys of their bosom fled. We would point them to the Star of the bright upper world, whose brilliancy will light and guide them to that eternal home; where the golden chain now broken, will be forever united.

MINNESOTA.

Miss Millie Mowny, of Minneapolis Chapter gave a musicale in Zion Commandery rooms at the Masonic Temple on Monday, March 9. Those who took part were Miss Mowny and some of her advanced pupils. Miss Mowny has an exceptionally fine, clear voice, and her selections were beautifully rendered. Her pupils acquitted themselves in a manner that gave evidence of careful training. The large hall was filled to overflowing with members of the Order and their friends. The Chapter has had a very prosperous year, and has excellent prospects. The W. M. is Sister Mary Taylor; W. P., Lucius Trink; Sec., Sister Ida M. Wing.

Saturday, March 7, was a sort of gala day at Glencoe, and all because they organized a Chapter of the Eastern Star there. Andrew P. Swanstrom, W. G. P., accompanied by Louise E. Jacoby, W. G. M., Sister Brearly, A. M. of Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, and assisted by Miriam Chapter, of Hutchinson, and Adah Chapter, of Brownton, conferred the degrees upon forty-four members, and organized Faith Chapter, U. D. It was one of the largest gatherings held in the State at the organization of a Chapter. After the work was completed all present adjourned to the Opera House, where a very bountiful repast was prepared, and of which over one hundred partook. The tables fairly groaned with the good things of this life. They were set in the shape of a cross, being ornamented with handsome stands of flowers, and at each plate was placed an individual bouquet. The banquet concluded and the remainder of the evening was passed socially, speeches and music being the chief absorber of time. The organization of this Chapter revives matters Masonically, and the rays from this newly fledged Star will illuminate that section with a halo that cannot be lost sight of. Sister Belle McClelland, is W. M.; Brother Chas. H. Davis, W. P.; Sister Anna Simmons, A. M.; and Sister Della Child, Sec.

MISSOURI.

Randolph Chapter, Moberly, is divided into twelve sections, each section preparing a program and refreshments for one meet-

ing night in the month. It is also giving entertainments to raise money to meet the necessary expenses attending the coming meeting of the Grand Chapter, then during February there were six candidates initiated. Of this Chapter sister Mary A. Gould, P. M. of Queen Esther, Indianapolis, Ind., is Asso. Matron.

A number of the friends of Mrs. Mary E. Lynds, P. G. M., pleasantly surprised her on her birthday, Feb. 21. She is one that all of Tuscan Chapter delight to honor. Her worthy husband and herself have always had the interest of the Order at heart, and her friends are legion. May they long be spared to cheer us with their presence. She was presented with a pair of Royal Worcester vases and other tokens of love. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening spent.

Another link has been added to the chain in this jurisdiction by the organization of a Chapter at St. Charles, on March 17. Those participating in the organization were, Benj. Lynds, M. W. G. P.; Mary Lynds, P. G. M.; John Parson, P. G. P.; Sallie E. Dillon, G. Sec'y.; Cora McPherson, P. G. M. and sisters Hamilton, Merriman, Aldrich and bro. McPherson and Waggoner of St. Louis; Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. G. M. of Kansas City, Kansas; J. J. McElwee, A. G. P., sisters McElwee and Sympson from Chain of Rocks. The participants report a very enjoyable time. Those who remained until the following day were given a delightful drive over the beautiful town.

Tuscan Chapter, St. Louis, held a regular meeting on the evening of March 14, which was largely attended by its members. Also there were many visitors from the other city chapters and from Kansas City, Kansas, Mary C. Snedden, R. W. Asso. G. M.; Chicago, Ill., Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y; Indianapolis, Ind., Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M. Queen Esther Chapter, of Indianapolis, was represented by P. M., Mary C. Moulton and brother and sister Hays. Seventeen candidates were conducted through the labyrinth, the work being well rendered. The officers wore beautiful new velvet robes and the Conductress and Asso. Conductress deserve especial mention for so nicely conducting so large a number. Refreshments were served and they only dispersed in time to catch the last car.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Benlah Chapter, Stoneham, held a very pleasant meeting, Thursday evening, March 19. A nice collation was served at the close of the Chapter.

Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, gave an "Orange Tea" Monday evening, March 23. The tickets were placed at twenty-five cents, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Vesta Chapter, Charlestown, held a regular meeting, Friday evening, March 6, and initiated one candidate. Visitors were present from Benlah, Signet, and Easter Chapters.

Easter Chapter, Boston, has been particu-

larly unfortunate during the winter, by the illness of several of the officers and their families, but it is pleasing to learn that they are now able to fill their appropriate stations.

The Committee on Entertainment are making every arrangement for an unusually pleasant evening with Melrose Chapter, Melrose, on Friday evening, April 10. This entertainment was erroneously reported for March in the last issue, but the work of the Chapter would hardly justify this as so early a date, as "Work before play" is the motto of this Chapter.

The regular meeting of Dekamus Chapter, Whitinsville, was held on Wednesday evening, February 25. The evening was spent socially by the members. A soap bubble contest was one of the exciting events of the evening, Brother Barnes taking first prize. Refreshments were served during the evening. All seemed to have a pleasant time.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, held a regular meeting, Tuesday evening, March 10, received one petition, elected six petitioners, and initiated four candidates. Committee on the "Apron and Necktie Sociable" reported the party a very successful one, that a sufficient number of neckties were sold to overbalance the entire expenses of the entertainment—even to "feeding the multitude," who were present and enjoyed the evening so very much.

Upon the occasion of the visit of Mary Love Chapter to Signet Chapter to contest for the "Prize." The meeting of the Chapter began at six o'clock and the degrees were conferred upon five candidates. Grand Patron Shaw presided during initiation. Following the work the sixth degree was conferred greatly to the amusement of all. All then sought the banquet room where about one hundred and fifty were served, one of the candidates being required to carve a roast pig. Then came the cobweb social.

Thursday evening, March 12, Martha Washington Chapter, Gloucester, held a regular meeting and initiated four candidates. Arrangements are being made for a "Sale and Festival," to be held on Friday, March 27, for the benefit of their treasury. Martha Washington deeply regrets the loss of its A. M., Sister Lydia Wilkes, who has so faithfully served the Chapter in different positions since its organization, but whom a change of residence now causes to relinquish active labors in the Chapter. May she be prospered in her new field of labor.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, is busy and active with full attendance at all meetings. On the eve of March 9 the members called the attention of the city to a presentation of the "Deestrick Skule" held in the theater. Notwithstanding the pouring rain there was a very full attendance at the "last day" exercises of the "skule" which was made up of many of our prominent business men and dignified matrons. The entertainment kept

the large company in a continual roar of laughter during the entire evening. A round sum was realized for the treasury of the chapter. The Chapter is now busy preparing for an Easter Sale to be held in Masonic quarters at which another large sum of money is expected to be realized. Following that there will be other projects, for we fully realize that active work is the best safeguard against small attendance at the meetings.

Signet Chapter, Cambridge, gave a very pleasing entertainment under direction of Sister Sarah Richardson, on the evening of their regular meeting, March 11, every number on the program receiving a well merited encore. Mr. B. O. Danforth opened the entertainment by singing "The Silver Cup." Miss Nellie L. Paul then sang "True to Death," and on encore "That old Sweet Song." Strains of sweet and lofty music fell on the ear as Mr. Geo. Wm. Taylor lightly touched the keys of the piano, and he was again and again called back by the audience. Sister Richardson then recited "The Silver Cup" so effectively as to leave the mind without a question that true courage and nobleness lies in the ability to adhere firmly to the maxim, "Touch not; taste not." Miss Nellie Spear then sweetly sang two familiar songs with piano accompaniment by Mr. Taylor. A great deal of merriment was caused by an "Auction of Old Maids," the only drawback seeming to be the hesitancy and lack of courage on the part of the bidders. Mr. B. O. Danforth again favored the company with two selections, after which Messrs Howland and Sheriff gave a banjo Duet. Comic songs by Mr. Howland was next on the program, then Mr. Sheriff gave selections on the banjo with harmonica and bell accompaniments. Miss Paul then sang "The Three Wishes," Mr. Howland a "Parody on 'The Tale of Woe,'" and on an encore entertained the audience with a few Irish stories. This very pleasing entertainment was closed by Mr. Sheriff whistling "The Mocking Bird," and a "Medley" with piano accompaniment by Mr. Howland.

Sometime ago the members of Signet Chapter, Cambridge, conceived the idea of giving a "Cobweb Party," and thereby placing a "Prize" in the Order to be held by the most successful competitors in a like contest in this State. They challenged Mary Love Chapter, Waltham, for the contest to be played at Central Hall, Cambridgeport, with a picked team of six on a side. In the contest Signet won the first prize and Mary Love Chapter the booby—which is the prop-

erty of the winner. Mary Love Chapter, determining not to be outdone, challenged Signet for a like contest to take place at A. O. U. W. Hall, Waltham, on Wednesday evening, March 18. Signet Chapter accepted the challenge, and about fifty members of Signet, including the team and band, took an early train for Waltham, on that evening, bearing with them the much coveted prize. Many other visitors were present from different Chapters, amongst whom were seen G. M., Sister A. M. Harrington; G. P., Bro. F. E. Shaw; P. G. P., Brother R. C. Huntress; P. G. M's., Sisters E. J. Perry and Annie B. Huntress and others. The "cobweb" which had been woven over one half of the spacious hall of Marp Love Chapter betokened the labor in store for the contestants. When all were seated P. M., Sister Ethel K. Moor, in her usual pleasing manner, extended a welcome to the visitors, during which she reminded them that the "web" before them was suggestive of the spider, of which they had many—and both in turn called to mind the nursery rhyme of "The Spider and the Fly," and that they also had a plenty of flies; that each lady would be presented with a fly, and each gent with a spider, numbered, and that the first contest of the evening would be the search of the spider to find his fly and take her to supper. After diligent search with the assistance of the Worthy Patron for the dilatory ones—all were seated at the table, where an elegant banquet was served to which ample justice was done. Returning to the Chapter-room, the contestants—consisting of Bros. Snyder, Coward, and Parks, and Sisters Packard, Henderson and Cora Powers, of Signet; and Bros. Baker, French and Mulloy, and Sisters Warren, Mulloy, Baker, of Mary Love, were escorted to the Chapter room by a band composed of brothers and sisters of the two Chapters, and the contest began in earnest, while the "band" gave many choice selections. This time Mary Love Chapter secured the first prize while Sister Cora Powers, of Signet, carried home the "booby"—and now the question arises "Who comes next?" The "Cobweb" contest being decided a "potato race" was next in order. The first trial was between Sister Margaret A. Sutton, of Signet, and Brother N. J. Havenner, of Mary Love, in which Sister Sutton came off victorious. Then Sister Carrie S. Fairbairn, of Signet, and Brother Randall, of Mary Love, tried their skill at potato-

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picking, and Brother Randa'l proved the victor. The third trial was between Sister Sarah F. Ray, of Mary Love, and Bro. Snyder, of Signet, in which Bro. Snyder by far out-distanced all the other contestants in the game, and the prize was awarded to Signet Chapter on conditions that—if not challenged by another Chapter within three months it should become the property of the winner. The party was further entertained with music by the "Ladies Banjo and Guitar Club" of Waltham, which was greatly enjoyed by all, and altogether it was a day long to be remembered by the members and visitors of Mary Love Chapter. R. E. L.

OHIO.

The Order in this Jurisdiction is slowly gaining. A Chapter was organized at Marysville recently with about fifty petitioners.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Hattie E. A. Spafford, Grand Treasurer, has been spending the winter in Boston, but has recently returned to her home in Flandreau.

Madison Chapter, No. 6, of Madison, was presented with beautiful chairs for the Star Officers, upholstered with the color suitable for the point they were to occupy. They were the gift of the members of the Chapter. It was an agreeable surprise for the ladies, and one fully appreciated.

The Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter, Mrs. Florence M. Mudgett, with her husband and family, has been spending the winter in Vermont, and is returning home by way of Boston, Lowell and other important places in Massachusetts. They will also visit Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Columbus and other points of interest.

The Masonic Lodge of Huron has just dedicated a new hall. Besides the Masonic dedication ceremonies there was a fine literary and musical programme, followed by a banquet and dance. The hall contains seven nice rooms besides closets and two toilet rooms, all newly carpeted with brussels except banquet room and kitchen. The Grand Secretary of the O. E. S. was kindly remembered with an invitation to attend, by the Matron of Mizpah Chapter, but was unable to be present.

WASHINGTON.

Rainbow Chapter, Dayton, has provided its officers with new robes which, with the Floral work, which was first rendered with the robes, has added much to the interest of the members. The attendance is good and the officers bright and efficient all having the work thoroughly committed.

WISCONSIN.

Naomi Chapter, Wonewoc, was organized February 6, with thirty-one charter members. Although but three regular meetings have been held since the organization, the officers have the work memorized and all is moving smoothly. The sisters think it is a grand organization as it permits woman to protect and aid each other through the trials and troubles of life.

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MAY.

Fair maiden of spring-time, oh, haste on thy way;
The birds loud are singing in meadows gay,
Starry-eyed dandelions bloom in the grass;
Modest blue violets nod as you pass.
Blue-bells and daffodils are whispering low,
Buttercup and crocus with sunshine glow,
The apple-trees heavy are laden with white
Robin is carolling loud his delight.
Merrily the wedding bells chime through the air
Altars hold blossoms to greet brides so fair
The drowsy bee buries his head in the sweets
The children a bright laughter fair May time greets.
Lightly she is fleeing for Summer is near,
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Instead of being the dirty, filthy and therefore pestilential and disease-breeding place that it is popularly supposed to be, we found Havana to be—as far as appearances go—the cleanest city we had seen on our travels; and, at a conservative estimate, at least 100 per cent. cleaner than Detroit. The whole city is paved or macadamized; and in the thickly settled "downtown" portions the scavenger work is systematically attended to every night. All the refuse of the day is gathered up and carted away while the majority of the citizens are asleep. We did not take this from hearsay, writes a correspondent to the *Detroit Free Press*, but had ocular proof that such was the case, having had occasion to return to our domicile from the vicinity of the Prado several times after the witching hour of midnight. Then we saw men scraping, others sweeping, and others loading into carts to carry the stuff to the dumping grounds. When they had finished, the stone flagging, of which the pavements are made, looked as clean as the kitchen floor of a thrifty Michigan housewife. It may be that they are compelled by the natural laws of self-protection and self-preservation to do this in order to hold in check the climatic disease of yellow fever, but whatever the cause, certain it is that Havana is an extraordinarily clean city.

It seemed as though scarcely any one

walked if they wanted to go from one part of the city to another. There is, I think, but one or two lines of street-cars in the city, but there are innumerable lines of open omnibuses, if they may be called by that name. They are duplicates of some of the antediluvian vehicles which are kept in the back part of some of our livery stables and only trotted out during the races at the driving park to run from Mt. Elliot avenue to the track. They are covered, but not inclosed, have a front seat for the driver, slatted seats ranged on either side, running lengthwise, and hanging steps at the rear for entrance or exit, on which the conductor stands. They are pulled by small pairs of the little tough mules of Cuba, a team of which runs all day. They go along at a good clip; and though a mule occasionally falls down on the smooth flagging, he picks himself up with wonderful celerity, by the aid of the driver's lash and a plentitude of Spanish oaths. For a warning signal, instead of the gong with which our ambulances and patrol-wagons are provided, the driver sounds a fog horn. He does not have to waste his breath on this, but simply presses a rubber bulb, which drives the air through the horn, making the sound, and then fills itself automatically, ready for another screech. The fare of these vehicles is 10 cents in Cuban scrip, which is equivalent to 4 cents in our money. They do not run on regular time, but stand at their termini until they get a good part of a load, and then start.

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you make to get a cigar or a sandwich! They double up on these rates after midnight.

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Know ye the land where the cypress and myrtle
Are emblems of deeds that are done in their
clime;
Where the rage of the vulture, the love of the turtle
Now melt into sorrow, now madden to crime?
Know ye the land of the cedar and vine,
Where the flowers ever blossom, the beams ever
shine;
Where the light wings of zephyr, oppressed with
perfume
Wax faint o'er the gardens of Gul in her bloom;
Where the citron and olive are fairest of fruit,
And the voice of the nightingale never is mute:
Where the tints of the earth and the hues of the sky
In color though varied, in beauty may vie,
And the purple of ocean is deepest in dye;
Where the virgins are soft as the flowers they en-
twine
And all, save the spirit of man, is divine?

Something new and something strange meets the eye at every turn. We took a trip one day on the cars to Matanzas, an important seaport of Cuba, about eighty miles up the coast east from Havana. Even the cars

are different from ours. They were of American build, but, except the last one on the train, were not the kind in use in our country. That one was "first-class," and was not as good as one of our ordinary passenger coaches. The others were second and third class cars. The second had cane seats, and the third benches with no backs. At every station we reached we found one or more of those little soldiers fully armed with musket, etc., walking up and down the platform. We were informed that this sort of thing was not so much for the protection of the traveling public as for the purpose of keeping the Cubans in a proper frame of mind regarding the authority of the Spaniards. It needed these constant reminders of despotism to make us realize that there was not the same safe-guards here to the life, liberty and property of the citizens as there were across the narrow channel separating Cuba from the United States.

As we proceeded the wonderful natural wealth and luxuriant fertility of the country showed itself. Thousands of acres of the tobacco plant could be seen in all stages of development, from the young and tender shoots in the ground to the bunches hung up in sheds and undergoing the "sweating" process, for in this climate nothing ever stops growing until it is cut down and harvested or dies from old age. Then, whirling along, an immense sugar plantation would come into view on both sides of the track. We got off at one or two stations where the stops were long enough and examined the cane. It grows very thickly and some of the stalks are as large around as a man's wrist. Negroes were going through it armed with thick-bladed knives nearly as heavy as a butcher's cleaver, cutting down the stalks. Others lopped off the luxuriantly growing heads, which were loaded into a rack on a cart drawn by an ox team. This is used for fodder, and the cane produces enormous quantities of it. The stalk itself, from the root up to where it commences to branch off, about three feet in length, was loaded into another ox-drawn vehicle. This is the marketable article, and is shipped by rail or otherwise to the sugar-mills or the refineries in the cities or towns. It is to the planters in this form the same as thrashed wheat is to the farmer of Michigan—marketable, and worth a certain amount of cash.

It was stacked up in some of the yards near the stations almost like so much cord-wood. I picked up two or three stalks and brought them aboard the train. You could knock a man down with one of them as easily as with a base-ball club; but when once you get into the inside the pith is almost like sugar itself. They told us that these luxuriant fields were of perennial growth; that is, if a man had a large plantation and started a gang in at one corner of it to cut down and harvest the cane, by the time they get all through and back to the corner they started from, another crop of cane would have grown up there and be ready for har-

vesting. That seemed almost incredible; but it was solemnly asserted to be a fact. They only put in the plow and renew a Cuban sugar plantation once in from fifteen to twenty years. As most Michigan people know, the Louisiana cane is the same as sorghum or corn, and has to be planted and cultivated every year. It seems as though a country that will yield such a crop with no human effort or labor except that necessary to harvest it ought to be the richest on the footstool.

No American that I have ever heard of has ever come back from Cuba without being completely saturated with the idea that she ought to be a State of the Union, no matter what it might cost to get her.

WOMAN AND HER WORK.

[By Sister Miles, of Mississinawa Chapter, Marlon. Ind.]

In this organization, composed very largely as it is of women, devoted to their interests, existing solely for their benefit, and that they may share in the benevolent work of Masonry by relieving and caring for the distressed and care-burdened wives and daughters of Masonry, the subject of this brief paper should be, and doubtless is, a matter of some interest to us, to the female portion of the Order at least. Women generally are interested in all that which pertains to the welfare of their sex. In the primitive days of this republic the condition of woman was different from that which we find it to-day. Then her ultimate destiny was marriage and the head of a home, all her education and training tended to prepare her for that end; now we find the condition changed, her environments are not the same. While marriage is not a failure, the ratio of marriages has decreased, and all women may not expect to be settled at the head of a home so soon as they arrive at a marriageable age.

In this day the condition of woman, her future prospects, her place in the world as a bread-winner are problems that must at times force themselves upon the thought and attention of all thoughtful people. We are aware that the sterner sex who have not given serious thought to this question are apt to speak of it lightly, and dismiss it with indifference, but like the ghost of Banquo it will not down, it will arise to confront them, and they who have wives and daughters who may be left to fight the battle of life for themselves, cannot but be impressed with the gravity of the question. The women of this day are becoming alive to the situation, they recognize the necessity of greater advantages and privileges for their sex, and they are demanding them earnestly and will continue to do so until they receive them. By this I do not allude to the so-called women's rights movement, the demand for female suffrage, but I do mean the advantages of a broad and liberal education, admission to all the colleges and universities on an equal footing with the other sex, the right in every State and country to conduct any honorable business, or engage in any pro-

fessional pursuit for herself. We are aware that, as a result of her persistent efforts, these things are gradually coming to pass, but they are not universal, there are a number of States in this great free country where married women cannot conduct any business for herself.

It is not more than twenty-five years since women began to be admitted to colleges, and to-day many such institutions close their doors to them; but the days of such banishment are passing, the voice of women is beginning to be heard. She is clamoring for equal and exact justice, she asks no more, she will be satisfied with no less, and by and by she will receive it. And when in possession of these rights, when she has demonstrated her ability to measure arms in all fields with her brother man, then the world will wonder why she has so long been denied these privileges. The world has been slow to recognize the ability and worth of women, slow to see that on the right influence of women depends the moral improvement of men, that the condition of her sex has much to do in deciding the destiny of nations. Slow to perceive that educated women can wield far greater influence, and be a greater power for the betterment of the world than the ignorant, uncultured and enthralled members of her sex. But the light of these truths is beginning to dawn on the minds of men; in this country a great stride has been made in according better advantages to women, and laws more equitable in regard to the property and rights of married women have been enacted. The education of girls is more liberally provided for, colleges and schools of design for women have been established. She has been admitted to universities and colleges along with the other sex in some instances. Medical science is opened to her, and now many capable and successful women physicians can be found in the land. As teachers, women are taking the place of men everywhere in our public schools, being found to be more efficient teachers than men. What a revolution in school government! once it was considered that none but men were qualified or competent to teach or manage a school, now it is universally admitted that women are the superior teachers. In other fields, women are winning success and distinction, and demonstrating the fact that where opportunity is given she can win her way in the world. In some of the departments of the general Government at Washington, women are preferred to men as being more efficient, particularly in the treasury department she is found to be more expert in the detection of counterfeit money.

Where women have turned their attention to agriculture, horticulture, fruit-culture, or stock-raising, they have in many instances proven remarkably successful, and instances are known where educated women have managed farms left on their hands by deceased husbands, to far better advantage than their husbands had done. As authors and journalists, women have won an enviable fame, and since they have had the ad-

vantages of a more liberal education, this fact is more apparent, for in the last fifty years more books have been written by women and their work, than in all the five thousand years preceeding.

Instances might be cited of women's success in many other directions if this brief paper would allow, everyone who has given any attention to the subject is familiar with them. What does all this prove or signify? Simply this: that if it is conceded, as it must be, that the exigencies of the times demand that many women shall win their own way in the world, and, that examples of women are to be found in every age and land, who without any special preparation, have won their way to eminence and distinction in all pursuits, then policy, as well as justice, demands that liberal advantages be supplied for the education and training of girls, and that equal rights with boys be given them.

These facts are beginning to assert themselves, and these truths are being recognized by all thoughtful people. Give the girls a chance.

ADDRESS.

The following is the reply by P. G. M. Mrs. J. Jay Buck of Emporia to the address of welcome given to the Grand Chapter of Kansas at its recent session at Salina.

Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers:—It is surely a pleasing task to which I have been assigned—that of responding to the beautiful words of welcome to which we have just listened; and as I stand here to voice the sentiments of visiting delegates from all parts of our happy state, as well as that of visitors from other states, I am not unmindful of the distinction conferred upon myself nor of the fact that more gifted ones are present who could doubtless better express the grateful appreciation of the visiting sisters and brothers for the many tokens of good will and kindly fraternal affection already extended to this grand body by the members of Harmony Chapter No. 66 of Salina.

Under circumstances so favorable it is indeed an honor and a privilege to respond to your cordial greeting and become the recipients of your generous hospitality.

Actions speak as well as words, says an ancient proverb, wherefore you need hardly to have told we were "welcome," for we knew it before and were fully prepared to enjoy without a shadow of doubt or fear your kind and courteous attentions.

And yet while thanking you sincerely for your expressions of kindness, I must remind you that we have come among you not simply to sit idle and enjoy your hospitable entertainment in this busy world. It is quite impossible to altogether disentangle ourselves from the environments of active life and the never ceasing voice of duty urges us on every "new occasion" to greater efforts on behalf of others; inspired by such spirit we have gathered here with intensified desire to brighten and gladden the souls of all with whom we come in contact—to become better and stronger for this brief inter-

change of thought and feeling—to take earnest counsel upon the necessities of our Order—to become more thoroughly imbued with its principles and teachings, and when we leave to go our various ways with renewed determination to labor more devotedly for its advancement—and in the labyrinth of life daily exemplify those sublime virtues which it inculcates, designed to promote the happiness of humanity in general, and especially that of the widows and orphans of "the great brotherhood."

During barbaric ages masonry is said to have held its mystic court in dark caves and mouldy crypts. It is only in this glorious nineteenth century that it, like many other beneficent institutions, has assumed merited rank and position. In the light of the present age it could hardly prosper or be considered perfect without the co-operative genius of women. The thought that woman, though a novice in Esoteric work, ever excelled man in disinterested benevolence impressed itself upon the fertile brain of Robert Morris, and emanating from that thought an opalescent light arose to shine upon the Mason's pathway. At first it glimmered faintly upon the horizon, but now it is fast approaching the zenith with a glory that can never fade.

The warp and woof of masonry is woven in iridescent hues. With the addition of our symbolic star like a bit of delicate embroidery worked in golden strands by the deft hand of woman, it becomes a finished and artistic pattern combining all that is good and true in masonry with the virtues of the five heroines which the star so brilliantly typifies.

Our lamented brother has gone to his reward, but has left behind him an imperishable name deeply engraven on the tablets of many grateful hearts, and may woman ever bear the victor's palm for works of charity—that charity which in its broadest sense means godlike love and embodies the "new commandment" given by the Messiah to all who would become true exponents of his holy teachings.

Let then the motto of "Electa" be our watchword, for pre-eminent among the virtues illustrated in the lives of our heroines is that of love to each other.

We are told that love is immortal, that faith and hope leave us at the portal of death, but love guides us up the shining stair which reaches the gate of heaven, conducts us through the the radiant archway and never deserts us but tenderly enfolding us in her mantle of mercy shields us from the stern decree of justice. We will entrust to her guidance our loved and lost who have been called across the dark river since our last annual meeting, hoping that one and all have been conducted to the Grand Chapter above where the warder so faithfully guards the entrance that no sorrow ever invades, no blight falls to mar the beauty or dispel the happiness of those within.

Gentle hands lowered all that was mortal from our yearning sight and the clouds fell lightly upon their casket mingled with the

flowers which sisterly affection scattered over it.

Tearfully we turned away from their last resting place, but we will wreath the spot with Ivy and Immortelles, emblems of immortality, and emulating their virtues ever remember them as "Fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely." An inscription more enduring than that of marble and one that in the great hereafter will outweigh the epitaph of royalty itself.

Glad am I, therefore, to say that our chain of fraternal love is fast lengthening, that already its golden links enclose intervening leagues, extending from the tropical gulf of the south to the frozen lakes of the north, from the stormy Atlantic to the health-giving Pacific. Upon the golden sands of California a Grand Chapter convened to whom our post laureate addressed the beautiful lines which I now give you as a closing sentiment:

The angel of mercy to-night is abroad;
There gleams from her finger the signet of God.
Her work in beneficence all is desigued.
The sad to console and give light to the blind.
Oh brightest of beings that nestle above,
The angel of mercy—the angel of love.

To lips of the fevered she tenders the cup;
The head of the drooping her hand beareth up;
The friendless she points to the land far away,
And the dying makes hopeful with visions of day.
Oh nearest Divine of the powers above,
The angel of mercy—the angel of love.

Dear sisters to you is her mission consigned;
To you she departing leaves duty behind,
On errands celestial she bids you go forth,
And be the beneficent angels of earth.
And each of you prove on the model above—
An angel of mercy—an angel of love.

A LITTLE OUTING.

A student of human nature cannot find a better field of observation than the thoroughfare of New York. Fifth Avenue, Broadway, Wall Street, Eighth Avenue, each one presents a distinct type of metropolitan existence.

To see dress on parade one must perambulate Fifth Avenue at any hour between eleven and five. It is there one can see the richest street costumes and the concourse of people is so bright, so festive it is impossible to realize that a few blocks off is another race—the creatures of want, of degradation, hidden in tall tenement houses, or in damp cellars without even pure air to call their own.

But in the spring this gay attire seems to be an unconscious honoring of the season, a compliment of the warmer sun. Flowers and finery seem appropriate, and New York women, above all others on the continent, know how to apply these to the adornment of the person.

I took a ride not long since from Madison Square to the Museum of Art in Central Park. It was on top of one of the stages on Fifth Avenue, and while not a very graceful climb up, and decidedly worse coming down, the sight to be seen well paid the exertion. I enjoyed the throngs on the sidewalks, the elegant turnouts, the livered footmen and coachmen, and even the dogs out for an air-

ing attended by a smart maid or man servant. The bright spring sun shone on tall houses, on palaces almost, row after row broken by towering spires converging in the distance. There, in front of me was the Fifth Avenue Hotel, a plain gray stone structure, and through the bare trees of Madison Square I could catch a glimpse of a tower on the Madison Square Garden. And by the way, the Garden is the largest and most magnificent building of its kind in the world, comprising as it does, an amphitheatre, a theatre, a restaurant, a concert hall, a roof garden, a tower which when completed, will be three hundred feet high, besides many small halls. We passed the beautiful Roman Catholic Cathedral, the Jewish Synagogue, Dr. John Hall's church, the Fifth Avenue Baptist, the little church around the corner. Do you know how it came to be called that?

Well, its real name is the Church of the Transfiguration, but it is always called "The Little Church around the Corner," and this is the story: An actor, a man with a host of friends, died, and they who loved him wished to pay their last respects to his silent clay. His modest home was too small, so his friends decided to have the service take place from a church. They went to a noted divine and asked to use his church for that purpose, but when the minister discovered the profession of the dead, he refused it. The actors then asked if he knew of a church they could procure, which drew forth the answer, "There was a little church around the corner which might permit the actor's body to rest in it a few hours"—as it did. And ever since it has been the Little Church around the Corner.

We passed the Vanderbilt mansions, the Gould home, the Rockefeller home, and the home of many others of only less note. For I think about twenty squares the park borders the Avenue, and the grass was just awakening to life, while the swelling buds suggested the future wealth of green.

The eyes were well employed till the stage stopped near the Museum and we descended from our elevated position and prepared to spend a delightful afternoon looking at pictures.

ALICE STRONG.

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA FOR 1891.

The Grand Chapter assembled in its Seventeenth Annual Session at Masonic Temple, April 22, at 2 p. m. It was opened by the Grand Matron, Augusta V. Hunter, assisted by the Associate Grand Patron, Irvin B. Webber, and the other Grand Officers. The Grand Patron, F. W. Fanning, and Associate Grand Matron, Eva M. Hollinger, were absent on account of serious illness in the families. There were thirteen Grand Officers present, and representatives from sixty-four Chapters. Also three Past Grand Matrons, and six Past Grand Patrons. Sister Jeannette W. Ashley, Past Grand Matron of Illinois, was a visitor, and she with her husband, Albert B. Ashley, Past Grand Patron of Illinois, were made

honorary members of the Grand Chapter. The M. W. G. M., with Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, were introduced and saluted with Grand Honors.

The Grand Matron appointed the following standing committees:

Credentials—W. H. Smythe, Sallie Thompson, Harriet E. Click.

Finance, Ways and Means—Geo. C. Dorland, Bertha Reinhardt, Della Atwood, Matilda Edmonston, Albert H. Kennedy.

Unfinished Business—Jennie T. Nye, Alice O. Meyers, A. W. Hempleman, Jas. P. Deems, Thos. F. Morman.

Pay roll—O. B. Sargent, Rhoda Ely, Carrie Saylor, Addie Doble, P. T. Luther.

Jurisprudence—Carrie Fanning, Mary E. Spidler, Nettie Ransford, Martin H. Rice, W. D. Engle, H. G. Thayer, D. J. Thompson, Geo. C. Dorland.

Appeals and Grievances—Carrie Bradford, Annie B. Marsh, Maggie Brown, W. D. Engle, S. M. Bennett.

Dispensation and Charters—Nettie Ransford, Jennie Myerhoff, V. J. Koehler, T. R. Marshall, John Ebert.

Foreign Correspondence—Martin H. Rice.

The address of the Grand Matron was so beautiful that we cull very liberally from it:

Officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Indiana:

"The baseless fabric of a vision, woven by the deft fingers of the sleep angels, has not fairer figures in it than has the memory of these twelve months ago, since last we cried each unto the other, 'Hail, and Farewell.' For many an absent one, hopes have died, faith has been shaken, and lives have gone out like rush-lights on a gusty night. How full of faith and love and loyalty to God ought each soul met here in fraternal hand-clasp to be. Men have died, but we live. Women have lost faith and hope, but we yet see the same unchanging Star in the East; and through the rifts in ignorance and blind unbelief catch once again that sweet refrain of the angelic chorus which hushed into an eternal calm, a world grown old in doubts and fears.

We come thus gladly to these sacred rooms, not solely, I trust, for pleasant, social intercourse, but also to aid, in so far as we may, the upbuilding of humanity.

I salute and greet you, co-laborers mine, in His name. Standing with half-reluctant feet upon the threshold of another year, the opportunities lost, the dead resolutions, the vain regrets of the year gone by, come crowding to our view. We would they were not. And yet as we look at our beloved Order in the State and Nation, and as we examine ourselves, we know that we have made progress. And in the light of the zeal, knowledge and activity of the subordinate Chapters, we have here represented a widening vista of enlarged usefulness for the year to come. That there is something in our Order which will cause it to live and grow when other societies 'sleep the sleep that knows no waking,' the constantly increasing attendance here year after year, of those whose hearts beat responsive to the great cries of humanity proclaims. We approach the consideration of sacred subjects, as we here and now begin to legislate for our beloved Order. What we here do may leave its impress on untold thousands long after we may have 'gone over to the majority.'

Standing with the light of His Star shining on us, may our thoughts be filled with wisdom and understanding; and may saintly charity fill this Grand Chapter with its

sweetness, like as 'a morsel of frankincense burned in the halls of eternity.' With such faith and purpose, let me read you the record of my official year.

Sorrow has taken a seat at many a fireside and supped with many a family in this grand jurisdiction since last we met. Familiar faces have gone from us, and in the silent watches of the night, we watch for a footfall that never comes. To many a sister and brother the watchman cries out 'One o'clock,' when their hearts are breaking for the morning's dawn. Peace, peace, troubled souls. His Star still shines and the day star dawn grows apace. Meanwhile what more can we do than give you that sympathy which truly suffers with you?

Sister Mary B. High, Past Grand Matron of Indiana, reached the sunset isles on September 8, 1890. She was one of the early workers in the Order. Her devotion to its cause, and the exemplification of its principles in her life have made her memory very sweet to all who knew her.

We extend our sympathy to our sister jurisdiction of Kansas in the loss of her Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie E. Gabriel, of Parsons.

May these dispensations of Providence serve as lettered stones by the wayside of life to remind us how far we have gone, and to admonish us that for us also the hour soon cometh.

It has been a source of great gratification to me to find most of the Chapters in excellent working order, with peace and harmony prevailing, and each adding new links to its chain of friendship. I cannot report that all members have taken such interest in perfecting themselves in the ritualistic work as they should, but I believe that time will obviate all neglect in that direction. Interest in our work seems to be on the increase in nearly every locality; and one of the most gratifying signs of progress is the universally helpful aid given to us by the members of the Masonic fraternity.

To the officers and members of the Chapters I have visited, I desire to publicly extend my heartfelt thanks for the kindness with which I have been received among you. Your generous hospitalities, and courtesies shown me in the Chapter room will be pleasant memories to me while life shall last.

To the Chapters that I have been unable to visit, and especially to those that have sent me special invitations to do so I wish to express my sincere regret that the serious illness which prostrated me during the winter and necessitated an interval of six weeks between visitations made it an absolute impossibility to visit you. I regretted very much that a continued rain storm made it necessary to disappoint the members of Riley Chapter, and Andersonville Chapter, after all arrangements had been made.

To my associate Grand Officers, I wish to express my appreciation of the kindly relations that have existed between us and to thank the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the Grand Secretary for the uniform kindness and helpful aid given me. Neither was ever too busy or too tired with all their many duties, to respond to any call I made upon them for advice or help, and during the many times my duties called me to this city, their firesides have been mine, and among the many pleasant recollections of my year's work will be the happy hours I have spent in their homes.

Here ends the record of the year. For me the work has been a labor of love. It only remains for me to voice in words, that which you already feel you have, my thanks for the honor you did me in electing me to the the highest office within your gift. I brought to the discharge of my duties all my resources. I have done what I could. Life is full of errors and mistakes and it seems superfluous to say that the last year for me

has not differed from those which preceded it. I should be entirely downcast and disconsolate, did I not know how, even now, you are throwing the mantle of charity over them.

The duties of Grand Matron are arduous, and yet, for my successor in office, I can wish no happier fate than that she may have you to help her bear them, as you have helped me.

Turn your faces and your hearts to her, sisters and brothers mine,

While I with faltering footsteps, journey on,

Watching the stars that roll the hours away,

Till the faint light that guides me now is gone

Arid like another life, the glorious day,

Shall I open o'er me from the empyreal height

With warmth and certainty and boundless light.

The Grand Matron granted several dispensations and rendered many decisions, all of which were sustained by the Grand Chapter. She visited during the year, forty-five Chapters and reports the Order throughout the Jurisdiction in a very flourishing condition. Also had installed the officers of several Chapters and assisted in the organization of one.

In the absence of the Grand Patron, his address was read by Past Grand Matron Fanning. He says:

"The time has come for me to render an account of my stewardship as your Grand Patron, and in so doing, I will endeavor to be as brief as possible.

Early in the year labor was commenced in constituting and installing the officers of the ten new Chapters, to which charters were granted at the last meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Before this work was completed, petitions for new Chapters began coming in and continued to come until fourteen have been added to the roster, with others ready to be presented.

Persons eligible to the degrees from all parts of the State, are becoming interested in the Order, and are continually inquiring how to get themselves in position to enjoy the benefits to be derived from membership.

My duties as Grand Patron have been easily performed, and so far as I have been able have assisted the Grand Matron. I could, and would have done more had it come within my province so to do.

I am pleased to inform you that the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction is prosperous beyond our most sanguine expectation, and is constantly tending toward that point of excellence, where to be known as a member of it, is a synonym of all that is great, noble and good. Ten Chapters had been constituted and fourteen organized. To twelve Chapters charters were granted, one was continued U. D., and one referred to the Grand Patron. A petition for a new Chapter was also referred to the Grand Patron."

Letters of regret were read from M. W. G. P. Lynds, R. W. G. Sec. Pitkin, and P. G. M. Mason, which were ordered printed in the proceedings.

The report of the Grand Secretary is prefaced by lines so full of excellence that all should read them:

The annual meetings of the Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter being "so near and yet so far apart" the former meeting in Terre Haute April 21, and the latter in Indianapolis April 22, and your Grand Secretary having the honor to hold an office of corresponding importance and responsibility in the Grand Commandery to that held in this Grand Chapter, finds himself for the first time in fifteen years unable to be present at the time for this opening session of the Grand Chapter, but though deprived of

the pleasure, he finds consolation in the thought that "men may come and men may go" but the Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. of the State of Indiana will go on forever," that it has reached a point in its history where it is not dependent upon any man or woman to lead and direct its course. It has safely passed the age of infancy and childhood and reached the age of mature womanhood and manhood which ever you are pleased to term it. It has safely weathered the storms and has withstood the assaults of enemies both within and without. It has now arrived at the age when opportunities for great good are within its reach. It has daily growing in favor with those who were its former enemies, but this fact should not lead to efforts of an over-zealous nature to push its claims upon those who do not "come of their own free will and accord." Chapters should not be organized in towns where there is not an active, live and prosperous Masonic Lodge. Petitions for Dispensations and Charters from dead or decaying towns should be discouraged, and when presented should be refused if there remains a reasonable doubt of the ability of the petitioners to support and maintain an active working Chapter membership in the Order of the Eastern Star should be sought and when obtained, prized as an honor. The Order should never trail its banners in the dust for numbers; its doors should open to none but the good and true—to those only who can find time to visit the sick and minister to the wants of the distressed, and to those only who can exemplify in their lives the teachings of the Order.

There were only four Chapters that had not paid Grand Chapter dues—two had not reported. The receipts for the year were \$1413.75. The disbursements were \$974.01, and the balance in the treasury was \$1928.01.

For the first time, Past Grand Patron Rice, offered an apology for the usual excellent report on correspondence. Illness prevented its materializing. The amendment offered at the last session, making Past Matrons members of the Grand Chapter was not adopted, nor was the amendment adopted paying representatives at the rate of four cents per mile. The Grand Matron was allowed two hundred dollars, but declined to receive more than one hundred. The Grand Secretary was allowed one hundred and fifty dollars. Telegrams of sympathy were sent to Sister and Brother Manning, of Lake Michigan Chapter, Michigan City, in response to the announcement of the death of their daughter Lula, and Associate Grand Matron, Hollinger, whose little daughter's illness prevented her presence.

The Committee on Deceased Members consisted of Thomas R. Marshall, Mary E. Griffin and Sara Thayer, and very beautiful and loving mention is made of our loved dead.

We walk the narrow isthmus of this life, low lying twixt the two eternities, and then we pause and vainly strive to gather in the service of our hopes, the sands of happiness.

The world and all its past are all so full of opening sepulchers and grinning skulls and dead men's bones, that sometimes our souls are swept with agony unutterable and almost unendurable. Were it not for His faith and His promises, how soon would dull and deadening despair settle down over us all. Thank God for the hand-clasp of the Infinite and the elbow touch of friendly human kind.

Sister Mary B. High, Past Grand Matron of this Jurisdiction, awaked to life eternal

and light ineffable, upon September 8, 1890. No idle word, penned by the hand of a stranger, though bound to her in the mystic fellowship of a common faith, can voice the love and veneration those who knew her best still hold for her; nor can we ever tell what mighty influences are still widening their circles in the ocean of time starting from the shores of her life. She was a good woman and true; and when we so say, no sweeter or lovelier flower can we lay at her tomb.

To our sister Jurisdiction of Kansas, we extend the hand-clasp which we trust will convey to them our sympathy in their loss of Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie E. Gabriel. Such is the record of our illustrious. We gladly inscribe their names and virtues upon the imperishable records of our Order. But, sisters and brothers, are there not inscribed upon the tablets of your memories the names of some of our members, whose coming and whose going fame never proclaimed with a trumpet? From the past, even now, does there not reach forth a shadowy hand and touch your hearts? And do they not cry out: "Oh God! Thy will be done." From the Chapter-room of many a subordinate Chapter has gone a face we long to see, a laugh we would spill half our blood, again to hear. Our numbered dead! How they crowd around us. They are too sacred for us to analyze their lives. We only know we loved them. What worlds of faith and cheer are in the thought, nay in the certainty, that some sweet day when the carking cares of this life are over, we shall meet them in the sinless, deathless realm. Till then, sisters and brothers farewell.

We respectfully recommend that a memorial page, suitably inscribed, be set apart in the printed proceedings of this Grand Body to perpetuate the names of those who this year have not only seen His Star but have seen Him.

THOS. R. MARSHALL,
MARY E. GRIFFIN,
SARA THAYER. } Com.

The first evening of the Grand Chapter was devoted to social features which had been arranged by the Grand Matron. Sister Angelica Thayer recited, "Alas My Daughter," and it was given in her peculiarly earnest way. She was robed in blue and her sweet girlish face made it wonderfully realistic. The Floral Work was rendered by the following members of Warsaw Chapter, who came over a hundred miles to contribute to the enjoyment of the members and visitors of the Grand Chapter: Mrs. Mamie Conrad, Dr. I. B. Webber, Mrs. Sara Thayer, Mrs. Jennie Lones, Mrs. Mamie Shultz, Mrs. Lou Rosenstock, Mrs. Clara Sheffield, Mrs. E. Weaver, Mrs. Mary Goodwin, Mrs. Cora Chapman, Mrs. Rose Hetrick, Mrs. Dora Oram, Mrs. Jennie Webber and Mrs. Emma Ireland. The work was beautiful and was beautifully done, each officer doing her part so well as to make almost a perfect whole. The lesson taught by the flowers that bear their part in our ceremony was intensified and the singing was very sweetly done. Warsaw Chapter deserved and received the thanks of the Grand Chapter. Sisters Alice Whitesell and Manson, of Knightstown Chapter, sang "Ruth and Naomi" in so sweetly impressive a manner as to call forth many congratulations and much applause. Brother Hemp'eman and Sister Lancaster also contributed recitations. While the evening was devoted to pleasure, the contributions were

of a character to deepen our love for the work of the Order and teach us that new beauties may be constantly unfolded.

The following officers were elected and appointed. They were installed by M. W. G. M., Nettie Ransford, assisted by Jeanette W. Ashley, as W. G. Mar.: Augusta V. Hunter, Grand Matron, Columbia City; Irvin B. Webber, Grand Patron, Warsaw; Eva M. Hollinger, Associate Grand Matron, Terre Haute; T. Wilkinson, Associate Grand Patron, Knightstown; Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis; Pearl E. Tyner, Grand Treasurer, Greenfield; Helen Macomber, Grand Conductress, South Bend; Jennie Myerhoff, Associate Grand Conductress, Evansville; Addie Doble, Grand Lecturer, Shelbyville; Oliver B. Sargent, Grand Marshal, Logansport; Mary J. Griffin, Grand Adah, Bourbon; Olive E. McGrew, Grand Ruth, Milroy; Bertha Reinhard, Grand Esther, Lebanon; Sallie Thompson, Grand Martha, Garrett; Margaret Hanover, Grand Electa, H. E. Vickery, Grand Warder, Tipton; A. W. Hempleman, Grand Chaplain, Richmond; Sarah W. Burns, Grand Sentinel, Indianapolis.

GEORGIANA FLINN SECOY.

Another call has been made upon the jurisdiction of Kansas and Past Grand Matron, Georgiana Flinn Secoy, passed beyond all pain and sorrow—and there shall be no night there—April 12. She was for some time ill and was unable to attend the last session of the Grand Chapter. Though absent she was not forgotten, and the beautiful floral star that was sent her gave her great pleasure. Sister Secoy has served the Grand Chapter in various positions, having occupied the station of Grand Martha, Grand Conductress, Grand Asso. Matron and Grand Matron. Illness prevented during her term as Grand Matron of visiting very much, but her heart was earnest. During her years of membership, as well as service she proved herself acquainted with all the trials of our Order, and was never found wanting in the hour of need. Her life was such that she did not fear to die, and when the summons came she passed peacefully away as one who lies down to sleep, we are not alone to mourn her loss, but we feel what is our loss is her gain.

Thus the golden chain has been broken, but the parting will be temporary and the meeting eternal.

"When we shall clearly know and understand, I think we will say "God knew best!"

The funeral service was conducted by Grand Matron, Eudora E. Hall. Nickerson Chapter was assisted by Acacia Chapter of Hutchinson and Keystone Chapter, of Sterling. Also the W. R. C. and Pythian sisters participated, and after the close of our service theirs was given. As the day was beautiful, service was held in the yard. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The emblematic Star of our Order, the gift of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, Gates A-jar from Nickerson, her home Chapter, and many smaller offerings, Roman Cross of the

W. R. C., and Triangle of the Pythian Sisters. All uniting as one mourning sisterhood paying the last tribute to a loved and honored sister. Those who knew her best loved her for her true womanly and high moral character. Her interest in the Order was never dimmed by her long weeks of suffering. She was ever ready to assist with her wise counsel. Truly a good woman has gone. E. C.

THE PROFESSIONAL WOMAN'S NEED.

[Indianapolis Sentinel.]

The professional woman of to-day is making a serious mistake. She is burying herself in her profession and giving up every other interest. This lack of relaxation and over-earnestness in her work leads sooner or later, to a shattered, nervous system and a resort to the use of nerve tonics, digitalis to stimulate the action of the heart, opiates to induce sleep, and no end of patent medicines to hold her body and soul together. This is especially true of school teachers. When the teacher leaves her school-room at night she carries with her a stack of books. She sits down immediately after a hasty supper, ties a wet handkerchief around her aching head, dives into her books and studies until nearly midnight; then she is obliged to take something in order to sleep. She seldom mixes in society and spends her Sundays teaching Sunday-school classes. Her earnestness is commendable, but her total abandonment of all recreation, her withdrawal from society, show a narrowness which does her no credit. Women physicians are notably foolish in their ideas that their sole business in life is to give medicine. They spend every moment when not in the consultation-room, or by the side of a patient in studying. They do not allow themselves one moment's recreation. When the professional woman is given a brief vacation from the office, or school-room, she packs her trunk with books and microscopes, instead of with pretty dresses and summer novels, and gives herself up to thorough study and scientific research.

The professional woman needs to so arrange her work that she can mingle more in society and enjoy healthful recreation. Her brains and body alike need rest, and her work will not suffer for a lack of broadening ideas.

NOT TILL THEY'RE GONE DO WE LOVE THEM.

[Zula B. Cook in Woman's Work.]

"He who is false to present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will see the defect when the weaving of a life-time is unrolled."

The fleeting moments of time are scarcely heeded by the fleetest minds of humanity, as we hasten down the thoroughfare of the present, ardent to grasp future anticipations. And yet, what stoical apathy pervades our sensibilities, rendering us strangely neutral to all that is near and dear to our hearts. Pride and procrastination, two of the most deleterious thieves in human experience, tamper with our hearts, and make dissemlers of many who, otherwise, would fain be

meek and open-hearted. The pathway of life is strewn with wrecked lives and wrecked homes, where, if the sharp arrow of discord had never been aimed, there might have dwelt instead, that most beautiful of manifestations, reciprocal love—which unseals the deepest fountains of joy. How many of us love our husbands, wives, children, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, with all the ardor of our souls, yet glide through days and nights with indifferent composure, appeasing our conscience with the mistaken assurance that another time will do. To-morrow perhaps, I will atone for that harsh word! Hereafter, I shall not neglect the good-bye kiss! When my little darlings appeal to me again, I shall be more indulgent, and not deny them so many innocent pleasures simply because they give me added trouble.

Dear parents, you shall know some day the depth of my filial devotion, and realize how grateful I feel for the many painful sacrifices you have made. Brother, sister, sweet companions of my innocent childhood. How I long to clasp your hand in hand, arm in arm, and pour into your sympathetic ears once more, the dread vexations of our plighted hearts. O yes! We will live those halcyon days again.

These are a few of the many thoughts which we withhold in our minds, and oft-times in the midst of one or more, we are suddenly aware of a chilling presence, and look around to behold the icy hand of death, bearing away one of these loved, neglected beings. The softly-toned harp-strings of regret are sounded too late! Love's hallowed balm is drawn in vain! Oh! heart-devouring thought; what would we not give to live over the erring past! To soothe the heart we once made bleed; to dry those eyes we caused to weep; to whisper into those cherished ears the sainted word *forgive*, and hear those silent lips speak, as in life, the saintlier word *forget!*

OVER 15,000 MANUSCRIPTS.

Mr. Bok, the Editor of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, recently gave some interesting figures relative to the manuscripts received by his magazine during 1890. Owing to its departments and peculiar character, the *Journal* probably receives more manuscripts than any other magazine published. Mr. Bok says that he received at his office a total number of 15,205 manuscripts. Of these, 2,280 were poems; 1,746 stories and 11,179 miscellaneous articles. Of the poems, 66 were accepted; of the stories, only 21, and of the articles 410, of which latter, however, over 300 were solicited articles. Thus, it will be seen that of the entire 15,000 manuscripts only 497 were accepted; a trifle over three per cent. Deducting from this the 300 accepted articles written at the Editor's solicitation, the net percentage of unsolicited manuscripts accepted is brought down to 197, or a little more than one per cent. Statistics such as these show how much utter trash is being written, and the number of persons writing who ought to be employing their time at something else and better.

For The Eastern Star.

A FACE AT THE WINDOW.

Day after day, from morn till night,
Through dreary days, days sometimes bright
I sit with my work all the livelong day,
And you in your study ever the way
Watch me in my place at the window.

The day is coming, coming fast
Once more I'll sit, it will be the last
Looking in the sunshine so fair
Then an empty place, a vacant chair.
Will you miss the face at the window?

The hours are fleet, the days fly fast
The homeward journey o'er at last
With eager feet old paths you tread
With the light of home shining bright ahead,
May you find a dear face at the window.

When life is o'er, and its work is done
When the shadows fall, and we go home
Where no night comes, where all is day,
In our Father's house, just over the way
May we see God's face at the window.

FRANCES HORTON BOGART.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

St. Louis, Mo., April 14th, 1891.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the O. E. S. Greeting:

WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter, at its sixth triennial session, held at the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, September 25, 26, and 27, 1889, formulated, adopted and promulgated the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby instructs the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, to send notice to all Chapters of the Order of the State, both within and without said Grand Chapter, to remit their annual dues, receive their reports; and said Grand Chapter shall at or before the next regular meeting thereof, receive each of the delegates of said Subordinate Chapter to full membership in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and, be it further

Resolved, That should the Grand Chapter of Minnesota refuse to comply with these instructions in time for the next annual session of the Grand Chapter, it is hereby ordered that all recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and all Chapters of the Order in said State be withdrawn by this General Grand Chapter, and it is further ordered that all Chapters in said State that shall neglect or refuse to forward their dues and returns, as directed, shall forfeit their right to recognition, and shall be crossed from the role of Chapters.

AND WHEREAS, The said Grand Chapter of Minnesota has failed to comply with the instructions of the General Grand Chapter, as set forth in the foregoing resolutions, therefore we, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby declare and order, that all recognition of the General Grand Chapter be and is hereby withdrawn from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and that the said Grand Chapter is no longer a constituent part or member of the General Grand Chapter.

BENJAMIN LYNDS, M. W. G. M.
NETTIE RANSFORD, M. W. G. P.

[REAL.]

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. G. S.
Chicago, April 16, 1891.

For the Eastern Star.

THE PRIVILEGE OF SEX.

In the minds of many persons there are certain privileges inhering in the mental, and spiritual constitution of man because of sex.

It is a fallacy old as history itself. Yet it is a fallacy which Nature contradicts at every turn.

She exhibits her remonstrance in the perfection of fruit and flower, beast and creeping thing, in no case saying this, or that, is superior in the eyes of the Great Architect of the Universe because of sex.

Perhaps of all the forces of Nature the wind, which bloweth where it listeth and ye cannot tell whence it cometh nor whither it goeth, will best serve as mankind's counterpart. Its various offices may be likened to the activities of mankind. There are times when the air becomes surcharged with unwholesome vapors and the tornado, or the whirlwind is born, carrying destruction and death in its path, and this we may call the masculine element. But no less do we need the gentle zephyr, the wayward summer breeze, to carry the pollen of flowers, to purify, cleanse and nourish all forms of life, and in this we see the feminine uses. But here the difference stops. The zephyr can soar to the loftiest mountain peaks just as surely as the tornado. It can penetrate the foulest den and bring purity and sweetness more surely than can the whirlwind. The Tornado has its office, a mighty, brute force from which we flee and bar our doors, and call upon the hills to cover us. It hurls foulness, and the vile weapons of its wrath which it has gathered in its course, against all beautiful forms, blinding our eyes and smiting our faces. But we open our windows and give free ingress to the summer breeze, we woo its gentle influence, it caresses the fevered brow, it sings lullabies to the most delicate birdling, it heralds the dawn, it stirs in the tops of the mulberry trees and becomes the very voice of God.

There is no place so high, no depth so low that it can not enter, no place so wide that it cannot fill it, no crevice so narrow that it cannot creep in and prevent mildew and decay. It is the healing, purifying, life-giving force, even as woman herself.

It can enter the blackest dens of vice and come out unsmirched, and where the hurricane has strewn the shore with wrecks, the soft summer breeze gently fills the sails of homebound ships and safely guides them into port. The tornado, the whirlwind, the hurricane, the soft breeze, and the sighing zephyr. Each bloweth where it listeth and none can tell whence it cometh or whither it goeth.

Hath God ever said to the breeze, 'ye shall not pursue the mountain track, ye shall not traverse the path of the sea, ye shall not ride upon the clouds of the morning?' Not so.

It is as free to go where it will, as free to utter its voice, acknowledging no control but that of its Creator, as is the fiercest, wildest blast that ever shrieked and belled round our dwelling.

Man, not God, has said, give us the tornado, the whirlwind, the hurricane in the political world, and so we see wreck and ruin, and foulness hurled and heaped up on every hand.

Not until woman is given her proper place, free as the air of heaven to go where she will, free to lift up her voice in her own way to cleanse, purify and exalt humanity, will the wrecks of ruined lives and wretched homes become less than we see them now.

M. SEARS BROOKS.

STRONG CHARACTERS.

[Rev. F. W. Robertson in Manford's Magazine.]

Strength of character consists of two things—power or will and power of self-restraint. It requires two things, therefore, for its existence—strong feelings and strong command over them. Now it is here that we make a great mistake; we mistake strong feelings for strong character. A man who bears all before him, before whose frown domestics tremble, and whose bursts of fury make the children of the household quake—because he has his will obeyed, and his own way in all things, we call him a strong man. The truth is, that is the weak man: it is his passions that are strong; he, mastered by them, is weak. You must measure the strength of a man by the power of the feelings he subdues, not by the power of those which subdue him. And hence composure is very often the highest result of strength.

Did we never see a man receive a flagrant insult, and only grow a little pale, and then reply quietly? That is a man spiritually strong. Or, did we never see a man in anguish stand, as if carved out of solid rock, mastering himself? Or one bearing a hopeless daily trial remain silent, never tell the world what cankered his home peace? That is strength. He who, with strong passions, remained chaste; he who keenly sensitive, with many powers of indignation in him, can be provoked, and yet restrain himself, and forgive—these are the strong men, the spiritual heroes.

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD.

A magazine of the size of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, which has reached a monthly circulation of 600,000 copies, requires a good deal of room; another four-story building is to be occupied next month, in addition to the two now in use. The growing popularity of the *Journal* has also overtaken the capacity of its nine large presses, and twelve new ones of latest improved pattern are awaiting the completion of the new quarters.

"When my Ship Comes Over the Sea," the latest musical hit. Price seventy-five cents. Special price, for introduction, postpaid, forty cents. Address, Will L. Thompson & Co., Wabash Ave., Chicago.

The name of Miss Catherine Wilde, who has for years been Superintendent of the editorial rooms of the *Woman's Journal*, has now been added to the regular editorial force.

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Any person sending THE EASTERN STAR five yearly subscribers, will receive a solid gold Eastern Star, or other society pin.

In New Jersey the law is rescinded which prohibited Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star from meeting in Masonic Lodge rooms.

But one expression has been given regarding the new robes of Queen Esther, and that is that they are beautiful and add very much to the work.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota will hold its fifth annual session in Duluth, May 13. An invitation is received to be present, for which kindly remembrance I return thanks.

During the recent meeting of the Grand Chapter the office of the EASTERN STAR received many calls from those in attendance. The latch string is always out to members of the Order and friends.

The Press Club of this city have arranged for a reception to be held at the Club Rooms on the last Saturday evening of each month. To these receptions each member is privileged to invite, beside the family, two guests.

The EASTERN STAR sends greeting to each and all Jurisdictions where during this month of May, will be held the Annual gatherings, and its best wish is that the deliberations may be harmonious and for the good of the Order.

On the second Tuesday in May the Grand Chapter of South Dakota will hold its third annual meeting in Webster. The invitation to be present is received, and if only one could be where they so desire to be, distance would not prevent attendance.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS:—The paper will be continued to all subscribers until notified to discontinue, and the time of the expiration of subscription will be blue pencil-marked. Please send renewals promptly

and forget not to invite others to join you in this good work.

The visit to Lebanon Chapter last month was exceedingly pleasant. The increased interest was manifested by the new and elegant furnishings of the Chapter room, for which the sisters had been laboring. The Chapter is well officered and bids fair to continue in good works.

The Grand Chapter of Massachusetts will meet in its fifteenth annual session May 12, in Worcester. The members will be the guests of Stella Chapter. The kind invitation received is appreciated, and the pleasant memories of the reception of last August causes a yearning desire to attend, but for this year we must say, nay.

The attendance at Grand Chapter is each year larger, and although many were absent from illness this year, the attendance was very large, there being over three hundred present. Harmony prevailed, and but for the shadow that hovered over so many homes in our jurisdiction, it could be counted as an especially happy meeting.

The trio of the Eastern Star received beautiful invitations to the graduation of Nellie, the daughter of Past Grand Matron, Mary E. Mason. It is with sincere regret that they send congratulation through another medium, rather than in person speaking their good wishes and compliments. May she "Climb, though the Heights be rugged," to an altitude of pure, true womanhood, that shall make the world better for her having lived in it.

THE EASTERN STAR told its readers, some months ago of the three orphans that were being carried for by Doric Chapter, Easthampton, Massachusetts. Through the kindness of Sister Goodenough, who makes it her duty to see this trust discharged to these dependent ones, there came a photograph of the charges. It is a gift to be treasured. If the organization of the Order had effected no other good than the caring for these children it will not have lived in vain.

The EASTERN STAR having discovered the name of the author of the favorite Eastern Star poem, "Our Vows," gives it to its readers. The poem was written expressly for Past Grand Master, Herman Bassett, by Major Henry T. Stanton, of Louisville, Ky., and was copied for the writer by Hiram Bassett in October, 1876, to use in conferring the Eastern Star degrees. It was written in fifteen minutes. The writer was acquainted with both gentlemen and knows that this is true and correct.

And yet the pen must record another sad visitation. From the family of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Perkins, Terre Haute, two dear children were called. Little Elsie, aged five years, and Charles, aged three years, died of malignant scarlet fever, only a day intervening between the times of their death. Of course the disease was of such a nature that those who would offer consolation could not be with them. The little ones were the grand-

children of brother and sister J. D. Wilson, of Terre Haute Chapter.

[Mrs. Harriet Augusta Tenney, who has just retired from the position as State Librarian, of Michigan, is Past Matron of Arbutus Chapter, Lansing. For twenty-two years she filled the position of Librarian, giving satisfaction and winning commendation for intelligent, faithful service. The retirement came because of the change in the political complexion of those through whom comes the appointment. Although woman is not of the Body Politic, she must pay tribute to Caesar just the same.

With this issue the third year of THE EASTERN STAR is completed. Few can realize the care and work that is required to carry such an enterprise forward. We have at all times met with encouragement from a large majority of the members, and have also received that more substantial encouragement without which we should have been unable to continue in the work. We appreciate more fully than we can express this recognition and trust that as the years go on we may come nearer to each other in heart and work.

The question of how I can enjoy my Eastern Star cards is no longer to me a problem. It was solved for me by brother Sam L. C. Rhodes of Kansas City, Missouri, who entrusted to the care of the Express Company a beautiful book in which to alphabetically arrange such things. It is not only beautiful but useful, and will be a delightful reminder of not only Brother Rhodes' thoughtfulness, but of the many pleasant friends whose names find place between its covers. The problem that now confronts me is how to express my thanks.

The Lick telescope is the most powerful glass in the world. It is reported the observers of Mount Hamilton have lately kept a sharp eye turned upon the shadow of one of the moons of the planet Jupiter. This shadow seemed double, indicating that the tiny moon which cast it is also double. Since the first hint of the discovery many observations have been made through the Lick glass, all tending to confirm the original impression, to wit: That this particular satellite of the greatest of the planets is double—a dot of a moon revolving around the main moon.

April 25 marked the thirty-third anniversary of the marriage of the senior member of this firm. Several times have the members of Queen Esther Chapter emphasized the recurring anniversaries by their presence and gifts. Upon this occasion the evening was spent in games, and although the hostess was only the time keeper she won the prize. And 'tis a prize of priceless value to be held thus in loving remembrance. Among those who were from a distance were Augusta V. Hunter, Grand Matron, Jennie T. Nye, Worthy Matron of Orient, and Mary E. Thayer, Past Matron, Plymouth.

All hearts beat responsive in a throb of

sympathy for our sister and brother Manning of Lake Michigan Chapter, when the telegram reached the Grand Chapter telling of their bereavement in the loss of their young daughter. 'Tis hard to say, "Thy will be done" when a sweet branch is plucked from the parent tree and will no more gladden the heart with its beautiful presence. But about the New Jerusalem where are transplanted these buds of promise, are no blighting frosts or chilling winds to sear their fair beauty and make them unlovely. Rather are they such as we in the fullness of our love might desire them to be.

Indiana has some very pleasant summer resorts, and last summer an effort was made to have Chapter re-unions at points where several Chapters could conveniently meet. A movement is already on foot, so says rumor, to locate one of these at Windfall. La-Porte, the home of Orient Chapter, offers everything that can be wished, for a most delightful gathering there, and several Chapters are within its radius. The beautiful lakes that border the town—the town itself one of the prettiest in Northern Indiana—gives special inducement. And to this the convenience and comforts of the new Assembly grounds, and with brother Geo. C. Dorland, Past Grand Patron, who as Secretary of the Association, to arrange for the re-union, nothing remains but to name the day and go. Another point at which a meeting can be arranged for is Warsaw which also boasts of resorts with lovely lakes, and Warsaw Chapter stands ready to further such a movement, and welcome any and all who may desire to go. This is only two of the available places for summer gatherings. Suggestions for these were offered last summer, but to make anything a success these suggestions must be crystalized into action. Set the ball rolling.

—[Ed.]

"Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest."
—[Ed.]

A subscriber to whom the *Tribune* has been sent by a friend now orders the paper stopped, and writes: "With all the papers and books my husband requires for his work, I do not feel that we can afford to add this paper to our list." This sentiment is an indication of both the need of the work of the *Tribune* and wherein lies the difficulty in sustaining a paper devoted to the interests of women. Women have not yet learned to regard their class papers as necessary, and the support of them a duty they owe to their sex, but whatever is necessary to the husband's interests or pleasure or will further his position and influence must be the first consideration, no matter at what cost to the family purse. The only way to stop this deplorable state of affairs is to teach men that their wives' interests have an equal claim with their own. "He takes so many papers" is the most common excuse that women offer for not taking the paper and the woman can not help herself, nor, as a rule, will she put her own claims forward in other matters than those of dress or household expenditure which she knows her husband will approve.—*Woman's Tribune*.

Dr. Mary Smith, who has been recently added to the medical staff at the Central Hospital for the Insane, is essentially an Indiana woman. Richland, Iowa, must be credited as her birthplace, but the removal of her parents in early childhood to this State gave her to Indiana for education and development, and her childhood and girlhood was spent a short distance west of this city, at Hadley. She was graduated from the Indiana Central Normal at Danville receiving a diploma. Her liking for the profession she has chosen as her life work, is somewhat in the law of heredity as her father was a physician. After a three years course she was graduated from the medical department at Ann Arbor, Michigan, after which she was for two years at the Woman's Hospital and Foundlings Home at Detroit, Michigan. Three years since when Dr. Maria Haslep who was the first woman physician at the Woman's Prison and Reformatory for Girls, resigned her position and relinquished her practice in this city for work in a foreign field, Dr. Smith came to her field of labor. The position now occupied by the doctor came to her wholly unsought, and was only accepted after considerable reflection. A better than she could not have been selected, and the wisdom of the choice is a matter of congratulation to those in whose power was entrusted the appointment. In her is combined not only the necessary qualifications in a professional sense, but in a large degree those womanly gifts, the graciousness of which is only fully appreciated by those who through the nearer relation of ministering and being ministered unto, learn of them. The thought of the perfect fitness of woman ministering to woman, now that there are those who are eminently qualified by preparation and experience, is being day by day received with greater favor. As the mantle of the position at the Woman's Prison and Reformatory for girls passed from its first very capable woman physician to another equally well fitted, so does it now pass to still another—Dr. Sarah Stockton—whose qualifications are beyond question.

"SHE LIVES, WHOM WE CALL DEAD."

One by one they are gathered home and be they young or old or those upon whom the few years of womanhood rest lightly, they leave in their out going, hearts bereaved and homes in which the shadowy presence abides evermore. From the fold of Queen Esther Chapter has gone one who will be sadly missed. Our beloved sister, co-worker and Past Matron, Clara M. Meredith, has fallen asleep. Arlington, Massachusetts, was her birth place, but during her early childhood, her parents removed to this city, which has since been her home. She was graduated from the high school and training school, and afterwards taught for some years. For the past three years she has occupied the responsible position of book-keeper in the Bates House, meeting the requirements with perfect satisfaction and winning for herself the esteem of all with whom in this broader work she came in

contact. She was scrupulously conscientious in the discharge of all duties. She received the degrees of the Order in Queen Esther Chapter December 3, 1873, serving in various minor offices and also as Secretary and Worthy Matron. Her work in the Chapter was characterized by the same earnestness and faithfulness that was a marked feature of all she did. She was gifted with a sweet, loving disposition and bright intellect, and her friendships were strong and enduring.

She also held membership in the Order of Daughters of Rebecca.

While her illness was of some months duration she was confined to the house ten weeks, but her disease it was of an especially painful nature being lymphatic poisoning.

Nothing that skill and love could do was spared to have her remain longer with us, but the earthly casket wearied of its pain and suffering and the freed spirit took its flight. She entered into rest April 21. Many memories crowd around, and the innumerable love offering of word and act that cluster around the life of our dear departed sister rises like sweet incense to comfort those who are waiting. In the home from which she has withdrawn her very presence, and where mother, father and sister mourn her so deeply, she leaves the benediction of daughterly obedience and sisterly love. The vision of a sweet young face waiting over the way for re-union in that "brighter clime" will welcome another link to the chain of friends who gave comfort when she was called home, touches the heart with a degree of tenderness beyond the expression of words. Let us then not sorrow for those who in that "brighter clime" live forever in His presence, but in the words she tried to speak when the shadow of death rested upon her, when for us time shall be no more bid her "Good Morning."

"Life! we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather!
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear!
Then steal away, give little warning,
Choose thine own time;
Say not "Good-night," but in some brighter clime
Bid me "Good-morning."

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Anna Buchanan, the newly appointed Police Matron, is a charter member of Queen Esther Chapter.

The many friends of Brother J. R. Hayes will be glad to learn that La Grippe has loosened its hold upon him.

Mrs. Laura Hess, Past Matron of Wabash Chapter, was elected Department President at the W. R. C. Convention recently held here.

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Grand Matron of Illinois, recently gave a very interesting address on the work of the Woman's Relief Corps at a G. A. R. gathering at Peoria, Ill.

Grand Secretary of Montana F. & A. M., Cornelius Hedges, is this year serving Miriam Chapter, Helena, as its Worthy Patron. He also served the State as Legislator during a last term.

GLENNINGS.

COLORADO.

Colorado Chapter, Leadville, has a present membership of sixty-eight and is in a prosperous condition. Several dead branches were recently lopped off leaving the tree in a healthy condition.

Queen City Chapter continues to prosper, and has a membership of over one hundred and eighty with more to follow. All the officers have memorized their work and therein lies the secret of interest in Chapter meetings.

IOWA.

Des Moines Chapter, though a young Chapter, is growing in numbers, and they are much interested in the work. "Their hall is beautiful, a model of elegance and comfort."

Valley Chapter, Missouri Valley, gave a very enjoyable and successful social which was called a "hard times social." They were dressed to suit the name and served doughnuts and coffee, the latter being drank from tin cups.

ILLINOIS.

Lady Washington Chapter, Chicago, has lost one of its valued members by the death of sister Anna Ratledge.

Thirteen Chapters have been organized since the meeting of Grand Chapter last October, and the interest continues unabated.

Electa Chapter was recently organized at Peoria, with a membership of thirty-three. Grand Matron, Sue M. Simpson, organized the Chapter. It starts out with bright promises for success. W. M., Helen Eastman; W. P., D. J. Forbes; A. M., Sister I. L. Hoover.

Laurel Chapter, Morris, has sustained a great loss in the death of its Worthy Matron, Mary J. Bunnell. Sister Bunnell was Past Grand Matron of New Jersey, and her husband, brother J. N. Bunnell, was Past Grand Patron. About five years since they moved to Morris and some two years since were instrumental in starting the Chapter there, serving since the organization as W. M. and W. P. To Brother Bunnell we are indebted for the beautiful "Floral Work" which is so much enjoyed. The suddenness and nature of the death of Sister Bunnell made it particularly sad. She was ill but a week and with that dread disease, diphtheria. The death angel is at any time an unwelcome guest, but when accompanied by a type of illness that cuts off the loving acts of friends its bitterness is intensified.

INDIANA.

Rob Morris Chapter, Evansville, is reported in a flourishing condition with an increase of membership and in the interest of its members.

April 10 being the birthday anniversary of Brother Barrows, Worthy Patron of Queen Esther Chapter some of the members surprised him with an evening call. The evening was spent very pleasantly.

Columbus Hart father of sister Sensney and brother Hart of Hope Chapter, Lafayette, was called to rest March 27. He was past eighty years of age and passed to his rest after a brief illness. Life's fitful dream is over and eternity begun.—Rest in peace

Queen Esther Auxiliary met with Sister De Ruiter, April 10. A goodly company, undaunted by the rain, gathered to enjoy the afternoon. Sister Jennie Myerhoff, W. M. of Robert Morris Chapter, Evansville, was a visitor. Delicious refreshments were daintily served.

At the regular meeting of Mississinawa Chapter, Marion, held April 6, after the order of business, a very nice literary program was carried out, which was contributed to by Brother Gunder and Sisters Armstrong and Miles. The paper of Sister Miles will be found in another column.

Orient Chapter, LaPorte, is raising a fund for the purchase of a piano, and to that end on April 6, gave an Eggletaire, and it is reported that everything was conducted "eggsactly according to the program." The admission was five cents and an additional twenty for supper. The sisters had each pledged themselves to raise a dollar and the recital of the ways by which the promise was fulfilled was amusing. Sister Church, P. M., told the object for which the fund was being raised, and a very nice musical and literary program followed. The supper was the event of the evening and was an *eggsira* ordinary affair. Dancing followed.

Athens Chapter, Crawfordsville, is doing its best to come to the front in all the necessary qualities that go to make up a good Chapter. It numbers seventy with six petitioners ready to receive the degrees. It mourns the loss of two members by death, one a young man and the other a sister, a charter member. She was buried by the Chapter with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of our Order. It made a marked impression on the audience. The sisters meet at least once a month to discuss the interests of the Chapter, learn the work and make decorations for the Chapter-room. These meetings are well attended. At the annual banquet, given by the Commandery, the sisters were invited guests, and were given place upon the program for a response to two toasts.

[FROM THE GRAND MATRON.]

Friday evening, April 3, Queen Esther Chapter, of Indianapolis, was visited. This Chapter is so well known throughout the State, that I am sure no comments from me are necessary, suffice it to say that the initiatory ceremony was performed in the impressive way Queen Esther does all her work, the officers appearing in elegant new Robes, which with the floral decorations, gave the work and room a delightfully, pleasing appearance. The writer was the recipient of a superb bouquet of roses from the members of the Chapter. Refreshments were served at a late hour. Many new acquaintances were formed in addition to the pleasure of

meeting again many of the first friends known in the work of the Order.

Saturday evening, April 4, in company with the M. W. G. M., who was also an invited guest, I visited Lebanon Chapter. This Chapter is in a prosperous condition. The members have given evidence of their zeal in the cause, by lately re-furnishing in elegance, the spacious Chapter-room. This was done by the untiring work and efforts of the sisters of the Chapter, most kindly aided by the members of the Masonic Fraternity. Their work was beautifully rendered, after which bountiful refreshments were served. Everything indicates great future prosperity for this Chapter.

Monday evening, April 6, Naamah Chapter, at Shelbyville, was visited. Everything in this Chapter is harmonious, therefore they are prosperous and happy. The work was excellently rendered, and made doubly beautiful and interesting by being finely illustrated, and with music by the choir in an adjoining room. Elegant refreshments were served and many pleasant acquaintances formed.

Thursday evening, April 9, Kokomo Chapter was visited. Here, although meeting with a new Chapter, I found a membership of one hundred and fifty, and the interest in no wise abating. The ritualistic work is well done to say the least. Over fifty members were present from Fidelity Chapter and twenty from Centre U. D. The Chapter and dining-rooms were tastefully decorated with plants and lace drapings. An elegant banquet was served in the banquet-room during the serving of which the orchestra of the city furnished most delightful music. After the close of the Chapter an enjoyable social was held, made more enjoyable still by the very excellent music furnished by resident and visiting sisters and brothers.

Friday evening, April 10, was spent with the sisters and brothers of one of our youngest Chapters at Muncie. This Chapter has been laboring under the disadvantage, nearly ever since its organization, of the serious illness of the Worthy Matron, but the members are much interested, in the work, and the officers of the Chapter well conducted by the A. M. The work is done in a very acceptable manner for a new Chapter, and from the zeal manifested, it is safe to predict a large and flourishing Chapter in the near future.

Saturday evening, April 11, was spent with the sisters and brothers of Huntington. The attendance was small on account of much sickness at present among the members. A very pleasant evening was spent with those in attendance, and I hope soon to hear of the return of health and a consequent increase of interest among the members.

Tuesday evening, April 14, was pleasantly spent with the members of Forest Chapter at Butler. A goodly number were in attendance and two candidates were given the degrees, the initiatory work being well-rendered. Lunch was served, after which

we were agreeably entertained with music by the city orchestra.

Wednesday evening, April 15, Angola Chapter was visited. The members are very much interested in the work, therefore the Chapter is in a prosperous condition, and the ritualistic work well done. Refreshments were served, and in many ways the visit to Angola was rendered pleasant.

Thursday evening, April 16, visited Harmony Chapter at Garrett. The members are active and energetic. No where have I been more warmly welcomed. The work is well-rendered although not entirely without the use of the ritual. After the close of the Chapter a social was held and refreshments served, quite a number of the members of the Masonic fraternity being present by invitation.

A. V. HUNTER.

KANSAS.

Beulah Chapter, Topeka, has since January, received twenty one petitions for membership. It is in quite a prosperous condition and peace and harmony reigns. The work is being brought to as high a standard as possible.

Lincoln Chapter, on the evening of April 1, set a supper for the Lodge F. and A. M. The fund accruing from this will be expended for dishes. Also the wives and daughters and those eligible to the degrees were invited, happily combining profit and pleasure.

Brother Thos. K. McFarland, G. P., organized Oswego Chapter, U. D., at Oswego, Labette County, on the evening of April 9. He was ably assisted by the officers of Progress Chapter, of Parsons, who exemplified the work for the new Chapter in a most creditable manner. The officers are; Mrs. Allenette Cook, W. M.; W. W. Cook, W. P.; Mrs. Mary C. Canaday, A. M.

Mendias Chapter, Kansas City, at its meeting of April 14, surprised brother L. F. Martin—it being the anniversary of his birth—with a spread of delicacies among which was doughnuts for which he has an especial fondness, but alas! a taste revealed the fact that all things are not what they appear to be—many things are hollow at the heart, but these were "cotton."

Brother Battey, A. G. P., has just been honored with the appointment of P. M. at Florence. Certainly a wiser or better choice Uncle Sam could not have made. He retains Miss Fannie Mastin as assistant, she having had long experience in the office. If they manage the post-office as successfully as they do Unity Chapter, there can be no fault. Brother Battey committed his work in two weeks after they were instituted, and Miss Fannie, whose books as Secretary, are models of neatness.

Union Chapter, of Ottawa, has been called to mourn one of its best beloved members, Mrs. Hannah Thorson, Past Treasurer. She received the degrees October 14, 1874, at Ottawa. Some five years ago she removed with her family to California (Santa Rosa) hoping to improve their health, as they had

lost a loved father and brother with consumption. For a time she was improved until about two months since she found her health failing. And finding she must soon part with her two remaining children, she requested to have her remains brought to Ottawa for interment. On Monday, April 6, the members here met the remains at the depot and escorted them to Hope Cemetery, where she received the last sad rites of our beautiful Order. The floral tributes from California were beautiful and with the many beautiful offerings from her friends here, one can surely say she sleeps 'neath a bed of blooming flowers. A devoted Christian, a fond mother, a grand and noble woman is gone. Few can fill her place in Union Chapter.

On March 30, at Chetopa, Sister A. W. Sperry, of Neodesha Chapter, with Sister Jones acting as Marshal, constituted Excelsior Chapter, as commissioned by the G. M. The sisters were entertained by Sister Reamer, formerly a member of Neodesha Chapter. At 7:30 p. m. all assembled in the new and elegant Masonic Hall, where the constituting and installing ceremonies were held. During intermission came delicious refreshments and a pleasant social time, "such as O. E. S. people always have whenever and wherever they meet"—so says Sister Sperry. Later on the initiatory work was exemplified in a manner that would put to shame many of our older but less zealous and energetic Chapters. Before closing an evening was set apart for a school of instruction. Sisters Sperry and Jones were given a most delightful and interesting drive through a portion of Indian Territory. Mr. John Bluejacket, a full blood but civilized Indian, received a call. He lives in a white frame house with nothing about it to remind one that the owner was once a savage. On Wednesday evening was held the school of instruction, at which time many helpful questions and answers were propounded. Altogether the sisters felt that their every effort had been appreciated and rewarded, and unless Excelsior becomes weary in well doing, we shall hear of her as among the fairest and best in the land—she is indeed rightly named "Excelsior."

Nickerson Chapter surprised the members of the Masonic Lodge in that place by presenting it with a handsome Bible, after which a lunch was served which had been prepared by the sisters. All went home feeling that they had enjoyed themselves.

The following Chapters have been constituted:

March 30, 1891, Excelsior Chapter, by Sister A. N. Sperry. Officers—Sister Mary E. Stewart, W. M.; Brother J. J. Hockley, W. P.; Sister Mary Cook, A. M.

April 1, At Bernard, Dodge City, by Eudora E. Hall, G. M. Officers—Sister Laura E. Pope, W. M.; Brother S. Jay Crumbine, W. P.; Sister Carrie Swett, A. M. After constituting and installing officers, eight candidates were given the degrees, after which we did ample justice to an elegant banquet.

April 2, Tinzah, Argentine, by Sister Mary C. Snedden, R. W. G.; G. M. Officers—Sister Mary O. Bliss, W. M.; Rev. J. A. Westmoreland, W. P.; Sister Louise S. Marshall, A. M. Sister Snedden was assisted by Lebbes Towner as G. Mar., and she was accompanied by several members of Mendias Chapter, Kansas City.

April 2, Mystic Star, Bramaid, by Sister Lettie Trauslot, G. C. Officers—Sister Effie Kelley, W. M.; Brother Milton E. Snuff, A. P.; Sister Ellen Thompson, A. M.

April 3, Woodbine, Douglass, by Sister Eudora E. Hall, G. M. Officers—Sister Mary E. Brown, W. M.; Brother Grear Nagle, W. P.; Sister Mattie F. Nagle, A. M. After constituting the Chapter was thrown open for public installation, after which an elegant banquet was spread and a general good social time had.

April 4, Esther, Herrington, by Brother J. A. Regnall. Officers—Sister Mary E. Lapham, W. A.; Brother Geo. A. McMillen, W. P.; Sister Florence Henlen, A. M.

April 8, Towanda, Towanda, by Sister Eudora E. Hall, G. M. Officers—Sister Adeline Snyder, W. M.; Brother J. D. Godfrey, W. P.; Sister Minnie Ralston, A. M.

April 8, Crescent, Wilson, by Brother John Hammond. Officers—Sister Ernestine Dissroth, W. M.; Brother Frederick Dissroth, W. P.; Sister Ledonia C. Ryner, A. M.

April 9, Audrina, ElDorado, by Sister Eudora E. Hall, G. M. Officers—Sister Stella B. Armstrong, W. M.; Brother T. A. Kramer, W. P.; Sister Elma Wingart, A. M. This Chapter was constituted just ninety-three days from the day it was organized and its No. is 93.

April 10, Golden Chain, Kinsley, by Sister Alida Underwood. Officers—Sister Helen M. Cole, W. M.; Brother R. G. Stearns, W. P.; Sister Mary E. Clarke, A. M.

April 11, Walnut, Walnut, by Sister Elizabeth Magic. Officers—Sister Mary F. Chadwick, W. M.; Brother Henry E. Rakestraer, W. P.; Sister Josephine Gregory, A. M.

April 18, Miami, Fountana, by Sister Carrie B. Straight. Officers—Sister Laura J. Barkalow, W. M.; Brother G. D. Barkalow, W. P.; Sister Anna B. Freeman, A. M.

MISSOURI.

Randolph Chapter, Moberly, lately initiated three candidates. They were to give an entertainment called "The Husking Bee" on the 16th. We hope it was a great success, as no doubt we shall soon learn it was.

MAINE.

Mizpah Chapter, Sacarappa, is prosperous and steadily increasing in membership. It has work at nearly every regular meeting. The attendance is excellent. At the last meeting in March, Easter eve, the Floral Work was rendered and was greatly enjoyed. The floral display was exceptionally beautiful.

MONTANA.

The Grand Matron writes: "I am able to report that I have assisted in organizing another Chapter and enlarging the circle of subordinates to the Grand Chapter of this

commonwealth. Electa, No. 7, is the name of the new candidate for favor. It was instituted in Missoula, Feb. 20, by Grand Patron Lancaster and myself, and as this is the first star of our order to arise in Western Montana we naturally look to it for especial aid in shedding a kindly beneficent light and reflecting no little credit upon our Order as it extends over the entire Pacific slope. Mrs. Sue M. Anderson, formerly W. M. of a Chapter in Southern Illinois, presides as W. M. of the new Electa. We could entertain but one opinion of the outlook for this Chapter—that it is most promising, and especially is it fortunate in its officers and members which I hear has since increased by most creditable members. If this should become the banner Chapter of that section of this country of "magnificent distances," it will but fulfil the confident expectation of those who love to forecast the future of a new and glorious work.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Benlah Chapter, Stoneham, held a regular meeting, Thursday evening, April 16, and received two petitions. Visitors were present from Vesta Chapter. A nice collation was served.

At the regular meeting of Queen Esther Chapter, Boston, held on Monday evening, April 13, two petitions were received. Monday evening, April 27, after a short business meeting, the time was spent socially and with games till a late hour. On the list of games were a cobweb contest, observation party, and a tack and button contest.

After a short business meeting on the evening of March 25, Signet Chapter, Cambridge, entertained its friends with games and dancing till a late hour. In the early part of the evening a potato race was engaged in, Brother Blackman capturing the first prize, and Brother Geo. S. Munroe the "booby." Ice cream, cake, coffee, and lemonade were served.

Easter Chapter, Boston, was constituted on Easter eve, in 1889, and from this fact was christened Easter. It was a very pleasing thought which prompted a sister to adorn the altar with a bunch of Easter lilies for the meeting held Wednesday evening, April 1,—it being Easter week—in recognition thereof. At the regular meeting held April 12, two petitions were received, one petitioner elected, and two candidates initiated.

Mizpah Chapter, Marlboro, has another very enjoyable evening to record with a friendly visit from G. M., Mrs. Harrington, and G. P., Mr. Shaw. The evening began by a banquet served by the married brothers of the Chapter. No feminine voice disturbed the serenity of this work, no feminine hand gave finishing touch to the tables, and it had to be acknowledged that their presence did not seem needed, for every appointment was perfect. Candidates were initiated and eleven o'clock found the Chapter in active discussion for the good of the Order. A successful evening.

Keystone Chapter, Boston, still continues in the good work which has long marked its

progress. At the regular meeting held March 24, two petitions were received, one candidate elected and two initiated. Visitors were present from Melrose and Vesta Chapters. At the meeting held April 14, "three" proved their "mystic" numbers, three candidates being initiated, three elected, and three petitions received. The visitors, however, seemed to break the spell, as four Chapters were represented: Vesta, Queen Esther, Signet and Easter. Tuesday, April 28, they give a baked bean supper followed by a conundrum party.

It is a source of much pleasure to witness the prosperity of Melrose Chapter, Melrose, after the misfortune that have befallen them heretofore. Not a year has passed since the existence of the Chapter, but that death has made an inroad upon their ranks. But the "silver lining" now shines brightly beyond the "cloud," which we trust will pass away forever. At the regular meeting in March nine candidates were initiated. Friday evening, April 10, a nice musical and literary entertainment was given, followed by dancing, which proved very successful, bringing much pleasure to those present, honor to the committee in charge, and a neat sum to the treasury.

MINNESOTA.

Sister Sophia M. Hodges, P. W. G. M., of St. Paul, who has been lying at death's door for nearly two months, is convalescing. This will be good news to her numerous friends.

Wednesday evening, March 18, Constellation Chapter, St. Paul, gave an open dime social, in Masonic Hall, which was largely attended, and a most enjoyable time had. Over one hundred were present.

Preparations are now being made for the meeting of the Grand Chapter at Duluth, May 13 and 14. This will undoubtedly be one of the largest gatherings ever held in this State. It is understood that the M. W. G. M., sister Nettie Ransford, of Indianapolis, M. W. G. P., Benjamin Lynds, of St. Louis, R. W. G. S., sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, of Chicago, and other distinguished guests will be present, which will add zest to the occasion.

Friday evening, March 27, Monticello Chapter, voted unanimously to surrender its charter to the old Grand Body. It immediately re-organized under dispensation, swearing allegiance to the Grand Chapter, after which Sister Jacoby, and Andrew P. Swanstrom, who were present, assisted by the officers of the Chapter, conferred the degrees upon four candidates. This Chapter is located in a section of the State where a good deal of good can be accomplished, and we have no doubt its work will be heard from.

In the circular announcing the arrangements for the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Duluth is the following paragraph:

"To the Chapters who are not affiliated with us, we extend a most hearty and cordial welcome to meet with us at that time. We are willing to receive you upon a common platform, exchange your charters free of

charge; we will accord to you all the rights you now possess, and endeavor, to our utmost, to make the session a pleasant one for you all. A certificate under the seal of your Chapter will be sufficient to show that you are entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter. Can not we expect you to meet with us, thus cementing the Order in this State, and enabling us to gather around one common altar, with no differences existing among us, but one united whole, seeking only the common good of all, and the best interests of the Order in this State."

For quick work this State must bear off the victory. March 23, Brother Walter Child, of Waseca, wrote the W. G. P., Andrew P. Swanstrom, that a committee had been appointed by the Blue Lodge to act in the matter of organizing a Chapter of the Eastern Star at Waseca; that it must be organized at once; that forty had signed that night; that Thursday, April 2, was the date set for the organization, and that he must come down, or send some one, to organize it at that time. Thursday afternoon and evening this organization was effected, through the assistance of Sister Louise E. Jacoby, W. G. M., Andrew P. Swanstrom, W. G. P., and the Worthy Matron, and a full corps of officers of Halcyon Chapter, Albert Lea, who came prepared with their Gems of Song, Jewels and other paraphernalia to do the work, and it was done without the use of the ritual. The work of organization commenced at four o'clock in the afternoon. Owing to the fact that all the members who wished to join could not be present in the afternoon the exemplification of the work was postponed until seven o'clock. At six o'clock one hundred and twenty-five sat down to a banquet that was fit for the gods. After the inner man had been replenished, labor was resumed in the Chapter room, and completed at about nine o'clock. Eighty were obligated before the supper, two had the degrees conferred upon them in full, and at the close of the initiatory ceremonies the Warder announced that another train had just arrived with six more candidates, making in all ninety that joined. Hope Chapter, U. E., is the largest Chapter ever organized in this jurisdiction, and it is believed that it is one of the largest organized in the United States. The following are the officers selected: W. M., Suzetta C. Eckenbeck; W. P., Otis D. Sawin; A. M., Mary M. Watkins; Secretary, Isabell Wood. Sister Eckenbeck has surrounded herself with an excellent corps of officers, and we predict for this Chapter a very prosperous career. One of the many pleasant features of this organization was the presence of the most prominent members of the Masonic fraternity, those who are eminent in all of the bodies, and from the enthusiasm and interest shown, it is very evident that they are believers in all that appertains to Masonry.

MICHIGAN.

Fern Leaf Chapter, Jackson, recently gave a very enjoyable entertainment which was largely attended, Mrs. Geo. B. Cottrell was voted the most popular woman present and

received a beautiful emblem of the Order. L. J. Brooks received a foot rest as the most popular gentleman.

A Chapter was recently instituted at Bel-ding under the name of Doric Chapter. There were forty-two petitioners. Sister Mary D. Stone, A. G. M., organized the Chapter and she was assisted by the officers and members of Queen Esther Chapter, of Ionia, about fifty accompanying her. A banquet followed the organization. The officers are: Sister H. Lapham, W. M.; R. M. Wilson, W. P.; Sister J. Devine, Asso. M.

At the close of the last regular meeting of Myrtle Chapter, Ithica, the brethren of the Masonic Fraternity marched into the Chapter-room, and through the Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge, in behalf of the fraternity, presented the sisters of the Chapter with elegant black walnut and silk plush upholstered chairs for the five points of the Star, in the appropriate colors. Our brothers of the Masonic Order never do anything by halves. They have given us the use of their elegant Temple, rent free, with fuel and lights since we were instituted nearly three years ago. Now knowing that we are saving our funds to entertain the Grand Chapter, which convenes here next October, they have stepped to the rescue like true knights and given us our chairs.

A Butterfly Social was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, March 20, and was well attended. It was the second of a series of entertainments given by Myrtle Chapter, Ithica, the proceeds of which are to provide a fund for the entertainment of the Grand Chapter which convenes here in October next. The butterfly word contest created much amusement. There was a prize butterfly given the one making the largest number of words out of the word butterfly. Also a booby prize to the one having the least number. Time limited to fifteen minutes. The chief attractions were the napkins, maple syrup and hot biscuits. On each plate of biscuits was this card: "Why are hot cakes like a caterpillar?" Answer: "Because they make the butter-fly." The napkins were made by painting clothes-pins black and pushing a folded napkin through each. Each corner of the napkin is then pulled out to form the butterfly. The napkins were made of tissue paper of the five colors of the Order—one color for each table. Then butterflies were made of all sizes and colors, and were attached with spool wire to curtains, pillow-shams, draperies, plants, flowers and all places possible from parlor to bed-room, dining-rooms and kitchen. Each one of the committee wore a butterfly on left shoulder. Numbered slips were sold and the ladies and gentlemen with corresponding numbers were partners for supper. There was much laughter and wit over the unique repast. The butter and maple syrup did fly. Cake, coffee, and other refreshments finished the menu. We had quite a sum to add to our fund, and many carried away a clothes-pin butterfly as a souvenir of the occasion. MYRTLE.

MY DEAR SISTER RANSFORD: - Enclosed find an account of the organization of a Chapter at Northville. In response to an invitation from the Worthy Grand Matron also from the Worshipful Master of Northville Lodge F. & A. M., I went to Northville on the April 10, to assist in the organization of a Chapter of our Order there. Northville is alive masonically, and now starts out with a very enthusiastic Chapter of forty-six charter members, including some of the most influential masons of the town. The Worshipful Master of Northville Lodge, Bro. Albert Cobb, had been selected as Worthy Patron, so you see the Masons were in sympathy with the movement. The W. G. M., by appointment, met the officers selected, at the beautiful Masonic Hall in the afternoon, gave them the obligation, upon the assurance from Brother Cobb that all were eligible to receive it. Then the officers were placed in their stations. The Chapter opened in due form, and the work of the Order exemplified, with Sister Sarah J. La Tour of Hayward Chapter, as Conductress. Each officer was thoroughly instructed in every particular by the Worthy Grand Matron. In the evening, upon assembling, the remaining charter members assumed the obligation. The Chapter opened in due form, and the work exemplified with Bro. C. T. Joslin and the Conductress elect, Sister Anne Waterman, as candidates. The officers all did very well, some of them exceptionally so, and we predict for this Chapter a brilliant future. The Worthy Grand Matron is to be congratulated upon the thoroughness of her work and this is the reason why her Chapters are so successful after organization. After all business was concluded, a vote of thanks of Orient Chapter was given Sister Davidson and Sister LaTour for their assistance. The banquet doors were then thrown open, and a beautifully and bountifully laden table appeared to our view. Bro. Joslin marshaled his forces, with Grand Officers, Officers of Orient, members and all marched to the tables. With bowed heads Bro. Joslin asked God's blessing upon all present, after which the brothers proceeded to wait upon the sisters all seated in truly royal fashion. Fun and frolic took possession of that banquet-room for about an hour, and at a late hour each bade the other good-bye with wishes for meeting in the near future. The officers of Orient are as follows: W. M., Evaline Bovee; W. P., Bro. Albert Cobb; A. M., Ida Joslin, Secretary, Prudence B. Clark; Treas., Augusta Root; Con., Anna Waterman; Asso. Con.,

Georgie Yerkes; Adah, Jennie Babbitt; Ruth, Fannie Carrington; Esther, Flora Babbitt; Martha, Mary Simmons; Electa, Abbie Clark; Warder, Elizabeth Burgess; Sentinel, Bro. John Harlin; Marshal, Kattie Sessions. Yours fraternally, SARAH J. LA TOUR.

OHIO.

After many delays, trials and disappointments, on the 16th of May, 1890, Crescent Chapter of Garrettsville, was duly instituted by G. W. P., Bro. I. N. Hathaway, assisted by eighteen officers and members of Ruby Chapter, Chardon. The work of conferring the degrees was most beautifully accomplished and twenty-three persons assumed the solemn obligation of our Order. Crescent Chapter will ever remember the sisters and brothers of Ruby Chapter, as the source from which our first information was received.

With two more regular meetings, our first years work will be finished. In that time we will have added fifty-four to our membership, and shall enter upon our second year with seventy-seven members. We think we may be justified in saying, good work has been done. The officers all have their parts well committed a Ritual rarely ever being seen in the Chapter room.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter, held in Columbus, October 8 and 9, a Charter was granted us. Immediately after, and by the recommendation of G. W. M. Sister Mattie Felton, we adopted the Floral work, which we consider most beautiful and attractive.

In the April number of the THE EASTERN STAR a three line notice from Ohio appears, in which the writer says, the Order is slowly gaining in this Jurisdiction. We think the cause of this slow growth is obvious. If we are correctly informed, Ohio is the only State, in which the Order of the Eastern Star is not recognized by the Masonic Fraternity to the extent of allowing the Chapters of our Order to meet in the Masonic Lodge rooms. What encouragement we ask, can members of our Order have in asking for the privilege of assisting our Masonic Brothers in providing for the welfare of their wives, daughters, sisters, mothers and widows, if we are denied the privilege of meeting in the same room these brothers occupy semi-occasionally. So long as this prejudice exists just so long must we move slowly, but with such men as Levi C. Goodale as Grand Master of Ohio, and Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, we trust and believe the time is not far distant, when the doors of the Masonic Lodge rooms in Ohio, will be thrown open and the Order of the Eastern Star invited in. W. W. M.

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Everyone should see our spring styles and elegant lines of private patterns.
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PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming Chapter, Pittston, has made itself notable for its pleasant socials, but that given upon the occasion of the visit of Scranton sisters and brothers excels all former ones. There were about one hundred and fifty present, and after the regular work of the Chapter was finished a very nice musical and literary program was rendered. Elegant refreshments were served, and so enjoyable was the evening, that 'twas past the hour of midnight when the company said "good-night."

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Vesta Chapter, Watertown, is in quite a prosperous condition. Although not rapidly increasing in membership they are earnest and trying to improve in rendering the work.

TEXAS.

There has been a new Chapter organized at Vernon, Texas. Mrs. Rosalie Loewenthal is W. M. (and Dr. R. E. LeMond, W. P., and Miss Georgia Strain, W. Sec'y.

Lampasas Chapter is suffering from the rulling of the Grand Lodge at its session in December. The correspondent from there seems very much discouraged. I write to them to hope for better times.

San Angelo Chapter has ordered a set of jewels. Every time San Angelo meets there are applications for membership. At the next meeting there will be three initiations. The Grand Secretary has loaned the Chapter a melodeon that was her own, for as long time as she shall reside in San Angelo. Not only is the Eastern Star glad, but the Masons are saying what they are going to do when music is placed in the Lodge room.

The Grand Secretary has mailed nearly four hundred copies of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Texas for 1890. If any committee on foreign correspondence has not yet received a copy, they can have one by making their wants known. Our Grand Patron writes that he has not been very well, but is improving and hopes soon to take the field in the interest of the Order. Next week Brother Harry Cassil expects to visit Santa Anna and Trickham where he hopes to organize Chapters before leaving. The Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain will visit Lampasas Chapter before their return.

WISCONSIN.

Since the organization of the Grand Chapter in February last, Chapters have been

organized at the following places: Feb. 19, Bethlehem Chapter, Waterloo; Feb. 27, Vesper Chapter, East Troy; March 6, Oconomowoc, Oconomowoc; March 21, Oriental Chapter, Oshkosh; March 23, Vesta Chapter, Prairie Du Chien; March 24, Miriam Chapter, Platterville; April 4, Crescent Chapter, Shell Lake—and the end is not yet.

Vesta Chapter, was organized at Prairie Du Chien, April 9, 1891, by J. A. Spratler, assisted by Mrs. Adency Irons. Forty persons received the obligation, while quite a number, whose names were on the charter were unable to be present. A lively interest was manifest throughout the entire ceremonies of organization, and exemplification of the work which followed. Mrs. Marguerite A. Webster, W. M.; Daniel Webster, W. P.; Mrs. Elenor Buck, A. M. The Grand Officers and visitors were hospitably entertained, and all due courtesy extended them.



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